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## P R E F A C E .

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THIS seventy-third issue of the *Victorian Year-Book* is a composite publication covering the years 1952-53 and 1953-54. The unavoidable delay in publishing this *Year-Book* will be met by including in the next volume statistics covering the years 1954-58 with special emphasis on those of the latter period. Any information which may, as a result of this, be necessarily curtailed will be available on request from my office.

Many persons have co-operated in the preparation of this book and to all of them I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks and appreciation. Responsible officers of Commonwealth and State Government Departments, Boards, Commissions, and Municipal and Semi-Governmental Authorities have supplied information and assisted in many ways. The Police, by whom the collection of statistics relating to primary industries is effected, have carried out their task in a highly satisfactory manner. Primary producers, manufacturers, principal offices of Banks and Insurance companies, and many others have shown, by their ready willingness to furnish statistics, an appreciation of the value to the community of the publication of reliable statistics.

The separate functions of the Statistical section of the Office of the Victorian Government Statist and the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics in Melbourne ceased when integration became effective in September, 1958. The collection of statistics for Victoria will be undertaken by the Commonwealth Statistician. The *Victorian Year-Book* will continue to record in detail the progress of the State.

The main features of the official Year Book are statistically summarized in the *Victorian Pocket Year-Book* which is designed to meet the requirements of a handy reference publication containing the latest statistics.

I desire to pay tribute to the members of my staff for their valuable work in the assembly, preparation, and checking of the material and supervision of the publication of this volume.

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## PART I.

### GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION, AREA, AND CLIMATE.

**Area of  
Victoria.**

Victoria is situated at the south-eastern extremity of the Australian continent, of which it occupies about a thirty-fourth part, and contains about 87,884 square miles, or 56,245,760 acres. The following islands, together with a number of small islands around the coast and in the bays and inlets, are included in its territory:—Phillip, French, Churchill, and Elizabeth islands in Western Port Bay; Snake, Little Snake, and Sunday islands at Corner Inlet; and Lady Julia Percy island off the coast near Port Fairy. The areas in acres of these islands are—Phillip, 24,320; French, 42,000; Churchill, 140; Elizabeth, 64; Snake, 11,500; Little Snake, 1,240; Sunday, 2,640; and Lady Julia Percy, 650. Victoria is bounded on the north and north-east by New South Wales, from which it is separated by the River Murray, and by a straight line running in a south-easterly direction from a place near the head-waters of that stream, called The Springs, on Forest Hill, to Cape Howe. The total length of this boundary, following the windings of the River Murray from the South Australian border along the Victorian bank to the Indi River, thence by the Indi or River Murray to Forest Hill and thence by the straight line from Forest Hill to Cape Howe, is 1,175 miles. The length of the River Murray forming part of the boundary is 997 miles, of the Indi or River Murray, 68 miles, and of the straight line from Forest Hill to Cape Howe, 110 miles. On the west it is bounded by South Australia; on the south and south-east its shores are washed by the Southern Ocean, Bass Strait, and the Pacific Ocean. It lies approximately between the 34th and 39th parallels of south latitude and the 141st and 150th meridians of east longitude. Its greatest length from east to west is about 493 miles, its greatest breadth about 290 miles, and its extent of coast-line 980 miles, including the length around Port Phillip Bay 164 miles, Western Port 90 miles, and Corner Inlet 50 miles. Great Britain, inclusive of the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands, contains 89,041 square miles, and is therefore slightly larger than Victoria.

The most southerly point of Wilson's Promontory, in latitude 39 deg. 8 min. S., longitude 146 deg. 22½ min. E., is the southernmost point of Victoria and likewise of the Australian continent; the northernmost point is where the western boundary of the State meets the Murray, latitude 34 deg. 2 min. S., longitude 140 deg. 58 min. E.; the point furthest east is Cape Howe, situated in latitude 37 deg. 31 min. S., longitude 149 deg. 59 min. E. The westerly boundary lies upon the meridian 140 deg. 58 min. E., and extends from latitude 34 deg. 2 min. S. to latitude 38 deg. 4 min. S., a distance of 280 miles.

**Climate.**

The climate of Victoria is characterized by warm summers, rather cold winters, and rain in all months with a maximum in winter or spring. The heaviest rainfall occurs in the north-eastern mountain region, along the Central Divide, and in the Cape Otway Ranges where the annual average amounts to 60 inches or more in some localities. Amounts decrease towards the north-west, the driest area being the North-western Mallee where the annual average is 10 to 12 inches.

Mean temperatures in midsummer (January) range from less than 65 deg. in the south to just over 75 deg. in the north-west, corresponding means of the daily maxima being under 75 deg. in the far south and over 90 deg. in the far north-west. In midwinter (July) the mean temperature is generally below 50 deg., mean of the night minima being below 40 deg. except in coastal regions. In the eastern mountain region mean temperatures may be as much as 10 deg. lower than the figures quoted above. Temperatures of over 110 deg. are not uncommon in the north in summer and severe frosts occur in winter, more particularly from June to August in the lower level country, but occasionally, in some districts, as early as April and as late as October. The highest temperature recorded in the shade in any part of the State was 123.5 deg. at Mildura on 6th January, 1906, and the lowest 9 deg. on Mount Hotham on 30th July, 1931, and on 13th August, 1947. This station, however, is 5,776 feet above sea level. The lowest recorded at approximately sea level was 19 deg. at Bairnsdale on 16th August, 1896.

The relative humidity in Victoria is usually low in hot weather, though warm humid conditions may occasionally be experienced in summer. The average 3 p.m. relative humidity in January is below 30 per cent. in Northern Victoria, but south of the divide increases towards the coast from 40 to over 75 per cent. at Wilson's Promontory and Gabo Island.

Prevailing winds are southerly from November to February inclusive, with a moderate percentage of northerlies often associated with high temperatures. Considerable fluctuations of temperature

occur with changes of wind in the summer months. Northerly or westerly winds predominate from March to October inclusive. Snow falls on the mountains in the winter and spring months, but is of rare occurrence in low level parts of the State.

At Melbourne the highest shade temperature recorded in the 100 years ended 1954 was 114.1 deg. Fahr. on 13th January, 1939, and the lowest 27 deg. on 21st July, 1869. On the average, temperatures of 90 deg. or over are recorded on nineteen days per year and over 100 deg. on four days per year. Night temperatures fall below 32 deg. on about two nights per year and remain above 70 deg. also on only two nights per year.

High wet bulb temperatures are infrequent, such temperatures exceeding 75 deg. on only about two occasions per year. The average relative humidity of the atmosphere on a summer afternoon is 50 per cent. but on very warm days it may fall to 10 per cent. or lower: in June and July in the morning it is 82 or 83 per cent. Fogs occur on four or five mornings per month in May, June, and July (twenty occurrences in June, 1937) and on 21 days per year. The average number of hours of sunshine per day is 5.6 and the average wind speed is 8.2 m.p.h. Gusts occasionally exceed 60 m.p.h., the highest on record being 74 m.p.h. on 18th February, 1951. Rain on the average falls on 156 days per year, the annual average amount being 25.89 inches.

Further information in regard to climatic and weather conditions will be found in part "Agriculture, &c.," of this volume.

## PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY OF VICTORIA.

An article on the "Physical Geography and Geology of Victoria," by Mr. W. Baragwanath, Director of Victorian Geological Survey, was published in the *Year-Book* for 1927-28 on pages 20 to 30, and addenda thereto appear in subsequent issues of the *Year-Book*.

## MOUNTAINS AND HILLS, RIVERS AND LAKES.

**Mountains and Hills.** The highest mountain in Victoria is Mount Bogong, situated in the county of the same name, 6,516 feet above sea-level; the next highest peaks are—Mount Feathertop, 6,307 feet; Mount Nelson, 6,170 feet; Mount Fainter 6,160 feet; Mount Hotham, 6,100 feet; Mount McKay, 6,030 feet; and Mount Cope, 6,026 feet; all situated in the same county; also the Cobboras, 6,030 feet, situated between the counties of Benambra and Tambo. These, so far as is known, are the only peaks which exceed 6,000 feet in height, although, according to a list which was published in the *Year-Book* for 1915-16, there are numerous peaks between



4,000 and 6,000 feet high. It is known, moreover, that there are many peaks rising to upwards of 4,000 feet above the level of the sea whose actual heights have not yet been determined. Although, during the winter, the peaks and higher plateaus are covered with snow, it is not perpetual and disappears during the spring.

#### Rivers.

The rivers of the State form two main systems—those flowing north into or toward the River Murray and those flowing south toward the sea. The chief use of these streams is for the supply of water for domestic purposes to towns and townships, for the supply of water for irrigation, and for domestic and stock purposes on farms either by direct diversion or after storage in reservoirs. Owing to the variability of the rainfall and the absence of perpetual snow, the stream flows vary greatly from season to season and from year to year. The largest stream in Australia is the Murray, which forms the northern boundary of the State and has a total length of 1,609 miles, of which 1,210 miles are along the border. Its waters, under an Interstate agreement, are shared by New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia. The longest and one of the most reliable streams in Victoria is the Goulburn, which enters the Murray near Echuca. The average annual flow of the Goulburn is 2,300,000 acre feet, and it has varied from 6,200,000 acre feet in 1917 to 567,000 in 1914. Other streams show more variation, thus the Loddon, which is next in length to the Goulburn has an average flow of 164,000 acre feet but has varied from 600,000 acre feet in 1893 to 6,900 in 1940; even greater variation has occurred with the Campaspe River, ranging from 554,000 acre feet in 1917 to 700 acre feet in 1944.

Prior to the construction of railways throughout the State, the Goulburn and the Murray in the north and the Latrobe, Mitchell, Tambo, and Snowy in Gippsland were used to some extent for navigation in their lower reaches, but the only remaining river traffic is that on the Murray below Swan Hill. The tidal portion of the Yarra River which forms part of the port of Melbourne, is used extensively by shipping.

#### Lakes.

Victoria contains numerous lakes and lagoons, and, in addition, many of the water supply reservoirs compare most favourably with the lakes both in size and beauty. The lakes have various origins; some, such as Corangamite and Colac in the south-west are of volcanic origin; others, such as the Kerang Lakes, form part of old river courses and are filled at flood periods. On the other hand the Gippsland Lakes form an estuary for a number of rivers, and are separated from the sea by only a narrow belt of sand dunes.

The main lakes formed by reservoirs are at Eildon, Nagambie, and Waranga in the Goulburn River system, at the Hume, Yarrawonga, Torrumburry, and Mildura on the River Murray, at Laanecoorie on the Loddon River, at Malmsbury on the Coliban

River, at Glenmaggie on the Macallister River, at Melton on the Werribee River, at Rocklands on the Glenelg River, and at Lonsdale and Wartook in the Grampians Mountains. In addition, there are reservoirs at Yan Yean, Toorourrong, Maroondah, O'Shannassy, and Silvan. These are the five main storage basins contributing to the metropolitan water supply system.

A list of mountains and hills, rivers and lakes in Victoria was published in the *Victorian Year-Book* for 1915-16. This list contains information in regard to heights, lengths, and areas respectively.

### **FLORA OF VICTORIA.**

An article on the "Flora of Victoria" by Mr. J. W. Audas, F.L.S., F.R.M.S., National Herbarium, Melbourne, was published in the *Year-Book* 1927-28 on pages 3 to 19, and addenda thereto in subsequent issues of the *Year-Book*.

Lists compiled by Mr. A. W. Jessep, M.Agr.Sc., B.Sc., Dip.Ed., Director of Botanic Gardens and Government Botanist, showing those pteridophytes and monocotyledons, and dicotyledons which had not been recorded for this State before June, 1941, appeared in the *Year-Books* 1945-46 and 1946-47, respectively.

### **THE FAUNA OF VICTORIA.**

An article on the "Fauna of Victoria," by the late T. S. Hall, M.A., D.Sc. (University of Melbourne), and Mr. J. A. Kershaw, F.Z.S., Curator of the National Museum, Melbourne, was published in the *Year-Book* for 1916-17, and addenda thereto by Mr. Kershaw in the *Year-Books* for 1918-19 and 1920-21. Additional notes on this subject by Mr. D. Mahony, M.Sc., Director of the National Museum, Melbourne, were published in the *Year-Book* for 1931-32,

Other articles on the fauna of Victoria by members of the Museum staff have appeared in previous issues of the *Year-Book*. The titles of the articles, the names of the contributors, and the year of publication were published in the *Year-Book* for 1941-42. page 13.

### **THE HISTORY OF VICTORIA.**

An article on this subject contributed by Professor Ernest Scott, late Professor of History in the University of Melbourne, was published in the *Year-Book* for 1916-17, pages 1 to 31.

**CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE OF LEADING EVENTS.**

A chronological table of leading events connected with the discovery and the history of Victoria for the years 1770 to 1934 inclusive, was published in the *Year-Book* for 1933-34. Since then the principal happenings of the year in the State have been recorded in the *Year-Book* relating thereto.

Some of the principal events in Victorian history for the period 1st July, 1952, to 30th June, 1954, were as follow:—

**1952.**

- 1st September .. Cr. W. J. Brens elected Lord Mayor of Melbourne.  
 9th September .. Five children lost their lives in a fire at the Somers Migrant Camp.  
 23rd October .. Lord Bruce installed as first Chancellor of the Australian National University, Canberra.  
 30th November .. Death of Sister Elizabeth Kenny who was prominently associated with a method of treating poliomyelitis cases.  
 6th December .. Elections held for the Legislative Assembly.  
 23rd December .. Legislation passed which provided for charges for the treatment of in-patients in public wards of public hospitals. As from 8th January, 1953, authority was given to charge 18s. per day in these wards.

**1953.**

- 19th January .. Cr. Campbell, Chairman of the Melbourne City Council Public Works Committee, turned the first sod on the Degra-ve-street subway.  
 28th January .. Death of Mr. James Henry Scullin, who was Prime Minister of Australia from 1929 to 1932.  
 2nd May .. The hon. T. D. Oldham and Mrs. Oldham died when an aeroplane in which they were passengers crashed at Jagalgori, India.  
 2nd June .. Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. in Westminster Abbey.  
 6th July .. The Acting Premier of Victoria (Mr. Galvin) announced that a new £60,000 block to accommodate maternity cases was to be built at the Queen Victoria Hospital.  
 31st August .. Cr. R. H. Solly elected Lord Mayor of Melbourne.  
 12th September .. The quarterly adjustment of the basic wage abolished by the Arbitration Court.  
 21st September .. Announced that the Olympic Village costing 2 million pounds was to be built at Heidelberg.  
 22nd September .. The Premier (Mr. J. Cain) stated that the term of office of the Governor of Victoria (Sir Dallas Brooks) was extended for a further three years.  
 17th November .. Legislation passed relating to Lon Service Leave in industry.  
 19th December .. Sir Charles Lowe announced his retirement as Chancellor of the University of Melbourne.

1953.

20th December .. Death of Mr. King O'Malley last surviving member of the first Federal Parliament.

1954.

- 4th January .. The Polar ship "Kista Dan" sailed from Melbourne with nine men to establish Australia's first permanent base on the Antarctic continent.
- 3rd February .. Her Majesty The Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edingburgh arrived in Sydney in the Royal yacht "Gothic". This was the first visit by a reigning monarch to Australia.
- 24th February .. Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh arrived in Melbourne.
- 25th February .. Her Majesty the Queen opened the second session of the 39th Victorian Parliament.
- 9th March .. Her Majesty the Queen left Victoria for Queensland.
- 16th March .. Mr. Justice Dean appointed Chancellor of the University of Melbourne.
- 15th May .. Death of Lieutenant General Sir Stanley Savige, founder of the Legacy movement.
- 8th June .. Death of Judge Book.

### CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT.

**Constitutional History.**

Regular Government of the district of Port Phillip, then part of the Crown Colony of New South Wales, was first established in 1836, when Captain Lonsdale was sent from Sydney to act as Resident Magistrate. On 1st July, 1851, following upon an Act of the Imperial Parliament, dated 5th August, 1850, and entitled "An Act for the better Government of Her Majesty's Australian Colonies", the district of Port Phillip was separated from New South Wales and erected into and formed a separate colony known and designated as the Colony of Victoria. Pursuant to that Act, the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales passed the Victoria Electoral Act of 1851, which provided that the Legislative Council of Victoria should consist of 30 members, 10 to be appointed by Her Majesty and 20 to be elected.

In 1852 the Imperial Government invited each of the Australian Colonies to frame such a Constitution for its government as its representatives might deem best suited to its own peculiar circumstances.\* The Constitution framed in Victoria, approved by the British Parliament and proclaimed in Victoria on the 23rd November, 1855, was avowedly based upon that of the United Kingdom. It provided for the establishment of two Houses of Legislature with power "to make laws, in and for Victoria in all cases whatsoever," subject to the assent of the Crown as represented generally by the Governor of the Colony; the Legislative Council,

\* *Vide* article on the Constitution of Victoria by Edward Carlile, Esq., Barrister at Law, Clerk, Assistant of the Legislative Assembly and formerly Parliamentary Draftsman of Victoria p. 610 *et seq.*, *Year-Book* 1883-84.

or Upper House, to consist of thirty, and the Legislative Assembly, or Lower House, of sixty members: members of both Houses to be elective and to possess property qualifications: electors of both Houses to possess either property or professional qualifications, the property qualification of both members and electors being lower in the case of the Assembly than in that of the Council: the Council not to be dissolved, but five members to retire every two years and to be eligible for re-election: the Assembly to be dissolved every five years, or oftener, at the discretion of the Governor: certain officers of the Government, four at least of whom should have seats in Parliament, to be deemed "Responsible Ministers": any member of either House, other than a "Responsible Minister," accepting an office of profit under the Crown to vacate his seat, but to be capable of being re-elected.

Modifications of the Constitution to meet changing conditions or to improve the machinery of government were made from time to time up to 1900, the more important of which may be summarized chronologically as follow:—

- 1856. The ballot as a means of electing members of both Houses of Parliament prescribed by Act 19 Vict. No. 12.
- 1857. The property qualification of members of the Legislative Assembly abolished by Act 21 Vict. No. 12.
- 1857. Universal manhood suffrage for electors of the Legislative Assembly made law by Act 21 Vict. No. 33.
- 1858. Number of members of the Legislative Assembly increased to 78 and of electoral districts to 49.
- 1869. Property qualification of members and electors of the Legislative Council reduced by Act 32 Vict. No. 334.
- 1876. By the *Electoral Act Amendment Act 1876* (40 Vict. No. 548) the number of electoral districts for the Legislative Assembly was increased from 49 to 55 and the number of members thereof from 78 to 86.
- 1881. Property qualification of members and electors of the Legislative Council further reduced, number of Provinces and members increased, and tenure of seats shortened by Act 45 Vict. No. 702.
- 1886. Reimbursement of the expenses of members of the Legislative Assembly in relation to their attendance in the discharge of their Parliamentary duties of £300 per annum provided for by Act No. 888.

1888. The number of members of the Legislative Council increased to 48 by Act 52 Vict. No. 995. The number of members of the Legislative Assembly increased to 95 and boundaries of Electoral Districts altered so that their number should be 84 and so that—with a few exceptions—only one member should represent each Constituency, by Act 52 Vict. No. 1008.
1899. Plural voting in the Legislative Assembly abolished by Act No. 1606.
1900. Voting by post introduced by Act No. 1701. The Act was to apply for a term of three years: subsequent Acts continued the measure to 31st December, 1910, when the Electoral Act (No. 2288) of that year made permanent provision for voting by post.

The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (63 and 64 Vict. Chapter 12) which constituted the Commonwealth as from the 1st January, 1901, was given the Royal assent on 9th July, 1900. This Act may be regarded as the culmination of the labours of the Federal Council constituted by the *Federal Council of Australasia Act* 1885 (48 and 49 Vict. Cap. 60). The Acts passed by the Council had force only in those colonies which were specially legislated for, until repealed by the Federal Council.

Section 106 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act provided that, subject to that Constitution, the Constitution of each State of the Commonwealth should continue as at the establishment of the Commonwealth until altered in accordance with the Constitution of the State.

Following the inauguration of the Commonwealth, there was passed in Victoria *The Constitution Act* 1903, which provided for a reduction in the number of responsible Ministers from ten to eight, and of their total salaries from £10,400 to £8,800; in the number of members of the Legislative Council from 48 to 35 (three years later reduced to 34, separate representation of railways and public officers being abolished), but an increase in the number of electoral provinces from 14 to 17, each being represented by two members elected for six years—one retiring every three years by rotation, except at a general election when one-half of the members were to be elected for only three years. The property qualification of members of the Council was reduced from £110 to £50 as the annual value of the freehold, and that of electors qualifying as lessees or occupying tenants from an annual value of £25 to one of £15. A reduction was also made in the number of members of the Legislative Assembly from 95 to 68 (three years later reduced to 65, separate representation of railways and public officers being abolished) and in that of the electoral districts from 84 to 65.

The Council was empowered to suggest alterations in, but not to amend, any Appropriation Bill. A remedy was provided to meet disagreements between the two Houses, viz :—The simultaneous dissolution of both Houses after a Bill had been twice submitted to and rejected by the Council once before, and once after a dissolution of the Assembly in consequence of such first rejection.

**The present Constitution.** Although modifications of the Constitution of 1903 have been made from time to time, its essential framework is not greatly changed. A detailed description of the present Constitution will be found in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, pages 9 to 16. The principal modifications since 1903 are as follow :—

1908. The *Adult Suffrage Act* 1908, No. 2185, conferred the suffrage on women aged 21 years and upwards for all elections of the Assembly, and also placed them on an equality with men at elections of the Legislative Council.
1910. The *Electoral Act* 1910 (No. 2288), now incorporated in The Constitution Act, provided (a) that every person of the full age of 21 years, a natural-born or naturalized subject of His Majesty, and who had resided in Victoria for the six months and in any district for one month immediately preceding the date of any electoral canvass or of his claim for enrolment, was entitled to be enrolled as an elector for the Legislative Assembly ; and (b) for voting by post at elections for the Legislative Council or Assembly.
1911. The system of preferential voting at elections for the Assembly was provided for by Act No. 2321. (In 1921, by Act No. 3139, this system was made applicable at elections for the Council.)
1920. *The Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1919 (No. 3044) provided for the payment to any member of the Assembly who is for the time being the Leader of His Majesty's Opposition (in addition to reimbursement of his expenses in relation to his attendance in the discharge of his parliamentary duties) of any sum provided by Parliament as an allowance in consideration of his services as such leader.
1920. *The Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1920 (No. 3118) (a) increased the amount for Ministerial salaries to £10,000 ; (b) increased the amount of reimbursement of expenses of each member of the Assembly to £500 per annum.

1922. *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1922* (No. 3218) provided for reimbursement of expenses of each member of the Council at the rate of £200 per annum.
1923. *The Parliamentary Elections (Women Candidates) Act 1923* (No 3337) provided that no woman by reason only of sex or marriage should be disqualified or disabled from or be incapable of being a candidate at any election whether for the Council or the Assembly or being elected a member of the Council or the Assembly or voting therein if elected.
1926. *The Compulsory Voting (Assembly Elections) Act 1926* (No. 3488) made it compulsory for every elector to record his vote at every election for which he is entitled to vote. (The compulsory provision was extended to elections of the Legislative Council by the *Legislative Council Elections Act 1935* (No. 4350).)
1927. *The Electoral (Absent Voters) Act 1927* (No. 3525) provided for the voting by absent voters at elections for the Assembly. (This provision was extended to elections of the Council by the *Legislative Council Elections Act 1935* (No. 4350).)
1935. *The Parliamentary Elections (Railway Employés and Civil Servants) Act 1935* (No. 4334) allows Railway Employés and Civil Servants to contest any parliamentary election without having first to resign from the service.
1936. *The Responsible Ministers of the Crown Act 1936* (No. 4367) increased the maximum number of salaried responsible Ministers of the Crown from eight to nine, and the maximum total amount of salaries paid to such Ministers from £10,000 to £11,250.
1937. *The Constitution (Reform) Act 1937* (No. 4533) altered the procedure to be adopted in the event of a disagreement between the two Houses of Parliament. In addition, the qualifications of members of the Council were widened by reducing the age of qualification from 30 to 21 years, and the property qualification from £50 to £25. The deposit required from candidate for election to the Council was reduced from £100 to £50. In addition, plural voting for Council was abolished.



1940. The *Statute Law Revision Act 1940* (No. 4726) by amendment of section 27 of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928* (No. 3660), as amended by section 3 of the *Members of Parliament (Disqualification) Act 1939* (No. 4718) provided that it shall be lawful for the holders of the offices of (a) the Unofficial Leader of the Council and (b) "the Leader in the Assembly of any recognized party which consists of fifteen (amended to twelve by *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1942*) members at least of the Assembly of which party no member is a responsible Minister of the Crown," to receive (in addition to reimbursement of their expenses in relation to their attendance in discharge of their parliamentary duties) any sum provided by Parliament as an allowance in consideration of their services in such offices.
1944. *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1944* provided for an allowance at the rate of £250 per annum to each of not more than three responsible Ministers of the Crown not receiving a salary as such, the allowance to be in addition to the reimbursement of his expenses in relation to his attendance in the discharge of his Parliamentary duties as a member of the Council or of the Assembly. The Act also repealed a provision penalizing members of Parliament who accept offices of profit under the Crown within six months after they cease to be members and increased the reimbursement expenses of members of the Legislative Council from £200 to £350 per annum and of members of the Legislative Assembly from £500 to £650 per annum.
1947. The *Officials in Parliament Act 1947* (No. 5252) by amendment of Division Two, Part II., of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, increased from nine to ten the maximum number of salaried responsible Ministers of the Crown who may sit in Parliament, and made provision with respect to allowances payable to Ministers not receiving salaries. Provision was also made for the payment of an allowance to Party and Government Whips and to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Cabinet.
1948. The *Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Act 1948* (No. 5296) increased the salaries, allowances, and reimbursement of expenses of members of Parliament, Ministers and other Parliamentary officers. Members of

the Legislative Assembly are to be paid £1,050 per annum plus £100 in the case of members elected for country and urban districts, and Members of the Legislative Council £750 per annum plus £100 in the case of members elected for country provinces. The Premier is to be paid £2,750 per annum plus £250 if he represents a country or urban electoral district plus an entertainment allowance of £500; and the other responsible Ministers are to be paid lesser amounts. The President of the Council and the Speaker of the Assembly are to be paid £1,300 and £1,500 respectively plus £100 if elected for a country or urban province or district plus an entertainment allowance of £150. The Chairman of Committees in the Assembly is to be paid £1,300, and in the Council £1,000 plus, in either case, £100 if he represents a country or urban district or province. An allowance of £500 per annum is appropriated for the Leader of the Opposition. Decreases are provided for the party and Government whips and an increase for the Parliamentary secretary to the Cabinet.

The *Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund Act 1948* (No. 5309), which is complementary to the *Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Act 1948* (No. 5296), increased from £1 to £2 per fortnight the deductions to be made from members' salaries towards the Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund; and extended the benefits derivable from the Fund in the case of retiring allowances to members and pensions to widows of members.

The *Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Act 1948* (No. 5349) increased the salary of the President of the Legislative Council; and provided for payment of allowances to the Unofficial Leader in the Council and to the Leader of a Third Party in the Assembly.

1949. The *Governor's Salary Act 1949* (No. 5380), which was reserved for and received the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, increased the amount that may under The Constitution Act Amendment Acts be appropriated for the salary, staff and other expenses of the Governor of Victoria.

1950. The *Legislative Council Reform Act 1950* (No. 5465) introduced adult suffrage at elections for the Legislative Council and removed the property qualifications for membership of the Council. In addition, the boundaries

of electoral provinces for the Legislative Council are to be re-defined to the extent only of making the boundaries of each province correspond with boundaries of districts for the Legislative Assembly.

1950. The *Ministers of the Crown and Parliamentary Salaries Act 1950* (No. 5516) increased the salary of the Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Council to £1,300, increased the maximum number of salaried responsible Ministers of the Crown from 10 to 12, of whom 4 (in lieu of 2) may sit in the Legislative Council, and reduced the maximum number of non-salaried Ministers from 3 to 2; thus the maximum number of Victorian Ministers of the Crown is now 14. The rate of reimbursement of expenses of members of the Legislative Council was raised to that of members of the Legislative Assembly, namely, £1,050 plus £100 per annum in cases of members elected for country provinces; and for both Houses provision was made for automatic adjustment of reimbursement of expenses in accordance with variations in the cost of living.

1951. The *Parliamentary Salaries Act 1951* (No. 5586) increased payments to the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly from £1,500 to £1,550 and provided for cost of living adjustments similar to those payable to adult male public servants to be paid to all members of Parliament including Ministers, the President, the Speaker, and the Chairman of Committees.

The *Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund Act 1951* (No. 5587) increased from £2 to £3 10s. per fortnight the deductions to be made from members' salaries towards the Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund; altered the basis of qualification of members and widows for the various benefits, and increased the pensions payable to widows. Other provisions were made to ensure that prior payments from the Fund or from a similar Fund established for members of the Commonwealth Parliament are brought into account in proper cases.

1952. The *Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund Act 1952* (No. 5652) increased from £3 10s. to £4 the contributions payable by members of Parliament towards the Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund,

provided for the payment from that Fund of pensions for certain retired Victorian Premiers, and altered, with respect to future members of Parliament, the basis on which pensions and retiring allowances shall be paid, principally by substituting eight years for three Parliaments as the highest qualifying period.

1953. The *Parliamentary Elections (State Servants) Act, 1953* (No. 5564) made provision whereby any member of the public service teaching service or railway service who became a member of Parliament and who ceased to be a member of Parliament without becoming entitled to a Parliamentary pension, shall be entitled to be reinstated in such service retaining his seniority and his superannuation sick leave and long service rights.

1954. The *Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Act 1954* (No. 5808) provided for the payment of members of Parliament, Ministers of the Crown, the President of the Council and Speaker of the Assembly, the Chairman of Committees and other Parliamentary officials. In each case there is a basic salary (previously called a reimbursement of expenses). To this salary is added an electorate allowance increasing in amount according as to whether the member represents a metropolitan, urban, inner country or outer country electorate. Ministers receive additional salaries and expense allowances on a prescribed scale, and Parliamentary officials receive an extra salary and in some cases an expense allowance. Provision is also made for travelling allowances for Ministers, and for living away from home allowances for other urban and country members while attending Parliament.

The *Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund Act 1954* (No 5820) increased the deduction from salaries of members of Parliament by way of contribution to the Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund and varied the amount payable by way of retiring allowance to members. A new interpretation of "basic wage" was provided consequent upon a recent award of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration.

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## GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA.

**Governors of  
Victoria.**

The following statement shows the names and periods of office of Governors, Lieutenant-Governors, &c., of Victoria since the first appointment of Mr. Charles Joseph La Trobe as Superintendent, in 1839 :—

Name.	Office.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
<i>Before Responsible Government.</i>			
Charles Joseph La Trobe .. .. .	Superintendent of the District of Port Phillip	30th September, 1839 ..	15th July, 1851
John Vesey Fitzgerald Foster (Acting) .. .. .	Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Victoria	15th July, 1851 ..	5th May, 1854
Captain Sir Charles Hotham, R.N., K.C.B. .. .. .	Officer administering the Government of the Colony of Victoria	8th May, 1854 ..	22nd June, 1854
	Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Victoria	22nd June, 1854 ..	21st May, 1855
<i>Since Responsible Government.</i>			
Captain Sir Charles Hotham, R.N., K.C.B. .. .. .	Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of Victoria, also Vice-Admiral, Commissary, and Deputy in the office of Vice-Admiralty in the said Colony	22nd May, 1855 ..	31st December, 1855
Major-General Edward Macarthur (Acting) .. .. .	Officer administering the Government	1st January, 1856 ..	28th December, 1856
Sir Henry Barkly, K.C.B. .. .. .	Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of Victoria, and Vice-Admiral of the same	26th December, 1856 ..	10th September, 1863
Sir Charles Henry Darling, K.C.B. .. .. .	Governor and Commander-in-Chief	11th September, 1863 ..	7th May, 1866
Brigadier-General George Jackson Carey, C.B. (Acting) .. .. .	Officer administering the Government	7th May, 1866 ..	15th August, 1866
The Hon. Sir John Henry Thomas Manners-Sutton, K.C.B. .. .. .	Governor and Commander-in-Chief	15th August, 1866 ..	2nd March, 1873
Sir William Foster Stawell, Knt. (Acting) .. .. .	Officer administering the Government	3rd March, 1873 ..	26th March, 1873
Sir George Ferguson Bowen, G.C.M.G. .. .. .	Administrator of the Government	31st March, 1873 ..	30th July, 1873
	Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies and Vice-Admiral of the same	30th July, 1873 ..	22nd February, 1879
Sir Redmond Barry, Knt. (Acting) .. .. .	Administrator of the Government	1st January, 1875 ..	10th January, 1875
Sir William Foster Stawell, Knt. (Acting) .. .. .	Administrator of the Government	11th January, 1875 ..	14th January, 1876
The Most Hon. George Augustus Constantine Phipps, Marquis of Normanby, P.C., G.C.M.G. .. .. .	Administrator of the Government	27th February, 1879 ..	29th April, 1879
	Governor and Commander-in-Chief	29th April, 1879 ..	18th April, 1884

GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA—continued.

Name.	Office.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
<i>Since Responsible Government—continued.</i>			
Sir William Foster Stawell, Knt. (Acting)	Administrator of the Government	18th April, 1884	15th July, 1884
Sir Henry Brougham Loch, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.	Governor and Commander-in-Chief	15th July, 1884	15th November, 1889
Sir William Foster Stawell, K.C.M.G.	Lieutenant-Governor		
Sir William Cleaver Francis Robinson, G.C.M.G. (Acting)	Administrator of the Government	9th March, 1889	17th October, 1889
The Rt. Hon. John Adrian Louis Hope, Earl of Hopetoun, G.C.M.G.	Governor and Commander-in-Chief	16th November, 1889	27th November, 1889
The Hon. John Madden, LL.D. (Acting)	Administrator of the Government	28th November, 1889	12th July, 1895
		26th January, 1893	11th May, 1893
		27th March, 1895	12th July, 1895
The Right Hon. Baron Brassey, K.C.B.	Governor and Commander-in-Chief	13th July, 1895	24th October, 1895
The Hon. Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D.	Administrator of the Government	25th October, 1895	31st March, 1900
		29th December, 1896	18th February, 1897
		27th September, 1897	10th October, 1897
	Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Victoria	23rd March, 1898	21st October, 1898
	Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Victoria	15th January, 1900	31st March, 1900
		1st April, 1900	2nd January, 1901
		2nd January, 1901	10th December, 1901
Sir George Sydenham Clarke, K.C.M.G., F.R.S.	Governor of the State of Victoria	10th December, 1901	24th November, 1903
The Hon. Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., LL.D.	Lieutenant-Governor	24th November, 1903	25th April, 1904
Major-General the Hon. Sir Reginald Arthur James Talbot, K.C.B.	Governor	25th April, 1904	6th July, 1908
His Honour Sir Thomas a'Beckett, K.B.	Administrator of the Government	13th August, 1906	5th September, 1906
		6th December, 1906	13th December, 1906
The Hon. Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D.	Lieutenant-Governor	20th March, 1907	18th November, 1907
		6th July, 1908	26th July, 1908
Sir Thomas David Gibson Carmichael, Bart., K.C.M.G.	Governor	27th July, 1908	19th May, 1911
The Hon. Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D.	Lieutenant-Governor	19th May, 1911	24th May, 1911
Sir John Michael Fleetwood Fuller, Bart., K.C.M.G.	Governor	24th May, 1911	31st January, 1914
The Hon. Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D.	Lieutenant-Governor	28th August, 1913	31st January, 1914
		1st February, 1914	23rd February, 1914
The Hon. Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley, K.C.M.G.	Governor	23rd February, 1914	30th January, 1920
The Hon. Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D.	Lieutenant-Governor	30th July, 1919	30th January, 1920
		31st January, 1920	24th February, 1921
Colonel the Right Hon. George Edward John Mowbray, Earl of Stradbroke, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E., Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the King	Governor	24th February, 1921	7th April, 1926

GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA—continued.

Name.	Office.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
<i>Since Responsible Government—continued.</i>			
The Hon. Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D. . . .	Lieutenant-Governor . . . . .	1st April, 1923 . . . . .	24th October, 1923 . . . . .
The Hon. Sir Leo Cussen, Kt., &c. M.A., LL.B. . . .	Administrator of the Government . . . . .	23rd August, 1924 . . . . .	13th September, 1924 . . . . .
The Hon. Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D. . . .	Lieutenant-Governor . . . . .	8th April, 1926 . . . . .	27th June, 1926 . . . . .
Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Hon. Arthur Herbert Tennyson, Baron Somers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O. M.C.	Governor . . . . .	28th June, 1926 . . . . .	23rd June, 1931 . . . . .
The Hon. Sir William Hill Irvine, K.C.M.G., LL.D. . . .	Lieutenant-Governor . . . . .	26th April, 1929 . . . . .	27th October, 1929 . . . . .
	Lieutenant-Governor . . . . .	3rd October, 1930 . . . . .	21st January, 1931 . . . . .
	Lieutenant-Governor . . . . .	24th June, 1931 . . . . .	13th May, 1934 . . . . .
Captain the Right Hon. William Charles Arcedeckne, Baron Huntingfield, K.C.M.G.	Governor . . . . .	14th May, 1934 . . . . .	4th April, 1939 . . . . .
The Hon. Sir Frederick Wollaston Mann, K.C.M.G. . . .	Lieutenant-Governor . . . . .	20th May, 1937 . . . . .	27th September, 1937 . . . . .
	Lieutenant-Governor . . . . .	29th March, 1938 . . . . .	23rd September, 1938 . . . . .
	Lieutenant-Governor . . . . .	5th April, 1939 . . . . .	16th July, 1939 . . . . .
Major-General Sir Winston Joseph Dugan, G.C.M.G. C.B., D.S.O.	Governor . . . . .	17th July, 1939 . . . . .	20th February, 1949 . . . . .
The Hon. Sir Frederick Wollaston Mann, K.C.M.G. . . .	Lieutenant-Governor . . . . .	12th September, 1941 . . . . .	23rd November, 1941 . . . . .
	Lieutenant-Governor . . . . .	28th July, 1944 . . . . .	30th July, 1944 . . . . .
	Lieutenant-Governor . . . . .	6th September, 1944 . . . . .	29th January, 1945 . . . . .
Lieutenant-General the Hon. Sir Edmund Francis Herring, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D.	Lieutenant-Governor . . . . .	1st February, 1946 . . . . .	18th February, 1946 . . . . .
	Lieutenant-Governor . . . . .	17th May, 1946 . . . . .	23rd October, 1946 . . . . .
	Lieutenant-Governor . . . . .	19th January, 1947 . . . . .	11th March, 1947 . . . . .
	Lieutenant-Governor . . . . .	21st February, 1949 . . . . .	17th October, 1949 . . . . .
General Sir Reginald Alexander Dallas Brooks, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., K.St.J.	Governor . . . . .	18th October, 1949 . . . . .	Still in office . . . . .
Lieutenant-General the Hon. Sir Edmund Francis Herring, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D.	Lieutenant-Governor . . . . .	19th February, 1952 . . . . .	16th March, 1952 . . . . .
Lieutenant-General The Hon. Sir Edmund Francis Herring, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D.	Deputy for the Governor . . . . .	17th April, 1952 . . . . .	23rd April, 1952 . . . . .
	Deputy for the Governor . . . . .	5th August, 1952 . . . . .	8th August, 1952 . . . . .
	Deputy for the Governor . . . . .	15th August, 1952 . . . . .	28th August, 1952 . . . . .
	Lieutenant-Governor . . . . .	27th January, 1953 . . . . .	— . . . . .
The Hon. Sir Charles Lowe, M.A., LL.B. . . . .	Administrator of the Government . . . . .	31st March, 1953 . . . . .	7th April, 1953 . . . . .
	Administrator of the Government . . . . .	8th July, 1953 . . . . .	23rd November, 1958 . . . . .

GOVERNORS OF VICTORIA—*continued.*

Name.	Office.	Date of Assumption. of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.
<i>Since Responsible Government—continued.</i>			
Lieutenant-General The Hon. Sir Edmund Francis Herring, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D. ..	Deputy for the Governor .. ..	15th March, 1954 ..	21st March, 1954
	Deputy for the Governor .. ..	22nd June, 1954 ..	24th June, 1954
	Deputy for the Governor .. ..	18th August, 1954 ..	19th August, 1954
	Deputy for the Governor .. ..	20th August, 1954 ..	3rd September, 1954
	Deputy for the Governor .. ..	20th September, 1954 ..	22nd September, 1954
	Lieutenant-Governor .. ..	12th October, 1954 ..	21st October, 1954
	Deputy for the Governor .. ..	8th November, 1954 ..	9th November, 1954
	Deputy for the Governor .. ..	30th November, 1954 ..	1st December, 1954
	Deputy for the Governor .. ..	6th April, 1955 ..	15th April, 1955
Deputy for the Governor .. ..	19th April, 1955 ..	20th April, 1955	

NOTE.—Captain William Lonsdale, formerly of the 4th Regiment, was appointed Police Magistrate of the District of Port Phillip on 9th September, 1836, and assumed office on the 29th of the same month. In that capacity he was in charge of the District until the appointment of Mr. C. J. LaTrobe as Superintendent. Subsequently, Captain Lonsdale acted as Superintendent during the temporary absence of Mr. LaTrobe, who was called on to administer the Government of Tasmania from the 13th October, 1846, to the 24th January, 1847.



## MINISTERS PRIOR TO RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

The following list shows the names of Ministers who held office from the separation of the colony from New South Wales in 1851 up to the establishment of responsible Government in 1855 :—

Name of Minister.	Office.	Date of Assumption of Office.
William Lonsdale .. ..	Colonial Secretary	} 15th July, 1851
Alastair Mackenzie . . . .	Colonial Treasurer	
Charles Hotson Ebdon .. ..	Auditor-General ..	
Robert Hoddle .. .. .	Surveyor-General ..	
Alexander McCrae .. .. .	Chief Postmaster ..	
William Foster Stawell .. ..	Attorney-General ..	
Redmond Barry .. .. .	Solicitor-General ..	
James Horatio Nelson Cassell ..	Collector of Customs	
Edward Eyre Williams .. ..	Solicitor-General ..	13th April, 1852
James Croke .. .. .	Solicitor-General ..	21st July, 1852
Frederick Armand Powlett .. ..	Colonial Treasurer	30th September, 1852
Hugh Culling Eardley Childers ..	Auditor-General ..	11th October, 1852
Andrew Clarke .. .. .	Surveyor-General ..	1st July, 1853
John Vesey Fitzgerald Foster ..	Colonial Secretary	20th July, 1853
William Lonsdale .. .. .	Colonial Treasurer	20th July, 1853
Hugh Culling Eardley Childers ..	Collector of Customs	5th December, 1853
Edward Grimes .. .. .	Auditor-General ..	8th December, 1853
Robert Molesworth .. .. .	Solicitor-General ..	4th January, 1854
William Clark Haines .. .. .	Colonial Secretary	12th December, 1854

MINISTRIES SINCE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

The names of the Premiers of the Governments 1855 to 1955. from 1855 to 1955 are listed hereunder:—

Number of Ministry and Name of Premier.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.	Duration of Office.
			Days
1. William Clark Haines	30th November, 1855	11th March, 1857 ..	468
2. John O'Shanassy ..	11th March, 1857 ..	29th April, 1857 ..	50
3. William Clark Haines	29th April, 1857 ..	10th March, 1858 ..	316
4. John O'Shanassy ..	10th March, 1958 ...	27th October, 1859	597
5. William Nicholson	27th October, 1859	26th November, 1860	397
6. Richard Heales ..	26th November, 1860	14th November, 1861	354
7. John O'Shanassy	14th November, 1861	27th June, 1863 ..	591
8. James McCulloch ..	27th June, 1863 ..	6th May, 1868 ..	1,776
9. Charles Sladen ..	6th May, 1868 ..	11th July, 1868 ..	67
10. James McCulloch ..	11th July, 1868 ..	20th September, 1869	437
11. John Alexander MacPherson	20th September, 1869	9th April, 1870 ..	202
12. Sir James McCulloch	9th April, 1870 ..	19th June, 1871 ..	437
13. Charles Gavan Duffy	19th June, 1871 ..	10th June, 1872 ..	358
14. James Goodall Francis	10th June, 1872 ..	31st July, 1874 ..	782
15. George Briscoe Kerferd	31st July, 1874 ..	7th August, 1875 ..	373
16. Graham Berry ..	7th August, 1875 ..	20th October, 1875	75
17. Sir James McCulloch,	20th October, 1875	21st May, 1877 ..	580
K.C.M.G.			
18. Graham Berry ..	21st May, 1877 ..	5th March, 1880 ..	1,020
19. James Service ..	5th March, 1880 ..	3rd August, 1880 ..	152
20. Graham Berry ..	3rd August, 1880 ..	9th July, 1881 ..	341
21. Sir Bryan O'Loughlen, Bart	9th July, 1881 ..	8th March, 1883 ..	608
22. James Service ..	8th March, 1883 ..	18th February, 1886	1,079
23. Duncan Gillies ..	18th February, 1886	5th November, 1890	1,722
24. James Munro ..	5th November, 1890	16th February, 1892	469
25. William Shields ..	16th February, 1892	23rd January, 1893	343
26. Sir James Brown Patterson,	23rd January, 1893	27th September, 1894	613
K.C.M.G.			
27. Sir George Turner P.C., K.C.M.G.	27th September, 1894	5th December, 1899	1,896
28. Allan McLean ..	5th December, 1899 ..	19th November, 1900	350
29. Sir George Turner, P.C., K.C.M.G.	19th November, 1900	12th February, 1901	86
30. Alexander James Peacock	12th February, 1901	10th June, 1902 ..	484
31. William Hill Irvine	10th June, 1902 ..	16th February, 1904	617
32. Sir Thomas Bent, K.C.M.G.	16th February, 1904	8th January, 1909 ..	1,789
33. John Murray ..	8th January, 1909 ..	18th May, 1912 ..	1,227
34. William Alexander Watt	18th May, 1912 ..	9th December, 1913	571

MINISTRIES SINCE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT—*continued.*

Number of Ministry and Name of Premier.	Date of Assumption of Office.	Date of Retirement from Office.	Duration of Office.
			Days.
35. George Alexander Elmslie .. ..	9th December, 1913	22nd December, 1913	14
36. William Alexander Watt	22nd December, 1913	18th June, 1914 ..	179
37. Sir Alexander James Peacock, K.C.M.G.	18th June, 1914 ..	29th November, 1917	1,261
38. John Bowser ..	29th November, 1917	21st March, 1918 ..	113
39. Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson	21st March, 1918 ..	7th September, 1923	1,997
40. Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson	7th September, 1923	19th March, 1924 ..	195
41. Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson	19th March, 1924 ..	28th April, 1924 ..	41
42. Sir Alexander James Peacock, K.C.M.G.	28th April, 1924 ..	18th July, 1924 ..	82
43. George Michael Prendergast ..	18th July, 1924 ..	18th November, 1924	124
44. John Allan ..	18th November, 1924	20th May, 1927 ..	914
45. Edmond John Hogan	20th May, 1927 ..	22nd November, 1928	553
46. Sir William Murray McPherson, K.B.E.	22nd November, 1928	12th December, 1929	386
47. Edmond John Hogan	12th December, 1929	19th May, 1932 ..	890
48. Sir Stanley Seymour Argyle, K.B.E., M.R.C.S.	19th May, 1932 ..	2nd April, 1935 ..	1,049
49. Albert Arthur Dunstan	2nd April, 1935 ..	14th September, 1943	3,088
50. John Cain ..	14th September, 1943	18th September, 1943	5
51. Albert Arthur Dunstan ..	18th September, 1943	2nd October, 1945 ..	746
52. Ian Macfarlan, K.C.	2nd October, 1945 ..	21st November, 1945	51
53. John Cain ..	21st November, 1945	20th November, 1947	730
54. Thomas Tuke Hollway	20th November, 1947	3rd December, 1948	380
55. Thomas Tuke Hollway	3rd December, 1948	27th June, 1950 ..	572
56. John Gladstone Black McDonald	27th June, 1950 ..	28th October, 1952 ..	855
57. Thomas Tuke Hollway	28th October, 1952 ..	31st October, 1952 ..	4
58. John Gladstone Black McDonald	31st October, 1952 ..	17th December, 1952	48
59. John Cain ..	17th December, 1952	31st March, 1955 ..	835
60. John Cain ..	31st March, 1955 ..	7th June, 1955 ..	69
61. Henry Edward Bolte	7th June, 1955 ..	Still in Office	

The 59th Ministry, under the leadership of the Hon. J. Cain, resigned on 31st March, 1955, and the 60th Ministry, also under the leadership of the Hon. J. Cain, took office on the same date.

The personnel of the 60th Ministry was as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The Hon.	John Cain	.. ..	Premier and Treasurer
" "	L. W. Galvin, M.L.A.		Chief Secretary
" "	C. P. Stoneham, M.L.A.		Minister of Agriculture, Minister of State Development and Decentralization, Minister of Water Supply and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works
" "	A. E. Shepherd, M.L.A.		Minister of Education
" "	S. Merrifield, M.L.A.	..	Commissioner of Public Works and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works
" "	J. H. Smith, M.L.A.	..	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, Minister of Soldier Settlement, and Minister for Conservation and President of the Board of Land and Works
" "	V. J. Doube, M.L.A.	..	Minister of Health
" "	J. J. Sheehan, M.L.A.	..	Minister-in-Charge of Housing
" "	M. J. Gladman, M.L.A.		Minister without portfolio
" "	R. J. Gray, M.L.A.	..	Minister without portfolio

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The Hon.	J. W. Galbally, M.L.C.		Minister-in-Charge of Electrical Undertakings and Minister of Labour and Industry
" "	W. Slater, M.L.C.	..	Attorney General, and Minister-in-Charge of Immigration
" "	D. P. J. Ferguson, M.L.C.		Minister of Transport and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works
" "	G. L. Tilley, M.L.C.	..	Minister of Forests, and Minister of Mines.

The 60th Ministry under the leadership of the Hon. J. Cain resigned on 7th June, 1955, and the 61st Ministry under the leadership of the Hon. H. E. Bolte took office on the same date.

The personnel of the 61st Ministry at 7th June, 1955, was as follows—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The Hon.	H. E. Bolte	.. ..	Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Conservation, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, Minister of Soldier Settlement, and President of the Board of Land and Works.
" "	A. G. Rylah, M.L.A.	..	Chief Secretary, and Minister of Education
Colonel, The Hon.	W. W. Leggatt, M.L.A.		Attorney General, Minister of Immigration, and Minister of Labour and Industry
The Hon.	Sir T. K. Maltby, M.L.A.		Commissioner of Public Works, and Minister of Housing, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works
" "	W. J. Mibus, M.L.A.		Minister of Water Supply, and Minister of Mines
" "	R. K. Whately, M.L.A.		Minister of Forests, and Minister of State Development and Decentralization

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

The Hon. A. G. Warner, M.L.C...	Minister of Transport, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works
„ „ G. L. Chandler, M.L.C.	Minister of Agriculture, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works
„ „ E. P. Cameron, M.L.C.	Minister of Health, and Minister of Electrical Undertakings

The periodical election for the Legislative Council was held on 18th June, 1955, and the general election for the Legislative Assembly on 28th May, 1955.

The personnel of the 61st Ministry at 30th June, 1955 was as follows:—

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The Hon. H. E. Bolte .. ..	Premier, Treasurer, and Minister for Conservation
„ „ A. G. Rylah, E.D. ..	Chief Secretary and Attorney-General
Colonel W. W. Leggatt, D.S.O., M.C., E.D.	Minister of Education, and Minister of Immigration
The Hon. Sir T. K. Maltby, E.D.	Commissioner of Public Works, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works
„ „ W. J. Mibus .. ..	Minister of Water Supply, and Minister of Mines
„ „ R. K. Whately .. ..	Minister of Forests, and Minister of State Development and Decentralization
„ „ J. S. Bloomfield .. ..	Minister of Labour and Industry, and Minister of Electrical Undertakings
„ „ H. R. Petty .. ..	Minister of Housing
„ „ K. H. Turnbull .. ..	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, Minister of Soldier Settlement, and President of the Board of Land and Works
„ „ G. O. Reid .. ..	Minister without Portfolio

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„ „ G. S. McArthur .. ..	Minister without Portfolio

**MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1954.**

The names of members at 30th June, 1954, and the constituencies which they represent are given below :—

**VICTORIA—THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

President: Hon. Sir Clifden Eager, K.B.E., Q.C.

Name of Province.	Name of Member.	Date of Retirement.
Ballarat ..	Hon. H. C. Ludbrook .. .. .	1955
	Hon. J. J. Jones .. .. .	1958
Bendigo ..	Hon. T. H. Grigg .. .. .	1955
	Hon. A. Smith .. .. .	1958
Doutta Galla ..	Hon. W. Slater (Attorney-General, Minister-in-Charge of Prices, and Minister-in-Charge of Immigration)	1955
East Yarra ..	Hon. P. Jones .. .. .	1958
	Hon. E. P. Cameron .. .. .	1955
Gippsland ..	Hon. Sir Clifden Eager, K.B.E., Q.C. (President)	1958
	Hon. W. MacAulay .. .. .	1955
Higinbotham ..	Hon. W. O. Fulton .. .. .	1958
	Hon. Sir Jar s Kennedy .. .. .	1955
Melbourne ..	Hon. A. G. Warner .. .. .	1958
	Hon. F. M. Thomas .. .. .	1955
Melbourne North ..	Hon. M. P. Sheehy .. .. .	1958
	Hon. J. W. Galbally (Minister-in-Charge of Electrical Undertakings and Minister of Forests)	1955
Melbourne West ..	Hon. J. A. Little .. .. .	1958
	Hon. P. L. Coleman (Minister of Transport and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)	1955
Monash ..	Hon. A. J. Bailey .. .. .	1958
	Hon. Sir Frank Clarke, K.B.E. .. .. .	1955
Northern..	Hon. T. W. Brennan .. .. .	1958
	Hon. G. J. Tuckett .. .. .	1955
North-Eastern ..	Hon. D. J. Walters .. .. .	1958
	Hon. A. K. Bradbury .. .. .	1955
North-Western ..	Hon. I. A. Swinburne .. .. .	1958
	Hon. A. R. Mansell .. .. .	1955
Southern ..	Hon. P. T. Byrnes .. .. .	1958
	Hon. G. L. Chandler .. .. .	1955
South-Eastern ..	Hon. R. R. Rawson .. .. .	1958
	Hon. C. P. Gartside .. .. .	1955
South-Western ..	Hon. G. L. Tilley .. .. .	1958
	Hon. G. S. McArthur .. .. .	1955
Western ..	Hon. D. P. J. Ferguson .. .. .	1958
	Hon. H. V. MacLeod .. .. .	1955
	Hon. D. L. Arnott .. .. .	1958

Clerk of the Legislative Council: R. S. Sarah.

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**VICTORIA—THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

President: Hon. Sir Clifden Eager, K.B.E., Q.C.

Name of Province.	Name of Member.	Date of retirement.
Ballaarat .. ..	Hon. J. J. Jones .. .. .	1958
	Hon. H. C. Ludbrook .. .. .	1961
Bendigo .. ..	Hon. A. Smith .. .. .	1958
	Hon. T. H. Grigg .. .. .	1961
Doutta Galla .. ..	Hon. P. Jones .. .. .	1958
	Hon. W. Slater .. .. .	1961
East Yarra .. ..	Hon. Sir Clifden Eager, K.B.E., Q.C. (President)	1958
	Hon. E. P. Cameron (Minister of Health) ..	1961
Gippsland .. ..	Hon. W. O. Fulton .. .. .	1958
	Hon. W. MacAulay .. .. .	1961
Higinbotham .. ..	Hon. A. G. Warner (Minister of Transport and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works).	1958
	Hon. L. H. S. Thompson .. .. .	1961
Melbourne .. ..	Hon. M. P. Sheehy .. .. .	1958
	Hon. F. M. Thomas .. .. .	1961
Melbourne North .. ..	Hon. J. A. Little .. .. .	1958
	Hon. J. W. Galbally .. .. .	1961
Melbourne West .. ..	Hon. A. J. Bailey .. .. .	1958
	Hon. B. Machin .. .. .	1961
Monash .. ..	Hon. T. W. Brennan .. .. .	1958
	Hon. C. S. Gawith .. .. .	1961
Northern .. ..	Hon. D. J. Walters .. .. .	1958
	Hon. P. V. Feltham .. .. .	1961
North Eastern .. ..	Hon. I. A. Swinburne .. .. .	1958
	Hon. A. K. Bradbury .. .. .	1961
North Western .. ..	Hon. P. T. Byrnes .. .. .	1958
	Hon. A. R. Mansell .. .. .	1961
Southern .. ..	Hon. R. R. Rawson .. .. .	1958
	Hon. G. L. Chandler (Minister of Agriculture and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)	1961
South Eastern .. ..	Hon. G. L. Tilley .. .. .	1958
	Hon. C. H. Bridgford .. .. .	1961
South Western .. ..	Hon. D. P. J. Ferguson .. .. .	1958
	Hon. G. S. McArthur (Minister without Port- folio)	1961
Western .. ..	Hon. D. L. Arnett .. .. .	1958
	Hon. R. W. Mack .. .. .	1961

Clerk of the Legislative Council: R. S. Sarah.

**MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1954.**

The names of members at 30th June, 1954, and the constituencies which they represent are given below.

**VICTORIA—THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**

Speaker : The Hon. P. K. Sutton.

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Albert Park ..	Hon. P. K. Sutton (Speaker)
Allendale ..	Hon. R. T. White
Ballaarat ..	J. J. Sheehan
Barwon ..	Hon. Sir Thomas Maltby, E.D.
Benalla ..	F. A. Cook
Benambra ..	Hon. T. W. Mitchell
Bendigo ..	Hon. L. W. Galvin (Chief Secretary)
Borong ..	W. J. Mibus
Box Hill ..	R. J. Gray
Brighton ..	Brigadier the Hon. R. W. Tovell, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D.
Brunswick ..	P. J. Randles
Camberwell ..	R. K. Whately
Carlton ..	Hon. W. P. Barry (Minister of Health)
Caulfield ..	Colonel the Hon. A. H. Dennett
Clifton Hill ..	J. P. O'Carroll
Coburg ..	C. Mutton
Collingwood ..	W. J. Towers, M.M.
Dandenong ..	L. R. Coates
Dundas ..	J. R. McClure
Elsternwick ..	Hon. J. Don, M.B.E.
Essendon ..	G. M. Fewster
Evelyn ..	P. P. Connell
Footscray ..	Hon. J. J. Holland
Geelong ..	J. H. McR. Dunn
Gippsland East ..	Hon. Sir Albert Lind
Gippsland North ..	H. G. Stoddart
Gippsland South ..	Hon. Sir Herbert Hyland
Gippsland West ..	L. J. Cochrane
Glen Iris ..	Hon. T. T. Hollway
Goulburn ..	Hon. J. H. Smith (Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, Minister of Soldier Settlement, Minister for Conservation, and President of the Board of Land and Works)
Grant ..	L. F. C. D'Arcy
Hampden ..	Hon. H. E. Bolte
Hawthorn ..	C. J. Murphy
Ivanhoe ..	M. F. Lucy
Kew ..	A. G. Rylah, E.D.
Korong ..	K. H. Turnbull
Malvern ..	J. S. Bloomfield



**Members of the State Parliament, 1954—continued.****THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—continued.**

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Melbourne ..	Hon. T. Hayes (Minister-in-Charge of Housing and Minister-in-Charge of Materials)
Mentone ..	G. E. White
Mernda ..	E. L. Morrissey
Midlands ..	Hon. C. P. Stoneham (Minister of Agriculture, Minister of State Development and Decentralization, Minister of Water Supply, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)
Mildura ..	A. A. C. Lind
Moonee Ponds ..	Hon. S. Merrifield (Commissioner of Public Works and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)
Mornington ..	Colonel the Hon. W. W. Leggatt, D.S.O., M.C., E.D.
Murray Valley ..	Hon. G. C. Moss
Northcote ..	Hon. J. Cain (Premier and Treasurer)
Oakleigh ..	V. J. Doube
Polwarth ..	Hon. E. F. Guye
Portland ..	Hon. R. W. Holt
Port Melbourne ..	S. T. Corrigan
Pahran ..	R. F. Pettiona
Preston ..	W. Ruthven, V.C.
Rainbow ..	Hon. K. Dodgshun
Richmond ..	Hon. F. R. Scully (Minister without Portfolio)
Ripon ..	E. Morton (Chairman of Committees)
Rodney ..	Hon. R. K. Brose
Scoresby ..	Brigadier the Hon. Sir George Knox, C.M.G., V.D.
Shepparton ..	Hon. J. G. B. McDonald
St. Kilda ..	J. P. Bourke
Sunshine ..	Hon. A. E. Shepherd (Minister of Education)
Swan Hill ..	H. V. Stirling
Toorak ..	H. R. Petty
Warrnambool ..	Hon. M. J. Gladman (Minister without Portfolio)
Williamstown ..	Hon. J. Lemmon
Wonthaggi ..	W. J. Buckingham

Clerk of the Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly :—  
H. K. McLachlan, J.P.

**MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT, 1955.**

**VICTORIA—THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**

Speaker: The Hon. W. J. F. McDonald.

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Albert Park ..	P. K. Sutton
Ascot Vale ..	Hon. A. E. Shepherd
Ballaarat North ..	R. T. White
Ballaarat South ..	G. L. Scott
Balwyn ..	A. W. Taylor
Benalla ..	F. A. Cook
Benambra ..	Hon. T. W. Mitchell
Bendigo ..	J. Stanistreet
Box Hill ..	Hon. G. O. Reid (Minister without Portfolio)
Brighton ..	J. F. Rossiter
Broadmeadows ..	H. E. Kane
Brunswick East ..	L. M. Fennessy
Brunswick West ..	C. Turnbull
Burwood ..	J. D. MacDonald
Camberwell ..	Hon. R. K. Whately (Minister of Forests and Minister of State Development and Decentralization)
Carlton ..	D. Lovegrove
Caulfield ..	J. A. Rafferty
Caulfield East ..	A. J. Fraser, M.C. (Chairman of Committees)
Coburg ..	C. Mutton
Collingwood ..	W. J. Towers, M.M.
Dandenong ..	R. J. Wiltshire
Dundas ..	Hon. W. J. F. McDonald (Speaker)
Elsternwick ..	R. J. Gainey, M.B.E.
Evelyn ..	P. P. Connell
Flemington ..	Hon. J. J. Holland
Footscray ..	G. R. Schintler
Geelong ..	Hon. Sir Thomas Maltby, E.D. (Commissioner of Public Works and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works)
Geelong West ..	C. D. Macdonald
Gippsland East ..	Hon. Sir Albert Lind
Gippsland South ..	Hon. Sir Herbert Hyland
Gippsland West ..	L. J. Cochrane
Grant ..	G. R. Crick
Hampden ..	Hon. H. E. Bolte (Premier, Treasurer, and Minister for Conservation)
Hawthorn ..	J. W. Manson
Ivanhoe ..	V. H. C. Christie
Kara Kara ..	Hon. K. H. Turnbull (Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, Minister of Soldier Settlement and President of the Board of Land and Works)
Kew ..	Hon. A. G. Rylah, E.D. (Chief Secretary and Attorney General)
Lowan ..	Hon. W. J. Mibus (Minister of Water Supply, and Minister of Mines)

Members of the State Parliament, 1955—*continued.*THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—*continued.*

Name of Electoral District.	Name of Member.
Malvern ..	Hon. J. S. Bloomfield (Minister of Labour and Industry, and Minister of Electrical Undertakings)
Melbourne ..	R. A. Clarey
Mentone ..	E. R. Meagher, M.B.E.
Midlands ..	C. P. Stoneham
Mildura ..	N. Barclay, D.C.M.
Moonee Ponds ..	J. B. Holden
Moorabbin ..	R. H. Suggett
Mornington ..	Colonel the Hon. W. W. Leggatt, D.S.O., M.C., E.D. (Minister of Education and Minister of Immigration)
Morwell ..	J. C. M. Balfour
Murray Valley ..	Hon. G. C. Moss
Northcote ..	Hon. John Cain
Oakleigh ..	Hon. V. J. Doube
Pascoe Vale ..	A. H. F. Drakeford
Polwarth ..	Hon. E. F. Guye
Portland ..	G. S. Gibbs
Port Melbourne ..	A. Todd
Prahran ..	S. J. E. Loxton
Preston ..	E. C. Ring
Reservoir ..	W. Ruthven, V.C.
Richmond ..	Hon. F. R. Scully
Ripponlea ..	E. S. Tanner, E.D.
Rodney ..	Hon. R. K. Brose
Sandringham ..	M. V. Porter
St. Kilda ..	B. D. Snider
Scoresby ..	Brigadier the Hon. Sir George Knox, C.M.G., V.D.
Swan Hill ..	H. V. Stirling
Toorak ..	Hon. H. R. Petty (Minister of Housing)
Williamstown ..	W. L. Floyd

Clerk of the Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly :—  
H. K. McLachlan, J.P.

During the period 1856 to 1955 there were 39 Parliaments. The 40th Parliament was opened on 15th June, 1955. A statement showing the duration in days of each Parliament (1856 to 1927), the number of days in session, and the percentage of the latter to the former was published in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 21. Similar information in regard to the twenty-ninth and subsequent Parliaments is shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—DURATION OF PARLIAMENTS AND SESSIONS, 1927 TO 1952.

Number of Parliament.	Period.	* Duration of Parliament.	† Days in Session.	
			Number.	Percentage to Duration.
		Days.		
Twenty-ninth .. ..	1927-29	850	542	63·8
Thirtieth .. ..	1929-32	864	596	69·0
Thirty-first .. ..	1932-35	963	541	56·2
Thirty-second .. ..	1935-37	902	544	60·3
Thirty-third .. ..	1937-40	850	482	56·7
Thirty-fourth .. ..	1940-43	1,094	738	67·5
Thirty-fifth .. ..	1943-45	828	667	80·5
Thirty-sixth .. ..	1945-47	681	595	87·4
Thirty-seventh .. ..	1947-50	864	840	97·2
Thirty-eighth .. ..	1950-52	865	860	99·4
Thirty-ninth .. ..	1952-55	852	810	95·1

\* Calculated from the date of Opening to the date of Dissolution of the Parliament.

† Calculated from the date of Opening to the date of Prorogation of each Session in the Parliament.

VICTORIA—STATE ACTS PASSED DURING 1953.

The following is a synopsis of each Act passed by the State Parliament during the year ended 31st December, 1953 :—

Act No.	Date (1953).	
5664	17th March	.. The <i>Parliamentary Elections (State Servants) Act</i> 1953 makes provision whereby any member of the public service teaching service or railway service who becomes a member of Parliament, and who ceases to be a member of Parliament without becoming entitled to a Parliamentary pension, shall be entitled to be re-instated in such service retaining his seniority and his superannuation sick leave and long service leave rights.
5665	17th March	.. The <i>Factories and Shops (Industrial Appeals Court) Act</i> 1953 validates the constitution and proceedings of the Industrial Appeals Court for a period of six months during which members continued to act after the term of their appointments had expired.

Act No.	Date (1953).	
5666	.. 14th April	.. The <i>Adoption of Children (Amendment) Act 1953</i> amends the provisions of the <i>Adoption of Children Acts</i> relating to the effect of adoption orders by providing that for all purposes, so far as practicable, the relationship of the adopted child to the adopters and their relatives shall be the same as in the case of natural parent and child, and the relationship of the adopted child to his natural parents and their relatives shall be deemed to be terminated on adoption. The Act also makes statutory provision for the existing practice of courts of allowing consents to adoption to be given without knowledge of the identity of the adopter and of making orders as to the christian name as well as to the surname of the adopted child.
5667	.. 14th April	.. The <i>Select Committee (Potato Marketing) Act 1953</i> makes provision whereby a select committee of the Legislative Assembly appointed to inquire into operations of the Potato Marketing Board may receive attendance fees and travelling expenses.
5668	.. 14th April	.. The <i>Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Borrowing Powers) Act 1953</i> increases the borrowing powers of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works
5669	.. 14th April	.. The <i>Water (Amendment) Act 1953</i> extends the operation of the <i>Water Act 1952</i> to permit river improvements trusts, as well as waterworks trusts and local governing bodies, to borrow money by the issue of debentures which are to be trustee securities.
5670	.. 14th April	.. The <i>Trustee (Amendment) Act 1953</i> increases the list of authorized trustee securities by adding thereto debentures issued by the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board and the Country Fire Authority.
5671	.. 14th April	.. The <i>Public Account (Amendment) Act 1953</i> increases the amount that may be temporarily applied out of the Public Account for advances to the Victorian Railways Commissioners.
5672	.. 14th April	.. The <i>Transport Regulation (Amendment) Act 1953</i> amends provisions of the <i>Transport Regulation Acts</i> relating to regulations in respect of the operation of commercial vehicles.
5673	.. 14th April	.. The <i>Superannuation Police and State Pensions Act 1953</i> by appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue increases, for a period of fifteen months, the amount of pension payable under the <i>Superannuation Acts</i> the <i>Police Pensions Acts</i> and the <i>Non-Contributory State Pensions Acts</i> to pensioners who are not receiving more than specified amounts of pension. (See Act No. 5734.)

- | Act No. | Date (1953). |  |
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| 5674    | 14th April   | .. The <i>Coal Mine Workers Pensions (Amendment) Act 1953</i> further increases the pensions and additional payments that may be made to coal mine workers.  |
| 5675    | 14th April   | .. The <i>Health (Plumbers and Gas-fitters) Act 1953</i> amends provisions of the Health Acts relating to the examination registration and operations of plumbers and gas-fitters.   |
| 5676    | 21st April   | .. The <i>Workers Compensation Act 1953</i> extends the classification of "workers" to whom the Workers Compensation Acts apply; provides that interruption or deviation from a journey to or from work is not to disqualify from compensation unless risk of injury is increased, and that employment includes a journey home from (as well as to) unsuccessful attendance at a "place of pick-up"; provided that injuries for which compensation is payable need not necessarily be caused by accident but denies compensation for self-inflicted injuries; requires payment of compensation when death or disablement is materially contributed to by injury though not wholly caused thereby increases the amount of compensation payable in cases of death and incapacity and for specified injuries; abolishes the limit of compensation for costs of medical, hospital, &c., treatment; extends the insurance functions of the State Accident Insurance Office in respect of members of public corporations or Government departments who are not "workers"; makes further provision with respect to statutory returns by insurers; enables payments to be made out of the Workers Compensation Board Fund in satisfaction of awards against uninsured employers; and makes further provision relating to civil actions in respect of injuries for which compensation is payable. |
| 5677    | 21st April   | .. The <i>Parking of Vehicles Act 1953</i> which is to apply only within proclaimed areas of the city of Melbourne, makes the owner of a vehicle in respect of which any parking offence occurs liable for the offence as well as the actual offender. Procedural provision is made whereby parking offences may, with the consent of the defendant, be dealt with in chambers by a magistrate without hearing oral evidence.  |
| 5678    | 21st April   | .. The <i>Melbourne Harbor Trust (Tolls) Act 1953</i> increases the maximum rates of toll rates and charges of the Melbourne Harbor Trust.   |
| 5679    | 21st April   | .. The <i>Geelong Gas Company's Act 1953</i> extends and alters the borrowing powers of the Geelong Gas Company.   |

Act No.	Date (1953).	
5680	21st April	.. The <i>Barley Marketing (Amendment) Act</i> 1953 provides for the alteration of the constitution and powers of the Barley Marketing Board which is a Board appointed under complementary legislation of South Australia and Victoria. (See Act No. 5685.)
5681	21st April	.. The <i>Benefit Associations Act</i> 1953 amends the interpretation of "association" in the <i>Benefit Associations Act</i> 1951 so as to include associations that carry on other than benefit business; enables associations carrying on funeral benefit business to obtain conditional exemption from the operation of the Act; makes detailed provision in relation to the winding up of benefit associations, particularly those which had been ordered to be wound up before the commencement of this Act; prescribes penalties for accepting or soliciting contributions except on behalf of registered or exempt associations; and contains provisions as to the remuneration of trustees of Benefits Trust Funds, the registration of associations, and the protection of the Minister registrar and others from personal liability.
5682	21st April	.. This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £20,243,012 to the service of the year 1953-54.
5683	3rd June	.. The <i>Electoral Districts Act</i> 1953 provides for the redivision of Victoria into electoral districts for the Legislative Assembly following on the commencement of the Act, and thereafter from time to time whenever any alteration is made in the number of Commonwealth electoral divisions in Victoria or in any boundaries thereof; but no such redivision is to be made if the whole number of members of the Legislative Assembly would be thereby decreased.

For the purposes of each redivision, Commissioners appointed by the Governor in Council are to forward to the Minister a proposed redivision of the State into electoral districts on the basis of each Commonwealth electoral division being divided into two Assembly districts approximately equal in number of electors. The report is to be laid before both Houses of Parliament and, unless within twenty-eight days each House by resolution disapproves of the report, the proposed redivision is deemed to be adopted. If each House by resolution disapproves the report, the Commissioners are to forward a fresh proposal to the Minister which shall also be laid before both Houses of Parliament. Unless within twenty-eight days after the proposed fresh redivision is so laid before Parliament each House by resolution disapproves it, the redivision shall be deemed to be adopted.

Act No.                      Date (1953).

5683.—*continued.*

When a redivision is deemed to be adopted the necessary proclamations are made whereby the names and boundaries of the new districts are fixed and the new districts are established. Provision is made for new rolls, and for the declaration of metropolitan and country electoral districts for the purposes of "living away from home" allowances of country members. Consequential amendments are made in The Constitution Act Amendment Acts.

- 5684 .. 10th September The *Crown Hotel, Traralgon, Licence Act 1953* provides for the restoration and making good of a certain victualler's licence at Traralgon for the remainder of the year 1953.
- 5685 .. 10th September The *Barley Marketing Act 1953* amends the Barley Marketing Acts (including Act No. 5680) by restoring the previous constitution of the Australian Barley Board but providing for a Victorian departmental officer to attend meetings of the Board as an observer only.
- 5686 .. 30th September The *Public Trustee (Common Fund) Act 1953* empowers the Public Trustee to fix differential rates of interest on amounts in the Common Fund.
- 5687 .. 30th September This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £13,546,691 to the service of the year 1953-54.
- 5688 .. 6th October .. This Act applies, out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £1,329,345 to the service of the year 1952-53.
- 5689 .. 6th October .. The *Goods (Sale of Sheep Skins) Act 1953* (which is similar to an Act relating to sales of wool passed in 1936) makes void any provision in a contract for the sale of sheep skins which permits a deduction of what is known as a draft allowance.
- 5690 .. 6th October .. The *Superannuation (Newport "A" Employés) Act 1953* makes provision in relation to superannuation rights of employés at the Newport "A" Power Station who were transferred from the control of the Victorian Railways Commissioners to the State Electricity Commission in 1951.
- 5691 .. 6th October .. The *Free Presbyterian Church Property Act 1953* varies the Trusts of property in Victoria held in connexion with the Free Presbyterian Church of Victoria in order to facilitate the union of that church with the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia and to vest such property in Corporate Trustees, and other purposes.



Act No.	Date (1953).	
5692	6th October	The <i>Bendigo Gas Company's Act</i> 1953 permits the Bendigo Gas Company to increase its capital and borrowing.
5693	6th October	The <i>Entertainments Tax Act*</i> 1953 which is based on previous Commonwealth and State Acts, provides for the imposition of entertainments tax at prescribed rates according to the nature of the entertainment and the amount charged for admission and for the assessment and collection thereof. (See Act No. 5749.)
5694	13th October	The <i>Co-operative Housing Societies (Amendment) Act</i> 1953 authorizes, in certain cases, the purchase by members of Co-operative Housing Societies of dwelling-houses of which they are tenants, permits the extension of the period for applications to the Registrar for registration of various matters, provides for an additional member to be appointed to the Co-operative Housing Advisory Committee representing certain lending institutions, enables small amounts to be paid on the death of members without production of probate or letters of administration, and increases the limit to the aggregate liability of the Treasurer under guarantees.
5695	27th October	The <i>Footscray and Maribyrnong Tramway Construction Act</i> 1953 authorizes the construction by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board of an electric tramway to join the Footscray and Maribyrnong tramways.
5696	4th November	The <i>Wheat Marketing Act</i> 1953 is Victoria's share in legislation passed by the Commonwealth and all the States relating to wheat marketing for the next three harvests. The previous scheme for stabilization of the wheat industry is replaced by a marketing scheme whereby the price is to be paid on a pool basis. A home consumption price of wheat is fixed, and administrative matters are provided for.
5697	4th November	The <i>Melbourne Harbor Trust (Amendment) Act</i> 1953 provides for the appointment of an additional Commissioner of the Melbourne Harbor Trust and extends the administrative and borrowing powers of that Trust.
5698	4th November	The <i>Cancer Institute (Loan Moneys) Act</i> 1953 increases the amount of loan moneys to be applied under the Act.
5699	4th November	The <i>Nurses and Midwives Act</i> 1953 increases the registration fees payable by nurses and midwives.
5700	4th November	The <i>Opticians Registration (Fees) Act</i> 1953 increases the registration fees payable by opticians and applies the increased amount towards the purposes of the Australian College of Optometry

\* In 1942, during the war, the States withdrew from the entertainments tax field to avoid overlapping administration with the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth has now ceased to levy entertainments tax, whereupon Victoria resumed that form of taxation.

Act No.	Date (1953).	
5701	.. 4th November	The <i>Grain Elevators (Damages) Act</i> 1953 makes any owner agent or master of any vessel accountable for damage done by the vessel to any pier, elevator, &c., of the Grain Elevators Board. Compulsory pilotage will not excuse.
5702	.. 4th November	The <i>Coroners Act</i> 1953 amends the law relating to coronial inquests, particularly in relation to the viewing of the body; and authorizes the issue of orders to bury or cremate bodies before the registration of the death.
5703	.. 4th November	The <i>Evidence (Amendment) Act</i> 1953 restates, with amendments, the list of diplomatic and consular officers before whom oaths may be taken outside Victoria for Victorian purposes.
5704	.. 10th November	The <i>Wrongs (Damage by Aircraft) Act</i> 1953 declares that no liability in respect of trespass or nuisance arises by reason of aircraft flying over land at a reasonable height and in compliance with the Air Navigation Regulations; and provides that damages for loss caused by aircraft or articles falling therefrom may be recovered without proof of negligence.
5705	.. 17th November	The <i>Tattersall Consultations Act</i> 1953 enables the Treasurer to grant to the trustees of the will and estate of the late George Adams (who at present conduct in Tasmania a sweepstake known as "Tattersall Consultations") a licence to conduct their consultations in Victoria; and the lottery provisions of the Police Offences Acts are modified accordingly. The Act lays down conditions under which the consultations may be operated, and provides for a percentage of receipts to be paid to the Treasury for distribution among charitable institutions and mental institutions.
5706	.. 17th November	The <i>Factories and Shops (Long Service Leave) Act</i> 1953 grants to workers an entitlement to long service leave on ordinary pay in respect of continuous employment with the same employer. The basic entitlement is thirteen weeks leave for twenty years of service and thereafter at a corresponding rate. On the death of the worker or his retirement through illness or other pressing necessity payment in lieu of leave is required, but is not permitted otherwise. Where any other Act provides for long service leave, or where by the terms of employment long service leave or superannuation benefits or both are provided to employes on a basis not less liberal than that prescribed by this Act, the employer is exempt from the requirements of the Act. Provision is made for how and when the long service leave is to be taken, the settlement of disputes, the protection of workers from dismissal to avoid the grant of leave, and the administration of the Act generally. The provisions of this Act are included in the consolidating Labour and Industry Act (No. 5771).

Act No.	Date (1953).	
5707	.. 17th November	The <i>Architects (Amendment) Act 1953</i> alters the qualifications for registration as an architect and the basis on which the registration of architects can be cancelled or suspended. Further provision is made as to fees payable by architects on registration and the appropriation of such fees.
5708	.. 17th November	The <i>Swine Compensation Act 1953</i> increases the rates of stamp duty payable on sales of pigs and also the maximum amount of swine compensation payable under the Swine Compensation Acts.
5709	.. 17th November	The <i>Essendon Land (Amendment) Act 1953</i> makes further provision with respect to parts of the land therein referred to, and other purposes.
5710	.. 17th November	The <i>Marketing (Egg and Egg Pulp) Act 1953</i> amends the provisions of the Marketing of Primary Products Acts relating to producers' rolls for elections and polls in connexion with the Egg and Egg Pulp Marketing Board.
5711	.. 25th November	The <i>Building Societies Act 1953</i> makes various amendments to the <i>Building Societies Act 1928</i> , particularly by extending the objects of building societies, providing for conversion of shares into stock, empowering societies to receive moneys on loan, and widening the class of land in respect of which building societies may operate.
5712	.. 25th November	The <i>Country Fire Authority (Finance) Act 1953</i> transfers to insurance companies the liability to pay the portion (one-third) of the cost of the administration of the Country Fire Authority heretofore borne by municipalities.
5713	.. 25th November	The <i>Land Surveyors Act 1953</i> makes provision for the examination and registration of surveyors in respect of special branches of surveying and authorizes the Surveyors Board to publish and sell a surveying handbook.
5714	.. 25th November	The <i>Poisons (Heroin) Act 1953</i> prohibits the manufacture or preparation of heroin in Victoria except for certain educational experimental or research purposes.
5715	.. 25th November	The <i>Workers Compensation (Amendment) Act 1953</i> provides that workers compensation payable in respect of medical expenses shall cover the replacement, &c., of artificial limbs, provides for the taking of evidence outside Victoria in proceedings before the Workers Compensation Board, and makes various corrections in and drafting amendments to the Workers Compensation Acts.
5716	.. 25th November	The <i>Castlemaine Gas Company's Act 1953</i> increases the borrowing Powers of the Castlemaine Gas Company

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5717	.. 25th November	The <i>Junior Legacy Melbourne (Dureau Memorial) Act 1953</i> relates to certain property held in trust for the purposes of Junior Legacy, Melbourne and other purposes.
5718	.. 25th November	The <i>Trustee Companies (Commission) Act 1953</i> amends the provisions of the Trustee Companies Acts relating to commission chargeable by Trustee Companies. The basic rate of commission is not to exceed £4 for every £100 of the gross value of the estate and £5 for every £100 of income received on account of the estate.
5719	.. 25th November	The <i>Prices Regulation (Continuation) Act 1953</i> extends for a further period of twelve months the operation of the Prices Regulation Acts.
5720	.. 25th November	The <i>Factories and Shops (Wages Boards) Act 1953</i> was passed after an award of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration abandoned the system of automatic wage adjustment based on periodical cost of living index figures. This Act makes it mandatory, instead of optional, for State Wages Boards to include a cost of living adjustment clause in their determinations.
5721	.. 25th November	This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £7,664,570 to the service of the year 1953-54
5722	.. 1st December	The <i>Railways (Mt. Buffalo Chalet) Act 1953</i> relates to the management of the Chalet at Mount Buffalo by the Victorian Railways Commissioners.
5723	.. 1st December	The <i>Revenue Deficit Funding Act 1953</i> sanctions the issue and application of Loan Money for transfer to the Consolidated Revenue to meet the deficit therein for the Year 1952-53.
5724	.. 1st December	The <i>Oldham Trusts Act 1953</i> relates to certain policies of insurance on the lives of Trevor Donald Oldham and Kathleen MacLeod Oldham.
5725	.. 1st December	The <i>Gas and Fuel Corporation (Financial) Act 1953</i> increases the borrowing powers of the Gas and Fuel Corporation of Victoria and amends the provisions of the Gas and fuel Corporation Acts relating to borrowing
5726	.. 1st December	The <i>State Forests Loan Application Act 1953</i> sanctions the issue and application of Loan moneys for works and other purposes relating to State Forests.
5727	.. 1st December	The <i>Hotham Heights Land Act 1953</i> relates to the grant of certain land at Mount Hotham to a certain company.
5728	.. 8th December	The <i>Maintenance (Amendment) Act 1953</i> makes various amendments to the Maintenance Acts. In particular it redefines the expression "means of support" of a wife or children (so as to have regard to their accustomed condition in life but to disregard earnings potential earnings or savings of the wife); makes uniform all references to

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- desertion as desertion "without just cause of excuse"; gives to the court discretionary powers in relation to the making of maintenance orders; extends the right of appeal to general sessions in respect of maintenance applications or orders; includes Commonwealth Territories on the same basis as Australian States for the purposes of reciprocal enforcement of maintenance orders; empowers clerks of court to enforce orders for maintenance on behalf of wives or children; gives account books of courts evidentiary status as to payments of instalments of maintenance; empowers stipendiary magistrates to discharge orders for the maintenance of children; declares that arrears of maintenance payable within twelve months of the death of the person liable to pay shall be deemed to be just debts of the deceased; and applies the provisions of the Justices Acts relating to garnishee orders to maintenance and other orders under the Maintenance Acts.
- 5729 .. 8th December The *Revocation and Excision of Crown Reservations Act 1953* provides for the revocation of the permanent reservations and Crown Grants of certain lands, and for other purposes.
- 5730 .. 8th December The *Local Government (Imported Houses) Act 1953* extends for a further period of twelve months the relaxation of building regulations in respect of imported pre-cut houses.
- 5731 .. 8th December The *Health (Proprietary Medicines) Act 1953* alters the nomenclature of patent medicines to "proprietary medicines" and alters the definition of "proprietary medicines" for the purposes of the Health Acts; re-constitutes the advisory Committee under the Health (Proprietary Medicines) Acts; and amends those Acts in relation to applications for registration of proprietary medicines, the keeping and control of the register, and statements attached to proprietary medicines relating to their registration.
- 5732 .. 8th December The *Juries (Fees) Act 1953* increases the rates of compensation payable to Jurors and consequentially to amend the law relating to Court Fees payable for Civil Cases tried before Juries.
- 5733 .. 8th December The *Public and Bank Holidays Act 1953* enables Her Majesty's birthday to be observed as a holiday on such day as is appointed annually by the Governor in Council for the purpose.
- 5734 .. 8th December The *Superannuation Police and State Pensions (Extension) Act 1953* extends for a period of twelve months the period to which the *Superannuation Police and State Pensions Act 1953* (see No. 5673) applies.
- 5735 .. 8th December The *Ballaarat Gas Company's Act 1953* extends and alters the borrowing powers of the Ballaarat Gas Company.

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5736	.. 15th December	The <i>Building Operations and Building Materials Control (Extension) Act 1853</i> extends for a further period of twelve months the operation of the Building Operations and Building Materials Control Acts.
5737	.. 15th December	The <i>Statute Law Revision Committee (Amendment) Act 1953</i> increases the annual vote from Consolidated Revenue for payment of fees of members of the Statute Law Revision Committee.
5738	.. 15th December	The <i>Licensing (Chairman of Courts) Act 1953</i> provides for a temporary extension of the current term of office of the Chairman of Licensing Courts pending the commencement of the <i>Licensing Act 1953</i> (see No. 5767.)
5739	.. 15th December	The <i>Housing Act 1953</i> adds the development of of land for housing and related purposes to the objects for which the Housing Commission is constituted; empowers the Housing Commission by agreement to carry out on behalf of other authorities works for roads, drainage, water, sewerage, electricity, gas and other purposes in the development of land for housing; enables the Housing Commission to join with municipalities in joint town planning schemes; makes further provision as to the repair of sub-standard houses; provides for payment of compensation on closing streets and extinguishing easements and for the cancellation of Crown grants of closed streets when the land is not under the Transfer of Land Acts; increases the maximum capital cost of houses that may be erected by the Commission and the maximum amount that may be advanced by the Commission for the erection or purchase of a house; and provides for the creation of easements over lands of the Commission in favour of adjoining properties.
5740	.. 15th December	The <i>Police Offences (Trotting Races) Act 1953</i> provides for additional trotting race-meetings, both within and without the metropolis of Melbourne.
5741	.. 15th December	The <i>Bookmakers Act 1953</i> constitutes a Bookmakers and Bookmakers' Clerks Registration Committee; requires bookmakers and bookmakers' clerks to be registered by that committee (which has complete discretion in respect of registration) and provides for the issue of annual certificates of registration and the stamp fees payable thereon; and enables any bookmaker or punter to sue or be sued in respect of any bet legally made on a racecourse or sports ground and on any cheque or other instrument given in respect of any such bet.
5742	.. 13th December	The <i>Latrobe Valley Water and Sewerage Act 1953</i> alters the constitution of the Latrobe Valley Drainage Board (which has not yet been

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- appointed), re-names it the "Latrobe Valley Water and Sewerage Board" and confers on it powers of water supply as well as of drainage and sewerage. The Act also makes provision as to qualification of waterworks engineers of the Board, pollution of water and interfering with works, the borrowing of money by and the funds of the Board, and the exemption of the Board from rates and taxes.
- 5743 .. 15th December The *Corio to Newport Pipeline Act 1953* authorizes the granting to The Shell Company of Australia Limited of leases easements licences or other authorities for an oil pipeline over Crown Lands and lands vested in or controlled by public statutory corporations between Corio and Newport, and other purposes.
- 5744 .. 15th December The *Motor Car (Visiting Cars and Drivers) Act 1953* makes provision with respect to exemption from registration of cars registered outside Victoria which are temporarily in Victoria and with respect to temporary drivers' licences for drivers temporarily in Victoria.
- 5745 .. 15th December The *Local Government (Amendment) Act 1953* amends provisions of the Local Government Acts relating to annexation of additional areas to boroughs, certificates for building surveyors, car parking fees and parking meters, building referees, expenditure on celebration of the Royal visit, building regulations and the publication of regulations.
- 5746 .. 15th December The *Country Sewerage Loan Application Act 1953* sanctions the issue and application of Loan Money for sewerage and other works in Country districts.
- 5747 .. 15th December The *Sewerage Districts (Amendment) Act 1953* amends provisions of the Sewerage Districts Acts relating to tenders for contracts, borrowing by the issue of debentures, Government loans, depreciation funds, maximum and minimum amount of rates, payments in respect of non-rateable property and charge for rate certificates.
- 5748 .. 15th December The *Water Supply Loan Application Act 1953* sanctions the issue and application of loan money for works and other purposes relating to irrigation water supply drainage flood protection and river improvement.
- 5749 .. 15th December The *Entertainments Tax (Amendment) Act 1953* amends the Entertainments Tax Act 1953 (see Act No. 5693) in relation to assessment of tax on lump sum payments for a series of entertainments, and exemptions in respect of associations and dependants of servicemen and ex-servicemen. The Act also reduces the maximum amount of tax payable in respect of entertainments which are live performances.

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5750	.. 15th December	The <i>Patriotic Funds (Amendment) Act 1953</i> extends the operation of the Patriotic Funds Acts to the Korean hostilities and any future proclaimed hostilities or war and amends the provisions of the Patriotic Funds Acts relating to accounts of trustees.
5751	.. 15th December	The <i>Motor Car (Fees) Act 1953</i> provides for certain motor car registration fees to continue to be paid into the Consolidated Revenue (in lieu of into the Country Roads Board Fund) for a further period of twelve months.
5752	.. 22nd December	The <i>Goods (Textile Products) Act 1953</i> (which is Victoria's share in an Australian wide legislative proposition) provides for the labelling of textile products, and repeals similar earlier legislation which was never proclaimed to commence.
5753	.. 22nd December	The <i>Statute Law Revision Act 1953</i> corrects minor errors and inconsistencies in the Statute Law.
5754	.. 22nd December	The <i>Police Offences (Cranbourne and Werribee Racecourses) Act 1953</i> relates to race-meetings at Cranbourne and Werribee Racecourses.
5755	.. 22nd December	The <i>Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Reconstitution) Act 1953</i> provides for the re-constitution of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works by re-distribution of representation among the constituent municipalities. The Act contains transitory provisions to enable the change to be effected with a minimum of disturbance in respect of the present members of the Board.
5756	.. 22nd December	The <i>Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1953</i> increases fees of members of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board; provides for the establishment of funds for gratuity and sick leave purposes and for payments to be made in respect of accumulated sick leave; increases the borrowing (including overdraft) powers of the Board and the powers of the Board in respect of tramway construction works.
5757	.. 22nd December	The <i>Statutes Amendment Act 1953</i> makes small amendments to several Acts. It increases the amount payable to widows on the death intestate of the husband leaving no children; amends the provisions of the County Court Act relating to payment or tender of witnesses' expenses; increases (having regard to increased wages and cost of living) the amount of wages of a worker which is not subject to garnishee proceedings; alters the law relating to liability for the cost of dividing fences on the subdivision of land; enables fraud summonses under the Imprisonment of Fraudulent Debtors Acts to be served with (and not necessarily after) service of the judgment in respect of which the proceedings are brought; enables any creditor of any grantor to file a caveat



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where more than one person has granted the one bill of sale; alters the method of service of notices on the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board; amends the model conditions of sale set out in the Transfer of Land Acts and Property Law Acts; enables illegitimate children to take the benefit of Part III. of the *Wrongs Act 1928* (Lord Campbell's Act); removes the requirement for the numbering of shares for companies where the issued shares are fully paid up and rank *pari passu*; and provides for the registration (and consequently the priority) of charges by certain marketing Boards.

- 5758 .. 22nd December The *Gas and Fuel Corporation (Mordialloc Undertaking) Act 1953* relates to the purchase by the Gas and Fuel Corporation of Victoria of the Gas Undertaking of the City of Mordialloc.
- 5759 .. 22nd December The *Gas and Fuel Corporation (Traralgon Undertaking) Act 1953* relates to the purchase by the Gas and Fuel Corporation of Victoria of the Gas Undertaking of the Shire of Traralgon.
- 5760 .. 22nd December The *Landlord and Tenant Act 1953* exempts from legislative provisions relating to rent control and protection from eviction any premises which have not been leased between 31st December 1940 and the commencement of this Act and also certain business premises let after the commencement of this Act for a term of not less than three years. Certain contracts (e.g. by way of licence) for the occupation of premises are deemed to be leases for the purposes of the Landlord and Tenant Acts; the Governor in Council is empowered to amend or vary Orders relating to Fair Rents Boards; special provision is made for determining the rent of premises which are sub-let; exceptions are provided to the compulsory effect of the fixing of a fair rent of premises; lessors are authorized to inspect their premises subject to certain conditions; leased dwelling-houses are not to be sold unless the tenant is given the first opportunity to purchase; and amendments are made to provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Acts relating to grounds of recovery of possession, notices to quit, orders for re-possession and protection of sub-lessees. The Act enables the rent to be fixed for premises which are excluded from the operation of the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Acts relating to recovery of possession; increases penalties; alters the special provisions relating to protected persons (i.e. servicemen, ex-servicemen and their dependants); and provides for the establishment of Metropolitan Tenancy Courts to hear and determine applications for the recovery of possession of, or the ejection of persons from, premises situated within the metropolitan districts.

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5761	.. 22nd December	The <i>Transport (Amendment) Act</i> 1953 amends provisions of the Transport Regulation Acts relating to interpretation, applications for licences, temporary permits for vehicles, goods licences as of right, the effect of combined operations by two or more vehicles in carrying goods over different parts of the one journey, the application of the Transport Regulation Fund, appeals on suspension of licences, the seizure of certain equipment from unlicensed commercial passenger vehicles, penalties, prosecutions, and payment of members of the Board.
5762	.. 22nd December	The <i>Railway Loan Application Act</i> 1953 sanctions the issue and application of loan moneys for works and purposes relating to railways, and for other purposes.
5763	.. 22nd December	The <i>Public Works Loan Application Act</i> 1953 sanctions the issue and application of loan Money for public works and other purposes.
5764	.. 22nd December	The <i>Land Tax (Exemptions and Rates) Act</i> 1953 prescribes the annual rates for land tax and amends provisions of the Land Tax Acts relating to exemptions from payment of Tax. The Act, which follows the withdrawal of the Commonwealth from the land tax field, provides increased rates and assimilates exemptions to those formerly provided by the Commonwealth.
5765	.. 22nd December	The <i>Medical (Registration) Act</i> 1953 eliminates a difficulty in respect of reciprocal arrangements with other countries for the registration of medical practitioners.
5766	.. 22nd December	The <i>Supreme Court (Judges) Act</i> 1953 increases from nine to ten the number of Supreme Court Judges that may be appointed.
5767	.. 22nd December	The <i>Licensing (Amendment) Act</i> 1953 constitutes a Victorian Licensing Court to replace the licensing courts already established; the existing licensing districts are abolished and the whole of Victoria is to constitute one licensing district in respect of which there is to be no numerical limitation of licences. The power of the court as to the grant of licences is not to be limited by any licensing poll already taken but in any such case the court may require a further poll before granting a licence. The Act makes provision in respect of the appointment of a supervisor of licensed premises; the extension of times during which liquor may be supplied with meals; the appointment by licensees of persons to be in charge of licensed premises during their absence; increased penalties for certain offences; the sale of liquor during prohibited hours; the

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establishment by construction authorities of canteens for the sale of liquor; and the provision of community hotels. Sundry amendments are made to the Licensing Acts, particularly with respect to administration, the grant renewal and transfer of licences, proceedings of the licensing court, bedroom accommodation in hotels, consumption on licensed premises of liquor by boarders inmates servants and the licensee and their guests, bona fide travellers, enforcement of the Act and legal proceedings, closing of the bar room during prohibited hours, the provision of meals and accommodation, and sanitation.

5768    ..    22nd    December    The *Land Settlement Act* 1953 makes further provision for the settlement of approved applicants on Crown lands or on lands acquired by the Soldier Settlement Commission for the purpose. Estates, on being divided into allotments, may be made available to settlers either as Crown settlers, that is settlers who will be required to assist on a wage basis in the early development of the estate and thereafter will be entitled to receive financial assistance from the Crown, or as private settlers, that is settlers who can provide their own finance both for initial development and for subsequent settlement. The tenure of the land is to be perpetual leasehold subject to prescribed conditions. During the initial period of the lease there will be restrictions on transfer, borrowing &c. Provision is made for a freehold grant to issue after ten years on payment of the settlement value of the land. The Act provides for advances to Crown settlers, the establishment of townships in relation to settlement under the Act or the Soldier Settlement Acts, and the financial and general administration of the Act. In addition, several amendments are made to the Soldier Settlement Acts, particularly in relation to rights of members and employes of the Commission, the transfer of such employes to the public service, and various financial matters.

5769    ..    23rd    December    The *Co-operation Act* 1953 makes comprehensive provision in relation to co-operative societies. It provides for the formation of co-operative societies including producers' societies, trading societies, community settlement societies, community advancement societies, credit societies, investment societies, associations of co-operative societies and unions of co-operative associations. Restrictions are placed on the formation of co-operative societies otherwise than under the Act and on the use of the word "co-operative" in the title of companies and other bodies. The Act provides for the registration of co-operative societies, as to the members capital and funds of such societies and

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- the privileges powers and duties and rules and management of such societies, and for the settlement of disputes between members on the winding up of societies. The Act provides for the appointment of a registrar of co-operative societies and a registry and an advisory council. The treasurer is empowered to guarantee loans to co-operative societies subject to certain conditions; and miscellaneous provisions provide for administration, evidence, offences and regulations.
- 5770 .. 23rd December The *Trustee Act* 1953 consolidates the law relating to trustees with amendments recommended by the Statute Law Revision Committee, the Chief Justice's Law Reform Committee, the Law Institute Council and other bodies.
- 5771 .. 23rd December The *Labour and Industry Act* 1953 consolidates the law relating to factories shops and industrial matters with amendments, many of which were recommended by a Commission representative of employers and employés. The Act also re-organizes the relevant departmental administration by the establishment of a Department of Labour and Industry under a Minister of Labour and Industry.
- 5772 .. 23rd December This Act applies a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the 30th June, 1954 and to appropriate the supplies granted in this session of Parliament

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The following is a synopsis of each Act passed by the State Parliament during the year ended 31st December, 1954 :—

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- 5773 .. 4th May .. The *Coal Mine Workers Pensions (Amendment) Act* 1954 increases the pensions and additional payments in respect of dependants to Mine workers under the Coal Mine Workers Pensions Acts.
- 5774 .. 4th May .. The *Police Offences (Unlawful Games) Act* 1954 includes housey housey among the unlawful games specified in the Police Offences Acts.
- 5775 .. 4th May .. The *Local Government (City of Sunshine) Act* 1954 extends for a further six months the period during which betting on sports may continue in the newly constituted City of Sunshine. (See also Acts Nos. 5813 and 5841).
- 5776 .. 4th May .. The *State Savings Bank (Deposits) Act* 1954 alters the basis on which interest may be paid to depositors with the State Savings Bank.
- 5777 .. 4th May .. The *Chandler Highway and Bridge Act* 1954 vests in Her Majesty the Chandler highway and bridge in the cities of Heidelberg and Kew.
- 5778 .. 11th May .. The *Town and Country Planning Act* 1954 alters the basis of interim development orders under the Town and Country Planning Acts and varies the circumstances in which compensation shall

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- be payable in respect of damage resulting from planning schemes and interim orders under those Acts. The Act also amends the Town and Country Planning Acts in relation to joint planning schemes of several municipalities, the keeping open of schemes for inspection, the submission and consideration of objections to schemes, the approval of schemes, the acquisition and use of land, the contents of planning schemes, the widening of streets, and evidentiary provisions, and makes further provision in relation to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works as a planning authority for the metropolis. (See also Act No. 5834.)
- 5779    .. 11th May    .. The *Police Offences (Obscene Publications) Act 1954* widens the definition of "obscene" for the purposes of punishing the dissemination of obscene publications and provides for the registration of distributors of printed matter with a view to eradicating such publications.
- 5780    .. 11th May    .. The *Health (Infectious Diseases) Act 1954* amends provisions of the Health Acts as to the making of regulations concerning the sale and use of second-hand furnishings.
- 5781    .. 11th May    .. The *Melbourne Cricket Ground (Guarantee) Act 1954* makes financial provision in relation to the preparation and alteration of the Melbourne Cricket Ground for the Olympic Games in 1956.
- 5782    .. 11th May    .. The *Superannuation (Female Officers) Act 1954* amends provisions of the Superannuation Acts relating to contributions by and pensions payable to female officers.
- 5783    .. 11th May    .. The *Crimes Act 1954* makes it a misdemeanour to obtain money by wilfully false promises (in addition to the misdemeanour of obtaining money by false pretences) and makes it a misdemeanour to obtain payment of money to a company by a false promise of a director or member of the company or to fraudulently induce persons to invest money.
- 5784    .. 11th May    .. The *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways (Board) Act 1954* reconstitutes the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board as a Board of three full-time members. The Act also provides that in the exercise of its powers and functions the Board shall be subject to the direction and control of the Minister.
- 5785    .. 11th May    .. This Act applies out of Consolidated Revenue the sum of £21,213,177 to the service of the year 1954-55.
- 5786    .. 29th September    This Act applies out of Consolidated Revenue the sum of £13,901,475 to the service of the year 1954-55.
- 5787    .. 29th September    This Act applies out of Consolidated Revenue the sum of £2,696,504 to the service of the year 1953-54.

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5788	19th October	The <i>Auditor-General's Salary Act 1954</i> increases the salary of the Auditor-General.
5789	19th October	The <i>Corneal Grafting Act 1954</i> authorizes the removal and use for therapeutic purposes the eyes of deceased persons who during their lifetime have in writing given directions to that end.
5790	22nd October	The <i>Totalizator (Amendment) Act 1954</i> alters the percentage of the deductible commission on totalizator revenue that is payable into consolidated revenue with particular reference to doubles bets and quinella bets.
5791	22nd October	The <i>Country Roads and Level Crossings Funds Act 1954</i> establishes a Level Crossings Fund consisting of certain fees paid under the Motor Car Acts and of other money appropriated for the purpose. The fund is to be applied towards the elimination of level crossings or the provision of alternative routes and generally reducing danger at level crossings.
5792	22nd October	The <i>Entertainments Tax (Amendment) Act 1954</i> provides for reduced rates of Entertainment tax.
5793	22nd October	The <i>Finance (Racing) Act 1954</i> abolishes the winning bets tax which was introduced in 1951 and substitutes a turnover tax on book-makers. The Act also establishes a Trotting Racecourse Development Fund to improve country courses and provides for amended fees for licences of racecourses and other payments.
5794	22nd October	The <i>Bellarine Water Supply Act 1954</i> relates to water supply in the Bellarine Peninsula, and other purposes.
5795	3rd November	The <i>Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Amendment) Act 1954</i> increases by ten million pounds the general borrowing power of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and contains miscellaneous provisions relating rates, gratuities, lands and notices.
5796	3rd November	The <i>Apprenticeship (Amendment) Act 1954</i> contains provisions relating to the instruction of apprentices who live or work at places remote from instructional centres.
5797	3rd November	The <i>Judges (Powers) Act 1954</i> contains a general provision enabling county court judges and chairman of general sessions to sit in the place of another such judge or chairman who has ceased for any reason to be such a judge or chairman or is absent on leave sickness, or otherwise.
5798	3rd November	The <i>Goods (Amendment) Act 1954</i> enables the merchandise marks legislation to be applied to a wide class of leather, artificial leather, and plastic goods.

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5799	9th	November	The <i>Police Offences (Female Offenders) Act 1954</i> permits justices to send women and girls who are without lawful means of support to reformatory institutions instead of imposing a penalty or term of imprisonment.
5800	9th	November	The <i>Friendly Societies (Amendment) Act 1954</i> authorizes Friendly Societies to sell medicines and medical and surgical appliances to any person, whether or not a member of the society. The Act also alters or removes the prescribed limits of certain benefits, authorizes certain loans to be made by one society to another, and contains miscellaneous provisions relating to notices of cancellation of registration, Dividing Societies, and applications for membership by persons residing outside Victoria.
5801	16th	November	The <i>Portland Harbor Trust (Amendment) Act 1954</i> increases the amount of loan money that may be taken up by the Portland Harbor Trust Commissioners and amends the accounting provisions of the Portland Harbor Trust Acts.
5802	16th	November	The <i>Public Service (Amendment) Act 1954</i> clarifies provisions of the Public Service Acts relating to the creation and abolition of offices.
5803	16th	November	The <i>Geelong and District Cultural Institute Act 1954</i> provides for the incorporation of the Geelong and District Cultural Institute and the Council thereof and the objects and management thereof, and for other purposes.
5804	23rd	November	The <i>Vermin and Noxious Weeds (Amendment) Act 1954</i> makes various amendments to the Vermin and Noxious Weeds Acts particularly in relation to notices to destroy vermin and cover for vermin, the clearing from property or parts thereof of noxious weeds, penalties for acts likely to result in spreading weeds, rewards for the destruction of certain animals, the supply of fumigants at reduced prices, the issue of money from the Loan Fund towards costs of administering the Acts, contributions by the State to metropolitan municipalities towards the cost of administering by-laws for the destruction of weeds, and evidence of ownership and occupation of land.
5805	23rd	November	The <i>Surplus Revenue Act 1954</i> applies the surplus revenue for the financial year 30th June, 1954.
5806	23rd	November	The <i>Gas Regulation (Amendment) Act 1954</i> brings the gas examiner and his officers within the scope of the Public Service Acts, and makes provision in relation to the Gas Regulation Fund and contributions thereto by gas undertakers and the application thereof.

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5807	.. 23rd November	The <i>Parking of Vehicles (Amendment) Act 1954</i> extends the area in respect of which the Principal Act may operate and revises the procedure having regard to that applicable to default summonses. See Act No. 5677 of 1953.
5808	.. 23rd November	The <i>Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Act 1954</i> makes new provision for the payment of Members of Parliament, Ministers of the Crown, the President of the Council and Speaker of the Assembly, the Chairman of Committees and other Parliamentary officials. In each case there is a basic salary (previously called a reimbursement of expenses.) To this salary is added an electorate allowance increasing in amount according as to whether the Member represents a metropolitan, urban, inner country or outer country electorate. Ministers receive additional salaries and expense allowances on a prescribed scale, and the Parliamentary officials receive an extra salary and in some cases an expense allowance. Provision is also made for travelling allowances for Ministers, and for living away from home allowances for other urban and country members while attending Parliament.
5809	.. 23rd November	The <i>County Court (Judges) Act 1954</i> authorizes the appointment of an eleventh county court judge.
5810	.. 23rd November	The <i>Swan Hill Lands Exchange Act 1954</i> relates to the Exchange of lands at Swan Hill.
5811	.. 23rd November	The <i>Miners' Phthisis (Treasury Allowances) Amendment Act 1954</i> increases the rates of allowance payable by the Treasury to persons suffering from miners' phthisis.
5812	.. 23rd November	The <i>Gas and Fuel Corporation (Kyneton Undertaking) Act 1954</i> approves an agreement for the acquisition by the Gas and Fuel Corporation of a municipal gas undertaking.
5813	.. 23rd November	The <i>Dog Races Act 1954</i> constitutes a Dog Racing Control Board to control the sport of dog racing. The Board is empowered to control the registration of clubs and persons participating in dog racing, while the National Coursing Association may register dogs. Only registered clubs may conduct dog races, and no club is to conduct any dog races from the profit of which any person receives a direct financial benefit. All dog-racing courses in the metropolis of Melbourne except two are to be closed and provision is made for compensation. Betting will be allowed on these two grounds. The maximum number of races to be held on any ground is reduced. Dog races are not to be held by day within 40 miles of Melbourne except on Saturdays and holidays. The prohibition of mechanical coursing is repealed and any future speed coursing is to be mechanical. Totalizators may be installed at dog-racing courses.



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- 5814 .. 30th November The *Infectious Diseases Hospitals Act 1954* revises the organisation of infectious Diseases Hospitals throughout the State. In the metropolis the Fairfield Hospital is to continue; but instead of being governed by a Board elected by municipal councils and being subsidised by municipal and State contributions it will be governed by a Board appointed by the Governor-in-Council and will be an institution under the Hospitals and Charities Acts, subsidised from the Hospitals and Charities Fund. Elsewhere in Victoria the Hospitals and Charities Commission at the request of the Commission of Public Health is to arrange for the provision of temporary or permanent infectious hospitals. Powers and duties in respect of temporary hospitals are given to municipal councils in case of Special emergency. Any expenses so incurred by municipalities are to be repaid from the Hospitals and Charities Fund.
- 5815 .. 30th November The *Public Officers Salaries Act 1954* applies the principle of automatic adjustment of salary in accordance with fluctuations in the cost of living to members of various public Boards and authorities.
- 5816 .. 30th November The *Wheat Industry Stabilization Act 1954* replaces previous Victorian legislation relating to the marketing of wheat. It is part of an Australia-wide scheme which is backed by legislation of Commonwealth and all the States. Provision is made for the wheat to be marketed by a central Board which will determine the amount payable to growers. Special provision is made for the home consumption price of wheat and for freight to Tasmania. The Act applies to wheat of the current and four subsequent seasons.
- 5817 .. 1st December .. The *Children's Welfare Act 1954* revises and consolidates the law relating to Children's Welfare. The administration of the Act is assigned to a Director of Children's Welfare and provision is made for a deputy director, welfare officers and visitors, and a Children's Welfare Advisory Council. The Governor in Council is empowered to establish and abolish reception centres children's homes juvenile schools and juvenile hostels for the accommodation maintenance care welfare and supervision of children and young persons. Provision is also made for the approval and supervision of other homes and institutions for the reception of children. The Act prescribes the circumstances in which children and young persons are deemed to be in need of care and protection or to be uncontrollable and may be committed or admitted to the care of the Children's Welfare Department. The Director of Children's Welfare is to be the guardian of persons in the care of

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the Department. Provision is made for the payment of allowances to parents or other persons who have not sufficient means of support for children in their custody. Parents of children admitted or committed to the care of the Department are liable to pay to the Director sums towards the maintenance of the children having regard to their ability to contribute. For the purposes of infant life protection provision is made for the registration and supervision of institutions where infants under the age of five are, in consideration of payment, accepted for rearing, nursing or maintenance. Restrictions are placed on the employment of children in undesirable or dangerous places of employment; and other miscellaneous provisions are made with a view to the general welfare of children.

- 5818 .. 1st December .. This Act applies out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £7,795,345 to the service of the year 1954-55.
- 5819 .. 1st December .. The *Mental Hygiene (Maintenance) Act 1954*. Following on the revocation by the Commonwealth of the Mental Institutions Benefit Agreement, the *Mental Hygiene (Maintenance) Act 1954* repeals the *Mental Institution Benefits Act* of 1949 and at the same time the provisions of the Mental Hygiene Acts enabling charges to be made for the maintenance of patients.
- 5820 .. 1st December .. The *Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund Act 1954* increases the deduction from salaries of members of Parliament by way of contribution to the Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund and varies the amount payable by way of retiring allowance to members. A new interpretation of "basic wage" is provided consequent upon a recent award of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration.
- 5821 .. 7th December .. The *Water Supply Loan Application Act 1954* sanctions the issue and application of loan money for works and other purposes relating to irrigation water supply drainage sewerage flood protection and river improvement, and other purposes.
- 5822 .. 7th December .. The *Napier-street Bridge Act 1954* makes provision with respect to the construction of a new bridge over the Maribyrnong River between Melbourne and Footscray and matters incidental thereto.
- 5823 .. 13th December .. The *Health (Amendment) Act 1954* makes numerous amendments to the Health Acts particularly in respect of the remuneration payable to the Commission of Public Health and the Food Standards Committee, sanitary conveniences, septic tanks and the removal of rubbish, the disposal of industrial waste and prevention of

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water pollution, the control of offensive and dangerous trades and infectious diseases, conditional approval for the erection of public buildings, the installation of gas appliances, the registration and regulation of apartment houses camps and camping areas and food premises the safeguarding purity of drugs food and other substances, and meat supervision.

- 5824 .. 13th December The *Forests (Amendment) Act 1954* amends various provisions of the Forests Acts particularly in relation to remuneration and sick leave of the Commissioners, fire protection areas and prohibited periods for lighting fires, the liability of offenders for costs of fire suppression, the removal of fire hazards, leases and licences of forest lands, sites for State School forest plantations, the appointment of forest officers, the publication of notices of acute fire danger and the treatment and eradication of disease in trees and timber.
- 5825 .. 14th December The *Co-operative Housing Societies (Guarantees) Act 1954* further increases the maximum liability of the Treasurer under guarantees under the Co-operative Housing Societies Act.
- 5826 .. 14th December The *Midwives (Amendment) Act 1954* enables the Midwives Board to issue special certificates for special branches of midwifery.
- 5827 .. 14th December The *State Electricity Commission (Borrowing) Act 1954* increases the borrowing powers of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria, and other purposes.
- 5828 .. 14th December The *Justices (Amendment) Act 1954* extends the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions to £100 in the ordinary jurisdiction and £250 in the special jurisdiction. The Act also extends the time for service of summonses.
- 5829 .. 14th December The *Fire Brigades (Amendment) Act 1954* adds to the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board a tenth member who is to be an employé of the Board elected by officers and employés of the Board. The Act also varies the conditions for the granting of long service leave to officers and employés of the Board and consequentially to officers and employés of the Country Fire Authority.
- 5830 .. 14th December The *Mildura College Lands (Amendment) Act 1954* amends the *Mildura College Lands Act 1916*.
- 5831 .. 14th December The *Country Roads (Amendment) Act 1954* increases the amount of loan money that may be applied for the purposes of the Country Roads Acts and makes minor amendments to the provisions of those Acts relating to the construction of new main roads.

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5832	..	14th December	The <i>Soldier Settlement (Financial) Act 1954</i> increases the amount of loan money that may be appropriated for the purposes of the Soldier Settlement Acts and makes special provision relating to Commonwealth loans to the State for soldier settlement.
5833	..	14th December	The <i>River Murray Waters Act 1954</i> ratifies and approves an agreement for the further variation of the agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other waters, and other purposes.
5834	..	14th December	The <i>Town and Country Planning (Metropolitan Area) Act 1954</i> consolidates with amendments the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Acts relating to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works as a planning authority for the metropolitan area. The powers of the Board are extended to enable it to carry out approved plans as well as prepare plans. Alternatively the Board of Works may delegate to municipal councils any powers necessary to give effect to approved plans. For the purposes of the Act the Board of Works may levy a metropolitan improvement rate and is to establish a metropolitan improvement fund and have additional borrowing powers.
5835	..	14th December	The <i>Housing Act 1954</i> reconstitutes the Housing Commission as a body corporate consisting of three full time members subject to Ministerial control. Restrictions are placed on the sale of houses which have been declared unfit for human habitation. The Commission is empowered to make ex gratia payments to owners who are not the occupiers of demolished houses, and to sell houses to the Director of War Service Homes in certain cases. The maximum terms of contracts of sale or mortgages or for repayment of advances under the Housing Acts are extended. Restrictions are placed on the sale of houses purchased from the Commission, and regulations may be made with respect to insurance on the lives of such purchasers.
5836	..	14th December	The <i>Gas and Fuel Corporation (Mornington Undertaking) Act 1954</i> relates to the purchase by the Gas and Fuel Corporation of Victoria of the Gas Undertaking of the Shire of Mornington.
5837	..	14th December	The <i>Railways (Commissioners' Salaries) Act 1954</i> increases the salaries payable to the Victorian Railways Commissioners.
5838	..	14th December	The <i>Water Act 1954</i> makes several amendments to the Water Acts particularly in respect of matters of accounting and capital adjustment,

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- the purchase of moveable plant by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission and the repair of such plant by the Commission for other bodies, the form of debenture to be used by water authorities, the provision of camping and recreation facilities at water storages, the constitution of urban water districts, the domestic use of water in urban districts, the basis of payment of compensation for injury by flooding, the responsibility of water authorities whose channels intersect private land, the temporary powers of the Commission as a Sewerage Authority, the impeachability of by-laws, and interest on unpaid rates.
- 5839 .. 14th December The *State Forests Loan Application Act 1954* sanctions the issue and application of loan moneys for works and other purposes relating to State Forests.
- 5840 .. 14th December The *Railway Loan Application* sanctions the issue and application of loan moneys for works and purposes relating to Railways, and other purposes.
- 5841 .. 14th December The *Police Offences (Sports Grounds) Act 1954* enables betting to take place at foot-races and bicycle-races in cities and towns.
- 5842 .. 14th December The *Transfer of Land Act 1954* consolidates with amendments the law relating to land registration under the Torrens system. The Office of Titles is re-organised under the control of a Registrar of Titles. Provision is made to bring land under not only voluntarily but also on the direction of the Registrar. The general principles of administration and of the registration of grants and certificates of title are prescribed and the effect of registration is defined. The Act makes provision with respect to the various dealings with land that may be registered, namely, transfers, transmissions on death or bankruptcy, sales by the sherriff, acquisition by statutory order or order of the Court, acquisition by possession, acquisition of cul-de-sacs, leases, easements, mortgages and annuities, restrictive covenants and charges.
- Provision is made for caveats against dealings, search certificates and stay orders, powers of attorney, surveys and sub-divisions of land, the amendment of the register book, and the general powers of the Registrar. The Assurance Fund is continued, being supplemented by contributions when land is voluntarily brought under the Act and in the case of certain other dealings. The fund is available to make compensation to persons sustaining loss by damage by the administration of the Act.
- 5843 .. 14th December The *Local Government (Amendment) Act 1954* makes numerous amendments of the Local Government Acts, particularly in relation to the

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			constitution of the municipalities, voting by post and compulsory voting, full time employment of municipal clerks, by-laws making powers, application of municipal funds, rating, borrowing, accounts and contracts, municipal properties, roads, plans of subdivision of private land, construction of private streets, housing, markets, septic tanks and the regulation of buildings. In addition provision is made for the temporary construction of private streets without prejudice to the ultimate construction thereof at the cost of adjoining owners.
5844	..	14th December	The <i>Land Tax Act 1954</i> declares the rates of Land Tax for the year ended 31st December, 1955.
5845	..	14th December	The <i>Water (Connexions to Mains) Act 1954</i> makes provision with respect to connexions to water mains by the Ballarat Water Commissioners.
5846	..	14th December	The <i>Statutes Amendment Act 1954</i> makes minor amendments to various Acts. Irish citizens are given the same statutory rights as British subjects notwithstanding the constitution of Eire as a Republic. The right to bring an action in tort against the estate of a deceased person is extended in time. Restrictions are placed on the use of the word "blind" (in the sense of destitute of sight) by companies and firms. The Justices Acts are amended in relation to recognizances. The death of a party is not to terminate proceedings under the Landlord and Tenant Acts. The amount that may be ordered for confinement expenses is increased, as is the amount which the husband may be ordered to pay towards a wife's costs in proceedings for divorce. The class of persons who may receive assistance under the <i>Poor Persons Legal Assistance Act 1928</i> is widened. Technical difficulties are removed in relation to the registration of the death and burial of bodies assigned for anatomical examination. Provisions of the Supreme Court Acts relating to interest on taxed costs are amended. The provisions of the Wills Acts relating to wills made on war service are extended to wills of persons serving in Korea or Malaya. Amendments are made to the Dried Fruits Acts and the Marketing of Primary Products Acts in respect of the preparation sale and display of products.
5847	..	14th December	The <i>Landlord and Tenant Act 1954</i> provides for alterations of the pegged rent of houses which were let at more than 50s. per week at 31st December, 1940, by authorizing the Fair Rents Board to determine, in default of agreement, the fair rent thereof on the basis of the current capital value. The Act also makes various amendments to the Landlord and Tenants Acts relating to onus of proof, the interpretation of "lease", rent certificates, re-possession of

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dwelling houses by lessors for their own occupation, the definition and rights of protected persons (that is to say ex-servicemen and their dependants), the exemption of certain premises from rent control, inspection of dwelling houses by landlords, the sale of tenanted dwelling houses, and the avoidance of certain notices to quit.

5848	..	14th	December	The <i>Transport Regulation (Amendment) Act</i> *1954 amends the Transport Regulation Acts with a view to eliminating any invalidity caused by virtue of interference with freedom of interstate trade commerce or intercourse.
5849	..	14th	December	The <i>Judges Salaries Act</i> 1954 increases the salaries of Supreme Court and County Court Judges and removes the requirement to adjust those salaries in accordance with variations in official cost of living figures.
5850	..	14th	December	The <i>Public Works Loan Application Act</i> 1954 sanctions the issue and application of loan money for public works and other purposes.
5851	..	14th	December	The <i>Adoption of Children (Amendment) Act</i> 1954 allows adoption orders to be made in respect of people who have been married, prescribes the requirements necessary for the giving of a valid consent to the adoption of a child and the revocation thereof, removes the jurisdiction of Petty Sessions in adoption cases leaving the jurisdiction to the County Court and Supreme Court, and prescribes the class of persons who may be appointed guardians <i>ad litem</i> .
5852	..	14th	December	The <i>Hide and Leather Industries (Suspension) Act</i> 1954 suspends the operation of certain provisions of the <i>Hide and Leather Industry Act</i> 1948.
5853	..	14th	December	This Act applies a sum out of the consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ended on 30th June, 1955 and to appropriate the supplies granted in this session of Parliament.

\* Resulting in the Privy Council decision in the case of Hughes and Vale versus the State of New South Wales.

### PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

**Legislative  
Council.**

The *Legislative Council Reform Act* 1950 (No. 5465), which came into operation on 1st November, 1951, introduced adult suffrage at elections for the Legislative Council. The following table shows the number of electors on the rolls for each province on 30th June, 1953 and 1954.

## NUMBER OF ELECTORS IN VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Electoral Province.	Year ended 30th June—		Electoral Province.	Year ended 30th June—	
	1953.	1954.		1953.	1954.
METROPOLITAN			COUNTRY.		
Doutta Galla ..	116,214	114,340	Ballaarat ..	56,298	56,153
East Yarra ..	124,170	124,250	Bendigo ..	59,088	59,028
Higinbotham ..	118,015	118,015	Gippsland ..	68,434	68,782
Melbourne ..	67,864	62,517	Northern ..	50,813	51,192
Melbourne North	132,907	134,866	North Eastern	48,379	48,748
Melbourne West	103,277	102,520	North Western	46,816	47,159
Monash ..	111,887	108,876	Southern ..	107,169	115,984
			South Eastern	91,277	94,186
			South Western	69,052	70,211
			Western ..	53,998	54,105
Totals ..	774,334	765,384	Totals ..	651,324	665,548
			Grand Totals ..	1,425,658	1,430,932

The triennial elections for the Legislative Council were held on 18th June, 1955.

The general election for the Legislative Assembly was held on 28th May, 1955.

This general election was conducted on the basis of the first redivision of boundaries made pursuant to the *Electoral Districts Act*, No. 5683 of 1953. The Act which came into operation on 18th August, 1953, provided for a redivision of the State to be made on the basis of each Commonwealth Electoral Division in Victoria being divided into two Electoral Districts for the Legislative Assembly. It also provided for recurrent redivisions, on the same basis, to be made whenever any alteration is made in the number of Commonwealth Electoral Divisions in Victoria or in any boundaries thereof, subject to the proviso that no such redivision shall be made if the whole number of members of the Legislative Assembly would be reduced thereby.

The effect of the first redivision under the Act was to increase the number of electoral districts from 65 to 66.



The triennial elections for the Legislative Council were held on 18th June, 1955, when fourteen of the seventeen provinces were contested. The following tables show the number of electors enrolled for each province, the numbers and proportions who voted in each province where an election was held, and the results of the election.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED  
AT THE TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE  
COUNCIL ON 18TH JUNE, 1955.

Electoral Province.	Number of Electors Enrolled at Date of Election.			Number of Voters.			Percentage of Voters to Total Enrolment.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ballaarat .. .. .	27,328	28,606	55,934	26,361	26,583	52,944	96.46	92.93	94.65
Bendigo .. .. .	28,324	30,258	58,582	27,192	27,929	55,121	96.00	92.80	94.09
Doutta Galla .. .. .	53,999	57,034	111,033	48,953	52,056	101,009	90.66	91.27	90.97
East Yarra .. .. .	56,534	67,837	124,371	51,387	62,248	113,635	90.90	91.76	91.37
Gippsland .. .. .	35,887	32,449	68,336	32,455	29,711	62,166	90.44	91.56	90.97
Higinbotham * .. .. .	54,613	63,875	118,488	—	—	—	—	—	—
Melbourne .. .. .	28,554	30,621	59,175	25,627	27,062	52,689	89.75	88.38	89.04
Melbourne North .. .. .	65,969	70,091	136,060	61,852	64,705	126,557	93.76	92.32	93.02
Melbourne West .. .. .	50,177	50,455	100,632	46,013	46,820	92,833	91.70	92.80	92.25
Monash .. .. .	47,359	59,076	106,435	40,540	51,327	91,867	85.60	86.88	86.31
Northern .. .. .	26,319	24,945	51,264	24,449	22,974	47,423	92.89	92.10	92.51
North Eastern * .. .. .	25,142	23,687	48,829	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Western * .. .. .	24,454	22,349	46,803	—	—	—	—	—	—
Southern .. .. .	61,127	61,047	122,174	55,628	56,305	111,933	91.00	92.23	91.62
South-Eastern .. .. .	47,744	49,616	97,360	43,187	45,031	88,218	90.46	90.76	90.61
South-Western .. .. .	34,749	36,020	70,769	32,477	32,889	65,366	93.46	91.31	92.37
Western .. .. .	27,359	26,526	53,885	26,149	25,041	51,190	95.58	94.40	95.00
Total all provinces .. .. .	695,638	734,492	1,430,130	—	—	—	—	—	—
Uncontested provinces .. .. .	104,209	109,911	214,120	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total contested provinces .. .. .	591,429	624,581	1,216,010	542,270	570,681	1,112,951	91.69	91.37	91.52

\* Uncontested.

UNCONTESTED PROVINCES.

Province.	Member.
Higinbotham .. .. .	L. H. S. Thompson
North Eastern .. .. .	A. K. Bradbury
North Western .. .. .	A. R. Mansell

The following table shows the number of electors on the rolls for each district on 30th June, 1953.

NUMBER OF ELECTORS IN VICTORIA.  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, ON 30TH JUNE, 1953.

Electoral District.	Number of Electors on the Joint Rolls.	Electoral District.	Number of Electors on the Joint Rolls.
METROPOLITAN.		COUNTRY.	
Albert Park .. .. .	22,636	Allendale .. .. .	16,082
Box Hill .. .. .	38,636	Ballaarat .. .. .	21,425
Brighton .. .. .	28,145	Barwon .. .. .	18,230
Brunswick .. .. .	23,080	Benalla .. .. .	13,943
Camberwell .. .. .	29,151	Benambra .. .. .	14,262
Carlton .. .. .	23,730	Bendigo .. .. .	23,601
Caulfield .. .. .	22,471	Borong .. .. .	14,078
Clifton Hill .. .. .	23,556	Dundas .. .. .	15,641
Coburg .. .. .	25,844	Evelyn .. .. .	19,670
Collingwood .. .. .	22,890	Geelong .. .. .	21,338
Dandenong .. .. .	47,974	Gippsland East .. .. .	13,907
Elsternwick .. .. .	21,688	Gippsland North .. .. .	19,024
Essendon .. .. .	34,740	Gippsland South .. .. .	19,901
Footscray .. .. .	22,899	Gippsland West .. .. .	16,774
Glen Iris .. .. .	30,384	Goulburn .. .. .	15,213
Hawthorn .. .. .	22,188	Grant .. .. .	20,270
Ivanhoe .. .. .	37,762	Hampden .. .. .	15,044
Kew .. .. .	22,795	Korong .. .. .	12,930
Malvern .. .. .	21,303	Mernda .. .. .	19,526
Melbourne .. .. .	22,038	Midlands .. .. .	15,409
Mentone .. .. .	36,770	Mildura .. .. .	14,616
Moonee Ponds .. .. .	26,129	Mornington .. .. .	21,708
Northcote .. .. .	24,796	Murray Valley .. .. .	16,880
Oakleigh .. .. .	28,384	Polwarth .. .. .	15,570
Port Melbourne .. .. .	24,044	Portland .. .. .	15,753
Prahran .. .. .	23,164	Rainbow .. .. .	12,518
Preston .. .. .	31,510	Ripon .. .. .	15,595
Richmond .. .. .	22,936	Rodney .. .. .	14,777
St. Kilda .. .. .	22,059	Scoresby .. .. .	22,465
Sunshine .. .. .	32,276	Shepparton .. .. .	17,296
Toorak .. .. .	22,174	Swan Hill .. .. .	14,492
Williamstown .. .. .	28,615	Warmambool .. .. .	15,153
		Wonthaggi .. .. .	15,800
Total .. .. .	866,767	Total .. .. .	558,891
		Grand Total .. .. .	1,425,658

\* Uncontested.

## NUMBER OF ELECTORS IN VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, ON 30TH JUNE, 1954.

Electoral District.*	Number of Electors on Joint Rolls.	Electoral District.*	Number of Electors on Joint Rolls.
Albert Park .. .. .	17,953	Ivanhoe .. .. .	19,522
Ascot Vale .. .. .	23,525	Kara Kara .. .. .	18,548
Ballaarat North .. .. .	20,882	Kew .. .. .	22,425
Ballaarat South .. .. .	20,620	Lowan .. .. .	18,306
Balwyn .. .. .	22,349	Malvern .. .. .	19,347
Benalla .. .. .	21,195	Melbourne .. .. .	17,060
Benambra .. .. .	20,556	Mentone .. .. .	25,325
Bendigo .. .. .	21,421	Midlands .. .. .	22,398
Box Hill .. .. .	30,016	Mildura .. .. .	19,138
Brighton .. .. .	19,452	Moonee Ponds .. .. .	22,508
Broadmeadows .. .. .	27,317	Moorabbin .. .. .	29,945
Brunswick East .. .. .	19,547	Mornington .. .. .	24,246
Brunswick West .. .. .	17,136	Morwell .. .. .	21,453
Burwood .. .. .	21,456	Murray Valley .. .. .	20,953
Camberwell .. .. .	22,416	Northcote .. .. .	19,804
Carlton .. .. .	17,865	Oakleigh .. .. .	19,846
Caulfield .. .. .	18,786	Pascoe Vale .. .. .	22,665
Caulfield East .. .. .	23,055	Polwarth .. .. .	20,640
Coburg .. .. .	24,197	Portland .. .. .	19,251
Collingwood .. .. .	15,996	Port Melbourne .. .. .	17,626
Dandenong .. .. .	34,264	Prahran .. .. .	19,143
Dundas .. .. .	19,257	Preston .. .. .	24,061
Elsternwick .. .. .	20,955	Reservoir .. .. .	22,967
Evelyn .. .. .	31,110	Richmond .. .. .	17,746
Flemington .. .. .	17,608	Ripponlea .. .. .	18,419
Footscray .. .. .	20,555	Rodney .. .. .	21,137
Geelong .. .. .	23,550	St. Kilda .. .. .	18,915
Geelong West .. .. .	23,365	Sandringham .. .. .	28,963
Gippsland East .. .. .	19,405	Scoresby .. .. .	33,095
Gippsland South .. .. .	19,896	Swan Hill .. .. .	19,180
Gippsland West .. .. .	23,322	Toorak .. .. .	19,386
Grant .. .. .	28,987	Williamstown .. .. .	20,445
Hampden .. .. .	19,865		
Hawthorn .. .. .	18,590	Total .. .. .	1,430,932

\* See reference to Electoral Districts Act, 1953 on page 34.

**Elections,  
Legislative  
Assembly,  
1955.**

At the elections for the Legislative Assembly, held on 28th May, 1955 there were contests in 65 of the 66 electoral districts. The number of electors on the rolls for all districts was 1,422,588—691,034 males and 731,554 females. In contested districts the number of voters represented 94·02 per cent. the electors enrolled, the proportion for males being 93·93 per cent. and for females 94·11 per cent.

The following table shows the number of electors, the votes polled and the percentage of the latter to the former in the various electoral districts.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON 28TH MAY, 1955.

Electoral District.	Numbers of Electors, Enrolled at Date of General Election.			Number of Voters.			Percentage of Voters to Total Enrolment.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Albert Park	8,176	9,226	17,402	7,444	8,409	15,853	91.05	91.14	91.10
Ascot Vale	11,526	11,674	23,200	10,931	11,078	22,009	94.84	94.89	94.87
Ballaarat North	9,912	10,691	20,603	9,602	10,257	19,859	96.87	95.94	96.39
Ballaarat South	9,938	10,584	20,522	9,608	10,108	19,716	96.68	95.50	96.07
Balwyn	10,656	12,278	22,934	9,949	11,548	21,497	93.37	94.05	93.73
Benalla	10,968	10,147	21,115	10,409	9,580	19,989	94.90	94.41	94.67
Benambra	10,427	10,003	20,430	9,832	9,349	19,181	94.29	93.46	93.89
Bendigo	10,002	11,306	21,308	9,613	10,887	20,500	96.10	96.28	96.19
Box Hill	14,835	16,211	31,046	14,098	15,076	29,174	95.03	93.00	93.97
Brighton	8,974	10,358	19,332	8,223	9,703	17,926	91.63	93.68	92.73
Broadmeadows	13,891	13,938	27,829	12,749	13,416	26,165	91.78	96.25	94.02
Brunswick East	9,054	9,552	18,606	8,359	8,982	17,341	92.32	94.03	93.20
Brunswick West	8,090	8,563	16,653	7,675	8,072	15,747	94.87	94.27	94.56
Burwood	10,012	11,275	21,287	9,351	10,622	19,973	93.40	94.21	93.83
Camberwell	9,583	12,269	21,852	8,981	11,319	20,300	93.72	92.26	92.90
Carlton	8,353	8,654	17,007	7,709	7,782	15,491	92.29	89.92	91.09
Caulfield	7,786	10,419	18,205	7,143	9,395	16,538	91.74	90.17	90.84
Caulfield East	10,535	12,254	22,789	9,988	11,314	21,302	94.81	92.33	93.47
Coburg	11,625	12,204	23,829	10,970	11,630	22,600	94.37	95.30	94.84
Collingwood	7,650	7,705	15,355	7,017	7,352	14,369	91.73	95.42	93.58
Dandenong	18,023	18,454	36,477	16,888	17,521	34,409	93.70	94.94	94.33
Dundas	9,706	9,440	19,146	9,468	9,046	18,514	97.55	95.83	96.70
Elsternwick	9,704	11,462	21,166	9,026	10,772	19,798	93.01	93.98	93.54
Evelyn	16,112	15,924	32,036	15,140	15,041	30,181	93.97	94.45	94.21
Flemington	8,021	8,763	16,784	7,384	8,046	15,430	92.06	91.82	91.93
Footscray	10,129	9,703	19,832	9,441	9,413	18,854	93.21	97.01	95.07
Geelong	11,215	12,399	23,614	10,649	11,467	22,116	94.95	92.48	93.66
Geelong West	11,525	12,176	23,701	10,773	11,364	22,137	93.48	93.33	93.40
Gippsland East	10,024	9,134	19,158	9,239	8,476	17,715	92.17	92.80	92.47
Gippsland South*	10,167	9,615	19,782						
Gippsland West	11,733	11,153	22,886	11,212	10,413	21,625	95.56	93.37	94.49
Grant	15,488	14,384	29,872	14,478	13,642	28,120	93.48	94.84	94.13
Hampden	9,940	9,701	19,641	9,558	9,344	18,902	96.16	96.32	96.24
Hawthorn	8,051	9,683	17,734	7,564	9,222	16,786	93.95	95.24	94.65
Ivanhoe	9,212	10,072	19,284	8,641	9,477	18,118	93.80	94.09	93.95
Kara Kara	9,232	8,853	18,085	8,815	8,532	17,347	95.48	96.37	95.92
Kew	9,582	12,486	22,068	8,715	11,452	20,167	90.95	91.72	91.39
Lowan	9,006	8,937	17,943	8,745	8,535	17,280	97.10	95.50	96.30
Malvern	7,805	10,880	18,685	7,189	9,826	17,015	92.11	90.31	91.06
Melbourne	7,898	84,79	16,377	7,201	7,532	14,733	91.17	88.83	89.96
Mentone	12,450	13,266	25,716	11,750	12,538	24,288	94.38	94.51	94.45
Midlands	10,856	11,471	22,327	10,467	10,856	21,323	96.42	94.64	95.50
Mildura	9,994	9,092	19,086	9,458	8,636	18,094	94.64	94.98	94.80
Moonee Ponds	10,692	11,332	22,024	10,009	10,665	20,674	93.61	94.11	93.87
Moorabbin	15,390	16,405	31,795	14,685	15,559	30,244	95.42	94.84	95.12
Mornington	11,974	12,710	24,684	11,083	11,760	22,843	92.56	92.58	92.54
Morwell	11,362	9,619	20,981	10,313	9,182	19,495	90.77	95.46	92.92
Murray Valley	10,733	10,333	21,066	10,231	9,778	20,009	95.32	94.63	94.98
Northcote	9,205	9,993	19,198	8,478	9,314	17,792	92.10	93.21	92.66

\* Uncontested.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF ELECTORS AND VOTES POLLED FOR THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON 28TH  
MAY, 1955—*continued.*

Electoral District.	Number of Electors, Enrolled at Date of General Election.			Number of Voters.			Percentage of Voters to Total Enrolment.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Oakleigh .. .. .	9,333	10,428	19,761	8,985	9,811	18,796	96·27	94·08	95·12
Pascoe Vale .. ..	11,219	11,513	22,732	10,641	11,047	21,688	94·85	95·95	95·41
Polwarth .. .. .	10,588	9,814	20,402	10,106	9,437	19,543	95·45	96·16	95·79
Portland .. .. .	9,653	9,436	19,089	9,217	9,144	18,361	95·48	96·91	96·19
Port Melbourne ..	8,325	8,878	17,203	7,872	8,147	16,019	94·56	91·77	93·12
Prahran .. .. .	7,625	10,677	18,302	7,147	9,805	16,952	93·73	91·83	92·62
Preston .. .. .	11,232	12,202	23,434	10,688	11,679	22,367	95·16	95·71	95·45
Reservoir .. .. .	11,388	12,194	23,582	11,014	11,658	22,672	96·72	95·60	96·14
Richmond .. .. .	7,975	8,701	16,676	7,693	8,186	15,879	96·46	94·08	95·22
Ripponlea .. .. .	8,219	9,808	18,027	7,329	8,997	16,326	89·17	91·73	90·56
Rodney .. .. .	10,844	10,255	21,099	10,305	9,736	20,041	95·03	94·94	94·99
St. Kilda .. .. .	8,332	10,189	18,521	7,534	9,469	17,003	90·42	92·93	91·80
Sandringham .. ..	14,465	15,597	30,062	13,468	14,865	28,333	93·11	95·31	94·25
Scoresby .. .. .	16,895	17,282	34,177	15,561	16,426	31,987	92·10	95·05	93·59
Swan Hill .. .. .	9,994	8,853	18,847	9,381	8,424	17,805	93·87	95·15	94·47
Toorak .. .. .	7,710	10,795	18,505	6,990	9,919	16,909	90·66	91·89	91·38
Williamstown .. ..	10,015	9,702	19,717	9,353	9,364	18,717	93·39	96·52	94·93
Total all districts ..	691,034	731,554	1,422,588	..	..	..	..	..	..
Uncontested district ..	10,167	9,615	19,782	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total contested districts	680,867	721,939	1,402,806	639,535	679,402	1,318,937	93·93	94·11	94·02

UNCONTESTED DISTRICT.

District.	Member.
Gippsland South .. .. .	Sir H. J. T. Hyland

**Proportion of Voters at elections.** The first general election for the Legislative Assembly was held in the year 1856. The proportion of voters to electors enrolled for contested districts at each of the general elections held since that year is shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—PROPORTION OF VOTERS AT GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1856–1955.

Year of General Election.	Proportion of Voters to Electors of Contested Districts.	Year of General Election.	Proportion of Voters to Electors of Contested Districts.	Year of General Election.	Proportion of Voters to Electors of Contested Districts.
	Per cent.		Per cent.		Per cent.
1856 ..	*	1889 ..	66·58	1921 ..	57·26
1859 ..	*	1892 ..	65·12	1924 ..	59·24
1861 ..	*	1894 ..	70·99	1927 ..	91·76†
1864 ..	*	1897 ..	70·33	1929 ..	93·72
1866 ..	55·10	1900 ..	63·47	1932 ..	94·20
1868 ..	61·59	1902 ..	65·47	1935 ..	94·39
1871 ..	65·02	1904 ..	66·72	1937 ..	93·96
1874 ..	61·00	1907 ..	61·26	1940 ..	93·41
1877 ..	62·29	1908 ..	53·64	1943 ..	87·00§
1880 (Feb.)	66·56	1911 ..	63·61	1945 ..	87·98§
1880 (July)	65·85	1914 ..	53·92	1947 ..	93·44
1883 ..	64·96	1917 ..	54·21	1950 ..	94·40
1886 ..	64·70	1920 ..	63·70	1952 ..	93·59
				1955 ..	94·02

\* Not available.

† The increase in the percentage of voters is accounted for by voting having been made compulsory by Act No. 3488, passed on 23rd December, 1926.

§ The decreases are due to the absence of many electors on war service.

**Preferential voting.** The system of preferential voting was provided for by Statute in 1911 for Legislative Assembly elections, in 1921 for Legislative Council triennial elections, and in 1936 for Legislative Council general elections directly following upon a dissolution of the Council in consequence of disagreements between the two Houses. An illustration of this system of voting is given in the *Year-Book* for 1928–29, page 19.

In 52 of the 65 contested districts in the Legislative Assembly election of 28th May, 1955 there were more than two candidates.

In 22 of these the successful candidate had an absolute majority of the total first preferences recorded and consequently no further distribution of preferences was necessary. In ten of the remaining 30 contests the leading candidate, on the first count, was defeated after the second or subsequent preferences were distributed.

In each of the four remaining contests where a preferential count was required the leading candidate on the first count maintained his position after the distribution of subsequent preferences.

In eight of the fourteen contested provinces in the Legislative Council election of 18th June, 1955, there were more than two

candidates. In four of these, the successful candidate had an absolute majority. In each of the four remaining contests where a preferential count was required the leading candidate on the first count maintained his position after the distribution of subsequent preferences.

### VICTORIA—PARLIAMENTARY—BY—ELECTIONS.

By-elections held in Victoria since 22nd August, 1953, were as follows :—

#### Legislative Council—

14th August, 1954	..	Mr. J. A. Little, elected for Melbourne North Province
29th January, 1955	..	Mr. L. H. S. Thompson elected for Higinbotham Province
2nd April, 1955	..	Mr. C. S. Gawith, elected for Monash Province.

### PARTICULARS OF BY-ELECTIONS.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Melbourne North Province.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of electors on rolls at date of election ..	65,395	69,720	135,115
Number of voters .. .. .	55,247	58,321	113,568
Percentage of voters to total enrolment ..	84·48	83·65	84·05
Higinbotham Province.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of electors on rolls at date of election ..	53,910	63,092	117,002
Number of voters .. .. .	45,090	52,002	97,092
Percentage of voters to total enrolment ..	83·64	82·42	82·98
Monash District.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of electors on rolls at date of election ..	46,364	59,792	106,156
Number of voters .. .. .	34,722	44,968	79,690
Percentage of voters to total enrolment ..	74·89	75·21	75·07

### THE AGENT-GENERAL FOR VICTORIA.

An article on the "Agent-General for Victoria" was published in the *Year-Book* for 1937-38, pages 21 and 22.

The *Agent-General's Act* of 1945 simplifies and consolidates the statutory provisions relating to the administration of the office of the Agent-General for Victoria.

Colonel W. W. Leggatt, D.S.O., M.C., E.D., was appointed Agent-General for Victoria in Great Britain as from 3rd February, 1956.





## PART II.

### POPULATION.

According to manuscript notes made by Captain Lonsdale, the first enumeration of the people was taken by an officer from Sydney on the 25th May, 1836, less than one year after the date of the arrival of John Batman (29th May, 1835). This was the first official census in Victoria, which was at that time known as the district of Port Phillip, and it disclosed that the band of first arrivals consisted of 142 males and 35 females of European origin.

At the census taken in 1838, it was ascertained that the number of inhabitants had increased to 3,511. During each of the years 1840 and 1841 the population increased by nearly 100 per cent., owing principally to the number of assisted immigrants who arrived in the district, and it continued to increase to the end of 1850.

The discovery of gold in 1851 (the year of separation from New South Wales) was the greatest influence in populating Victoria, the numbers increasing from 77,345 at the census in 1851 to 538,628 in 1861, a gain of 596 per cent. In the next ten years the natural increase (excess of births over deaths) was the main factor in the growth of population. From the end of 1870 the population advanced steadily to 1,133,728 at the end of 1890, the increase being 409,803 (natural increase 307,246—gain from migration 102,557). The latter portion of this period was known as the "Land Boom" period which was followed by the inevitable reaction.

Between 1891 and 1905 the population of the State advanced very slowly, the total increase in this period being 76,693. The gain by natural increase—247,078—was offset by the loss from migration—170,385—the discovery of gold in Western Australia being the principal cause of migration from Victoria in the period. A steady annual increase was maintained from 1905 to the end of 1927 (exclusive of the years relating to the War), the population increasing from 1,210,421 to 1,741,832.

During the period 1928–1938 the population of the State increased slowly, the lowest annual increase for the period being recorded in the year 1935. The rate of natural increase dropped considerably and, in seven years of the period, a loss from migration was experienced. The world-wide depression of 1929–1933 had its effect on the population of the State. The population at the end of 1938 was 1,871,099.

During the period of the second World War (1939-1945) the population of Victoria increased by 144,008. There was a considerable increase from migration during the early part of the period due to war conditions. In each of the years 1946 and 1947 the increase in the population was due to natural increase, a loss being experienced by migration in both years. In 1948 a substantial gain by natural increase and by migration was recorded. This was followed by further substantial increases by both natural increase and migration in each of the years 1949 to 1954, the gain from migration in 1950 being the highest on record, excluding the return of troops from overseas after the first World War. The population of Victoria increased by 49,316 (natural increase 30,911—migration 18,405) in 1953, and by 64,842 (natural increase 32,106—migration 32,736) in 1954.

The estimated population of Victoria at the end of 1954 was 2,480,877.

#### VICTORIA—ESTIMATED POPULATION, 1836 TO 1954.

Year.	Estimated Population 31st December.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
1836 (25th May) .. .. .	142	35	177
1836 (8th November) .. ..	186	38	224
1840 .. .. .	7,254	3,037	10,291
1850 .. .. .	45,495	30,667	76,162
1855 .. .. .	226,462	120,843	347,305
1860 .. .. .	330,302	207,932	538,234
1870 .. .. .	397,230	326,695	723,925
1880 .. .. .	450,558	408,047	858,605
1890 .. .. .	595,519	538,209	1,133,728
1900 .. .. .	601,773	594,440	1,196,213
1905 .. .. .	598,134	612,287	1,210,421
1906 .. .. .	600,856	618,976	1,219,832

VICTORIA—ESTIMATED POPULATION, 1836 TO 1954—*continued.*

Year.	Estimated Population 31st December.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
1907	605,775	627,032	1,232,807
1908	614,937	635,512	1,250,449
1909	631,021	646,001	1,277,022
1910	646,482	654,926	1,301,408
1911	668,818	671,075	1,339,893
1912	690,056	692,497	1,382,553
1913	707,444	707,972	1,415,416
1914	713,307	721,881	1,435,188
1915	694,210	730,235	1,424,445
1916	666,245	738,418	1,404,663
1917	671,075	745,985	1,417,060
1918	684,243	753,002	1,437,245
1919	739,956	763,079	1,503,035
1920	753,803	774,106	1,527,909
1921	765,306	785,421	1,550,727
1922	789,517	800,756	1,590,273
1923	807,884	817,571	1,625,455
1924	825,919	831,232	1,657,151
1925	840,817	843,234	1,684,051
1926	855,035	856,952	1,711,987
1927	870,718	871,114	1,741,832
1928	879,478	882,268	1,761,746
1929	886,472	891,797	1,778,269
1930	892,422	900,183	1,792,605
1931	896,429	907,141	1,803,570
1932	900,663	912,724	1,813,387
1933	904,868	919,349	1,824,217
1934	909,806	926,854	1,836,660
1935	910,740	930,855	1,841,595
1936	913,959	935,648	1,849,607
1937	916,974	940,017	1,856,991
1938	924,034	947,065	1,871,099
1939	929,470	953,663	1,883,133
1940	947,037	967,881	1,914,918
1941	964,619	981,806	1,946,425
1942	970,729	991,829	1,962,558
1943	979,549	1,002,067	1,981,616
1944	986,889	1,011,065	1,997,954
1945	994,784	1,020,323	2,015,107
1946	1,006,395	1,033,374	2,039,769
1947	1,016,724	1,045,985	2,062,709
1948	1,039,037	1,069,088	2,108,125
1949	1,071,759	1,097,125	2,168,884
1950	1,114,497	1,122,685	2,237,182
1951	1,150,009	1,149,529	2,299,538
1952	1,189,262	1,177,457	2,366,719
1953	1,212,060	1,203,975	2,416,035
1954	1,246,591	1,234,286	2,480,877

Population, 1953 and 1954 The elements of increase in the population of Victoria during the years 1953 and 1954 are shown in the following table :—

ESTIMATED POPULATION OF VICTORIA AT  
31ST DECEMBER, 1953 AND 1954.

	1953.	1954.
Estimated Population, 1st January	.. 2,366,719	.. 2,416,035
Births .. .. .	53,561 ..	54,660 ..
Deaths .. .. .	22,650 ..	22,554 ..
Natural Increase ..	.. 30,911	.. 32,106
Recorded Migration by Sea, Rail, and Air—		
Arrivals .. .. .	524,030 ..	557,470 ..
Departures .. .. .	507,684 ..	525,706 ..
Gain by Migration ..	.. 16,346	.. 31,764
Estimated Population, 31st Decem- ber .. .. .	.. 2,416,035	.. 2,480,877

NOTE.—The difference between the total increase of population and the total of the elements of increase represents unrecorded migration as disclosed by the results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

Increase of  
Population,  
1860-1954.

The table which follows shows, for each quinquennium from 1860, and for each year of the twenty years, 1935-1954, the natural increase of the population and the gain or loss by migration.

VICTORIA—INCREASE OF POPULATION BY EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS, AND THE GAIN OR LOSS BY MIGRATION, 1860-1954.

Period.	Increase During Period.			Increase Per Cent. During Period.		
	Natural.	Net Migration.	Total.	Natural.	Net Migration.	Total.
1860-64 .. .. .	69,249	7,682	76,931	13·29	1·47	14·76
1865-69 .. .. .	74,639	24,120	98,759	12·48	4·03	16·51
1870-74 .. .. .	81,902	7,444	89,346	11·75	1·07	12·82
1875-79 .. .. .	66,473	(-) 10,824	55,649	8·46	(-) 1·38	7·08
1880-84 .. .. .	72,332	21,688	94,020	8·59	2·58	11·17
1885-89 .. .. .	83,704	86,457	169,161	8·95	9·13	18·08
1890-94 .. .. .	100,292	(-) 23,075	77,217	9·08	(-) 2·09	6·99
1895-99 .. .. .	76,625	(-) 70,239	6,386	6·48	(-) 5·94	0·54
1900-04 .. .. .	74,296	(-) 57,229	17,067	6·25	(-) 4·81	1·44
1905-09 .. .. .	80,312	(-) 8,898	71,414	6·66	(-) 0·74	5·92
1910-14 .. .. .	93,975	64,191	158,166	7·36	5·03	12·39
1915-19 .. .. .	84,092	(-) 16,245	67,847	5·86	(-) 1·13	4·73
1920-24 .. .. .	98,235	55,881	154,116	6·53	3·72	10·25
1925-29 .. .. .	91,091	30,027	121,118	5·50	1·81	7·31
1930-34 .. .. .	61,242	(-) 2,851	58,391	3·44	(-) 0·16	3·28
1935-39 .. .. .	52,364	(-) 5,883	46,473	2·85	(-) 0·32	2·53
1940-44 .. .. .	76,250	47,527	114,821	4·05	2·53	6·10
1945-49 .. .. .	120,943	51,928	170,930	6·05	2·60	8·56
1950-54 .. .. .	148,029	163,964	311,993	6·83	7·56	14·39
1935 .. .. .	9,428	(-) 4,493	4,935	0·51	(-) 0·24	0·27
1936 .. .. .	10,105	(-) 2,093	8,012	0·55	(-) 0·11	0·44
1937 .. .. .	11,118	(-) 3,734	7,384	0·60	(-) 0·20	0·40
1938 .. .. .	11,389	2,719	14,108	0·61	0·15	0·76
1939 .. .. .	10,324	1,718	12,034	0·55	0·09	0·64
1940 .. .. .	11,669	20,268	31,785	0·62	1·08	1·69
1941 .. .. .	13,981	18,898	31,507	0·73	0·99	1·65
1942 .. .. .	13,954	5,527	16,133	0·72	0·29	0·83
1943 .. .. .	17,790	3,789	19,058	0·91	0·19	0·97
1944 .. .. .	18,856	(-) 955	16,338	0·95	(-) 0·05	0·82
1945 .. .. .	20,704	(-) 1,812	17,153	1·04	(-) 0·09	0·86
1946 .. .. .	25,159	(-) 327	24,662	1·25	(-) 0·02	1·22
1947 .. .. .	25,924	(-) 2,952	22,940	1·27	(-) 0·14	1·12
1948 .. .. .	24,274	21,142	45,416	1·18	1·02	2·20
1949 .. .. .	24,882	35,877	60,759	1·18	1·70	2·88
1950 .. .. .	27,489	40,809	68,298	1·27	1·88	3·15
1951 .. .. .	27,107	35,249	62,356	1·21	1·58	2·79
1952 .. .. .	30,416	36,765	67,181	1·32	1·60	2·92
1953 .. .. .	30,911	18,405	49,316	1·30	0·78	2·08
1954 .. .. .	32,106	32,736	64,842	1·33	1·35	2·68

(-) Indicates excess of departures over arrivals, also a decrease.

NOTE.—Natural increase from September, 1939, to June, 1947, represents the excess of births over civilian deaths.

Total increase includes deaths of defence personnel, whether in Australia or overseas, from September, 1939 to June, 1947.

Figures for the years 1947 to 1954, have been adjusted in accordance with the results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

**Migration.** The following table shows the recorded migration to and from Victoria during the years 1953 and 1954:—

VICTORIA—MIGRATION, 1953 AND 1954.

	1953.		1954.	
Migration by Sea, Rail, and Air—				
Arrivals .. .. .	524,030	..	557,470	..
Departures .. .. .	507,684	..	525,706	..
Gain by Migration ..	..	16,346	..	31,764

The recorded interstate and overseas movement of people to and from Victoria, during the years 1953 and 1954, is shown in the following table:—

Year.	Arrivals in Victoria.			Departures from Victoria.			Excess of Arrivals Over Departures.		
	Inter-state.	From Other Countries Direct.	Total.	Inter-state.	To Other Countries Direct.	Total.	Inter-state.	Other Countries Direct.	Total.
1953 ..	479,586	44,444	524,030	480,297	18,387	507,684	(-)9,711	26,057	16,346
1954 ..	493,534	63,936	557,470	504,995	20,711	525,706	(-)11,461	43,225	31,764

(-) Indicates excess of departures over arrivals.

In 1953 and 1954 the increase in the population by migration was due entirely to the large gain by oversea migration, a loss being recorded by interstate migration. The volume of migration for each of these years was 1,031,714 and 1,083,176 respectively.

The following table shows the recorded interstate movement of population to and from Victoria during the period 1950 to 1954:—

VICTORIA—INTERSTATE MIGRATION, 1950-1954.

Year.	Arrivals.	Departures.	Excess of Departures over Arrivals.
1950 .. .. .	464,931	490,269	25,338
1951 .. .. .	524,436	541,348	16,912
1952 .. .. .	497,649	517,316	19,667
1953 .. .. .	479,586	489,297	9,711
1954 .. .. .	493,534	504,995	11,461

Oversea  
Migration.  
1953 and 1954.

The oversea migration between Victoria, and British and foreign countries for the years 1953 and 1954 is shown in the following tables:—

VICTORIA—OVERSEA MIGRATION, 1953.

Place of Departure or Destination.	Arrivals from During—					Departures to During—				
	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	September Quarter.	December Quarter.	Total.	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	September Quarter.	December Quarter.	Total.
British—										
United Kingdom and Ireland	3,915	3,013	3,345	4,748	15,021	3,517	2,533	2,012	1,559	9,621
Canada .. .. .	..	1	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	5
Ceylon .. .. .	220	109	124	160	613	119	118	114	126	477
Fiji .. .. .	..	..	..	8	8	..	..	..	..	..
Hong Kong .. .. .	14	1	11	15	41	15	34	11	17	77
India .. .. .	101	56	74	102	333	88	56	50	82	276
Malta .. .. .	97	138	113	438	786	51	10	7	30	98
Malaya .. .. .	16	3	9	9	37	35	51	53	17	156
Nauru (Mandated Territory) ..	109	50	67	25	251	27	86	61	72	246
New Guinea (Mandated Territory)	2	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	2	2
New Zealand .. .. .	854	523	567	662	2,606	682	476	572	752	2,482
Pakistan .. .. .	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Papua .. .. .	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	1
Singapore .. .. .	14	4	2	13	33	39	56	24	43	162
Solomon Islands .. .. .	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Union of South Africa .. .. .	124	41	159	143	467	190	35	93	196	514
Other British Countries .. .. .	48	38	57	55	198	28	73	61	49	211
Total British Countries .. .. .	5,515	3,978	4,532	6,378	20,403	4,796	3,528	3,058	2,946	14,328

Population.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA MIGRATION, 1953—*continued.*

Place of Departure or Destination.	Arrivals from During--					Departures to During--				
	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	September Quarter.	December Quarter.	Total.	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	September Quarter.	December Quarter.	Total.
Foreign--										
Denmark .. .. .	..	..	1	2	3	..	..	..	..	..
Egypt .. .. .	148	235	150	240	773	29	22	59	19	129
France .. .. .	..	1	6	4	11	131	..	45	83	259
Germany .. .. .	1,376	1,573	1,334	2,485	6,768	..	142	..	30	172
Greece .. .. .	167	450	333	788	1,738	..	1	..	..	1
Italy .. .. .	2,644	2,279	1,899	2,925	9,747	753	1,011	958	357	3,079
Japan .. .. .	5	6	8	2	21	14	36	44	15	109
Netherlands .. .. .	2,063	536	921	1,271	4,791	159	6	16	11	192
United States of America .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	4	7	18
Other Foreign Countries .. .. .	44	34	58	53	189	39	28	13	20	100
Total Foreign Countries .. .. .	6,447	5,114	4,710	7,770	24,041	1,131	1,247	1,139	542	4,059
Grand Total .. .. .	11,962	9,092	9,242	14,148	44,444	5,927	4,775	4,197	3,488	18,387



VICTORIA—OVERSEA MIGRATION, 1954.

Place of Departure or Destination.	Arrivals from During—					Departures to During—				
	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	September Quarter.	December Quarter.	Total.	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	September Quarter.	December Quarter.	Total.
British—										
United Kingdom and Ireland	3,709	2,821	4,299	4,878	15,707	3,244	3,699	2,179	1,989	11,111
Canada .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	8	28
Ceylon .. .. .	151	103	122	162	538	94	124	110	121	449
Fiji .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hong Kong .. .. .	15	10	12	12	49	19	20	20	20	79
India .. .. .	117	58	148	105	428	74	103	34	76	287
Malta .. .. .	420	577	386	1,409	2,792	10	13	17	16	56
Malaya .. .. .	8	5	45	..	58	9	7	54	2	72
Nauru (Mandated Territory) ..	83	44	35	42	204	35	118	44	61	258
New Guinea (Mandated Territory)	5	2	7	5	19	..	..	..	3	3
New Zealand .. .. .	740	659	679	513	2,591	702	457	578	572	2,309
Pakistan .. .. .	..	..	..	6	6	6	..	7	4	17
Papua .. .. .	..	..	..	14	14	1	..	1	2	4
Singapore .. .. .	37	22	37	31	127	42	49	34	62	187
Solomon Islands .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Union of South Africa ..	167	84	120	94	465	123	97	150	59	429
Other British Countries ..	112	65	60	89	326	77	93	39	65	274
Total British Countries ..	5,564	4,450	5,950	7,360	23,324	4,456	4,780	3,267	3,060	15,563

Population.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA MIGRATION, 1954—*continued.*

Place of Departure or Destination.	Arrivals from During—					Departures to During—				
	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	September Quarter.	December Quarter.	Total.	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	September Quarter.	December Quarter.	Total.
Foreign—										
Denmark .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	19
Egypt .. .. .	264	193	200	274	931	35	27	11	31	104
France .. .. .	3	..	..	3	6	205	108	106	97	516
Germany .. .. .	2,455	3,195	2,804	4,165	12,619	13	74	16	..	103
Greece .. .. .	1,249	1,766	1,787	3,134	7,936	..	89	48	49	186
Italy .. .. .	2,682	2,381	2,772	2,643	10,478	931	1,597	540	642	3,710
Japan .. .. .	5	11	10	20	46	57	78	65	48	248
Netherlands .. ..	1,654	973	919	2,216	5,762	65	25	28	21	139
United States of America ..	..	..	7	..	7	12	..	1	3	16
Other Foreign Countries ..	784	1,924	65	54	2,827	32	42	18	15	107
Total Foreign Countries ..	9,096	10,443	8,564	12,509	40,612	1,350	2,040	852	906	5,148
Grand Total .. .. .	14,660	14,893	14,514	19,869	63,936	5,806	6,820	4,119	3,966	20,711

Oversea Migration, 1950-1954.

The following table shows the oversea migration for the period 1950 to 1954 :—

VICTORIA—OVERSEA MIGRATION, 1950-1954.

Year.	Arrivals.	Departures.	Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
1950 .. ..	77,934	13,160	64,774
1951 .. ..	64,205	14,302	49,903
1952 .. ..	73,984	19,264	54,720
1953 .. ..	44,444	18,387	26,057
1954 .. ..	63,936	20,711	43,225

Classification of Migrants.

The following tables show the oversea migration for 1953, and 1954, classified according to permanent and temporary migrants :—

OVERSEA MIGRATION, 1953.

	Arrivals.				Departures.			
	Perma- nent New Arrivals.*	Australian Residents Returning from Abroad.	Visitors.	Total.	Aus- tralian Residents Departing Perma- nently.	Aus- tralian Residents Departing Tem- porarily.	Visitors.	Total.
Victoria..	33,522	6,801	4,121	44,444	7,702	6,900	3,785	18,387
Common- wealth	74,915	42,695	45,515	163,125	32,032	39,946	48,250	120,228

OVERSEA MIGRATION, 1954.

	Arrivals.				Departures.			
	Perma- nent New Arrivals*	Aus- tralian Residents Returning from Abroad.	Visitors.	Total.	Aus- tralian Residents Departing Perma- nently.	Aus- tralian Residents Departing Tem- porarily.	Visitors.	Total.
Victoria..	52,944	7,010	3,982	63,936	8,730	8,364	3,617	20,711
Common- wealth	104,014	44,944	49,067	198,025	35,449	45,701	48,668	129,818

\* Permanent new arrivals in Australia whose State of disembarkation was Victoria.

Nationality of Oversea Migrants.

The following statement shows the nationalities of the permanent new arrivals in Australia, whose State of

intended future permanent residence was Victoria, during the years 1953 and 1954 :—

VICTORIA—NATIONALITY OF PERMANENT NEW ARRIVALS, 1953 AND 1954.

Nationality.	Arrivals 1953.			Arrivals 1954.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
British .. ..	4,636	5,548	10,184	7,173	6,659	13,832
Irish .. ..	62	51	113	48	22	70
Afghan .. ..	..	..	..	..	1	1
American (U.S.) .. ..	169	162	331	190	153	343
Albanian .. ..	..	1	1	2	2	4
Argentinian .. ..	1	..	1	1	..	1
Arabian .. ..	2	4	6	..	..	..
Austrian .. ..	58	73	131	683	370	1,053
Belgian .. ..	13	13	26	11	17	28
Brazilian .. ..	..	1	1	..	..	..
Bulgarian .. ..	2	2	4	5	3	8
Burmese .. ..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Chilean .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chinese .. ..	84	28	112	51	18	69
Czecho-Slovak .. ..	30	11	41	9	10	19
Danish .. ..	14	18	32	21	8	29
Dutch .. ..	2,213	1,916	4,129	2,974	2,429	5,403
Egyptian .. ..	4	5	9	3	2	5
Estonian .. ..	3	3	6	..	..	..
Filipino .. ..	..	..	..	3	..	3
French .. ..	32	34	66	37	47	84
Finnish .. ..	23	6	29	10	7	17
German .. ..	3,678	2,812	6,490	6,199	5,417	11,616
Greek .. ..	1,379	689	2,068	4,999	2,691	7,690
Hungarian .. ..	22	18	40	14	15	29
Indonesian .. ..	15	7	22	12	2	14
Israeli .. ..	69	73	142	104	114	218
Italian .. ..	3,457	3,467	6,924	4,641	4,563	9,204
Japanese .. ..	9	59	68	15	49	64
Latvian .. ..	16	9	25	5	8	13
Lebanese .. ..	8	6	14	26	26	52
Lithuanian .. ..	6	4	10	1	2	3
Mexican .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Norwegian .. ..	9	10	19	4	10	14
Polish* .. ..	70	60	130	25	25	50
Portuguese .. ..	2	1	3	2	2	4
Rumanian .. ..	2	..	2	9	8	17
Russian† .. ..	19	23	42	12	7	19
Ukrainian .. ..	11	11	22	5	2	7
Spanish .. ..	11	15	26	13	10	23
Swedish .. ..	12	10	22	9	5	14
Swiss .. ..	47	26	73	29	25	54
Syrian .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Turkish .. ..	3	3	6	6	7	13
Yugo-Slav .. ..	80	77	157	85	132	217
Other ‡ .. ..	304	221	525	1,179	722	1,901
Total .. ..	16,575	15,477	32,052	28,616	23,590	52,206

\* Includes "Stateless" who were formally Polish. † Includes "Stateless" who were formally Russian. ‡ Includes "Stateless" with former Nationality stated but other than Polish or Russian.

**Assisted Immigration.**

The Migration Scheme in operation prior to the war ceased on the outbreak of war. During the war assisted immigration was discontinued, except in cases of close family reunion involving wives and dependent children, and other special cases having exceptional features, for which special approval was required.

Two new agreements were signed between the Commonwealth and United Kingdom Governments on the 5th March, 1946, the first for the granting of free passages from the British Isles to British ex-Service personnel, and their wives and children, who wish to come here, and are accepted as suitable for settlement in this country; and the second for the granting of assisted passages from the United Kingdom to British civilians not eligible under the free passage scheme.

**Population of Melbourne Metropolitan Area.**

For many years the population of Melbourne Metropolitan Area was estimated as that contained in an area within a radius of 10 miles from the Elizabeth-street, Post Office. To conform to the growth of the urban population in certain directions the metropolitan area was redefined in 1929, 1947, and 1954. The municipalities included in this area and the population of each are as under:—

**POPULATION, ETC., OF MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA AT CENSUS OF 30TH JUNE, 1954, AND ESTIMATED AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1954.**

Municipal District.	Area in Acres, 1954.	Enumerated Population at Census, 30th June, 1954.	Estimated Population 31st December, 1954.	Persons to the Acre, 31st December, 1954.
Box Hill City .. .. .	5,309	35,554	36,400	6·86
Brighton City .. .. .	3,380	40,458	40,700	12·04
Broadmeadows Shire (Broadmeadows and Campbellfield Ridings only) .. .. .	33,110	23,065	24,900	0·75
Brunswick City .. .. .	2,625	53,620	53,300	20·30
Camberwell City .. .. .	8,682	90,397	91,400	10·53
Caulfield City .. .. .	5,431	75,217	74,900	13·79
Chelsea City .. .. .	3,020	16,857	17,100	5·66
Coburg City .. .. .	4,616	62,077	63,100	13·67
Collingwood City .. .. .	1,180	27,155	27,000	22·88
Dandenong Shire .. .. .	34,600	27,748	29,300	0·85
Doncaster and Templestowe Shire .. .. .	22,090	6,814	7,000	0·32
Eltham Shire (South Riding only) .. .. .	9,505	7,499	7,700	0·81
Essendon City .. .. .	4,073	57,873	58,200	14·29
Fern Tree Gully Shire (North, Centre, and East Ridings only) .. .. .	32,790	22,019	22,600	0·69
Fitzroy City .. .. .	904	30,312	30,200	33·4

POPULATION, ETC., OF MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA AT CENSUS OF 30TH JUNE, 1954, AND ESTIMATED AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1954—  
*continued.*

Municipal District.	Area in Acres, 1954.	Enumerated Population at Census, 30th June, 1954.	Estimated Population 31st December, 1954	Persons to the Acre, 31st December, 1954.
Footscray City .. .. .	4,441	57,915	58,400	13·15
Frankston and Hastings Shire (Seaford, Frankston, and Mt. Eliza Ridings only) .. .. .	17,460	15,478	15,900	0·91
Hawthorn City .. .. .	2,411	37,188	36,900	15·30
Heidelberg City .. .. .	30,490	60,007	61,800	2·03
Keilor Shire .. .. .	35,145	10,681	11,200	0·32
Kew City .. .. .	3,596	31,518	31,700	8·82
Lillydale Shire (Western, North, and Southern Ridings only) .. .. .	57,365	16,619	17,100	0·30
Malvern City .. .. .	3,935	46,910	46,800	11·89
Melbourne City .. .. .	7,765	93,172	92,700	11·94
Moorabbin City .. .. .	13,295	65,332	68,100	5·12
Mordialloc City .. .. .	3,013	21,025	21,300	7·07
Mulgrave Shire .. .. .	16,505	20,293	21,900	1·33
Northcote City .. .. .	2,819	43,604	43,400	15·40
Nunawading City .. .. .	10,275	23,855	25,200	2·45
Oakleigh City .. .. .	3,326	24,305	25,000	7·52
Port Melbourne City .. .. .	2,628	13,104	12,900	4·91
Prahran City .. .. .	2,361	54,009	53,600	22·70
Preston City .. .. .	9,155	63,868	65,400	7·14
Richmond City .. .. .	1,513	35,213	34,900	23·07
Ringwood Borough .. .. .	5,625	12,951	13,700	2·44
Sandringham City .. .. .	3,700	31,758	32,300	8·73
South Melbourne City .. .. .	2,203	37,995	37,600	17·07
St. Kilda City .. .. .	2,118	53,301	53,000	25·02
Sunshine City .. .. .	19,775	41,332	43,400	2·19
Werribee Shire (Altona Riding only)	10,135	6,700	7,000	0·69
Williamstown City .. .. .	3,377	29,313	29,500	8·74
Total .. .. .	445,746	1,524,111	1,544,500	3·46

**Density of metropolitan population.**

Fitzroy is the most thickly populated municipality, with 33·4 persons to the acre; St. Kilda has 25·0; Richmond, 23·1; Collingwood, 22·9; Prahran, 22·7; Brunswick, 20·3; South Melbourne, 17·1; and Melbourne City, 11·9.

**Population of cities, principal towns and boroughs outside Melbourne Metropolitan Area.**

Outside the boundaries of Melbourne Metropolitan Area the chief centres of population in Victoria are the cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong. The particulars relating to these cities are inclusive of the urban populations in contiguous shires. The populations of cities, principal towns, and boroughs are given in the following table:—

VICTORIA—POPULATIONS OF CITIES, PRINCIPAL TOWNS AND BOROUGHES OUTSIDE MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA AT 30TH JUNE, AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1954.

Locality.	Enumerated Population at the Census of 30th June, 1954.	Estimated Population 31st December, 1954.	Locality.	Enumerated Population at the Census of 30th June, 1954.	Estimated Population 31st December, 1954.
Cities—			Towns—		
Ararat ..	7,414	7,490	Castlemaine	6,577	6,610
Ballarat* ..	48,030	48,410	Colac ..	8,032	8,110
Bendigo† ..	36,918	37,260	Portland ..	4,759	4,850
Geelong‡ ..	72,595	74,220	Boroughs—		
Hamilton ..	8,507	8,610	Benalla ..	6,045	6,080
Horsham ..	7,767	7,840	Echuca ..	5,405	5,490
Mildura ..	10,972	11,040	Maryborough	6,827	6,880
Sale ..	6,537	6,580	Stawell ..	5,463	5,490
Shepparton ..	10,848	11,040	Swan Hill ..	5,197	5,260
Warrnambool	10,850	10,970	Wangaratta	10,715	10,930
			Wonthaggi	4,461	4,460

\* Includes municipalities of Ballarat and Sebastopol and parts of the Shires of Ballarat and Buninyong.

† Includes municipalities of Bendigo and Eaglehawk and parts of the Shires of Marong and Strathfieldsaye.

‡ Includes municipalities of Geelong, Geelong West, and Newtown and Chilwell and parts of the Shires of Bellarine, Corio, and South Barwon.

**Population of Melbourne Metropolitan Area and remainder of State, 1861-1954.**

The population of Melbourne Metropolitan Area increased from 139,916 at the census of 1861 to 1,544,500 at 31st December, 1954. In the same period the population of the remainder of the State increased from 398,712 to 936,377. During only one intercensal period—1891-1901—was the percentage increase greater in the country than in the metropolis. There was little increase in the population of Melbourne Metropolitan Area in this period, due to the severe industrial depression which prevailed in Victoria during the eight years 1892 to 1899. With the decline in the gold-mining industry, the rate of increase in the country areas diminished until, at the beginning of the present century, the

rural population became almost stationary. Between 1901 and 1933, the population of Melbourne Metropolitan Area increased by 495,855; in the same period the population of the remainder of the State increased by 123,336. The closing years of the period were years of world wide depression, during which Melbourne lost population, to a slight degree, to the rural districts of the State. Following the depression, the population of Melbourne Metropolitan Area increased steadily until the outbreak of war in 1939. In the war years which followed there was a considerable increase in the population of the metropolitan area, due partly to migration from the rural areas of the State. In 1946, the country areas showed a substantial increase in population. The enlargement of the area of Melbourne Metropolitan Area in 1947 resulted in a loss to the country areas of approximately 30,000 persons and a further enlargement of this area in 1954 resulted in a similar loss of approximately 115,000 persons. In each of the years during the period 1948-54 overseas migration had a pronounced effect on the increase in the population. The large gain by overseas migration was the main factor in the increase of population in Victoria in 1953 and 1954. In the table hereunder are given the population of Victoria, Melbourne Metropolitan Area, and the remainder of the State at each census since 1861, and at the end of each year since 1947.

POPULATION OF VICTORIA, MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA AND REMAINDER OF THE STATE, 1861-1954.

(a) Census. (b) At 31st December (estimated).	Population at each Date.		
	Victoria.	Melbourne Metropolitan Area.	Remainder of State.
(a)			
1861 .. .. .	538,628	139,916	398,712
1871 .. .. .	730,198	206,780	523,418
1881 .. .. .	861,566	282,947	578,619
1891 .. .. .	1,140,088	490,896	649,192
1901 .. .. .	1,201,070	496,079	704,991
1911 .. .. .	1,315,551	593,237	722,314
1921 .. .. .	1,531,280	782,979	748,301
1933 .. .. .	1,820,261	991,934	828,327
1947 .. .. .	2,054,701	1,226,409	828,292
1954 (30th June)	2,452,341	1,524,111	928,230
(b)			
1947 .. .. .	2,062,709	1,228,300	834,409
1948 .. .. .	2,108,125	1,247,800	860,325
1949 .. .. .	2,168,884	1,272,300	896,584
1950 .. .. .	2,237,182	1,302,200	934,982
1951 .. .. .	2,299,538	1,330,800	968,738
1952 .. .. .	2,366,719	1,359,100	1,007,619
1953 .. .. .	2,416,035	1,388,800	1,027,235
1954 .. .. .	2,480,877	1,544,500	936,377



**Population of Australian States and of New Zealand.** In the following table is given the estimated population of each Australian State and of New Zealand at 31st December, 1953, and 1954.

**POPULATION OF AUSTRALIAN STATES AND TERRITORIES AND OF NEW ZEALAND AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1953, AND 1954.**

State.	Area in Square Miles.	Estimated Population at 31st December,		Persons to the Square Mile.		Proportion in each State or Territory.	
		1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.
Victoria ..	87,884	2,416,035	2,480,877	27·49	28·23	27·14	27·29
New South Wales	309,433	3,409,009	3,462,313	11·02	11·19	38·29	38·09
Queensland ..	670,500	1,298,420	1,322,752	1·94	1·97	14·58	14·55
South Australia	380,070	785,665	808,243	2·07	2·13	8·83	8·89
Western Australia	975,920	631,743	649,415	0·65	0·67	7·10	7·14
Tasmania ..	26,215	316,465	319,511	12·07	12·19	3·55	3·52
Territories :— Northern ..	523,620	15,635	16,140	0·03	0·03	0·18	0·18
Australian Capital ..	939*	29,714	31,144	31·64	33·17	0·33	0·34
Australia ..	2,974,581	8,902,686	9,090,395	2·99	3·06	100·00	100·00
New Zealand	103,736	2,074,781†	2,118,434‡	20·00	20·42	..	..

\*Includes Jervis Bay.

† Includes 126,146 Maoris.

‡ Includes 130,806 Maoris.

Population of  
Australian  
States and of  
New Zealand,  
1881 to 1954.

In the following table is given the census population of each Australian State and of New Zealand from 1881 to 1954 :—

CENSUS POPULATIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN STATES AND TERRITORIES AND OF NEW ZEALAND.

	Population at the Census of—							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1933.	1947.	1954.
States—								
Victoria .. ..	861,566	1,140,088	1,201,070	1,315,551	1,531,280	1,820,261	2,054,701	2,452,341
New South Wales .. ..	749,825	1,127,137	1,354,846	1,646,734	2,100,371	2,600,847	2,984,838	3,423,529
Queensland .. ..	213,525	393,718	498,129	605,813	755,972	947,534	1,106,415	1,318,259
South Australia .. ..	276,414	315,533	358,346	408,558	495,160	580,949	646,073	797,094
Western Australia .. ..	29,708	49,782	184,124	282,114	332,732	438,852	502,480	639,771
Tasmania .. ..	115,705	146,667	172,475	191,211	213,780	227,599	257,078	308,752
Territories—								
Northern .. ..	3,451	4,898	4,811	3,310	3,867	4,850	10,868	16,469
Australian Capital .. ..	..	..	..	1,714*	2,572	8,947	16,905	30,315
Australia .. ..	2,250,194	3,177,823	3,773,801	4,455,005	5,435,734	6,629,839	7,579,358	8,986,530
New Zealand—								
Excluding Maoris .. ..	487,889	624,455	770,304	1,005,585	1,214,677	1,491,484†	1,603,554‡	1,823,796
Including Maoris .. ..	534,030	668,632	815,853	1,058,308	1,271,664	1,573,810†	1,702,298‡	1,939,472

\* Part of New South Wales prior to 1911.

† Census of 1936.

‡ Census of 1945.

|| Census of 1951.

**Population of Australian Capital Cities 1901-1954.** The populations of Australian capital cities at each census, 1901-1954, are shown in the following table:—

**POPULATIONS OF AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL CITIES, 1901 TO 1954.**

	Population at Census of—					
	1901.	1911.	1921.	1933.	1947.	1954.
Melbourne .. ..	496,079	593,237	782,979	991,934	1,226,409	1,524,111
Sydney .. ..	481,830	629,503	899,059	1,235,267	1,434,004	1,863,161
Brisbane .. ..	119,428	139,480	209,946	299,748	402,030	502,320
Adelaide .. ..	162,261	189,646	255,375	312,619	382,454	483,508
Perth .. ..	66,832	103,792	154,873	207,440	272,528	348,647
Hobart .. ..	34,604	39,937	52,361	60,406	76,534	95,206

The population of Canberra at the Census of 1954, was 28,277.

At the Census of 1954, approximately 53 per cent. of the population of Australia was concentrated in the capital cities of the six States.

Sydney has been the most populous city in Australia since 1902.

**Increase of population in census periods.**

The population at each census from 1861 to 1954, and the numerical and percentage increase during each census period, are shown in the following table:—

**POPULATION OF VICTORIA, 1861-1954.**

Year of Census.	Both Sexes.				Males.				Females.			
	Population.	Increase in Census Period.		Population.	Increase in Census Period.		Population.	Increase in Census Period.				
		Numerical.	Percentage.		Numerical.	Percentage.		Numerical.	Percentage.			
1861	538,628	461,283*	596·40*	327,605	281,403*	609·07*	211,023	179,880*	577·59*			
1871	730,198	191,570	35·57	400,266	72,661	22·18	329,932	118,909	58·35			
1881	861,566	131,368	17·99	451,623	51,357	12·83	409,943	80,011	24·25			
1891	1,140,088	278,522	32·33	598,222	146,599	32·46	541,866	131,923	32·18			
1901	1,201,070	60,982	5·35	608,720	5,498	0·92	597,350	55,484	10·24			
1911	1,315,551	114,481	9·53	655,591	51,871	8·59	659,960	62,610	10·48			
1921	1,531,280	215,729	16·40	754,724	99,133	15·12	776,556	116,596	17·67			
1933	1,820,261	288,981	18·87	903,244	148,520	19·68	917,017	140,461	18·09			
1947	2,054,701	234,440	12·88	1,013,867	110,623	12·25	1,040,834	123,817	13·50			
1954	2,452,341	397,640	19·35	1,231,099	217,232	21·43	1,221,242	180,408	17·33			

\* Since 1851.

**Masculinity of the Population.** The ratio of males to females, at each census from 1861 to 1954, was as follows:—

Census.								Males to 100 Females.
1861	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	155·25
1871	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	121·32
1881	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	110·17
1891	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	110·40
1901	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	101·07
1911	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	99·34
1921	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	97·19
1933	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	98·50
1947	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	97·41
1954	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100·81

**Aborigines in Victoria.**

Prior to the first white settlements in what is now the State of Victoria, aborigines were not present in large numbers. It is known that infanticide was practised, and that numbers were further reduced by tribal wars. Estimates of those present in 1835 were made by men who obtained early knowledge of the natives and others who at a later date examined all the evidence on the subject. These estimates varied from 5,000 to 15,000.

After 1835 infanticide and tribal wars continued, but further mortality arose from the white man's infectious diseases and habits, and from disturbance of the natives' way of life. During the years following 1835 the aboriginal population decreased and at the date of separation of the Port Phillip district from New South Wales, the number had become comparatively small.

Few killings of natives by white men, and white men by natives, were recorded. These appear to have been, in the main, isolated incidents.

The estimated number of quadroons and persons having a greater degree of aboriginal blood who were born in Victoria and were living in this State on 30th June, 1953, was 825 of whom 25 were full-blood aborigines. The corresponding number at 30th June, 1954, was 836 of whom 23 were full-blood aborigines.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF ABORIGINES UNDER CARE,  
1952-53 AND 1953-54.

Location.	Aborigines.		Mixed Bloods.		Total.	
	1952-53.	1953-54.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1952-53.	1953-54.
Lake Tyers Station ..	7	7	200	145	207	152
In Institutions ..	3	3	6	6	9	9
Total ..	10	10	206	151	216	161

As will be seen from the above figures, the aborigines under the care of the Board for the Protection of the aborigines are concentrated at the Lake Tyers Aboriginal Station, in East Gippsland, where supervision is exercised by a resident staff.

Some 60 people of part aboriginal blood live on an old reserve at Framlingham, near Warrnambool, in Government cottages, for which they are charged a nominal rental. These people maintain themselves, but several are in receipt of age pensions or other social services allowances. They are visited monthly by a police officer, who has been appointed Local Guardian of Aborigines.

Of the remaining 560, approximately 50 live more or less permanently in Melbourne suburbs, and 500 in country districts, mainly at Bruthen, Dimboola, Healesville, Lakes Entrance, Moe, Orbost, Mooroopna, and Swan Hill. Those of working age generally follow seasonal employment.

During 1952-53, eight children (7 males and 1 female) were born to mixed blood parents at the Lake Tyers Station and two marriages were celebrated there.

During 1953-54, four children (2 males and 2 females) were born to mixed blood parents at the Lake Tyers Station and one marriage was celebrated there. One death occurred at the Station.

The Board for the Protection of Aborigines expended £8,360 in 1952-53 and £9,795 in 1953-54 on the care and maintenance of aborigines during the year. A Trust Fund known as the Aborigines Board Produce Fund is kept at the Treasury. Receipts from the sale of timber, stock, hides, &c., are paid to this fund, from which wages are paid to the aborigines who work on the Lake Tyers Station. The credit balance in the fund at 30th June, 1953, was £5,940 and at 30th June, 1954, was £5,041.

The *Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948* commenced **Naturalization.** on Australia Day (26th January), 1949, and repealed all previous Commonwealth legislation on this subject.

The number of persons naturalized in Victoria in the year 1953 was 728 and in 1954 was 1,428. They were of various nationalities, 37 per cent. in 1953 and 29 per cent. in 1954 being of Polish origin. During the 84 years, 1871 to 1954 inclusive, 32,109 persons were naturalized. The following table shows the persons of each nationality naturalized in Victoria during the four years 1951-1954 :—

VICTORIA—BIRTHPLACES OF PERSONS NATURALIZED,  
1951-1954.

Nationality.	Numbers Naturalized in each Year.				Total Naturalized 1951 to 1954.
	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	
Albanian .. .. .	10	2	4	6	22
Austrian .. .. .	23	74	42	75	214
Czechoslovak .. .. .	29	46	44	103	222
Danish .. .. .	1	4	1	6	12
Dutch .. .. .	28	50	44	79	201
Estonian .. .. .	2	4	7	21	34
Finnish .. .. .	2	..	1	3	6
French .. .. .	1	1	2	10	14
German .. .. .	68	78	54	101	301
Greek .. .. .	58	15	28	68	169
Hungarian .. .. .	1	42	45	83	171
Italian .. .. .	165	48	45	112	370
Latvian .. .. .	3	6	20	53	82
Lithuanian .. .. .	1	1	3	30	35
Norwegian .. .. .	5	9	4	12	30
Polish .. .. .	84	195	271	407	957
Roumanian .. .. .	1	4	6	29	40
Russian .. .. .	..	..	..	7	7
Swedish .. .. .	3	3	3	3	12
Swiss .. .. .	3	1	2	4	10
Ukrainian .. .. .	..	2	2	23	27
Yugoslav .. .. .	10	8	11	38	67
Other European Countries .. .. .	7	1	4	14	26
U.S. American .. .. .	7	7	11	4	29
Other nationalities .. .. .	4	5	12	25	46
Stateless .. .. .	38	66	62	112	278
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>3,382</b>

**CENSUS OF 1954.**

The last Census of the Commonwealth was taken on 30th June, 1954.

The following statement shows the population of, and the number of dwellings in, each of the municipalities of Victoria at the Census of 30th June, 1954, and also the estimated population of each municipality at 31st December, 1954.

**VICTORIA—POPULATION OF AND DWELLINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES AT THE CENSUS OF 30TH JUNE, 1954, AND ESTIMATED POPULATION OF MUNICIPALITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1954.**

For the purpose of the Census, a "dwelling" is any habitation occupied by a household group living together as a domestic unit, whether comprising the whole or only part of a building. The term has, therefore, a very wide reference and includes, in addition to houses and flats, a great variety of "dwellings" ranging from a single-roomed shack to a multi-roomed hotel or institution. "Unoccupied dwellings" include "week-end," holiday, or other dwellings temporarily unoccupied on the night of the Census. They also include newly completed dwellings awaiting occupation.

Municipality.	Population.		Dwellings at Census.		
	Enumerated at Census 30th June, 1954.	Estimated at 31st December, 1954.	Occupied.	Un-occupied.	Total.
<b>MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA.</b>					
<i>Cities.</i>					
Box Hill .. ..	35,554	36,400	9,657	138	9,795
Brighton .. ..	40,458	40,700	11,909	248	12,157
Brunswick .. ..	53,620	53,300	14,566	188	14,754
Camberwell .. ..	90,397	91,400	26,190	428	26,618
Caulfield .. ..	75,217	74,900	22,510	431	22,941
Chelsea .. ..	16,857	17,100	4,777	250	5,027
Coburg .. ..	62,077	63,100	16,380	236	16,616
Collingwood .. ..	27,155	27,000	7,281	106	7,387
Essendon .. ..	57,873	58,200	16,282	237	16,519
Fitzroy .. ..	30,312	30,200	8,305	131	8,436
Footscray .. ..	57,915	58,400	15,456	143	15,599
Hawthorn .. ..	37,188	36,900	11,488	243	11,731
Heidelberg .. ..	60,007	61,800	15,096	254	15,350
Kew .. ..	31,518	31,700	8,503	139	8,642
Malvern .. ..	46,910	46,800	14,292	282	14,574

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Municipality.	Population.		Dwellings at Census.		
	Enumerated at Census 30th June, 1954.	Estimated at 31st December, 1954.	Occupied.	Un-occupied.	Total.
<i>Cities—continued.</i>					
Melbourne .. .. .	93,172	92,700	22,345	455	22,800
Moorabbin .. .. .	65,332	68,100	17,488	289	17,777
Mordialloc .. .. .	21,025	21,300	5,748	128	5,876
Northcote .. .. .	43,604	43,400	12,322	151	12,473
Nunawading .. .. .	23,855	25,200	6,362	113	6,475
Oakleigh .. .. .	24,305	25,000	6,586	108	6,694
Port Melbourne .. .. .	13,104	12,900	3,461	40	3,501
Prahran .. .. .	54,009	53,600	18,036	432	18,468
Preston .. .. .	63,868	65,400	16,142	182	16,324
Richmond .. .. .	35,213	34,900	9,919	164	10,083
Sandringham .. .. .	31,758	32,300	9,003	149	9,152
South Melbourne .. .. .	37,995	37,600	11,326	238	11,564
St. Kilda .. .. .	53,301	53,000	17,749	353	18,102
Sunshine .. .. .	41,332	43,400	9,413	68	9,481
Williamstown .. .. .	29,313	29,500	7,902	112	8,014
<i>Borough.</i>					
Ringwood .. .. .	12,951	13,700	3,619	94	3,713
<i>Shires.</i>					
Broadmeadows (Broadmeadows and Campbellfield Ridings only) .. .. .	23,065	24,900	5,699	73	5,772
Dandenong .. .. .	27,748	29,300	7,273	145	7,418
Doncaster and Templestowe .. .. .	6,814	7,000	1,901	57	1,958
Eltham (South Riding only) .. .. .	7,499	7,700	2,083	60	2,143
Fern Tree Gully (North, Centre, and East Ridings only) .. .. .	22,019	22,600	6,541	1,120	7,661
Frankston and Hastings (Seaford, Frankston, and Mt. Eliza Ridings only) .. .. .	15,478	15,900	4,485	551	5,036
Keilor .. .. .	10,681	11,200	2,797	32	2,829
Lillydale (Western, North and Southern Ridings only) .. .. .	16,619	17,100	4,816	475	5,291
Mulgrave .. .. .	20,293	21,900	5,127	136	5,263
Werribee (Altona Riding only) .. .. .	6,700	7,000	1,615	18	1,633
Total in Melbourne Metropolitan Area .. .. .	1,524,111	1,544,500	422,450	9,197	431,647



VICTORIA—POPULATION OF AND DWELLINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES AT THE CENSUS OF 30TH JUNE, 1954, AND ESTIMATED POPULATION OF MUNICIPALITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1954—*continued.*

Municipality.	Population.		Dwellings at Census.		
	Enumerated at Census 30th June, 1954.	Estimated at 31st December, 1954.	Occupied.	Un-occupied.	Total.
<b>OUTSIDE MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA.</b>					
<i>Cities.</i>					
Ararat .. .. .	7,414	7,490	1,738	66	1,804
Ballaarat .. .. .	39,945	40,120	10,929	289	11,218
Bendigo .. .. .	28,726	28,920	8,151	213	8,364
Geelong .. .. .	20,034	20,050	5,163	100	5,263
Geelong West .. .. .	17,313	17,440	4,751	54	4,805
Hamilton .. .. .	8,507	8,610	2,210	63	2,273
Horsham .. .. .	7,767	7,840	2,074	78	2,152
Mildura .. .. .	10,972	11,040	2,795	89	2,884
Newtown and Chilwell .. .. .	11,191	11,270	2,991	65	3,056
Sale .. .. .	6,537	6,580	1,677	60	1,737
Shepparton .. .. .	10,848	11,040	2,919	85	3,004
Warrnambool .. .. .	10,850	10,970	2,840	67	2,907
<i>Towns.</i>					
Castlemaine .. .. .	6,577	6,610	1,813	81	1,894
Colac .. .. .	8,032	8,110	2,096	68	2,164
Portland .. .. .	4,759	4,850	1,355	115	1,470
St. Arnaud .. .. .	3,037	3,040	829	36	865
<i>Boroughs.</i>					
Benalla .. .. .	6,045	6,080	1,592	60	1,652
Camperdown .. .. .	3,205	3,230	879	27	906
Clunes .. .. .	871	880	294	13	307
Daylesford .. .. .	3,216	3,220	940	79	1,019
Eaglehawk .. .. .	4,696	4,730	1,360	44	1,404
Echuca .. .. .	5,405	5,490	1,454	35	1,489
Inglewood .. .. .	957	960	271	18	289
Koroit .. .. .	1,401	1,400	342	8	350
Kyabram .. .. .	3,335	3,400	874	14	888
Maryborough .. .. .	6,827	6,880	1,955	79	2,034
Port Fairy .. .. .	2,265	2,290	621	62	683
Queenscliffe .. .. .	2,551	2,580	770	232	1,002
Sebastopol .. .. .	3,265	3,290	842	21	863
Stawell .. .. .	5,463	5,490	1,551	52	1,603
Swan Hill .. .. .	5,197	5,260	1,303	20	1,323
Wangaratta .. .. .	10,715	10,930	2,704	57	2,761
Wonthaggi .. .. .	4,461	4,460	1,267	60	1,327

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Municipality.	Population.		Dwellings at Census.		
	Enumerated at Census 30th June, 1954.	Estimated at 31st December, 1954.	Occupied.	Un-occupied.	Total.
<i>Shires.</i>					
Alberton .. .. .	5,602	5,620	1,482	183	1,665
Alexandra .. .. .	6,523	6,890	1,470	63	1,533
Arapiles .. .. .	2,160	2,160	553	20	573
Ararat .. .. .	4,659	4,690	1,233	90	1,323
Avoca .. .. .	2,381	2,380	688	56	744
Avon .. .. .	3,215	3,250	712	32	744
Bacchus Marsh .. .. .	3,972	3,990	1,022	31	1,053
Bairnsdale .. .. .	10,104	10,170	2,609	98	2,707
Ballan .. .. .	2,752	2,750	744	177	921
Ballarat .. .. .	6,145	6,320	1,268	59	1,327
Bannockburn .. .. .	2,126	2,130	599	24	623
Barrabool .. .. .	1,917	1,980	541	418	959
Bass .. .. .	3,761	3,770	1,040	136	1,176
Beechworth .. .. .	4,417	4,420	969	70	1,039
Belfast .. .. .	1,949	1,950	473	16	489
Bellarine .. .. .	7,015	7,190	1,891	389	2,280
Benalla .. .. .	4,407	4,290	976	40	1,016
Berwick .. .. .	12,412	12,510	3,364	448	3,812
Bet Bet .. .. .	2,296	2,300	687	48	735
Birchip .. .. .	1,745	1,750	437	22	459
Bright .. .. .	8,060	8,140	1,924	168	2,092
Broadford .. .. .	1,939	1,950	521	59	580
Broadmeadows (excluding Broadmeadows and Campbellfield Ridings)	1,010	1,020	277	30	307
Bulla .. .. .	3,232	3,230	478	10	488
Buln Buln .. .. .	8,015	8,180	2,089	123	2,212
Bungaree .. .. .	1,966	1,970	472	12	484
Buninyong .. .. .	3,953	3,970	1,064	43	1,107
Charlton .. .. .	2,359	2,370	604	35	639
Chiltern .. .. .	1,613	1,610	471	31	502
Cobram .. .. .	3,642	3,700	909	34	943
Cohuna .. .. .	3,872	3,900	961	36	997
Colac .. .. .	6,963	6,970	1,743	56	1,799
Corio .. .. .	15,808	16,780	3,509	103	3,612
Cranbourne .. .. .	8,201	8,230	2,249	347	2,596
Creswick .. .. .	3,554	3,560	1,018	66	1,084
Deakin .. .. .	4,635	4,690	1,191	41	1,232
Dimboola .. .. .	6,224	6,260	1,670	54	1,724
Donald .. .. .	2,864	2,870	762	28	790
Dundas .. .. .	3,903	3,920	998	40	1,038
Dunmunkle .. .. .	4,110	4,130	1,087	54	1,141
East Loddon .. .. .	1,446	1,460	387	20	407
Eltham (excluding South Riding)	3,942	3,970	1,156	238	1,394

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Municipality.	Population.		Dwellings at Census.		
	Enumerated at Census 30th June, 1954.	Estimated at 31st December, 1954.	Occupied.	Un-occupied.	Total.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>					
Euroa .. .. .	4,476	4,510	1,257	46	1,303
Fern Tree Gully (excluding North, Centre, and East Ridings) .. .. .	3,427	3,460	1,036	447	1,483
Flinders .. .. .	12,072	12,430	3,266	3,139	6,405
Frankston and Hastings (excluding Seaford, Frankston, and Mt. Eliza Ridings) ..	2,622	2,640	757	69	826
Gisborne .. .. .	2,122	2,130	626	124	750
Glenelg .. .. .	5,949	5,990	1,595	89	1,684
Glenlyon .. .. .	2,273	2,280	681	172	853
Gordon .. .. .	2,969	2,970	792	65	857
Goulburn .. .. .	1,760	1,780	488	17	505
Grenville .. .. .	1,862	1,860	529	46	575
Hampden .. .. .	8,781	8,800	2,271	113	2,384
Healesville .. .. .	5,168	5,210	1,392	158	1,550
Heytesbury .. .. .	6,464	6,480	1,561	71	1,632
Huntly .. .. .	2,247	2,260	630	40	670
Kaniva .. .. .	2,290	2,300	602	18	620
Kara Kara .. .. .	1,663	1,660	448	40	488
Karkaroc .. .. .	4,424	4,430	1,099	52	1,151
Kerang .. .. .	8,483	8,550	2,168	109	2,277
Kilmore .. .. .	1,932	1,940	406	36	442
Korong .. .. .	2,986	2,990	880	58	938
Korumburra .. .. .	7,386	7,410	1,878	84	1,962
Kowree .. .. .	5,012	5,050	1,253	55	1,308
Kyneton .. .. .	6,063	6,090	1,788	170	1,958
Leigh .. .. .	1,096	1,120	320	14	334
Lexton .. .. .	1,350	1,350	350	43	393
Lillydale (excluding Western, North, and Southern Ridings) .. .. .	4,488	4,540	1,292	321	1,613
Lowan .. .. .	3,999	4,010	1,093	68	1,161
Maffra .. .. .	8,554	8,590	2,168	101	2,269
Maldon .. .. .	2,030	2,030	618	119	737
Mansfield .. .. .	5,023	5,090	1,321	126	1,447
Marong .. .. .	5,421	5,500	1,447	85	1,532
Melton .. .. .	1,424	1,430	400	24	424
Metcalfe .. .. .	2,425	2,430	700	26	726
Mildura .. .. .	15,727	15,790	4,150	108	4,258
Minhamite .. .. .	2,520	2,560	650	28	678
Mirboo .. .. .	1,862	1,870	490	17	507
Mornington .. .. .	5,793	5,910	1,611	580	2,191
Mortlake .. .. .	4,060	4,100	1,072	16	1,088

VICTORIA—POPULATION OF AND DWELLINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES AT THE CENSUS OF 30TH JUNE, 1954, AND ESTIMATED POPULATION OF MUNICIPALITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1954—*continued.*

Municipality.	Population.		Dwellings at Census.		
	Enumerated at Census 30th June, 1954.	Estimated at 31st December, 1954.	Occupied.	Un-occupied.	Total.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>					
Morwell .. .. .	13,033	13,090	3,254	80	3,334
Mount Rouse .. .. .	2,859	2,860	753	33	786
McIvor .. .. .	2,201	2,210	596	46	642
Narracan .. .. .	21,023	21,150	5,283	216	5,499
Newham and Woodend .. .. .	2,058	2,070	575	76	651
Newstead .. .. .	2,088	2,090	609	60	669
Numurkah .. .. .	8,027	8,130	2,025	103	2,128
Omoo .. .. .	2,072	2,070	563	46	609
Orbost .. .. .	5,492	5,510	1,397	165	1,562
Otway .. .. .	4,197	4,210	1,071	133	1,204
Oxley .. .. .	4,393	4,410	1,131	49	1,180
Phillip Island .. .. .	1,231	1,250	371	157	528
Portland .. .. .	7,056	7,090	1,825	167	1,992
Pyalong .. .. .	483	490	133	11	144
Ripon .. .. .	3,365	3,450	956	64	1,020
Rochester .. .. .	6,330	6,370	1,632	81	1,713
Rodney .. .. .	9,181	9,220	2,249	79	2,328
Romsey .. .. .	2,813	2,820	796	46	842
Rosedale .. .. .	3,860	3,900	1,027	166	1,193
Rutherglen .. .. .	2,897	2,910	809	43	852
Seymour .. .. .	11,596	11,710	1,906	57	1,963
Shepparton .. .. .	5,376	5,410	1,299	63	1,362
South Barwon .. .. .	11,016	11,430	2,920	384	3,304
South Gippsland .. .. .	4,882	4,890	1,257	45	1,302
Stawell .. .. .	2,286	2,290	642	109	751
Strathfieldsaye .. .. .	4,213	4,280	1,033	37	1,120
Swan Hill .. .. .	11,147	11,200	2,769	139	2,908
Talbot .. .. .	803	800	262	31	293
Tambo .. .. .	5,085	5,110	1,315	103	1,418
Towong .. .. .	4,385	4,430	1,106	81	1,187
Traralgon .. .. .	10,036	10,120	2,574	118	2,692
Tullaroop .. .. .	1,416	1,420	402	28	430
Tungamah .. .. .	2,258	2,260	572	55	627
Upper Murray .. .. .	2,521	2,540	642	27	669
Upper Yarra .. .. .	6,952	7,080	1,746	249	1,995
Violet Town .. .. .	1,424	1,420	386	26	412
Walpeup .. .. .	4,310	4,320	1,093	58	1,151
Wangaratta .. .. .	2,267	2,270	530	28	608
Wannon .. .. .	3,949	3,970	1,043	35	1,078
Waranga .. .. .	4,655	4,850	1,246	80	1,326
Warracknabeal .. .. .	4,861	4,890	1,307	59	1,366
Warragul .. .. .	8,605	8,710	2,183	59	2,242

VICTORIA—POPULATION OF AND DWELLINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES AT THE CENSUS OF 30TH JUNE, 1954, AND ESTIMATED POPULATION OF MUNICIPALITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1954—*continued.*

Municipality.	Population.		Dwellings at Census.		
	Enumerated at Census 30th June, 1954.	Estimated at 31st December, 1954.	Occupied.	Un-occupied.	Total.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>					
Warrnambool .. ..	8,920	8,940	2,083	134	2,217
Werribee (excluding Altona Riding) .. ..	9,414	9,480	1,937	80	2,017
Whittlesea .. ..	5,724	5,810	1,488	60	1,548
Wimmera .. ..	3,569	3,580	909	54	963
Winchelsea .. ..	4,361	4,390	1,205	304	1,509
Wodonga .. ..	10,924	10,810	1,822	68	1,890
Woorayl .. ..	7,046	7,120	1,855	275	2,130
Wycheproof .. ..	4,548	4,570	1,114	52	1,166
Yackandandah .. ..	3,131	3,130	796	29	825
Yarrawonga .. ..	3,770	3,820	935	30	965
Yea .. ..	2,866	2,870	792	95	887
Total Outside Melbourne Metropolitan Area ..	914,431	922,700	237,221	18,225	255,446

SUMMARY.

Municipality.	Population.		Dwellings at Census.		
	Enumerated at Census 30th June, 1954.	Estimated at 31st December, 1954.	Occupied.	Un-occupied.	Total.
Municipalities in Melbourne Metropolitan Area ..	1,524,111	1,544,500	422,450	9,197	431,647
Municipalities outside Melbourne Metropolitan Area—					
Cities .. ..	180,104	181,370	48,238	1,229	49,467
Towns .. ..	22,405	22,610	6,093	300	6,393
Boroughs .. ..	69,875	70,570	19,019	881	19,900
Shires .. ..	642,047	648,150	163,707	15,815	179,522
Areas not incorporated as Municipalities—					
Yallourn Works Area ..	5,580	5,500	1,151	62	1,213
French Island .. ..	178	178	32	7	39
Migratory .. ..	8,041	7,999	..	..	..
Total Victoria ..	2,452,341	2,480,877	660,690	27,491	688,181

The populations of the statistical divisions of Victoria each Statistical Division enumerated at the Census of 1954 and estimated at 31st December, 1954, are shown in the following table:—

**VICTORIA—POPULATIONS OF STATISTICAL DIVISIONS AT CENSUS OF 1954, AND ESTIMATED AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1954.**

Statistical Division.	Census, 1954.			Estimated at 31st December, 1954.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Persons.
1. Metropolitan .. .. .	747,712	776,399	1,524,111	1,544,500
2. Central .. .. .	109,015	100,432	209,447	212,498
3. North-Central .. .. .	36,805	30,936	67,741	68,420
4. Western .. .. .	90,656	89,395	180,051	181,380
5. Wimmera .. .. .	29,526	28,160	57,686	57,950
6. Mallee .. .. .	30,620	27,450	58,070	58,360
7. Northern .. .. .	70,920	68,973	139,893	141,350
8. North-Eastern .. .. .	41,496	37,274	78,770	79,060
9. Gippsland .. .. .	67,854	60,677	128,531	129,360
Migratory .. .. .	6,495	1,546	8,041	7,999
Total Victoria .. .. .	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341	2,480,877

NOTE.—The boundaries of the Metropolitan Division were re-defined as from 1st January, 1954.

The next table shows the change which has taken place in the age constitution of the population of Victoria since 1947 and 1954. 1947:—

**VICTORIA—AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION AT CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.**

Age Last Birthday (Years).	Census, 1947.			Census, 1954.			Increase of Persons, 1947 to 1954.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
0-4 ..	100,830	96,409	197,239	132,184	126,151	258,335	61,096
5-9 ..	78,593	75,518	154,111	122,204	116,653	238,857	84,746
10-14 ..	68,738	66,655	135,393	92,175	88,632	180,807	45,414
15-19 ..	76,723	75,271	151,994	78,776	74,945	153,721	1,727
20-24 ..	82,121	83,762	165,883	83,734	77,106	160,930	(-) 4,953
25-29 ..	78,719	80,764	159,483	101,392	93,078	194,470	34,987
30-34 ..	78,988	81,337	160,325	100,487	95,108	195,595	35,270
35-39 ..	76,149	75,585	151,734	87,819	85,875	173,694	21,960
40-44 ..	71,431	67,871	139,302	85,548	84,036	172,584	33,282
45-49 ..	66,437	66,565	133,002	78,969	73,389	152,358	19,356
50-54 ..	58,920	63,955	122,875	69,714	67,798	137,512	14,637
55-59 ..	54,231	57,809	112,040	55,039	59,817	114,856	2,816
60-64 ..	42,105	47,274	89,379	50,136	58,306	108,442	19,063
65 and over ..	79,882	102,059	181,941	89,922	120,258	210,180	28,239
Total ..	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341	397,640
Under 21 ..	340,417	330,031	670,448	440,629	420,827	861,456	191,008
21-64 ..	593,568	608,744	1,202,312	700,548	680,157	1,380,705	178,393
65 and over ..	79,882	102,059	181,941	89,922	120,258	210,180	28,239
Total ..	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341	397,640

NOTE.—Minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

Numerical and percentage increases of the population in selected age-groups since 1947 are contrasted in the following table with corresponding increases from 1933 to 1947.

VICTORIA—INCREASE OF POPULATION IN AGE-GROUPS. CENSUSES, 1933 TO 1954.

Age Group (Years).	Census, 1933	Increase, 1933-1947.		Increase, 1947-1954.	
	Persons.	Numerical.	Percentage.	Numerical.	Percentage.
Under 21 .. ..	665,650	4,798	0·7	191,008	28·5
21-64 .. ..	1,017,070	185,242	18·2	178,393	14·8
65 and over .. ..	137,541	44,400	32·3	28,239	15·5
Total .. ..	1,820,261	234,440	12·9	397,640	19·4

**Conjugal Condition, 1947 and 1954.** The following table shows the population of Victoria classified according to conjugal condition:—

VICTORIA—CONJUGAL CONDITION OF POPULATION AT CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

Conjugal Condition.	Census, 1947.			Census, 1954.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
Never Married—						
Under fifteen years of age .. ..	248,161	238,582	486,743	346,563	331,436	677,999
Fifteen years of age and over .. ..	245,767	219,852	465,619	257,342	196,891	454,233
Total—Never Married	493,928	458,434	952,362	603,905	528,327	1,132,232
Married .. ..	463,979	463,406	927,385	570,204	564,688	1,134,892
Married but permanently separated .. ..	15,291	18,550	33,841	15,214	18,144	33,358
Widowed .. ..	31,793	90,164	121,957	30,906	99,058	129,964
Divorced .. ..	5,689	6,774	12,463	7,250	9,062	16,312
Not stated .. ..	3,187	3,506	6,693	3,620	1,063	5,583
Total .. ..	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341

Birthplace of  
the Population,  
1954.

The following table shows the birthplace of the  
population at the Census of 1954.

VICTORIA—BIRTHPLACE OF THE POPULATION AT  
CENSUS OF 1954.

Birthplace.	Census, 1954.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.
<b>AUSTRALASIA—</b>			
Australia .. .. .	1,020,836	1,062,543	2,083,379
New Zealand .. .. .	5,456	5,675	11,131
Other .. .. .	118	139	257
<b>Total, Australasia .. .. .</b>	<b>1,026,410</b>	<b>1,068,357</b>	<b>2,094,767</b>
<b>EUROPE—</b>			
England .. .. .	66,190	57,498	123,688
Wales .. .. .	1,743	1,279	3,022
Scotland .. .. .	17,282	14,793	32,075
Northern Ireland .. .. .	1,808	1,295	3,103
Ireland, Republic of .. .. .	1,139	633	1,772
Ireland—Undefined .. .. .	4,753	3,315	8,068
Albania .. .. .	612	84	696
Austria .. .. .	2,064	1,899	3,963
Belgium .. .. .	288	325	613
Czechoslovakia .. .. .	2,579	1,489	4,068
Denmark .. .. .	428	202	630
Estonia .. .. .	652	697	1,349
France .. .. .	725	772	1,497
Germany .. .. .	11,029	10,743	21,772
Greece .. .. .	5,009	2,636	7,645
Hungary .. .. .	2,624	1,683	4,307
Italy .. .. .	27,709	14,720	42,429
Latvia .. .. .	3,021	2,672	5,693
Lithuania .. .. .	1,763	1,199	2,962
Malta .. .. .	4,469	2,662	7,131
Netherlands .. .. .	9,188	6,786	15,974
Norway .. .. .	481	112	593
Poland .. .. .	12,836	8,592	21,428
Romania .. .. .	619	441	1,060
Sweden .. .. .	474	106	580
Switzerland .. .. .	518	448	966
Ukraine .. .. .	2,710	1,968	4,678
U.S.S.R. .. .. .	1,685	1,706	3,391
Yugoslavia .. .. .	4,060	2,058	6,118
Other .. .. .	1,593	877	2,470
<b>Total, Europe .. .. .</b>	<b>190,051</b>	<b>143,690</b>	<b>333,741</b>
<b>ASIA—</b>			
China .. .. .	1,726	492	2,218
Cyprus .. .. .	1,760	636	2,396
Federation of Malaya .. .. .	436	209	645
India, Pakistan, Ceylon .. .. .	2,695	1,638	4,333
Indonesia .. .. .	551	283	834
Israel .. .. .	772	754	1,526
Syria and Lebanon .. .. .	321	224	545
Other .. .. .	1,310	754	2,064
<b>Total, Asia .. .. .</b>	<b>9,571</b>	<b>4,990</b>	<b>14,561</b>
<b>AFRICA—</b>			
Union of South Africa .. .. .	882	850	1,732
Egypt .. .. .	1,523	1,225	2,748
Other .. .. .	255	218	473
<b>Total, Africa .. .. .</b>	<b>2,660</b>	<b>2,293</b>	<b>4,953</b>
<b>AMERICA—</b>			
Canada .. .. .	582	480	1,062
United States .. .. .	1,349	905	2,254
Other .. .. .	221	211	432
<b>Total, America .. .. .</b>	<b>2,152</b>	<b>1,596</b>	<b>3,748</b>
<b>OTHER .. .. .</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>571</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL .. .. .</b>	<b>1,231,099</b>	<b>1,221,242</b>	<b>2,452,341</b>



**Nationality of the Population, 1947 and 1954.** The censuses of 1947 and 1954 show the nationality of the population as follows:—

VICTORIA—NATIONALITY OF THE POPULATION AT CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

Nationality.	Census, 30th June, 1947.			Census, 30th June, 1954.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
BRITISH* ..	1,005,324	1,037,770	2,043,094	1,148,786	1,167,012	2,315,798
FOREIGN—						
American (U.S.)	617	270	887	1,042	606	1,648
Austrian ..	193	116	309	699	651	1,350
Chinese ..	1,030	82	1,112	1,401	189	1,590
Czechoslovakian	78	43	121	1,462	809	2,271
Dutch ..	468	191	659	9,255	7,035	16,290
Estonian ..	15	5	20	565	609	1,174
French ..	87	94	181	514	493	1,007
German ..	801	354	1,155	6,078	5,414	11,492
Greek ..	1,101	207	1,308	4,037	2,241	6,278
Hungarian ..	60	44	104	1,683	1,118	2,801
Italian ..	1,747	573	2,320	23,225	11,981	35,206
Latvian ..	13	11	24	2,092	2,814	5,806
Lithuanian ..	3	6	9	1,646	1,148	2,794
Norwegian ..	155	23	178	239	61	300
Polish ..	575	480	1,055	9,370	6,889	16,259
Portuguese ..	13	4	17	425	7	432
Romanian ..	9	13	22	267	180	447
Russian ..	57	36	93	548	495	1,043
Swiss ..	89	28	117	310	264	574
Ukrainian ..	†	†	†	3,185	2,453	5,638
Yugoslavian ..	128	25	153	3,450	2,045	5,495
Other ..	852	177	1,029	2,446	988	3,434
Stateless ..	452	282	734	7,474	5,740	13,214
Total, Foreign	8,543	3,064	11,607	82,313	54,230	136,543
GRAND TOTAL	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341

\* Includes Irish.

† Included with U.S.S.R.

The next table shows the period of residence in Australia, at censuses of 1947 and 1954, of persons who were not born in Australia, in Australia :—

**VICTORIA—PERIOD OF RESIDENCE IN AUSTRALIA, AT CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954, OF PERSONS WHO WERE NOT BORN IN AUSTRALIA.**

Number of Completed Years of Residence (Years).	Census, 1947.			Census, 1954.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
0 .. .. .	4,550	3,077	7,627	18,237	13,343	31,580
1 .. .. .	930	1,283	2,213	10,416	9,128	19,544
2 .. .. .	391	306	697	22,428	13,659	36,087
3 .. .. .	167	106	273	24,115	17,329	41,444
4 .. .. .	148	70	218	26,517	19,140	45,657
0-4 .. .. .	6,186	4,842	11,028	101,713	72,599	174,312
5 .. .. .	663	335	998	19,547	14,009	33,556
6 .. .. .	869	486	1,355	5,975	4,483	10,458
7 .. .. .	1,363	909	2,272	2,583	2,243	4,826
8 .. .. .	2,640	2,204	4,844	4,233	3,325	7,558
9 .. .. .	1,866	1,223	3,089			
10-14 .. .. .	3,471	3,227	6,698			
5-14 .. .. .	10,872	8,384	19,256	32,338	24,060	56,398
15 and over .. .. .	79,670	63,452	143,122	72,948	59,243	132,191
Not stated .. .. .	2,623	2,571	5,194	3,264	2,797	6,061
Born outside Australia .. .. .	99,351	79,240	178,600	210,263	158,699	368,962
Born in Australia .. .. .	914,516	961,585	1,876,101	1,020,836	1,062,548	2,083,379
Total .. .. .	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341

The following table shows the religion of the population at censuses of 1947 and 1954 :—

**VICTORIA—RELIGION OF THE POPULATION AT CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.**

Religion.	Census, 1947.			Census, 1954.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
<b>CHRISTIAN—</b>						
Baptist .. .. .	14,803	17,217	32,020	16,084	18,232	34,316
Brethren .. .. .	1,125	1,459	2,584	1,479	1,782	3,261
Catholic, Roman (a) .. .. .	71,179	62,986	134,165	99,128	82,083	181,211
Catholic (a) .. .. .	133,744	151,752	285,496	188,492	194,951	383,443
Church of Christ .. .. .	13,746	15,976	29,722	15,797	17,811	33,608
Church of England .. .. .	360,028	369,874	729,902	413,591	418,882	832,473
Congregational .. .. .	5,058	6,316	11,374	5,417	6,505	11,922
Greek Orthodox .. .. .	(b)	(b)	(b)	12,219	7,902	20,121
Lutheran .. .. .	5,244	4,758	10,002	11,785	11,108	22,893
Methodist .. .. .	112,874	121,721	234,595	122,377	130,425	252,802
Presbyterian .. .. .	139,628	148,755	288,383	158,811	167,611	326,422
Protestant, undefined .. .. .	13,397	13,876	27,273	18,787	18,966	37,753
Salvation Army .. .. .	5,060	5,924	10,984	5,291	6,100	11,391

VICTORIA—RELIGION OF THE POPULATION AT CENSUSES OF 1947  
AND 1954—*continued.*

Religion.	Census, 1947.			Census, 1954.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
<b>CHRISTIAN—<i>continued.</i></b>						
Seventh Day Adventist .. ..	1,298	1,978	3,276	1,906	2,562	4,468
Other .. ..	6,118	7,148	13,266	6,967	7,981	14,948
Total, Christian .. ..	883,302	929,740	1,813,042	1,078,131	1,092,901	2,171,032
<b>NON-CHRISTIAN—</b>						
Hebrew .. ..	7,696	7,214	14,910	12,211	11,805	24,016
Other .. ..	895	130	1,025	1,830	453	2,283
Total, Non-Christian .. ..	8,591	7,344	15,935	14,041	12,258	26,299
Indefinite .. ..	2,547	2,281	4,828	2,579	2,239	4,818
No Religion .. ..	5,517	2,441	7,958	4,564	2,073	6,637
No Reply .. ..	113,910	99,028	212,938	131,784	111,771	243,555
Grand Total .. ..	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341

(a) So described on individual Census schedules.

(b) Not available.

In the following table the male and female populations of Victoria are classified according to the industry in which they are usually engaged:—

VICTORIA—INDUSTRY OF THE POPULATION CENSUS,  
30TH JUNE, 1954.

Industry.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
<b>(a) Primary production—</b>			
Agricultural, grazing, and dairying .. ..	102,949	8,355	111,304
Other .. ..	5,175	21	5,196
Total, Primary Production .. ..	108,124	8,376	116,500
<b>(b) Mining and quarrying .. ..</b>	4,463	123	4,586
<b>(c) Manufacturing—</b>			
Founding, engineering, and metalworking .. ..	65,219	10,006	75,225
Manufacture, assembly, and repair of ships, vehicles, parts and accessories .. ..	40,121	3,044	43,165
Manufacture of clothing, knitted goods, boots, shoes, &c. .. ..	19,561	36,518	56,079
Manufacture of food, drink, and tobacco .. ..	33,378	9,027	42,405
Paper, printing, bookbinding and photography .. ..	18,694	5,939	24,633
Other .. ..	75,259	24,638	99,897
Total, Manufacturing .. ..	252,232	89,172	341,404
<b>(d) Building and construction .. ..</b>	84,401	1,067	85,468
<b>(e) Transport and storage .. ..</b>	58,608	4,086	62,694
<b>(f) Communication .. ..</b>	17,870	4,936	22,806
<b>(g) Finance and property .. ..</b>	18,938	9,690	28,628
<b>(h) Commerce .. ..</b>	109,765	51,909	161,674
<b>(i) Public authority (N.E.I.) and professional activities .. ..</b>	72,584	51,521	124,105
<b>(j) Amusement, hotels, cafes, personal service, &amp;c. .. ..</b>	28,306	32,826	61,132
<b>(k) Electricity, gas, water, &amp;c. .. ..</b>	24,116	1,491	25,607
<b>(l) Industry inadequately described or not stated .. ..</b>	7,541	2,249	9,790
<b>(m) Persons not in work force .. ..</b>	444,151	963,796	1,407,947
Grand Total .. ..	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341

**Occupational  
Status of the  
Population,  
1947 and 1954**

The following table shows the occupational status of the population at censuses of 1947 and 1954 :—

VICTORIA—OCCUPATIONAL STATUS OF THE POPULATION  
AT CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

Occupational Status.	Census, 1947.			Census, 1954.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
<b>In work force—</b>						
<b>At work—</b>						
Employer .. ..	53,696	7,545	61,241	59,396	8,975	68,371
Self-employed .. ..	96,689	14,741	111,430	103,083	16,302	119,385
Employee (on wage or salary) .. ..	498,202	188,491	686,693	608,575	225,965	834,540
Helper (not on wage or salary) .. ..	7,356	1,138	8,494	5,154	2,751	7,905
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>653,943</b>	<b>211,915</b>	<b>867,858</b>	<b>776,208</b>	<b>253,993</b>	<b>1,030,201</b>
<b>Not at work (a) .. ..</b>	<b>13,838</b>	<b>4,191</b>	<b>18,029</b>	<b>9,659</b>	<b>2,997</b>	<b>12,656</b>
<b>Total in work force..</b>	<b>669,781</b>	<b>216,106</b>	<b>885,887</b>	<b>785,867</b>	<b>256,990</b>	<b>1,042,857</b>
Not in work force .. ..	339,269	823,390	1,162,659	444,151	963,796	1,407,947
Not stated .. ..	4,817	1,338	6,155	1,081	456	1,537
<b>Grand Total .. ..</b>	<b>1,013,867</b>	<b>1,040,834</b>	<b>2,054,701</b>	<b>1,231,099</b>	<b>1,221,242</b>	<b>2,452,341</b>

(a) Includes persons who were (1) unable to secure employment, (2) temporarily laid off from their jobs, and (3) not actively seeking work at the time of the Census on account of sickness or accident, industrial dispute, resting between jobs, or for any other reason.

Population  
Localities,  
Census, 1954.

The following is a list of extra-metropolitan localities in Victoria which contained a population of 1,000 persons or over at the Census of 30th June, 1954.

Locality.	Population.	Locality.	Population.
Alexandra .. ..	1,712	Mansfield .. ..	1,861
Ararat .. ..	7,414	Maryborough .. ..	6,827
Avoca .. ..	1,025	Merbein .. ..	1,768
Bacchus Marsh .. ..	2,825	Mildura .. ..	10,972
Bairnsdale .. ..	5,718	Moe .. ..	8,770
Ballaarat .. ..	39,945	Mooroopna .. ..	1,796
Beaufort .. ..	1,281	Mornington .. ..	3,589
Beechworth .. ..	3,153	Mortlake .. ..	1,048
Benalla .. ..	6,045	Morwell .. ..	9,040
Bendigo .. ..	28,726	Mount Beauty .. ..	1,782
Broadford .. ..	1,451	Murtoa .. ..	1,132
Camperdown .. ..	3,205	Myrtleford .. ..	1,538
Casterton .. ..	2,391	Nathalia .. ..	1,046
Castlemaine .. ..	6,577	Newborough .. ..	3,657
Charlton .. ..	1,408	Newtown and Chilwell .. ..	11,191
Cobram .. ..	1,695	Nhill .. ..	2,208
Cohuna .. ..	1,542	Numurkah .. ..	2,195
Colac .. ..	8,032	Ocean Grove .. ..	1,353
Coleraine .. ..	1,393	Orbost .. ..	2,214
Creswick .. ..	1,606	Ouyen .. ..	1,426
Daylesford .. ..	3,216	Pakenham East .. ..	1,110
Dimboola .. ..	1,814	Penshurst .. ..	1,026
Donald .. ..	1,480	Port Fairy .. ..	2,265
Dromana .. ..	1,257	Portland .. ..	4,759
Drouin .. ..	2,104	Queenscliff .. ..	2,551
Eaglehawk .. ..	4,696	Red Cliffs .. ..	2,361
Echuca .. ..	5,405	Rochester .. ..	1,791
Eildon Weir .. ..	2,913	Rosebud .. ..	1,694
Euroa .. ..	2,657	Rutherglen .. ..	1,370
Geelong .. ..	20,034	Rye .. ..	1,055
Geelong West .. ..	17,313	Sale .. ..	6,537
Hamilton .. ..	8,507	Sebastopol .. ..	3,265
Hastings .. ..	1,022	Seymour .. ..	3,736
Healesville .. ..	2,707	Shepparton .. ..	10,848
Heathcote .. ..	1,273	Shepparton East .. ..	1,071
Heyfield .. ..	2,184	Sorrento .. ..	1,823
Horsham .. ..	7,767	St. Arnaud .. ..	3,037
Irymple .. ..	1,068	Stawell .. ..	5,463
Kerang .. ..	3,227	Sunbury .. ..	2,385
Kilmore .. ..	1,474	Swan Hill .. ..	5,197
Koroit .. ..	1,401	Tatura .. ..	1,929
Korumburra .. ..	2,858	Terang .. ..	2,365
Kyabram .. ..	3,335	Tongala .. ..	1,465
Kyneton .. ..	3,232	Trafalgar .. ..	1,537
Lakes Entrance .. ..	1,252	Traralgon .. ..	8,845
Leongatha .. ..	2,304	Wangaratta .. ..	10,715
Maffra .. ..	3,161	Warburton .. ..	1,320

Locality.	Population.	Locality.	Population.
Warracknabeal .. ..	3,009	Woodend .. ..	1,093
Warragul .. ..	5,324	Wycheproof .. ..	1,006
Warrnambool .. ..	10,850	Yallourn North .. ..	1,457
Werribee .. ..	4,335	Yallourn Works Area .. ..	5,580
Werribee South .. ..	1,480	Yarragon .. ..	1,096
Winchelsea .. ..	1,234	Yarram .. ..	1,800
Wodonga .. ..	5,259	Yarrawonga .. ..	2,953
Wonthaggi .. ..	4,461	Yea .. ..	1,131

## PART III.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

**Legislation.** The *Local Government Act* No. 5203 of 1946 consolidated the law relating to Local Government in Victoria. Section 10 (1) of the *Local Government Act* No. 5443 of 1949 increased the maximum general rate which may be levied by municipalities from three shillings to four shillings in the pound of the net annual value of property and increased the minimum amount of rate payable from two shillings and sixpence to five shillings.

The *Local Government (Amendment) Act* No. 5843 of 1954 included legislation relating to the revenue qualification for the constitution of a town or city and the maximum amount which may be borrowed for permanent works and undertakings. A summary of the Act is published on page 56 of this *Year Book*.

For purposes of local government, the State of Victoria consists of 200 municipalities and the Yallourn Works Area which was constituted under the *State Electricity (Yallourn Area) Act* No. 5219 of 1947.

During the year ended 31st December, 1953, the State Parliament passed several Acts affecting local government, and details of their principal provisions are given in Part I. of this *Year-Book*. The numbers and the titles of the principal Acts are as follows:—

- 5668—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Borrowing Powers) Act* 1953.
- 5669—*Water (Amendment) Act* 1953.
- 5670—*Trustee (Amendment) Act* 1953.
- 5676—*Workers Compensation Act* 1953.
- 5677—*Parking of Vehicles Act* 1953.
- 5695—*Footscray and Maribyrnong Tramway Construction Act* 1953.
- 5706—*Factories and Shops (Long Service Leave) Act* 1953.
- 5712—*Country Fire Authority (Finance) Act* 1953.
- 5715—*Workers Compensation (Amendment) Act* 1953.
- 5720—*Factories and Shops (Wages Board) Act* 1953.
- 5730—*Local Government (Imported Houses) Act* 1953.
- 5733—*Public and Bank Holidays Act* 1953.

- 5736—*Building Operations and Building Materials Control (Extension) Act 1953.*  
 5739—*Housing Act 1953.*  
 5742—*Latrobe Valley Water and Sewerage Act 1953.*  
 5745—*Local Government (Amendment) Act 1953.*  
 5747—*Sewerage Districts (Amendment) Act 1953.*  
 5748—*Water Supply Loan Application Act 1953.*  
 5751—*Motor Car (Fees) Act 1953.*  
 5755—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Reconstruction) Act 1953.*  
 5756—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1953.*  
 5758—*Gas and Fuel Corporation (Mordialloc Undertaking) Act 1953.*  
 5759—*Gas and Fuel Corporation (Traralgon Undertaking) Act 1953.*  
 5763—*Public Works Loan Application Act 1953.*  
 5767—*Licensing (Amendment) Act 1953.*  
 5768—*Land Settlement Act 1953.*  
 5771—*Labour and Industry Act 1953.*

The numbers and the titles of the Acts passed by the State Parliament during 1954 are as follows:—

- 5775—*Local Government (City of Sunshine) Act 1954.*  
 5777—*Chandler Highway and Bridge Act 1954.*  
 5778—*Town and Country Planning Act 1954.*  
 5780—*Health (Infectious Diseases) Act 1954.*  
 5784—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways (Board) Act 1954.*  
 5791—*Country Roads and Level Crossings Funds Act 1954.*  
 5795—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Amendment) Act 1954.*  
 5804—*Vermin and Noxious Weeds (Amendment) Act 1954.*  
 5807—*Parking of Vehicles (Amendment) Act 1954.*  
 5812—*Gas and Fuel Corporation (Kyneton Undertaking) Act 1954.*  
 5814—*Infectious Diseases Hospitals Act 1954.*  
 5821—*Water Supply Loan Application Act 1954.*  
 5822—*Napier Street Bridge Act 1954.*  
 5823—*Health (Amendment) Act 1954.*  
 5829—*Fire Brigades (Amendment) Act 1954.*  
 5831—*Country Roads (Amendment) Act 1954.*  
 5834—*Town and Country Planning (Metropolitan Area) Act 1954.*  
 5835—*Housing Act 1954.*  
 5836—*Gas and Fuel Corporation (Mornington Undertaking) Act 1954.*  
 5838—*Water Act 1954.*



- 5841—*Police Offences (Sports Grounds) Act 1954.*  
 5842—*Transfer of Land Act 1954.*  
 5843—*Local Government (Amendment) Act 1954.*  
 5845—*Water (Connexions to Mains) Act 1954.*  
 5848—*Transport Regulation Act 1954.*  
 5850—*Public Works Loan Application Act 1954.*

Of the 200 municipalities in the State at 30th September, 1953, 42 ranked as cities, 4 as towns, 17 as boroughs, and 137 as shires.

At 30th September, 1954, there were 201 municipalities, viz:— 42 cities, 4 towns, 18 boroughs, and 137 shires. The only unincorporated areas of the State are French Island (65 square miles) in Westernport Bay, Lady Julia Percy Island (1·02 square miles) off Port Fairy, Bass Strait Islands (1·51 square miles), Gippsland Lakes (Part) (128 square miles), and Tower Hill Lake Reserve (2·28 square miles) adjacent to the Borough of Koroit.

Changes in the names of municipalities during the years 1953 and 1954 are as follows:—

1953—The *Shire of Cobram* was constituted by severance from the Shire of Tungamah on 1st April, 1953.

1954—The *Borough of Kyabram* was constituted by severance from the Shire of Rodney on 1st April, 1954.

**Constitution.** The *Local Government (Amendment) Act No. 5843 of 1954* varied the revenue qualification for the constitution of a borough to a town and from a town to a city. Provisions relating to the constitution of a shire or borough and the declaration of a town or city are as follows:—

*Shire* .. A newly-constituted shire must contain rateable property capable of yielding upon a rate not exceeding One shilling in the pound on the Annual Value thereof a sum of £3,000.

*Borough* .. Must not exceed in area nine square miles. No point in such area distant more than six miles from any other point therein.

Population of not less than 500 inhabitant householders  
 Minimum rate revenue of £2,000 on a rate not exceeding  
 One shilling in the pound on Annual value of rateable  
 property.

*Town* .. An annual revenue from General and Extra rates of not less than £15,000.

*City* .. An annual revenue from General and Extra rates of not less than £30,000.

VICTORIA—AREAS OF MUNICIPALITIES AS AT 30TH JUNE,  
1954.

(Revised by the Department of Lands and Survey).

CITIES.			TOWNS.		
Name.	Acres.	Square Miles.	Name.	Acres.	Square Miles.
Ararat .. ..	4,660		Castlemaine .. ..	5,760	
Ballaarat .. ..	8,550		Colac .. ..	2,685	
Bendigo .. ..	8,030		Portland .. ..	2,780	
Box Hill .. ..	5,309		St. Arnaud .. ..	6,280	
Brighton .. ..	3,380				
Brunswick .. ..	2,625		Total .. ..	17,505	27.35
Camberwell .. ..	8,682				
Caulfield .. ..	5,431		BOROUGHES.		
Chelsea .. ..	3,020		Benalla .. ..	1,910	
Coburg .. ..	4,616		Camperdown .. ..	3,590	
Collingwood .. ..	1,180		Clunes .. ..	5,760	
Essendon .. ..	4,073		Daylesford .. ..	4,010	
Fitzroy .. ..	904		Eaglehawk .. ..	3,585	
Footscray .. ..	4,441		Echuca .. ..	4,380	
Geelong .. ..	3,320		Inglewood .. ..	2,560	
Geelong West .. ..	1,300		Koroit .. ..	5,695	
Hamilton .. ..	5,350		Kyabram .. ..	5,150	
Hawthorn .. ..	2,411		Maryborough .. ..	5,760	
Heidelberg .. ..	30,490		Port Fairy .. ..	5,680	
Horsham .. ..	5,940		Queenschiffe .. ..	2,100	
Kew .. ..	3,596		Ringwood .. ..	5,625	
Malvern .. ..	3,935		Sebastopol .. ..	1,750	
Melbourne .. ..	7,765		Stawell .. ..	5,950	
Mildura .. ..	5,405		Swan Hill .. ..	3,370	
Moorabbin .. ..	13,295		Wangaratta .. ..	5,480	
Mordialloc .. ..	3,013		Wonthaggi .. ..	13,090	
Newtown .. ..			Total .. ..	85,445	133.50
and .. ..					
Chilwell .. ..	1,375		Yallourn Works		
Northcote .. ..	2,819		Area .. ..		13.52
Nunawading .. ..	10,275				
Oakleigh .. ..	3,326		SHIRES.		
Port Melbourne .. ..	2,628		Alberton .. ..	721	
Prahran .. ..	2,361		Alexandra .. ..	722	
Preston .. ..	9,155		Arapiles .. ..	768	
Richmond .. ..	1,513		Ararat .. ..	1,410	
Sale .. ..	5,365		Avoca .. ..	434	
Sandringham .. ..	3,700		Avon .. ..	920	
Shepparton .. ..	4,720		Bacchus Marsh .. ..	226	
South Melbourne .. ..	2,203		Bairnsdale .. ..	948	
St. Kilda .. ..	2,118		Ballan .. ..	355	
Sunshine .. ..	19,775		Ballarat .. ..	184	
Warrnambool .. ..	4,040		Bannockburn .. ..	272	
Williamstown .. ..	3,377		Barrabool .. ..	229	
			Bass .. ..	203	
Total .. ..	229,471	358.55	Beechworth .. ..	298	
			Belfast .. ..	200	
			Bellarine .. ..	128	

## SHIRES—continued.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Square Miles.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Square Miles.</i>
Benalla .. ..	900	Lillydale .. ..	166½
Berwick .. ..	389	Lowan .. ..	1,035
Bet Bet .. ..	358	Maffra .. ..	1,609
Birchip .. ..	567	Maldon .. ..	216
Bright .. ..	1,419	Mansfield .. ..	1,506
Broadford .. ..	226	Marong .. ..	575
Broadmeadows .. ..	180	Melton .. ..	160
Bulla .. ..	107	Metcalfe .. ..	228
Buln Buln .. ..	486	Mildura .. ..	4,066
Bungaree .. ..	88	Minhamite .. ..	527
Buninyong .. ..	300	Mirboo .. ..	98
Charlton .. ..	454	Mornington .. ..	35
Chiltern .. ..	192	Mortlake .. ..	825
Cobram .. ..	170	Morwell .. ..	259
Cohuna .. ..	192	Mount Rouse .. ..	548
Colac .. ..	563	Mulgrave .. ..	26
Corio .. ..	270	Melvor .. ..	604
Cranbourne .. ..	287	Narracan .. ..	900
Creswick .. ..	213	Newham and Woodend .. ..	95
Dandenong .. ..	54	Newstead .. ..	158
Deakin .. ..	371	Numurkah .. ..	757
Dimboola .. ..	1,897	Ormeo .. ..	2,229
Donald .. ..	558	Orbost .. ..	3,696
Doncaster and Temple- stowe .. ..	34½	Otway .. ..	681
Dundas .. ..	1,336	Oxley .. ..	1,079
Dunmunkle .. ..	597	Phillip Island .. ..	39
East Loddon .. ..	461	Portland .. ..	1,428
Eltham .. ..	188	Pyalong .. ..	233
Euroa .. ..	517	Ripon .. ..	592
Fern Tree Gully .. ..	117	Rochester .. ..	750
Flinders .. ..	182	Rodney .. ..	397
Frankston and Hastings .. ..	83	Romsey .. ..	253
Gisborne .. ..	100	Rosedale .. ..	879
Glenelg .. ..	1,381	Rutherglen .. ..	205
Glenlyon .. ..	229	Seymour .. ..	366
Gordon .. ..	781	Shepparton .. ..	360
Goulburn .. ..	268	South Barwon .. ..	64
Grenville .. ..	326	South Gippsland .. ..	553
Hampden .. ..	1,010	Stawell .. ..	1,008
Healesville .. ..	317	Strathfieldsaye .. ..	239
Heytesbury .. ..	596	Swan Hill .. ..	2,527
Huntly .. ..	339	Talbot .. ..	197
Kaniva .. ..	1,190	Tambo .. ..	1,354
Kara Kara .. ..	887	Towong .. ..	1,600
Karkaroc .. ..	1,434	Traralgon .. ..	188
Keilor .. ..	55	Tullaroop .. ..	246
Kerang .. ..	1,286	Tungamah .. ..	441
Kilmore .. ..	94	Upper Murray .. ..	949
Korong .. ..	917	Upper Yarra .. ..	612
Korumburra .. ..	237	Violet Town .. ..	361
Kowree .. ..	2,077	Walpeup .. ..	4,163
Kyneton .. ..	280	Wangaratta .. ..	354
Leigh .. ..	379	Wannon .. ..	763
Lexton .. ..	317	Waranga .. ..	722
		Warracknabeal .. ..	710
		Warragul .. ..	136
		Warrnambool .. ..	618

## SHIRES—continued.

Name.	Square Miles.
Werribee .. ..	273
Whittlesea .. ..	216
Wimmera .. ..	1,008
Winchelsea .. ..	539
Wodonga .. ..	134
Woorayl .. ..	481
Wycheproof .. ..	1,587
Yaekandandah .. ..	429
Yarrowonga .. ..	243
Yea .. ..	529
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>87,099</b>

## AREAS NOT INCORPORATED.

Description.	Acres.	Square Miles.
French Island .. ..		65
Lady Julia Percy Island .. ..	650	1·02
Islands (Bass Strait) .. ..		1·51
Gippsland Lakes (Part) .. ..		128
Tower Hill Lake Reserve .. ..	1,460	2·28
<b>Total .. ..</b>		<b>197·81</b>

## AREA OF THE STATE OF VICTORIA.

Composition.	Square Miles.
Cities .. ..	358·55
Towns .. ..	27·35
Boroughs .. ..	133·50
Yallourn Works Area .. ..	13·52
Shires .. ..	87,099
Un-Incorporated .. ..	197·81
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>87,829·73</b>

AREA OF VICTORIA = 87,830  
Square Miles.

NOTE.—The total area of 87,830 square miles as against the adopted area of 87,884 square miles may be accounted for by the indefinite coast line.

Municipal elections of councillors are held in August in every year. Under Section 149 of the *Local Government Act 1946*, the Governor in Council may, on the petition of the council of any municipality make orders providing for compulsory voting and voting by post. At 19th July, 1955, voting was compulsory in the following 38 municipalities :—

*Metropolitan Area.\**

Cities ..	Brunswick, Coburg, Collingwood, Essendon, Fitzroy, Footscray, Heidelberg, Kew, Northcote, Nunawading, Port Melbourne, Preston, Richmond, South Melbourne, Sunshine, Williamstown.
Shires ..	Broadmeadows, Dandenong, Eltham, Keilor, Springvale, and Noble Park.

*Outside Metropolitan Area.*

Cities ..	Ararat, Ballaarat, Bendigo, Hamilton, Horsham, Mildura, Sale.
Town ..	Castlemaine.
Boroughs ..	Echuca, Maryborough, Wangaratta, Wonthaggi.
Shires ..	Buln Buln, Marong, Upper Yarra, Warragul, Woorayl.

\* As redefined from 1st January, 1954.

**Properties rated and number of dwellings.**

The following is a statement of the number of ratepayers, the number of properties rates, the estimated value of rateable property, the estimated number of dwellings, and the number of houses built in the municipalities of Victoria during the years ended 30th September, 1947 to 1949. From 1950, the number of houses built relates to the year ended 31st December.

As the metropolitan area was redefined in 1947, information relating to municipalities in the metropolitan area of Melbourne and municipalities outside the metropolitan area is not comparable with that for previous years.

It is not practicable to present all types of statistics for a part of a municipality. Consequently, where only portion of a municipality comes within the Metropolitan Area, the statistics published, unless otherwise stated, relate to the municipality as a whole.

**VICTORIA—PROPERTIES RATED AND NUMBER OF DWELLINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1946-47 TO 1952-53.**

Year Ended 30th September.	Number of Rate- payers.	Number of Properties Rated.	Value of Rateable Property.		Esti- mated Number of Dwel- lings.	Esti- mated Number of Dwel- lings Erected during the Year.
			Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.		
			£	£		
<b>MUNICIPALITIES IN METROPOLITAN AREA*</b>						
1947.. .. .	401,964	458,592	24,199,694	464,910,600	307,611	5,859
1948.. .. .	413,521	466,751	25,275,859	486,266,050	315,678	6,742
1949.. .. .	420,187	477,076	26,304,411	506,771,020	324,988	9,348
1950.. .. .	427,447	484,770	27,837,385	540,306,930	338,226	13,278†
1951.. .. .	437,456	498,622	30,200,406	590,298,030	350,616	12,434
1952.. .. .	451,196	506,222	34,528,623	679,630,970	362,573	12,015
1953.. .. .	463,922	512,589	40,471,673	802,077,930	374,889	12,422
<b>MUNICIPALITIES OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA.</b>						
1947.. .. .	288,760	403,604	16,011,188	319,573,460	223,131	3,422
1948.. .. .	295,423	409,580	17,443,926	348,302,030	220,074†	4,978
1949.. .. .	306,504	422,643	18,883,774	377,166,860	226,714†	6,653
1950.. .. .	318,563	435,677	20,448,273	407,871,050	236,508†	9,898†
1951.. .. .	330,641	446,686	22,632,350	450,993,670	247,299†	10,890
1952.. .. .	343,192	462,399	25,103,501	495,910,440	258,265†	11,087
1953.. .. .	351,547	468,923	28,658,353	573,261,120	268,098†	9,966
<b>TOTAL—VICTORIA.</b>						
1947.. .. .	690,724	862,196	40,210,882	784,484,060	530,742	9,281
1948.. .. .	708,944	876,331	42,719,785	834,568,080	535,752	11,720
1949.. .. .	726,691	899,719	45,188,185	883,937,880	551,702	16,001
1950.. .. .	746,010	920,447	48,285,658	948,177,980	574,734	23,178†
1951.. .. .	768,097	945,308	52,832,756	1,040,791,700	597,915	23,324
1952.. .. .	794,388	968,621	59,632,129	1,175,541,410	620,838	23,102
1953.. .. .	815,469	981,512	69,130,026	1,375,339,050	642,987	22,388

\* Including the whole of the cities of Heidelberg and Sunshine, the Borough of Ringwood, and the whole of the Shires of Broadmeadows and Keilor.

† Including occupied dwellings in areas not within any municipality, viz., the Yallourn Works Area, and the Unincorporated areas.

‡ These figures cover the period 1st October, 1949, to 31st December, 1950 (15 months). Dwellings erected in the Yallourn Works Area are included in the total figures shown for Outside the Metropolitan Area during each year 1948 to 1953.

In 1952-53 the estimated capital improved value of rateable property reached its highest point (£1,375,339,050).

The following table shows, for each municipality in **Municipalities**. Victoria, the general rate levied in the £1, the estimated value of rateable property, the amount of loans outstanding at 30th September, 1953, the General Account income, and the estimated number of dwellings:—

### VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1952-53.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1953.	General Account Income.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			
<b>MUNICIPALITIES IN METROPOLITAN AREA.</b>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£	
<i>Cities.</i>						
Box Hill .. .. .	0 7½ <sup>a</sup>	965,654	19,303,630	394,128	186,614	9,134
Brighton .. .. .	3 9	1,146,577	22,921,540	105,652	258,376	11,351
Brunswick .. .. .	0 10 <sup>a</sup>	793,640	12,266,680	151,350	222,003	13,951
Camberwell .. .. .	0 8 <sup>a</sup>	3,118,299	62,065,820	191,659	429,066	24,850
Caulfield .. .. .	0 5½ <sup>a</sup>	2,698,827	53,416,780	84,921	345,379	21,486
Chelsea .. .. .	0 7 <sup>a</sup>	259,129	4,938,130	65,754 <sup>c</sup>	87,031	4,477
Coburg .. .. .	0 7½ <sup>a</sup>	1,077,283	21,292,370	473,876	255,390	15,699
Collingwood .. .. .	3 6	569,595	11,391,900	37,691	119,478	7,127
Essendon .. .. .	0 10½ <sup>a</sup>	1,176,368	22,233,950	330,758	291,938	15,426
Fitzroy .. .. .	3 6	628,781	12,575,620	83,600	128,841	7,480
Footscray .. .. .	3 6	1,488,968	29,779,360	579,082	324,410	14,670
Hawthorn .. .. .	4 0	810,605	16,212,100	158,146	184,472	10,746
Heidelberg .. .. .	0 9 <sup>ab</sup>	1,088,872	21,613,700	645,195	292,283	14,310
Kew .. .. .	0 5-182 <sup>a</sup>	1,352,935	26,654,350	145,695	200,902	8,217
Malvern .. .. .	3 7	1,247,602	24,952,040	112,592	261,144	13,679
Melbourne .. .. .	2 9	7,421,661	148,433,220	8,121,000	1,636,334	24,222
Moorabbin .. .. .	0 6½ <sup>a</sup>	1,608,804	31,389,870	439,911 <sup>d</sup>	344,810	16,482
Mordialloc .. .. .	0 7 <sup>a</sup>	548,779	11,148,910	140,584 <sup>e</sup>	105,673	5,237
Northcote .. .. .	3 0	863,333	17,266,660	330,801	230,103	12,087
Nunawading .. .. .	0 6-472 <sup>a</sup>	481,910	9,277,660	95,608	135,220	5,422
Oakleigh .. .. .	0 7½ <sup>a</sup>	588,197	11,356,920	130,078	98,919	6,049
Port Melbourne .. .. .	3 3	489,538	9,790,760	934	124,242	3,521
Prahran .. .. .	2 5	2,199,955	43,999,100	123,998	318,111	17,140
Preston .. .. .	0 8 <sup>a</sup>	1,047,434	21,765,860	482,394	233,080	15,693
Richmond .. .. .	3 6	756,848	15,136,960	98,807	152,374	9,621
Sandringham .. .. .	0 7 <sup>a</sup>	810,225	16,056,960	334,837 <sup>f</sup>	154,675	8,484
South Melbourne .. .. .	3 9	1,116,387	22,327,740	211,034	303,638	11,399
St. Kilda .. .. .	3 4	1,539,860	30,797,200	193,403	293,422	17,456
Sunshine .. .. .	3 0	727,071	14,541,420	57,765	182,850	7,672
Williamstown .. .. .	3 5	474,555	9,491,100	92,671	164,784	7,387
<i>Borough.</i>						
Ringwood .. .. .	0 9-125 <sup>a</sup>	264,719	5,294,380	56,942	83,229	3,066

*a* Levied on unimproved value of land.

*b* Differential general rates levied.

*c* Excluding £125 due to Shire of Dandenong.

*d* Excluding £718 due to City of Sandringham.

*e* Excluding £718 due to City of Sandringham.

*f* Including £1,436 due by Cities of Moorabbin and Mordialloc.

## VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1952-53—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1953.	General Account. Income.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			
<i>Shires.</i>						
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£	
Broadmeadows ..	3 0	482,653	9,653,060	51,588	136,703	5,211
Keilor ..	3 6	217,824	4,356,480	36,439	48,010	1,690
Mulgrave ..	3 0	418,785	8,375,700	53,113	99,156	4,447
Total Municipalities in Greater Melbourne ..	..	40,471,673	802,077,930	14,612,006	8,432,710	374,889
<b>OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA.</b>						
<i>Cities.</i>						
Ararat ..	4 0	93,906	1,878,120	162,650	25,514	1,745
Ballaarat ..	3 2	841,109	16,822,180	131,691	162,764	10,914
Bendigo ..	3 9	521,864	10,437,280	102,686	152,053	7,917
Geelong ..	4 0	499,521	9,990,420	123,061	151,717	5,095
Geelong West ..	3 4	325,998	6,519,960	51,402 <sup>b</sup>	65,696	4,580
Hamilton ..	0 7a	185,293	3,714,100	48,808	49,277	2,111
Horsham ..	2 6	264,902	5,298,040	174,121	45,689	1,947
Mildura ..	2 4	388,412	7,768,240	472,951	83,967	2,727
Newtown and Chilwell Sale ..	0 7a	199,411	3,975,980	28,270	54,280	2,832
Shepparton ..	2 0	128,595	2,571,900	60,344	56,414	1,576
Warrnambool ..	2 0	417,590	8,351,800	129,006	70,799	2,748
	4 0	187,870	3,757,400	87,343	55,913	2,828
<i>Towns.</i>						
Castlemaine ..	3 6	137,423	2,748,460	43,089	31,942	1,780
Colac ..	3 10	171,704	3,434,080	27,176 <sup>c</sup>	41,131	2,049
Portland ..	0 8a	129,530	2,474,590	100,671	38,317	1,375
St. Arnaud ..	4 0	60,780	1,215,600	39,806	18,157	841
<i>Boroughs.</i>						
Benalla ..	3 8	107,205	2,144,100	15,672	24,097	1,335
Camperdown ..	4 0	55,603	1,112,060	6,000	15,289	975
Clunes ..	4 0	12,807	256,140	2,428	6,096	311
Daylesford ..	4 0	53,729	1,074,580	9,882	15,636	988
Eaglehawk ..	4 0	35,871	717,420	2,129	15,041	1,235
Echuca ..	0 9a	130,423	2,601,960	61,306	33,654	1,478
Inglewood ..	4 0	10,950	219,000	21,944	4,841	282
Koroit ..	3 8	28,528	570,580	441	8,460	396
Maryborough ..	4 0	100,940	2,018,800	5,307	35,826	1,967
Port Fairy ..	4 0	44,736	894,720	9,590	18,656	594
Queenscliffe ..	3 6	46,655	933,100	16,137	11,677	924
Sebastopol ..	3 0	42,844	956,880		10,001	617
Stawell ..	4 0	88,114	1,762,280	142,846	27,511	1,511
Swan Hill ..	4 0	88,114	1,762,280	88,404 <sup>d</sup>	24,923	1,253
Wangaratta ..	4 0	252,749	5,054,980	77,458	65,007	2,544
Wonthaggi ..	4 0	65,267	1,305,340	6,040	24,062	1,313

<sup>a</sup> Levied on unimproved value of land.

<sup>b</sup> Excluding £1,207 due to Shire of Corio.

<sup>c</sup> Excluding £1,324 due to Shire of Colac.

<sup>d</sup> Excluding £13,798 due to Shire of Swan Hill.

## VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1952-53—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1953.	General Account. Income.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			
<i>Shires.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	
Alberton .. .. .	4 0	152,197	3,043,940	13,581	61,230	1,518
Alexandra .. .. .	3 9	97,683	1,953,660	5,955	29,075	1,506
Arapiles .. .. .	4 0	73,393	1,467,860	7,449	15,999	552
Ararat .. .. .	4 0	285,502	5,710,040		63,026	1,260
Avoca .. .. .	4 0	82,694	1,653,880	10,149	23,025	769
Avon .. .. .	3 9b	88,470	1,769,400	10,705	33,499	678
Bacchus Marsh .. .. .	2 6b	141,334	2,816,680	21,032	29,920	1,011
Bairnsdale .. .. .	3 6	328,702	6,574,040	43,888	76,897	2,609
Ballan .. .. .	3 3	75,566	1,511,320	3,702	22,376	877
Ballarat .. .. .	3 3	181,770	3,635,400	28,058	42,898	1,251
Bannockburn .. .. .	3 0	92,055	1,841,100		19,991	599
Barrabool .. .. .	3 0	89,449	1,788,980	8,506	28,978	772
Bass .. .. .	4 0	112,172	2,243,440	4,580c	30,914	1,131
Beechworth .. .. .	3 9	72,600	1,452,000	16,133	22,151	1,008
Belfast .. .. .	3 9	116,956	2,339,120	10,487	43,034	513
Bellarine .. .. .	2 9	163,301	3,266,020	23,982	35,145	1,706
Benalla .. .. .	3 3b	179,405	3,588,100	15,753	48,867	1,214
Berwick .. .. .	3 9b	271,108	5,422,160		73,520	3,564
Bet Bet .. .. .	4 0	50,282	1,005,640	55,667	19,576	798
Birchip .. .. .	4 0	78,429	1,568,580	29,808	23,117	410
Bright .. .. .	4 0	66,101	1,322,020	23,882	34,133	2,247
Broadford .. .. .	3 6	59,196	1,183,920	8,913	13,421	565
Bulla .. .. .	3 0	78,879	1,577,580	8,303	16,828	419
Buln Buln .. .. .	4 0	171,790	3,435,800	36,360	54,800	2,162
Bungaree .. .. .	3 0	49,836	996,720	6,725	9,820	475
Buninyong .. .. .	3 5b	77,651	1,553,020	7,795	19,582	1,065
Charlton .. .. .	4 0	136,983	2,739,660	20,591	39,800	626
Chiltern .. .. .	3 9b	44,486	889,720	3,237	12,331	506
Cobram* .. .. .						1,034
Cohuna .. .. .	3 0b	112,605	2,252,100	16,237	28,183	969
Colac .. .. .	3 3	330,786	6,615,720	2,629d	65,334	1,781
Corio .. .. .	3 0	427,607	8,552,140	71,851e	87,494	2,576
Cranbourne .. .. .	3 3b	323,247	6,464,940	15,720	83,123	2,171
Creswick .. .. .	3 3b	83,549	1,670,980	18,371	24,529	1,081
Dandenong .. .. .	0 8a	678,653	13,532,980	78,773f	206,864	6,124
Deakin .. .. .	3 6	180,338	3,606,760	35,060	58,321	1,192
Dimboola .. .. .	4 0	181,499	3,629,980	45,256g	55,839	1,724
Donald .. .. .	3 3	135,085	2,701,700	23,493	29,043	777
Doncaster and Templestowe .. .. .	3 4	171,404	3,428,080	45,024	39,141	1,770
Dundas .. .. .	3 6	247,807	4,956,140		44,223	954
Dunmunkle .. .. .	3 6	214,830	4,296,600	71,343	52,528	1,162
East Loddon .. .. .	4 0	67,399	1,347,980	10,294	18,483	386
Eltham .. .. .	3 0b	208,933	4,178,660	21,412	47,235	3,049
Euroa .. .. .	2 6b	253,634	5,072,680	34,901	59,023	1,205
Fern Tree Gully .. .. .	3 6	496,604	9,932,080	91,065	112,523	7,796
Flinders .. .. .	2 6	783,148	15,662,960	54,402	141,269	5,375

\* Constituted 1st April, 1953.

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £576 due by Shire of Phillip Island.

d Including £1,324 due by Town of Colac.

e Including £1,207 due by City of Geelong West.

f Including £125 due by City of Chelsea.

g Excluding £48 due to Shire of Karkaroo.



## VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1952-53—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1953.	General Account. Income.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	
Frankston and Hastings	0 5 5 <sup>ab</sup>	456,436	9,128,720	122,985	116,930	5,070
Gisborne	4 0	58,723	1,174,460	2,466	20,437	741
Glenelg	4 0	207,140	4,142,800	42,407	66,176	1,603
Glenlyon	3 6	57,305	1,146,100	6,000	17,247	864
Gordon	4 0	143,727	2,874,540	30,325	31,566	826
Goulburn	3 0b	83,163	1,663,260	2,828	19,513	541
Grenville	4 0	58,687	1,173,740	3,511	19,821	602
Hampden	4 0	372,084	7,441,680	...	94,424	2,227
Healesville	4 0	83,122	1,662,440	12,772	27,890	1,456
Heytesbury	4 0	198,458	3,969,160	35,427	55,707	1,576
Huntly	2 9b	83,675	1,673,500	10,751	19,566	681
Kaniva	3 9	127,523	2,550,460	8,726	26,321	620
Kara Kara	4 0	122,663	2,453,260	6,294	30,854	496
Karkaroc	3 9	136,658	2,733,160	26,859 <sup>c</sup>	45,760	1,136
Kerang	3 0b	361,448	7,228,960	129,647	70,561	2,108
Kilmore	3 9	54,244	1,084,880	20,577	13,127	422
Korong	3 6	134,932	2,698,640	80,842	31,898	970
Korumburra	4 0	181,526	3,630,520	22,930	57,723	1,899
Kowree	4 0	249,880	4,997,600	20,481	56,521	1,304
Kyneton	3 6b	130,753	2,615,060	73,571	39,993	1,921
Leigh	3 6	73,638	1,472,760	...	22,583	326
Lexton	4 0	48,640	972,800	...	20,014	378
Lillydale	3 0b	429,323	8,586,460	37,774	96,439	6,368
Lowan	3 3	262,380	5,247,600	34,891	49,396	1,155
Maffra	4 0	192,620	3,852,400	50,828	48,322	1,931
Maldon	4 0	51,367	1,027,340	1,972	14,248	646
Mansfield	4 0	132,615	2,652,300	29,294	38,142	1,235
Marong	3 6	131,203	2,624,060	5,202	31,786	1,427
Melton	3 6	56,169	1,123,380	2,782	13,961	391
Metcalfe	3 3	78,494	1,569,880	...	17,855	735
Mildura	3 0	390,070	7,801,400	102,952	122,039	4,250
Minhamite	4 0	140,808	2,816,160	9,598	43,001	573
Mirboo	4 0	50,548	1,010,960	4,597	19,393	470
Mornington	2 0	380,014	7,600,280	53,138	52,839	1,942
Mortlake	4 0	189,757	3,795,140	...	45,159	969
Morwell	4 0	406,844	8,136,880	74,256	134,922	3,772
Mount Rouse	3 6	208,036	4,160,720	17,325	50,255	746
Melvor	2 9b	76,988	1,539,760	21,445	16,248	652
Narracan	3 9	320,018	6,400,360	59,940	103,938	5,336
Newham and Woodend	4 0	39,122	782,440	8,445	12,043	615
Newstead	4 0	34,971	699,420	...	9,987	636
Numurkah	4 0	207,169	4,143,380	29,813	53,256	1,833
Omeo	4 0	75,241	1,504,820	15,588	23,095	602
Orbost	3 6	139,655	2,793,100	19,849	36,227	1,334
Otway	4 0	85,746	1,714,920	17,169	26,660	1,182
Oxley	4 0	116,314	2,326,280	13,072	33,284	1,123
Phillip Island	4 0	37,459	749,180	52,891 <sup>d</sup>	10,955	478
Portland	3 3b	315,736	6,314,720	26,479	72,412	1,853

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £48 due by Shire of Dimboola.

d Excluding £576 due to Shire of Bass.

## VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1952-53—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Outstanding Loans at 30th September 1953.	General Account of Income.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£	
Pyalong .. .. .	4 0	32,042	640,840	3,240	10,200	160
Ripon .. .. .	4 0	209,316	4,186,320	4,587	66,537	942
Rochester .. .. .	3 6	294,534	5,890,680	90	57,508	1,630
Rodney .. .. .	3 6	309,013	6,180,260	51,990	80,613	2,925
Romsey .. .. .	3 6	99,138	1,982,760	11,705	25,097	851
Rosedale .. .. .	0 5½ <sup>a</sup>	186,518	3,651,700	24,475	50,812	1,068
Rutherglen .. .. .	4 0	75,622	1,512,440	10,367	29,559	843
Seymour .. .. .	4 0	99,090	1,981,800	5,556	56,685	1,382
Shepparton .. .. .	3 0b	234,047	4,680,940	22,902	53,601	1,273
South Barwon .. .. .	3 6	245,093	4,901,860	51,973	62,997	2,764
South Gippsland .. .. .	4 0	105,988	2,119,760	32,662	43,253	1,196
Stawell .. .. .	4 0	123,840	2,476,800	2,091	27,627	768
Strathfieldsaye .. .. .	3 3	69,521	1,390,420	..	16,517	1,073
Swan Hill .. .. .	3 6	204,558	4,091,160	137,813c	77,687	2,729
Talbot .. .. .	3 3	47,109	942,180	9,591	11,054	302
Tambo .. .. .	4 0	126,945	2,538,900	32,574	36,260	1,218
Towong .. .. .	2 9b	166,831	3,336,620	19,040	39,734	1,131
Traralgon .. .. .	4 0	209,686	4,193,720	94,042	102,194	2,690
Tullaroop .. .. .	3 9	54,292	1,085,840	4,459	15,040	451
Tungamah .. .. .	3 3b	251,154	5,023,080	24,202	51,068	601*
Upper Murray .. .. .	3 6	121,764	2,435,280	22,224	28,206	626
Upper Yarra .. .. .	3 6	114,767	2,295,340	16,767	33,598	2,087
Violet Town .. .. .	3 3b	59,043	1,180,960	1,215	12,703	410
Walpeup .. .. .	2 9b	115,173	2,303,460	79,357	26,035	1,232
Wangaratta .. .. .	3 6	76,314	1,526,280	6,594	15,160	594
Wannon .. .. .	4 0	137,530	2,750,600	21,150	41,885	1,014
Waranga .. .. .	3 0b	150,165	3,003,300	16,451	45,937	1,271
Warracknabeal .. .. .	3 9b	205,011	4,100,220	46,811	63,124	1,360
Warragul .. .. .	4 0	209,154	4,183,080	54,318	62,967	2,193
Warrnambool .. .. .	2 9b	452,008	9,040,160	..	67,488	2,038
Werribee .. .. .	2 6b	342,906	6,858,120	184,914	87,100	3,047
Whittlesea .. .. .	3 0	173,868	3,477,360	..	33,354	1,372
Wimmera .. .. .	4 0	211,318	4,226,360	5,526	72,106	947
Winchelsea .. .. .	4 0	171,422	3,428,440	42,130	49,891	1,308
Wodonga .. .. .	3 6	72,205	1,444,100	22,785	32,065	1,401
Woorayl .. .. .	3 3	350,746	7,014,920	34,089	63,236	1,909
Wycheproof .. .. .	3 9	225,938	4,518,760	76,073d	61,990	1,196
Yackandandah .. .. .	3 6	87,440	1,748,800	..	24,275	757
Yarrawonga .. .. .	3 0b	118,053	2,361,060	35,838	29,061	940
Yea .. .. .	0 9a	112,533	2,500,000	26,474	29,514	777
Total Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area .. .. .	..	28,658,353	573,261,120	5,894,505	7,416,942	266,252
Total Municipalities .. .. .	..	69,130,026	1,375,339,050	20,506,511	15,849,652	641,141
Yallourn Works Area .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1,808
Unincorporated Areas .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	38
Total Victoria .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	642,987

\* Adjusted figures following on the constitution of the Shire of Cobram.

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £122 due by Shire of Wycheproof and £13,798 due by Borough of Swan Hill.

d Excluding £122 due to Shire of Swan Hill.

Rating on  
unimproved  
values.

The provisions of the law relating to rating on unimproved values appear on pages 143 and 144 of the *Year-Book* for 1928-29.

There were at 30th September, 1953, twentyfour municipalities which levied the general rate on the unimproved value. The following table gives for those municipalities particulars of the capital value of land (improved and unimproved), the net annual value, the rating, &c., for the year 1952-53 :—

VICTORIA—RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES, 1952-53.

Municipality.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Unimproved Capital Value.	Net Annual Value (excluding Special Rateable Properties).	Amount of Rate in the £ of Unimproved Capital Value.	Equivalent Rate on Net Annual Value.	Amount Collectable in 1952-53 on Unimproved Capital Value.	Unimproved Capital Value to Capital Improved Value.
<b>METROPOLITAN AREA.</b>							
<i>Cities.</i>	£	£	£	d.	s. d.	£	%
Box Hill ..	19,303,630	5,060,270	962,700	7½	3 3	158,133	26·21
Brunswick ..	12,266,680	3,276,200	784,653	10	3 6	136,508	26·71
Camberwell ..	62,065,820	11,882,840	3,118,299	8	2 6	369,095	19·14
Claufield ..	53,416,780	13,926,410	2,692,833	5½	2 4	319,147	26·06
Chelsea ..	4,938,130	1,647,550	257,779	7	3 9	48,054	33·36
Coburg ..	21,292,370	5,618,780	1,702,166	7½	3 5	184,366	26·39
Essendon ..	22,233,950	5,011,480	1,173,417	10½	3 9	219,252	22·53
Heidelberg ..	21,613,700	5,463,730	1,082,439	9*	3 9	204,890	25·28
Kew ..	26,654,350	7,662,650	1,346,919	5·182	3 5	165,449	28·74
Moorabbin ..	31,389,870	8,911,930	1,584,558	6½	3 0	241,365	28·39
Mordialloc ..	11,148,910	2,821,460	548,779	7	3 0	82,293	25·31
Nunawading ..	9,277,660	3,568,530	481,910	6·472	4 0	96,231	38·46
Oakleigh ..	11,356,920	2,853,060	587,059	7½	3 1	89,158	25·12
Preston ..	21,765,860	4,850,130	1,027,748	8	3 2	161,671	22·28
Sandringham ..	16,056,960	4,554,890	806,995	7	3 4	132,851	28·37
<i>Borough.</i>							
Ringwood ..	5,294,380	1,237,170	264,719	9½	3 7	47,038	23·37
<b>OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA.</b>							
Hamilton City ..	3,714,100	1,233,770	184,633	7	3 11	35,985	33·22
Newtown and Chilwell City ..	3,975,980	1,127,920	198,961	7	3 4	32,898	28·37
Portland Town ..	2,474,590	660,920	127,342	8	3 5	22,030	26·71
Echuca Borough ..	2,601,960	645,200	130,423	9	3 8	24,195	24·79
Dandenong Shire ..	13,532,950	4,048,480	678,653	8	4 0	134,949	29·92
Frankston and Hastings Shire ..	9,128,720	2,952,530	455,916	5½*	3 0	67,662	32·34
Rosedale Shire ..	3,651,700	1,503,420	186,388	5½	3 6	32,887	41·77
Yea Shire ..	2,500,000	603,020	112,533	9	4 0	22,613	24·12

\* Differential general rates levied.

The following table summarizes for the year ended 30th September, 1953, the revenue and expenditure of municipalities in Victoria under the headings of General Account and Business Undertakings. The transactions of the General Account were presented partly on a revenue basis and partly on a cash basis and those of Business Undertakings generally on a revenue basis. Particulars relating to Loan Accounts, Private Streets Accounts, and Special Improvement Charge Accounts are excluded from this statement.

VICTORIA—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF MUNICIPALITIES, 1952-53.

Heading.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.			City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
General Account ..	1,636,384	6,796,326	7,416,942	15,849,652	1,700,909	6,558,834	7,327,371	15,587,114
Business undertakings—								
Electric Light	2,404,597	3,592,408	911,546	6,908,551	2,389,661	3,522,430	931,490	6,843,581
Gasworks ..	..	141,973	91,029	233,002	..	156,150	105,496	261,646
Waterworks	..	923	93,146	94,069	..	1,155	92,516	93,671
Abattoirs ..	268,570	62,863	61,259	392,692	282,644	55,581	56,406	394,631
Hydraulic Power ..	27,374	..	..	27,374	29,570	..	..	29,570
Total ..	4,336,925	10,594,493	8,573,922	23,505,340	4,402,784	10,294,150	8,513,279	23,210,213

The ordinary revenue of a municipality, consisting of rates, Government grants, &c., is payable into the General Account, and such Account is applied towards the payment of all expenses incurred in respect of administration, debt services, ordinary municipal services, &c.

Details of the principal items of income during the year ended 30th September, 1953, are given below:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT INCOME,  
1952-53.

Items of Income.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
Rates—	£	£	£	£
General and Extra .. ..	1,014,818	5,186,359	5,027,162	11,228,339
Other .. .. .	..	..	12,299	12,299
Interest on overdue rates .. ..	566	16,458	15,124	32,148
In lieu of rates .. .. .	..	13,091	22,552	35,643
Licences and Registration Fees—				
Dog .. .. .	586	19,052	25,943	45,581
Health, Dairy, Slaughtering, and Noxious Trades .. .. .	1,234	2,271	4,508	8,013
Petrol Pump .. .. .	177	5,845	5,097	11,119
Other .. .. .	757	84	1,501	2,342
<b>Total Taxation .. .. .</b>	<b>1,018,138</b>	<b>5,243,160</b>	<b>5,114,186</b>	<b>11,375,484</b>
Public Works and Services—				
Contributions for Road and Pavement Works .. .. .	27,467	240,111	232,042	499,620
Health—				
Sanitary and Garbage .. .. .	11,778	291,858	512,752	816,388
Other .. .. .	4,777	39,281	21,811	65,869
Council Properties—				
Markets .. .. .	197,834	24,812	69,150	291,796
Halls .. .. .	23,997	78,480	62,136	164,613
Libraries .. .. .	..	3,664	12,929	16,593
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	42,763	87,757	61,267	191,787
Weighbridges .. .. .	11,147	987	16,008	28,142
Sale of Materials .. .. .	3,010	29,447	90,487	122,944
Plant Hire .. .. .	..	47,115	604,857	651,972
Grazing Fees .. .. .	..	200	8,782	8,982
Pounds .. .. .	107	2,117	7,102	9,326
Other .. .. .	71,056	70,835	102,903	244,794
Other Services—				
Car Parking .. .. .	98,038	3,194	70	101,302
Sheep Dipping .. .. .	..	..	3,439	3,439
Building Fees .. .. .	2,178	40,495	21,441	64,114
Other .. .. .	5,912	376	2,171	8,459
<b>Total Public Works and Services.</b>	<b>500,064</b>	<b>960,729</b>	<b>1,829,347</b>	<b>3,290,140</b>

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT INCOME, 1952-53—*continued.*

Items of Income.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Transfers from Business Undertakings (excluding Loan Recoups and Administration Refunds) .. .. .	50,000	168,949	..	218,949
Transfers from Other Funds ..	..	118,098	90,791	208,889
Government Grants—				
Roads, &c. .. .. .	9,806	27,473	93,505	130,784
Libraries .. .. .	..	37,351	26,146	63,497
Parks, Gardens, &c. .. .. .	..	162	57,645	57,807
River Works .. .. .	..	..	10,154	10,154
Infant Welfare Centres .. .. .	4,085	36,961	44,403	85,449
Licences Equivalent .. .. .	8,676	13,614	36,611	58,901
Vermin Destruction .. .. .	..	22	4,700	4,722
Other .. .. .	..	28,940	24,919	53,859
Total Government Grants ..	22,567	144,523	298,083	465,173
Miscellaneous—				
Police Court Fines .. .. .	20,309	14,091	6,776	41,176
Interest on Investments .. .. .	7,581	6,434	2,702	16,717
Supervision of Private Streets .. .. .	..	93,673	24,372	118,045
Other .. .. .	17,725	46,669	50,685	115,079
Total Miscellaneous .. .. .	45,615	160,867	84,535	291,017
Grand Total .. .. .	1,636,384	6,796,326	7,416,942	15,849,652

Of the total General Account income (excluding "transfers from other funds") during 1952-53, 72·7 per cent. was derived from taxation (72·3 per cent. from rates and 0·4 per cent. from licences and registration fees); 21·0 per cent. from public works and services; 1·4 per cent. from transfers from business undertakings; 3·0 per cent. from Government grants; and 1·9 per cent. from other sources. The total amount collected from taxation (£11,375,484) was equivalent to £4 15s. 6d. per head of population or to £13 19s. per ratepayer.

Details of the principal items of expenditure from the General Account during the year ended 30th September, 1953, are set out hereunder :—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENDITURE,  
1952-53.

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
<b>Public Works and Services—</b>				
Roads, Streets, Footpaths, and Bridges—				
Construction, Maintenance, Cleaning, and Watering	266,100	2,022,209	2,968,788	5,257,097
Lighting .. .. .	1,696	242,575	119,896	364,167
<b>Health—</b>				
Administration .. .. .	25,168	67,326	75,841	168,335
Sanitary and Garbage .. .. .	136,794	767,664	511,553	1,416,011
Statutory Contributions to Fairfield Hospital .. .. .	14,595	56,073	5,985	76,653
Infant Welfare Centres .. .. .	12,274	113,032	122,189	247,495
Pre-school (Creche, &c.) .. .. .	13,844	33,536	5,541	52,921
Infectious Diseases Treatment .. .. .	..	636	12,264	12,900
Other .. .. .	10,176	58,012	19,023	87,211
<b>Council Properties—</b>				
Markets .. .. .	159,434	19,333	42,748	221,515
Halls .. .. .	74,692	153,350	95,409	323,451
Libraries .. .. .	3,050	92,960	56,068	152,078
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	284,785	650,811	319,301	1,254,897
Plant .. .. .	13,012	125,223	496,975	635,210
Weighbridges .. .. .	7,025	1,731	8,097	16,853
Grazing Expenses .. .. .	..	200	5,112	5,312
Pounds .. .. .	182	6,074	12,829	19,085
Materials .. .. .	..	30,508	44,348	74,856
Other Council Properties .. .. .	12,405	118,091	162,108	292,604
<b>Other Works and Services—</b>				
Car Parking .. .. .	69,792	1,101	..	70,893
Sheep Dipping .. .. .	..	..	2,511	2,511
River Works .. .. .	..	..	7,564	7,564
Vermin Destruction .. .. .	..	30	7,895	7,925
Other .. .. .	..	22,350	7,221	29,571
<b>Total Public Works and Services .. .. .</b>	<b>1,105,024</b>	<b>4,582,825</b>	<b>5,109,266</b>	<b>10,797,115</b>

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENDITURE,  
1952-53—continued.

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Debt Services—				
Redemption of Loans .. .. .	2,000	381,499	321,003	704,502
Sinking Fund Instalments .. ..	53,754	190	1,444	55,388
Interest on Loans .. .. .	136,969	175,841	134,734	447,544
Interest on Overdrafts .. .. .	5,497	28,035	47,542	81,074
Payments to Municipalities on account of severance adjustments .. .. .	..	901	4,363	5,264
Other .. .. .	214	785	310	1,309
Total Debt Services .. .. .	198,434	587,251	509,396	1,295,081
Grants and Contributions—				
Country Roads Board .. .. .	..	22,880	313,893	336,773
Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board .. .. .	58,706	222,270	2,571	283,547
Hospitals and other Charities .. ..	10,513	22,370	26,448	59,331
Other .. .. .	78,861	166,958	141,812	387,631
Total Grants and Contributions .. .. .	148,080	434,478	484,724	1,067,282
Transfer to other Funds .. .. .	3,700	72,468	53,461	129,629
General Administration* .. .. .	217,696	766,043	1,038,826	2,022,565
Pay-roll Tax .. .. .	26,910	74,700	84,496	186,106
Miscellaneous .. .. .	1,065	41,069	47,202	89,336
Grand Total .. .. .	1,700,909	6,558,834	7,327,371	15,587,114

\* For details see page 123.

Of the total General Account expenditure (excluding "transfers to other funds") in 1952-53, 13·1 per cent. was for administration; 8·4 per cent. for debt services; 13·3 per cent. for health services; 8·1 per cent. for parks, gardens, &c.; 34·0 per cent. for roads, streets, &c.; 4·1 per cent. for plant and equipment; 10·2 per cent. for other public works and services; 7·0 per cent. for grants and contributions; and 1·8 per cent. for miscellaneous items.



Particulars of the principal items of expenditure during the year ended 30th September, 1953, in respect of general municipal administration are given in the appended statement.

VICTORIA—COST OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION,  
1952-53.

Heading.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.*	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Salaries † .. .. .	174,797	541,432	772,961	1,489,190
Mayoral and Presidential Allowances .. .. .	5,000	23,810	24,655	53,465
Audit Expenses .. .. .	1,747	5,860	10,641	18,248
Dog Registration Expenses .. .. .	2,807	11,147	14,359	28,313
Election Expenses .. .. .	9,661	10,947	6,717	27,325
Insurances .. .. .	731	44,848	53,541	99,120
Legal Expenses .. .. .	3,007	10,600	8,813	22,420
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Postage, Telephone .. .. .	10,846	93,996	123,865	228,707
Other .. .. .	9,100	23,403	23,274	55,777
Total .. .. .	217,696	766,043	1,038,826	2,022,565

\* Information in respect of Salaries and Insurances relates to expenditure by the Finance and Public Works Committees only.

† Including cost of valuations and travelling expenses, but excluding, health officers' salaries.

In Victoria, in 1952-53, 42 electric light undertakings were operated by 37 municipalities, and there were also six municipally-owned gasworks. The revenue and expenditure of such undertakings in 1952-53 amounted to £7,141,553 and £7,105,227 respectively.

The council of any municipality may be constituted "a local governing body" under the provisions of the *Water Act* 1928 with such water supply district as is defined by the Governor in Council. At 30th September, 1953, fifteen municipalities had been so constituted. In six other municipalities

**Municipal electric light undertakings and gasworks.**

**Municipal waterworks.**

the water supply services were being administered in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1946*. An analysis of the authorities controlling water supply in Victoria is given on page 136 of this *Year-Book*.

During 1952-53 the receipts and expenditure of the above-mentioned municipal waterworks amounted to £94,069 and £93,671 respectively.

**Other municipal business undertakings.** Abattoirs and hydraulic power (in the City of Melbourne) are other undertakings which are under the control of municipalities in Victoria. In 1952-53, the total revenue on account of these undertakings was £410,066 and the total expenditure amounted to £424,201. In those cases in which the finances of abattoirs were operated through the General Account, particulars of the amounts have been included in the statement of that Account under the heading of "Other Council Properties". Quarries are included under the latter heading.

**Arrears of general and extra rates.** The following table shows the total amount of arrears of general and extra rates and also the amount of arrears per ratepayer in metropolitan municipalities and in municipalities outside the metropolitan area at the end of each of the five years, 1948-49 to 1952-53.

VICTORIA—ARREARS OF GENERAL AND EXTRA RATES,  
1948-49 TO 1952-53.

Year Ended 30th September—	Arrears of General and Extra Rates—			Arrears per Ratepayer—		
	Metro- politan Muni- cipalities.	Muni- cipalities Outside Metro- politan Area.	All Muni- cipalities.	Metro- politan Muni- cipalities.	Muni- cipalities Outside Metro- politan Area.	All Muni- cipalities.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1949 .. ..	60,352	117,132	177,484	0 2 11	0 7 8	0 4 10
1950 .. ..	59,536	125,238	184,774	0 2 9	0 7 10	0 4 11
1951 .. ..	63,187	119,965	183,152	0 2 11	0 3 7	0 4 9
1952 .. ..	80,746	135,827	216,573	0 3 7	0 7 11	0 5 5
1953 .. ..	97,850	147,736	245,586	0 4 2	0 8 5	0 6 0

**Number of councillors.** In the municipalities throughout the State, there were at 30th September, 1953, 2,163 councillors, viz., the 432 in the 34 Metropolitan municipalities and 1,731 in 166 municipalities outside the metropolitan area.

**Municipal loans.**

With the credit of the municipality as security, moneys may be borrowed by a municipal council for permanent works or undertakings or to liquidate the principal moneys owing on account of any previous loan. Permanent works include *inter alia* the construction or alteration of streets, roads, bridges, and drains, and the construction or purchase of waterworks, electric light undertakings, gasworks, markets, abattoirs, housing or reclamation schemes, libraries, and pleasure grounds.

The amount of money borrowed at any one time for permanent works or undertakings shall not, except so far as it is otherwise expressly provided, exceed the net annual value of all rateable property in the municipality. In addition, an amount not exceeding one half of the net annual value may be borrowed for water, electricity, and gas supply, quarrying and abattoirs. Further loans, not upon the credit of the municipality but on the security of certain specified income thereof, may be raised for permanent works or undertakings by the issue of debentures or by mortgage. Such loans shall have a currency of not more than 30 years and shall not exceed five times the average amount of such income for the three years preceding the raising of the loan.

**Municipal loan receipts.**

The following statement shows the loan receipts (exclusive of conversion loans) during each of the five years, 1949-50 to 1953-54. Particulars of loans raised for works in private streets are also excluded:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN RECEIPTS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.  
(Excluding Conversion Loans.)

Year Ended 30th September—	Gross Proceeds of Loans—		Other Receipts.*	Total.
	From Government.	From Other Sources.		
	£	£	£	£
1950 .. .. .	16,915	1,363,091	237,367	1,617,373
1951 .. .. .	52,360	3,418,623	307,422	3,778,405
1952 .. .. .	58,509	2,663,810	290,252	3,012,571
1953 .. .. .	19,125	3,300,408	366,463	3,685,996
1954 .. .. .	37,806	2,779,296	398,629	3,215,731

\* Other receipts consists mainly of transfers from other accounts of one municipality, viz., the City of Melbourne. During 1953-54 these amounted to £253,763.

**Municipal loan expenditure.**

In the following statement details are given of the loan expenditure, exclusive of expenditure on private streets, by municipalities for each of the four years, 1950-51 to 1953-54:—

**VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN EXPENDITURE,  
1950-51 TO 1953-54.**

Heading.	Year Ended 30th September—			
	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£
Roads, Streets, Bridges and Drains .. .. .	470,836	750,024	932,600	805,766
Waterworks .. .. .	66,475	77,668	36,859	41,682
Electric Light Undertakings .. .. .	1,149,691	1,781,043	1,070,200	1,256,175
Gasworks .. .. .	13,445	13,171	15,115	9,237
Halls .. .. .	3,569	8,909	27,765	62,133
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities .. .. .	108,665	141,784	140,662	172,763
Plant .. .. .	373,635	554,123	315,730	275,080
Abattoirs .. .. .	21,986	27,695	50,436	101,256
Markets .. .. .	6,785	6,940	48,003	72,191
Infant Welfare Centres .. .. .	20,548	40,803	51,078	50,836
Pre-school (Creche, &c.) .. .. .	21,821	23,804	18,525	3,986
Other Council Properties .. .. .	146,517	164,449	145,637	208,079
Other Purposes .. .. .	28,232	9,278	117,220*	96,280*
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>2,432,205</b>	<b>3,600,291</b>	<b>3,569,630</b>	<b>3,155,464</b>

\* Includes special contributions by one municipality for Olympic Games and construction of a subway: 1953, £86,614; 1954, £82,426.

At 30th September, 1954, there was a credit balance in loan accounts amounting to £3,005,571.

**Municipal loan liability.** The loan liability of the municipalities in Victoria at the end of each of the five years 1949-50 to 1953-54 is given hereunder:—

**VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN LIABILITY, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.**

At 30th September—	Due to—		Gross Loan Liability.	Accumulated Sinking Funds.	Net Loan Liability.	
	Government.*	Public.			Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.
1950 .. .. .	236,029	12,300,115	12,536,144	1,505,538	11,030,606	4 19 4
1951 .. .. .	325,898	15,058,404	15,384,302	1,634,558	13,749,744	6 0 4
1952 .. .. .	366,980	16,814,360	17,181,340	1,749,616	15,431,724	6 10 9
1953 .. .. .	357,276	20,149,235	20,506,511	1,895,783	18,610,728	7 14 8
1954 .. .. .	353,609	21,682,181	22,035,790	2,125,710	19,910,080	8 1 4

\* Excluding liability to Country Roads Board.

**Construction of private streets.** The council of any municipality may form, level, &c., any street, road, &c., which is formed or set out on private property or which is set out on land of the Crown or any public body in such manner as to form means of back access to or drainage from property adjacent to such street, road, &c., where such

street, road, &c., is not formed, &c., to the satisfaction of the council. The cost of doing so is recoverable from the owners of adjoining properties. At the request of any owner, the amount apportioned as his total liability may be made payable by 40 or, if the council so directs, 60 quarterly instalments bearing interest on the portion that from time to time remains unpaid.

For the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of work in respect of which any person is liable to pay by instalments, the council may, on the credit of the municipality, obtain advances from a bank by overdraft on current account or borrow money by the issue of debentures, but such borrowings shall not exceed the total amount of instalments payable. This borrowing power is additional to those powers mentioned on page 125.

Details of the receipts and expenditure of Private Streets Accounts during the years 1952-53 and 1953-54 are shown as follows:—

VICTORIA—PRIVATE STREETS ACCOUNTS—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1952-53.

Receipts.	Expenditure.
£	£
Proceeds of Loans .. 457,211	Works .. .. 1,769,172
Owners' Contributions .. 1,239,910	Debt Charges—
Advance from Other Funds 5,000	Redemption of Loans .. 28,357
Contribution from General Account .. 17,507	Interest on Loans .. 14,779
Other .. .. 5,137	Interest on Overdraft .. 35,261
	Repayment of Advance .. 44,782
	Transfer to General Account 22,397
	Other .. .. 20,390
Total .. .. 1,724,765	Total .. .. 1,935,138
Cash in hand or in Bank at 1st October, 1952 .. 108,457	Bank Overdraft at 1st October, 1952 .. .. 1,007,652
Bank Overdraft at 30th September, 1953 .. 1,310,531	Cash in hand or in Bank at 30th September, 1953 .. 200,963
3,143,753	3,143,753

VICTORIA—PRIVATE STREETS ACCOUNTS—RECEIPTS AND  
EXPENDITURE, 1953-54.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£		£
Proceeds of Loans ..	299,751	Works .. ..	1,695,494
Owners' contributions ..	1,666,037	Debt charges—	
Advance from Other Funds	3,070	Redemption of Loans ..	56,116
Contribution from General Account .. ..	58,035	Interest on Loans ..	31,748
Other .. ..	17,964	Interest on Overdraft ..	47,216
		Other .. ..	1,050
		Repayment of Advance ..	22,795
		Transfer to General Account	13,658
		Other .. ..	3,894
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,044,857</b>	<b>Total</b> ..	<b>1,871,971</b>
Cash in hand or in Bank at 1st October, 1953 ..	198,612	Bank Overdraft at 1st October, 1953 .. ..	1,308,183
Bank Overdraft at 30th September, 1954 ..	1,279,576	Cash in hand or in Bank at 30th September, 1954 ..	342,891
	<b>3,523,045</b>		<b>3,523,045</b>

At 30th September, 1954, loans outstanding on account of private street construction amounted to £911,862.

Details of receipts and expenditure of Private Streets Accounts during each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are shown in the following table.

## VICTORIA—PRIVATE STREETS ACCOUNTS.

	Year Ended 30th September—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Receipts.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Proceeds of Loans .. ..	18,433	10,705	139,296	457,211	299,751
Owners' contributions .. ..	639,117	807,892	908,604	1,239,910	1,666,037
Advance from other funds .. ..	23,935	22,000	27,431	5,000	3,070
Contribution from General Account	10,635	677	7,842	17,507	58,035
Other .. .. .	3,212	38,222	4,803	5,137	17,964
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>695,332</b>	<b>879,496</b>	<b>1,087,976</b>	<b>1,724,765</b>	<b>2,044,857</b>
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Works .. .. .	822,935	988,149	1,568,606	1,769,172	1,695,494
Debt Charges—					
Redemption of Loans .. ..	19,613	9,747	11,914	28,357	56,116
Interest on Loans .. ..	3,061	2,058	3,639	14,779	31,748
Interest on Overdraft .. ..	2,865	10,207	19,826	35,261	47,216
Repayment of Advance .. ..	146	3,879	30,137	44,782	22,795
Transfer to General Account .. ..	..	15,320	16,138	22,397	13,658
Other .. .. .	9,839	6,384	11,510	20,390	4,944
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>858,459</b>	<b>1,035,744</b>	<b>1,661,770</b>	<b>1,935,138</b>	<b>1,871,971</b>

The following table shows the estimated length of all roads and streets in the State in the year 1954. The mileage of roads, &c. (excluding State Highways) has been compiled from information furnished by all municipal authorities, but some doubts exist as to the accuracy of the particulars on a number of returns. The mileage of State Highways was obtained from the Country Roads Board.

**Length of  
roads and  
streets.**

VICTORIA—LENGTH OF ALL ROADS AND STREETS AT  
30TH SEPTEMBER, 1954.

Type of Road or Street.	Roads and Streets (excluding State Highways).	State Highways.	Total.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Wood or stone .. .. .	61	..	61
Portland cement concrete .. .. .	133	2	135
Asphaltic concrete and sheet asphalt .. .. .	226	7	233
Tar or bitumen surface seal over tar or bitumen penetrated or water-bound pavements .. .. .	9,198	2,999	12,197
Waterbound macadam, gravel, sand, and hard loam pavements .. .. .	30,960	806	31,766
Formed, but not otherwise paved .. .. .	25,005	35	25,040
Surveyed roads not formed which are used for general traffic .. .. .	30,531	..	30,531
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>96,114</b>	<b>3,849</b>	<b>99,963</b>

**Licensing Fund.** During the year 1952-53 a sum of £58,901 was paid out of this Fund to municipalities, as provided by Section 311 of the *Licensing Act* 1928. The payments to cities amounted to £31,944; to towns, £1,415; to boroughs, £4,627; and to shires, £20,915. A statement of the receipts and expenditure of this Fund appears in part "Law, Crime, &c.", of this issue.

**Municipal Officer's Fidelity Guarantee Fund.** The provisions of the Act under which this Fund was established are set out in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29 on page 163.

The premium revenue for the year ended 30th September, 1954, was £1,905, for guarantees amounting to £613,176. The claims paid from January, 1908, the date of the inception of the Fund, to September, 1954, amounted to £7,114. The amount to the credit of the Fund at 30th September, 1954, was £43,562.

**Municipalities Assistance Fund.** This fund, which was set up under the provisions of the *Municipalities and Other Authorities Finances Act* 1950, came into operation on 1st January, 1951. It has two functions—to provide subsidies towards the cost of approved works by municipalities and other bodies, and to relieve certain municipalities of their obligation to contribute towards the operating cost of the Country Fire Authority. A limit of £100,000 is placed upon the amount which may be approved for works in any one year.



**LOCAL AUTHORITIES SUPERANNUATION BOARD.**

The Local Authorities Superannuation Board was constituted by the *Local Authorities Superannuation Act 1947* (No. 5216) for the administration of the provisions of the Act.

The Act provides for the payment of a lump sum retiring allowance to permanent employees of Municipal Councils, Water and Sewerage Authorities, Weights and Measures Unions, Cemetery Trusts, any Harbor Board constituted under the *Harbor Boards Act 1928*, the First Mildura Irrigation Trust, and any other body declared by the Governor in Council to be an authority for the purposes of the Act.

For the year ended 30th June, 1954, the revenue amounted to £581,839 for premiums on policies and contributions to the Provident Fund. The total amount of the Provident Fund at that date was £402,894.

The number of employees participating in the Fund was 2,877, showing an average of £140 per employee. The total insurance cover in respect of 6,454 employees subject to the insurance provisions of the Act was £7,988,845, being an average of £1,238 per employee.

The Board receives commission from the life insurance offices with which the insurance is placed from which it meets the cost of administration and builds up a reserve fund out of which it replenishes a Contingent Fund. Commissions received for the year ended 30th June, 1954, amounted to £41,146. Management expenses for the same period were £8,254.

The Contingent Fund is applied at the discretion of the Board to pay funeral allowances to dependants of the deceased permanent employees, the premium or contributions of employees during sickness when not in receipt of wages, and weekly allowances and payment of medical expenses when deemed advisable in the case of employees absent from work on account of illness and not receiving wages.

**COUNTRY ROADS BOARD.**

With the object of improving the main roads of the State, the *Country Roads Act 1912* empowered the Governor in Council to appoint a board of three members. A summary of the principal duties of the Board was published in the *Year-Book* for 1939-40, page 154.

The *Country Roads Act 1928* provides that all fees and fines paid under the Motor Car Acts, less the cost of collection of such fees and fines, shall be placed to the credit of the Country Roads Board Fund, together with repayments by municipalities on account of main road works. From 1930-31 the annual payment into the Fund of an amount from Consolidated Revenue has been suspended.

The *Municipalities and Other Authorities Finances Act 1950* provided that from the 1st January, 1951, the driver's licence fee shall be increased from 5s. to 10s., and that only half the amount of all such fees, less the cost of collection, be paid to the Country Roads Board Fund.

Money available to the Board is derived from revenue received under the Motor Car Acts, payment from the Commonwealth Government of portion of the duties on motor spirit, the above-mentioned repayment by municipalities, and loan funds made available to the Board by the Government of Victoria.

Receipts and expenditure covering the operation of the Board for the years 1949-1950 to 1953-54 were as follows:—

**VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD RECEIPTS AND  
EXPENDITURE—1949-50 TO 1953-54.**

	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Receipts.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Fees and Fines— Motor Car Act (less cost of collection) ..	2,687,490	3,159,111	3,853,962	3,861,533	3,970,528
Municipalities' Repayments—Per- manent Works—					
Outer Metropolitan Roads ..	1,899		29	272	1,456
Maintenance—Main Roads ..	187,889	187,109	283,362	344,048	330,149
Moneys provided by—					
<i>Commonwealth Aid Roads and   Works Act 1947</i> ..	1,370,528	77,087	..	..	..
<i>Commonwealth Aid Roads Act   1950</i> ..		1,911,575	2,501,150	2,446,029	2,741,608
Receipts from State Loan Funds ..	391,867	715,956	1,046,621	1,191,509	1,512,741
Other Receipts—Fees, Fines, &c. ..	10,929	3,521	4,222	2,092	1,841
Total .. ..	4,650,602	6,054,359	7,689,346	7,845,483	8,558,323
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Construction and Maintenance of					
Roads and Bridges .. ..	3,185,035	5,362,022	5,835,800	6,023,120	6,686,290
Traffic Line Marking .. ..	8,918	12,497	12,729	23,366	23,854
Plant Purchases .. ..	211,661	578,273	701,760	840,258	670,389
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments	521,184	526,845	537,870	570,001	611,154
Payment to Tourists' Resorts Fund	27,781	37,879	46,098	57,750	58,000
General Expenditure .. ..	368,878	671,183	680,995	367,914	469,192
Total .. ..	4,323,457	7,188,699	7,815,252	7,882,409	8,518,879

The following is a summary of the total expenditure by the Country Roads Board on road construction during each of the five years, 1949-50 to 1953-54 :—

VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD—EXPENDITURE  
ON ROADS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
State Highways—					
Construction .. .. .	290,704	756,000	949,539	567,383	951,812
Maintenance and reconditioning	1,049,884	1,321,175	1,208,666	1,683,420	1,552,099
Main Roads—					
Permanent Works .. .. .	41,867	34,956	100,461	197,617	315,188
Construction and restoration ..	5,801	..	..	..	..
Maintenance and reconditioning	1,217,829	2,024,119	2,526,214	2,295,238	2,528,063
Unclassified Roads—					
Construction and maintenance	365,004	923,629	757,013	916,145	995,788
Roads for isolated settlers ..	13,175	14,063	16,371	2,801	..
Tourists Roads—					
Construction .. .. .	11,155	126	..	..	..
Maintenance.. .. .	138,686	212,272	196,512	232,778	217,804
Forest Roads—					
Construction .. .. .	227	11,538	..	..	..
Maintenance.. .. .	43,947	51,795	69,150	113,895	108,504
Murray River Bridges and Punts—					
Maintenance.. .. .	6,021	11,641	10,775	13,843	17,032
Roads adjoining Commonwealth Properties .. .. .	735	709	1,099	..	..
Total .. .. .	3,185,035	5,362,023	5,835,800	6,023,120	6,686,290

### HARBOR TRUSTS.

The Port of Melbourne is under the control of this Trust, and its constitution, powers, and functions are set out on page 145 of the *Year-Book* for 1929-30. The following are particulars of the ordinary revenue and ordinary and capital expenditure for the years 1950 to 1954. The loan indebtedness as at the end of each of the five years is also shown.

Melbourne  
Harbor Trust.

**MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST—REVENUE AND  
EXPENDITURE, 1950 TO 1954.**

Heading.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>REVENUE.</b>					
Wharfage and Tonnage Rates ..	1,293,923	1,493,422	1,256,581	1,423,345	1,800,811
Rents .. .. .	64,072	67,129	71,572	78,957	106,135
Interest .. .. .	4,672	655	3,868	6,464	13,242
Other Revenue .. .. .	408,407	568,226	609,231	543,506	673,159
	1,771,074	2,129,432	1,941,252	2,052,272	2,593,347
Less Statutory Payments to—					
Consolidated Revenue ..	260,383	305,119	255,690	288,263	364,162
Geelong Harbour Trust ..	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>1,495,691</b>	<b>1,809,313</b>	<b>1,670,562</b>	<b>1,749,009</b>	<b>2,214,185</b>
<b>REVENUE EXPENDITURE.</b>					
General Management and Expenses	79,419	99,868	152,768	147,046	158,102
Flotation and Redemption of Loans					
Expenses .. .. .	..	1,291	387	2,632	3,008
Operating Expenses .. .. .	293,411	447,004	506,767	423,700	456,340
Maintenance—					
Dredging .. .. .	128,854	215,895	158,428	331,808	306,952
Harbor .. .. .	11,096	13,119	18,558	14,312	16,300
Wharves .. .. .	100,493	148,205	246,810	191,076	175,234
Approaches .. .. .	5,592	8,444	15,440	19,588	12,554
Railways .. .. .	5,243	10,382	14,712	8,954	8,289
Cranes .. .. .	40,246	69,136	79,626	64,755	61,230
Other Properties .. .. .	11,486	16,390	11,367	26,324	34,565
Interest on Loans and Exchange	127,933	162,705	222,258	298,877	329,990
Depreciation, Renewals, and In-					
surance Account .. .. .	162,882	182,371	179,047	98,182	479,393
Sinking Fund .. .. .	59,649	73,176	70,227	83,037	88,823
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>1,026,304</b>	<b>1,447,986</b>	<b>1,676,395</b>	<b>1,710,291</b>	<b>2,130,785</b>
Surplus on Revenue Account ..	469,387	361,327	..	38,718	83,400
Deficit .. .. .	..	..	5,833	..	..
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.</b>					
Land and Property .. .. .	23,230	39,242	29,728	22,434	60,753
Deepening Waterways .. .. .	656,719	611,621	704,889	156,849	171,804
Wharves Construction .. .. .	345,134	633,534	885,491	781,368	552,866
Approaches Construction .. .. .	10,260	50,427	65,263	21,120	40,747
Other Harbor Improvements ..	72,343	47,731	113,264	76,062	50,582
Floating and General Plant .. ..	481,706	676,366	447,462	197,780	378,873
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>1,589,392</b>	<b>2,058,921</b>	<b>2,246,097</b>	<b>1,255,613</b>	<b>1,255,625</b>
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness .. .. .	3,972,029*	5,883,853	7,914,146	9,581,934	9,641,361
Sinking Fund .. .. .	..	..	..	1,500	77
<b>Net Indebtedness .. .. .</b>	<b>3,972,029</b>	<b>5,883,853</b>	<b>7,914,146</b>	<b>9,580,434</b>	<b>9,641,284</b>

\* Excluding bank overdraft \$517,355.

The Port of Geelong is under the control of this Trust, and its constitution and powers are shown in the *Year-Book* for 1929-30, page 147. A concise statement of the principal provisions of the *Geelong and Melbourne Harbor Trusts Act* 1934 is given in the *Year-Book* for 1933-34, pages 153 and 154.

The following is a summary of the revenue and expenditure for each year 1950 to 1954. Capital expenditure during, and loan indebtedness at end of, each of the five years are also shown:—

**GEELONG HARBOR TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1950 TO 1954.**

Heading.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<b>REVENUE.</b>	£	£	£	£	£
Wharfage, Tonnage, and Special Berth Rates .. .. .	124,518	103,874	96,851	114,092	403,482
Rents, Fees, and Licences .. .. .	5,763	7,537	8,503	7,943	9,872
Freezing Works and Abattoirs .. .. .	20,458	26,330	29,660	31,500	31,939
Contribution by Melbourne Harbor Trust .. .. .	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Other Revenue .. .. .	28,130	31,959	29,474	56,066	84,108
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>193,869</b>	<b>184,700</b>	<b>179,488</b>	<b>224,601</b>	<b>544,401</b>
<b>REVENUE EXPENDITURE.</b>					
Management Expenses .. .. .	43,122	59,265	48,145	51,034	58,215
Maintenance—					
Wharves and Approaches .. .. .	12,683	7,351	8,012	10,637	10,972
Harbor .. .. .	12,491	14,318	12,804	12,065	17,877
Floating Plant .. .. .	1,872	3,713	2,652	2,007	1,318
Other .. .. .	2,943	2,609	3,163	4,027	5,847
Interest on Loans .. .. .	13,641	14,266	20,942	22,046	111,283
Sinking Fund .. .. .	3,755	3,900	5,946	11,196	13,378
Freezing Works and Abattoirs .. .. .	26,321	20,787	26,577	28,377	23,239
Depreciation Provision .. .. .	28,918	31,508	32,908	38,886	46,838
Miscellaneous (including other provisions.) .. .. .	16,457	20,170	19,327	29,763	81,473
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>162,203</b>	<b>177,887</b>	<b>180,476</b>	<b>210,038</b>	<b>370,440</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (NET).</b>					
Floating Plant .. .. .	10,604	1,732	33,930	45,186	112,308
Land and Property .. .. .	7,214	10,880	..	14,254	118,585
Deepening Waterways .. .. .	58,818	87,543	253,011	842,259	519,038
Wharves and Approaches .. .. .	34,796	160,754	324,523	258,665	161,748
Other .. .. .	9,924	3,294	82,322	35,823	10,904
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>121,356</b>	<b>264,203</b>	<b>693,786</b>	<b>1,196,187</b>	<b>922,583</b>
<b>At 31st December—</b>					
Loan Indebtedness .. .. .	508,459	567,019	1,649,044	2,302,010	2,695,862
Sinking Fund .. .. .	88,869	95,730	104,860	119,571	137,159
<b>Net Indebtedness .. .. .</b>	<b>419,590</b>	<b>471,289</b>	<b>1,544,184</b>	<b>2,182,439</b>	<b>2,558,703</b>

The *Portland Harbor Trust Act*, No. 5425 of 1949, provided for the constitution of the **Portland Harbor Trust**. Trust and the appointment of three commissioners. A statement relating to the powers of the commissioners was published in the *Year-Book* for 1948-49, page 32. Further reference was made on page 323 of the same *Year-Book*.

Revenue and expenditure for the years ended 30th June, 1953, and 1954, are as follows :—

	Year ended 30th June—	
	1953.	1954.
	£	£
<b>Revenue—</b>		
Government grant (maintenance) .. .. .	17,000	20,000
Tonnage rates .. .. .	1,464	2,247
Wharfage .. .. .	11,660	11,340
Shipping services .. .. .	794	1,066
Other .. .. .	1,797	2,842
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>32,715</b>	<b>37,495</b>
<b>Expenditure—</b>		
Administration .. .. .	8,482	8,041
Maintenance .. .. .	18,522	18,634
Shipping services .. .. .	478	617
Depreciation .. .. .	780	1,074
Other .. .. .	3,771	11,686
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>32,033</b>	<b>40,052</b>

### WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITIES.

The authorities controlling water supply for domestic purposes in Victoria at 31st December, 1954, are listed in the following statement. It is estimated that about 84 per cent. of the population of this State is so supplied by these authorities.

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITIES.

Authorities.	Administered under the Provisions of—
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission ..	} Water Acts
Waterworks Trusts (130) .. ..	
Local Governing Bodies—	
Ballarat Water Commissioners .. ..	
Municipal Councils—	
Arapiles Shire .. ..	
Ararat City .. ..	
Bacchus Marsh Shire .. ..	
Beechworth Shire .. ..	
Bet Bet Shire .. ..	
Clunes Borough .. ..	
Creswick Shire .. ..	
Inglewood Borough .. ..	
Korong Shire .. ..	
Stawell Borough .. ..	
Talbot Shire .. ..	
Walpeup Shire .. ..	
Warrnambool City .. ..	
Werribee Shire .. ..	
Wimmera Shire .. ..	
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works ..	Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust ..	Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act
Mildura Urban Water Trust .. ..	Mildura Irrigation Trusts Acts
Heidelberg City Council (Diamond Creek and Greensborough supplies) .. ..	} Local Government Acts
Sale City Council .. ..	
Eltham Shire Council (Eltham, Montmorency, and Yarra Glen supplies) .. ..	
Grenville Shire Council (Linton supply) ..	
Huntly Shire Council (Goornong supply) ..	
Leigh Shire Council (Rokewood and Corindhap supplies) .. ..	

The revenue and expenditure of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission form part of Consolidated Revenue. Information relating to the activities of the Commission is shown in Part "Production" of this *Year-Book*.

**MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.**

**Creation and Constitution of Board.** The Board was established by Act of Parliament on 20th December, 1890, and entered upon its duties on 18th March, 1891. It consists of 50 members, including the chairman, who is elected every four years by the other members, and is eligible for re-election. The other 49 members, who are called commissioners, are from time to time elected by the councils of the municipal districts wholly or partly within the metropolis.

**Functions of the Board.**

The principal functions of the Board are to control and manage the metropolitan water supply system, including watersheds, reservoirs, weirs, aqueducts, pipes, &c.; to provide the metropolis with an efficient system of main and general sewerage; to deal with main drains and main drainage works; to control and manage the rivers, creeks, and watercourses within the metropolis; and to collect and dispose of night-soil from unsewered premises within the area under its control. Under the Town and Country Planning Acts the Board was made the responsible authority as regards the preparation and submission for approval of any planning scheme in relation to the metropolitan area and the making of any interim order and the enforcement and carrying out of any such scheme or order.

**Area under Board's control at 30th June, 1954.**

The metropolis for water supply, sewerage and drainage and river improvement purposes comprises all that land within 13 miles of the post office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth-streets, Melbourne, and the remaining portions of the Cities of Moorabbin, Mordialloc, and Nunawading and the Shire of Mulgrave and certain portions of the remainder of the Shires of Eltham, Doncaster and Templestowe, and Springvale and Noble Park, but excludes portion of the Shire of Werribee within such 13 miles. This territory has an area of 451 square miles within which are situated 28 cities and 1 shire and the parts of 1 other city and 9 other shires.

**Town Planning.**

The metropolitan area for the purpose of town planning is all that area within a radius of 15 miles of the post office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth street, Melbourne, together with the remaining portions of the Cities of Heidelberg and Mordialloc, the Borough of Ringwood, and the Shires of Keilor, Mulgrave, Springvale, and Noble Park, Dandenong, and Doncaster and Templestowe, the whole of the City of Chelsea, parts of the Shires of Berwick and Cranbourne, and that portion of the Shire of Frankston and Hastings within a radius of 26 miles of the said post office but excluding any portion of the Shire of Fern Tree Gully.

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

The Board is empowered to borrow £44,750,000, this amount being exclusive of loans amounting to £2,389,934 originally raised by the Government for the construction of waterworks for the supply of Melbourne and suburbs. These works were vested in and taken over by the Board on 1st July, 1891.

The Board's liability under loans was £42,718,470 on 30th June, 1954. The Board was at that date empowered to borrow £4,421,464 before reaching the limit of its borrowing powers.

**Revenue and expenditure.**

The following is a statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Board during each of the five years, 1949-50 to 1953-54 :—



MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—  
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Heads of Revenue and Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>REVENUE.</b>					
Water Supply—					
Water Rates and Charges (including Revenue from water supplied by measure) ..	1,323,236	1,580,933	1,674,096	1,741,760	2,271,269
Sewerage—					
Sewerage Rates .. .. .	1,243,520	1,299,916	1,406,788	1,687,936	1,973,391
Trade Waste Charges .. .. .	131,084	140,495	144,273	152,880	168,641
Sanitary Charges .. .. .	30,775	30,787	31,690	31,714	35,466
Metropolitan Farm—					
Grazing Fees, Rents, Pastures, &c. Balance, Live Stock Account ..	3,363	1,971	12,799	7,649	-2,973
	75,803	102,583	98,177	88,102	90,806
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers—					
Drainage and River Improvement Rate .. .. .	110,380	116,771	126,897	144,853	168,576
River Water Charges .. .. .	6,168	5,185	5,851	7,154	7,357
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>2,924,329</b>	<b>3,278,641</b>	<b>3,590,571</b>	<b>3,862,048</b>	<b>4,712,533</b>
<b>REVENUE EXPENDITURE.</b>					
Water Supply—					
Management and Incidental Expenses .. .. .	202,565	269,428	345,793	362,674	367,509
Maintenance .. .. .	589,178	477,180	468,437	535,016	556,817
Sewerage—					
Management and Incidental Expenses .. .. .	206,646	261,201	313,304	333,413	338,717
Maintenance .. .. .	202,213	239,477	303,094	371,520	368,752
Metropolitan Farm—					
Administrative Expenses .. .. .	13,748	20,409	24,994	21,450	14,194
Maintenance .. .. .	152,355	193,227	216,677	246,052	256,101
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers—					
Management and Incidental Expenses .. .. .	10,016	14,289	18,815	25,028	32,817
Maintenance .. .. .	16,880	23,055	28,644	34,770	46,072
Pensions and Allowances .. .. .	21,410	36,353	46,754	45,277	50,032
Loan Floating Expenses .. .. .	2,035	21,032	26,510	82,622	58,670
Interest (including exchange on interest payments in London)	1,315,342	1,413,196	1,540,009	1,682,733	1,910,730
Contribution to—					
Sinking Fund .. .. .	73,785	81,607	93,398	101,564	106,796
Renewals Fund .. .. .	163,095	167,502	172,466	114,013	128,793
Superannuation Accounts .. .. .	29,373	39,259	38,368	46,715	44,050
Depreciation .. .. .	..	12,506	..	4,470	4,254
Contributions to Municipalities .. .. .	7,389	7,438	7,409	7,411	7,411
Contributions to Construction of Cremorne Railway Bridge .. .. .	..	..	..	..	39,942
Exchange—					
Redemption, London Loan, 1948	9,000	9,000	9,000	8,880	..
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>3,015,030</b>	<b>3,286,159</b>	<b>3,653,672</b>	<b>4,023,608</b>	<b>4,331,657</b>

**Cost of Capital Works.**

The total cost of all capital works of the Board to 30th June, 1954, was £50,156,227, viz., £25,564,214 on water supply, £20,815,248 on sewerage, and £3,776,765 on drainage and river improvement works. For details of expenditure on water supply see below, and for expenditure on sewerage, page 143.

**Water supply assessments and rates.**

The rate to be paid in respect of any lands and houses for the supply of water for domestic purposes, otherwise than by measure, is limited to an amount not exceeding 8d. in the pound of the annual value of the lands and houses served. The water rate levied in the year 1953-54 was 8d. in the £1 on the annual value of the property served. Properties with an annual value of £14 and under are charged a minimum rate of 10s. per annum. The charge for water supplied by measure in excess of the quantity which at 1s. per thousand gallons would produce an amount equal to the water rate payable is 1s. 6d. per 1,000 gallons. For shipping at Melbourne wharves the charge is 4s. 6d. per 1,000 gallons.

**Cost of waterworks system.**

The cost of capital works in respect of the water supply system under the control of the Board is shown in the following table for each of the last four years, together with the total expenditure to 30th June, 1954:—

	During Year Ended 30th June—				Total Cost to 30th June, 1954.
	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Yan Yean System ..	4,782	3,399	3,658	1,761	683,663
Maroondah System ..	3,128	672	603	1,467	1,720,527
O'Shannassy - Upper Yarra System ..	1,387,956	2,035,220	1,677,834	1,737,067	12,642,064
Service reservoirs ..	3,807	8,490	4,359	8,562	660,771
Large mains ..	111,321	107,040	48,628	346,858	3,787,103
Reticulation ..	296,863	399,391	266,207	344,077	5,851,953
Afforestation ..	8,308	1,383	3,474	9,766	204,718
Investigations, future works ..	517	1,554	1,557	31	13,415
Total ..	1,816,682	2,557,149	2,006,320	2,449,589	25,564,214

**The Melbourne and Metropolitan waterworks.**

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

**Storage and service reservoirs.**

There are five storage reservoirs (Yan Yean, Toorourrong, Maroondah, O'Shannassy, and Silvan No. 1) with a total capacity of 23,351,305,000 gallons, 20 service reservoirs (including one at the Metropolitan Farm, Werribee) and three elevated tanks with a total capacity of 257,200,000 gallons.

The Upper Yarra water supply works now under construction include the provision of a storage reservoir on the upper reaches of the River Yarra in the vicinity of McVeigh's and the construction of a conduit from that reservoir to the Silvan Reservoir.

In 1946 the Board approved of the construction by day labour of an earth and rock fill dam on the River Yarra immediately upstream from the confluence of Doctor's Creek. The dam will be 293 feet high and will impound 45,800 million gallons of water, which will treble the available water storage under the control of the Board. This work is estimated to cost £12,628,000.

The clearing of the area to be submerged by the water of the reservoir is proceeding and up to the 30th June, 1955, 316 acres had been cleared by contract, the work being confined mainly to the Walsh's Creek area.

The water from the Upper Yarra catchment will be conveyed to the Silvan Reservoir by a conduit consisting of 22 miles of 68-inch diameter steel pipes and  $1\frac{1}{3}$  miles of tunnel. This conduit will be capable of delivering 75 million gallons daily from the existing Upper Yarra Aqueduct at Starvation Creek. The tunnels have been built with sufficient capacity to allow the laying of a duplicate pipeline with a similar capacity when the need arises. This work was completed in 1953.

**Output of water.** The total output of water from the various sources of supply in 1952-53 and 1953-54 was as follows:—

	Year ended 30th June—	
	1953.	1954.
	'000 gals.	'000 gals.
Yan Yean Reservoir .. .. .	5,904,700	4,816,200
Maroondah Reservoir .. .. .	15,656,200	16,462,900
O'Shannassy River and Silvan No. 1 .. .. .	15,792,600	19,047,900
<b>Total Output .. .. .</b>	<b>37,353,100</b>	<b>40,327,000</b>

The total consumption of water amounted to 37,383 million gallons in 1952-53 and 40,353 million gallons in 1953-54, and the average consumption per day was 102·42 million gallons in 1952-53 and 110·56 million gallons in 1953-54. During the year ended 30th June, 1954, the maximum consumption on any one day was 227·1 million gallons on 12th January, 1954, and the minimum consumption was 68·9 million gallons on 20th September, 1953. The maximum daily consumption of 227·1 million gallons was the highest on record.

The following table shows for each of the five years, 1950 to 1954, the daily average consumption of water, and the daily average per head :—

**DAILY AVERAGE QUANTITY OF WATER CONSUMED IN  
MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.**

(MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS AREA.)

Year	Properties Supplied with water at 30th June	Properties for which Sewers were Provided at 30th June	Daily Average of Annual Consumption of Water.	Daily Consumption of Water per Head of Population Served.
	No.	No.	Million Gallons.	Gallons.
1949-50 .. ..	342,742	320,006	91·66	70·13*
1950-51 .. ..	354,415	321,548	101·99	76·51*
1951-52 .. ..	364,248	329,872	107·36	79·52*
1952-53 .. ..	378,439	338,314	102·42	74·11*
1953-54 .. ..	390,035	345,370	110·56	78·75*

\* Revised after Census of June, 1954.

These figures show that additional properties to the number of 11,596 were supplied with water during the year ended 30th June, 1954.

The Board is empowered to levy a general sewerage rate not exceeding 1s. 2d. in the £1 of the net annual value of properties in sewered areas. The sewerage rate for the year 1953-54 was 1s. 1d. in the £1. The total annual value of property in the Board's area in 1953-54 was £40,265,249, of which £36,303,675 was liable to the sewerage rate, the balance being the value of property in unsewered districts. The receipts from general sewerage rates and charges in 1953-54 amounted to £2,008,857.

**Sewerage assessments, rates, and receipts.**

**Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan sewerage system.**

The cost of sewerage works during each of the last four years and the total cost at 30th June, 1954, are shown in the following table :—

	During Year Ended 30th June—				Total Cost at 30th June, 1954.
	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Farm purchase and preparation ..	195,433	195,887	178,958	152,828	2,608,337
Treatment works ..	1,883	1,370	271	3,560	218,986
Outfall sewers and rising mains .. ..	1,466	1,736	3,100	584	539,111
Pumping stations, buildings, and plant ..	8,488	15,803	11,951	5,450	355,197
Main and branch sewers	88,611	68,811	77,733	124,511	3,725,272
Reticulation sewers ..	524,258	695,912	585,757	709,572	12,574,160
Cost of house connexions chargeable to capital ..	..	..	..	..	670,569
Sanitary depots ..	5	3,308	2,461	4,292	55,396
Investigations ..	8,032	2,179	10,208	24,243	68,220
<b>Cost of sewerage system ..</b>	<b>828,176</b>	<b>985,006</b>	<b>870,439</b>	<b>1,025,040</b>	<b>20,815,248</b>

**Main and subsidiary sewerage systems.**

The sewerage system of the metropolis at 30th June, 1954, consisted of the main system and three subsidiary systems :—

The Main system (serving an area of 69,984 acres), the sewage from which gravitates to Spotswood Pumping Station where it is lifted to the main outfall sewer at Brooklyn and thence flows to the Metropolitan Farm at Werribee.

The Sunshine system (serving an area of 1,352 acres in the City of Sunshine), the sewage from which is pumped to the main outfall sewer.

The Kew system (serving an area of 103 acres in Kew), the sewage from which drains to a local treatment plant.

The South-Eastern system (serving an area of 2,498 acres in Cheltenham, Parkdale, Mentone, and Mordialloc), the sewage from which drains to the Braeside treatment plant in the Shire of Dandenong.

The first house was connected in Port Melbourne in August, 1897. On 30th June, 1954, the number of buildings for which sewers were provided was 345,370, and the estimated population served by the system was 1,243,000. During 1953-54, 11,596 new houses were erected in the Board's area.

**Number of buildings for which sewers were provided.**

The following statement shows the number of sewer connexions at 30th June, 1954 :—

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—  
SEWER CONNEXIONS AT 30TH JUNE, 1954.

Municipality.	Number of Buildings for which Sewers were provided at 30th June, 1954.
<b>Cities—</b>	
Box Hill .. .. .	7,865
Brighton .. .. .	11,770
Brunswick .. .. .	14,781
Camberwell .. .. .	24,861
Caulfield .. .. .	22,400
Coburg .. .. .	14,534
Collingwood .. .. .	8,178
Essendon .. .. .	15,051
Fitzroy .. .. .	7,841
Footscray .. .. .	14,666
Hawthorn .. .. .	10,820
Heidelberg (part) .. .. .	12,320
Kew .. .. .	8,116
Malvern .. .. .	14,620
Melbourne .. .. .	22,520
Moorabbin .. .. .	13,961
Mordialloc .. .. .	4,909
Northcote .. .. .	12,477
Nunawading .. .. .	2,694
Oakleigh .. .. .	4,972
Port Melbourne .. .. .	3,853
Prahran .. .. .	16,840
Preston .. .. .	13,765
Richmond .. .. .	10,623
Sandringham .. .. .	8,065
South Melbourne .. .. .	10,066
St. Kilda .. .. .	15,837
Sunshine .. .. .	5,562
Williamstown .. .. .	7,539
<b>Shires—</b>	
Broadmeadows (part) .. .. .	2,517
Keilor (part) .. .. .	1,214
Mulgrave .. .. .	127
Werribee (part) .. .. .	6
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>345,370</b>

NOTE.—Figures of "population served" for previous years were revised after the Census at June, 1954, viz., 1952-53, 1,236,000; 1951-52, 1,223,000; 1950-51, 1,209,000; 1949-50, 1,202,000.

At 30th June, 1954, pumping stations had been established at Spotswood, Preston, Sunshine (2), Box Hill, Black Rock, Mordialloc, and Port Melbourne.

**Pumping  
stations.**

**Metropolitan  
Sewage  
Farm.**

A general description of this farm is given on pages 178 and 179 of the *Year-Book* for 1928-29.

Statistical data for the year ended 30th June, 1954, are as under :—

Total area of farm .. .. .	26,073 acres
Area used for sewage disposal .. .. .	16,175 acres
Rainfall at farm for year .. .. .	29·63 inches
Average rainfall over 57 years .. .. .	18·65 inches
Net cost of sewage purification for year per head of population served .. .. .	4s. 7d.
Profit on cattle for year .. .. .	£90,800

**Disposal of  
night soil from  
unsewered  
premises.**

The responsibility for the collection, removal, and disposal of night-soil from unsewered premises within the metropolis was transferred from the individual municipal councils to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works as from 19th November, 1924. By agreement each council pays to the Board a prescribed amount per annum to offset the cost of the service, &c.

For the year 1953-54 the working expenses were £42,788 and interest £2,144, making a total of £44,932. The revenue was £6,906, leaving a deficiency of £38,026.

**Metropolitan  
drainage and  
river  
improvement  
rate.**

Under the provisions of Part VIII. of the Act (as amended by the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Rate) Act* 1938), relating to metropolitan drainage and rivers, the Board is empowered to levy a metropolitan drainage and river improvement rate not exceeding 2d. in the £1 in respect of the properties in the metropolis rateable by any municipality. The present rate is 1d. in the £1, and this has remained unchanged since it was first levied on 1st July, 1927.

**Assessed value  
of property.**

The total annual value of property assessed for drainage and river purposes for 1953-54 was £34,430,514.

**Cost of  
drainage and  
river  
improvement  
works.**

The total cost of drainage and river improvement works to 30th June, 1954, was £3,776,765.

**Length of main drains.** The classification and length of all main drains under the control of the Board at 30th June, 1954, were as follows :—

Type of Drain.	Miles.
Underground drains .. .. .	120
Constructed open drains .. .. .	12
Natural watercourses and unlined open drains .. .. .	5
Total .. .. .	137

### BALLARAT WATER COMMISSIONERS.

The local governing body by the name of "The Ballarat Water Commissioners" was constituted on the 1st July, 1880, by the *Waterworks Act* 1880 (No. 656).

**Water supply.** The water supply district of the Ballarat Water Commissioners embraces an area of approximately 65 square miles, including the City of Ballarat, the Borough of Sebastopol and portions of the Shires of Ballarat, Buninyong, Bungaree, and Grenville. The estimated population of this area is 50,000. The works comprise seven reservoirs, which have a total storage capacity of 5,520 million gallons. The catchment area is 18,695 acres. The Commissioners supplied water to 15,574 properties of which 10,207 were connected to the sewers.

To 31st December, 1954, the capital cost of construction was £2,068,695 and loans outstanding (including Private loans) were £1,122,293. During 1954 receipts amounted to £246,617 and expenditure to £250,312.

**Water rate.** The water rate was 1s. 2d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all rateable properties, with a minimum of £1 per annum for land on which there is a building or water supply.

### BALLARAT SEWERAGE AUTHORITY.

The Ballarat Sewerage Authority was constituted under the provisions of the *Sewerage Districts Act* 1915 by Order in Council dated 30th November, 1920, which provides that the members of the Water Commissioners shall be the Sewerage Authority.



The Ballarat sewerage district embraces the City of Ballarat, portions of the Shires of Ballarat and Bungaree, and Borough of Sebastopol. Work was commenced in December, 1922, and to date the Authority has constructed a disposal works, 1 mile of outfall sewer, 2·1 miles of main sewer, 14·7 miles of sub-mains, 99·5 miles of reticulation, an ejector station, and 0·6 miles of rising main. The whole of the works so far completed is gravitational. The plant treats an average maximum daily flow of approximately 2,000,000 gallons and comprises screening, grit removal, primary sedimentation, trickling filter, secondary sedimentation, and sludge digestion.

To 31st December, 1954, the capital cost of construction, including side lines, was £726,928, and the loans outstanding at that date were £537,788. The amount outstanding by property owners for sewerage installations was £5,847. During 1954, General Fund revenue was £65,111, and expenditure to £63,164.

**General  
Sewerage  
Rate.**

The general sewerage rate is 1s. 4d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all properties within the drainage area. There are minimum rates of £2 4s. in respect of any rateable property sewered on which there is a building, and £1 in respect of any rateable sewered property on which there is no building.

**GEE LONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE TRUST.**

This Trust was constituted as the Geelong Municipal Waterworks Trust on 25th January, 1908. It was reconstituted as a Water and Sewerage Authority under the *Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act 1910*.

The amount of loans which may be raised is limited to £1,500,000 for water supply, £1,250,000 for sewerage works, and £270,000 for sewerage installations to properties under deferred payments conditions. The expenditure on these services to 30th June, 1954, was water supply, £1,333,712; sewerage, £980,414; and sewerage installation, £260,349, of which £1,982 is outstanding. The revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1954, was £158,905 on account of waterworks and £100,615 on account of sewerage. Since 1913 the Trust has appropriated and set apart sums out of revenues for the creation of a sinking fund to redeem loans. To 30th June, 1954, the amounts so appropriated were: Sewerage, £122,080, and water supply, £142,433. Of such amounts £222,602 had been used to redeem loans which have matured from time to time.

The population supplied is estimated by the Trust at 76,700. The number of buildings within the "Drainage Area" is 17,427, the number within the "Sewered Areas" 15,790, and the number connected with the sewers 15,777.

*Water Supply.*—The catchment areas of the Moorabool watersheds are about 16,000 acres. There are five storage reservoirs and nine service basins. The total storage capacity of the reservoirs and service basins is 2,745,864,000 gallons.

The Trust takes, as arranged, a minimum annual quantity of 545,000,000 gallons of water from the Bellarine Peninsula System, controlled by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, to supplement the supply from the Moorabool watersheds.

*Sewerage.*—The sewerage system consists of a main outfall sewer, 4 ft. by 3 ft. 3 in. to the ocean at Black Rock, a distance of about 9 miles from Geelong, and 186·3 miles of main and reticulation sewers. The sewerage area is 10,219 acres and includes the City of Geelong, the City of Geelong West, the City of Newtown and Chilwell, and the suburban areas in the Shires of Corio, South Barwon, and Bellarine.

*Water Rates.*—The water rate is 1s. 5d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all rateable properties with a minimum of £1 per annum for land on which there is a building and a minimum of 5s. per annum for land on which there is no building.

*Excess Water.*—The charge for water supplied beyond the rating allowance of 900 gallons per £1 of the municipal valuation is 1s. 3d. per 1,000 gallons.

*Sewerage Rate.*—The general sewerage rate is 1s. 4d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all rateable properties.

### **MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST.**

This Trust, which was constituted under the provisions of the *Mildura Irrigation and Water Trusts Act 1928*, supplies water for domestic use in the City of Mildura and the township of Irymple in the Shire of Mildura. The revenue and expenditure of this Authority for the years ended 30th June, 1953, 1954, and 1955, were as follows :—

**MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.**

	Year ended 30th June—		
	1953.	1954.	1955.
<i>Revenue.</i>			
Water Rates .. .. .	£ 17,255	£ 20,722	£ 21,373
Water Charges .. .. .	9,668	5,012	7,493
Interest on overdue rates .. .. .	38	54	83
Other .. .. .	1,266	1,190	1,468
Total .. .. .	28,227	26,978	30,417
<i>Expenditure.</i>			
Administrative Expenses .. .. .	2,747	2,362	2,453
Meter Maintenance .. .. .	973	611	204
Maintenance Pumping .. .. .	9,737	10,563	10,487
Maintenance Distribution .. .. .	3,008	3,321	3,936
Interest on Loans .. .. .	2,434	3,268	3,626
Interest on Overdraft .. .. .	484	49	56
Depreciation .. .. .	3,069	3,571	3,672
Other .. .. .	868	891	960
Total .. .. .	23,320	24,636	25,394
Loan indebtedness at 30th June .. .. .	99,253	111,496	120,782

**SEWERAGE AUTHORITIES.**

In districts outside the areas under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust, and the State Electricity Commission (which bodies are constituted under special Acts), sewerage authorities may be constituted in Victoria under the provisions of the Sewerage Districts Acts. At 31st December, 1954, 60 such authorities had been constituted.

The following statement gives statistical information relating to all authorities (including the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, the State Electricity Commission (Yallourn), and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust) in whose districts the sewerage systems were in operation in 1954:—

**SEWERAGE SYSTEMS IN OPERATION IN VICTORIA  
AT 31st DECEMBER, 1953 AND 1954.**

Year ended 31st December, 1953.			Year ended 31st December, 1954.		
Authority.	Number of Properties Connected to Sewers.	Sewerage Rate Levied in £ of Net Annual Municipal Value.	Authority.	Number of Properties Connected to Sewers.	Sewerage Rate Levied in £ of Net Annual Municipal Value.
		<i>s. d.</i>			<i>s. d.</i>
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works .. .. .	341,842	1 1	Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works .. .. .	348,493	1 1
Ararat .. .. .	1,640	2 0	Ararat .. .. .	1,731	1 2
Bairnsdale .. .. .	1,315	1 9	Bairnsdale .. .. .	1,325	1 9
Ballarat .. .. .	10,020	1 4	Ballarat .. .. .	10,207	1 4
Benalla .. .. .	1,455	1 10	Benalla .. .. .	1,884	1 5
Bendigo .. .. .	7,480	1 3	Bendigo .. .. .	7,700	1 3
Castlemaine .. .. .	1,360	2 0	Castlemaine .. .. .	1,450	2 0
Colac .. .. .	1,850	1 3	Colac .. .. .	1,900	1 3
Dandenong .. .. .	1,950	1 2	Dandenong .. .. .	2,280	1 2
Dimboola .. .. .	382	4 4	Dimboola .. .. .	398	3 2
Echuca .. .. .	1,350	2 7	Echuca .. .. .	1,390	1 10
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust .. .. .	15,367	1 4	Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust .. .. .	16,094	1 4
Hamilton .. .. .	2,000	1 7	Hamilton .. .. .	2,103	1 7
Horsham .. .. .	1,697	0 10	Horsham .. .. .	1,702	0 9
Kerang .. .. .	746	2 3	Kerang .. .. .	772	2 5
Kyabram .. .. .	400	2 0	Kyabram .. .. .	430	2 0
Kyneton .. .. .	1,012	2 0	Kyneton .. .. .	1,030	1 9
Maffra .. .. .	209	3 0	Maffra .. .. .	227	3 0
Mildura .. .. .	2,071	1 2	Mildura .. .. .	2,130	1 2
			Moe .. .. .	35	3 6
Mornington .. .. .	498	1 9	Mornington .. .. .	556	1 9
Morwell .. .. .	1,402	1 6	Morwell .. .. .	1,500	1 2
Murtoa .. .. .	308	2 3	Murtoa .. .. .	310	2 3
Nhill .. .. .	654	2 0	Nhill .. .. .	679	2 0
Portland .. .. .	550	1 9	Portland .. .. .	579	1 9
Shepparton .. .. .	2,135	1 2	Shepparton .. .. .	2,407	1 2
Swan Hill .. .. .	1,163	1 11	Swan Hill .. .. .	1,193	1 6
Wangaratta .. .. .	2,000	2 0	Wangaratta .. .. .	2,150	2 0
Warracknabeal .. .. .	857	2 6	Warracknabeal .. .. .	870	2 7
Warragul .. .. .	1,100	2 6	Warragul .. .. .	1,150	2 6
Warrnambool .. .. .	2,471	1 3	Warrnambool .. .. .	2,542	0 9
Yallourn .. .. .	407	..	Yallourn .. .. .	482	..
Yarrawonga .. .. .	651	2 0	Yarrawonga .. .. .	675	1 3
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>408,342</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>418,374</b>	<b>..</b>

In addition to those enumerated in the foregoing table, sewerage authorities had been constituted in the following districts, but were not in operation at 31st December, 1954:—

Year 1936 ..	Sale.
„ 1938 ..	Lorne.
„ 1939 ..	Beechworth, Euroa, Leongatha, Traralgon, Werribee, Wodonga, Yarram.
„ 1945 ..	Maryborough.

- „ 1946 .. Charlton.  
 „ 1947 .. Mooroopna, Queenscliffe, Tatura, Yea.  
 „ 1948 .. St. Arnaud, Stawell, Springvale and Noble Park.  
 „ 1949 .. Bacchus Marsh, Donald, Jeparit.  
 „ 1950 .. Camperdown, Port Fairy, Terang.  
 „ 1951 .. Casterton, Mansfield, Orbost.  
 „ 1952 .. Croydon, Lilydale.  
 „ 1953 .. Tallangatta.

### FIRE BRIGADES.

The Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board, which was constituted in February, 1891, is composed of nine members of whom three are appointed by the Governor in Council, three by municipal councils, and three by fire insurance companies.

The Board on 30th June, 1954, had under its control the following :—  
 43 stations, 670 members of permanent staff, 61 members of special service staff, 26 members of clerical staff, 72 men engaged in workshops, 10 employees engaged in the tailoring department, and 15 partially-paid firemen.

During 1953-54 the cost of maintenance of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade was £877,311, one-third by municipalities within the Metropolitan Fire District, and two-thirds by the 171 Fire Insurance Companies carrying on business in that district. The municipalities' contribution was equal to 1·779 pence in the £1 on the annual value of £39,451,543 of property within the Fire District, and that of the insurance companies to £14 7s. 10·925d. for every £100 of premiums on insured property. The premiums received in the Metropolitan Fire District in 1952 amounted to £4,062,889.

Particulars of receipts and expenditure of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for the five years, 1950 to 1954 are as follows :—

## VICTORIA—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADES BOARD, 1950 TO 1954.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
Contributions—Government, Municipal, and Insurance Companies	470,179	465,985	727,715	839,981	877,311
Receipts for Services	66,419	68,076	73,859	101,787	102,534
Interest on Sundries	47,269	63,888	77,541	98,706	96,330
Total	583,867	597,949	879,115	1,040,474	1,076,175
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries	282,134	385,275	518,047	620,126	643,767
Administrative Charges, &c.	102,088	141,527	166,128	163,749	154,236
Partially-paid Fireman and Special Service Staff Allowances	54,347	49,225	62,559	68,126	61,492
Plant—Purchase and Repairs	36,931	44,840	76,696	64,975	82,294
Interest	6,146	5,870	6,873	6,516	5,148
Repayment of Loans	10,360	10,916	11,502	12,121	11,009
Superannuation Fund	13,240	17,720	21,520	23,790	24,478
Motor Replacement Reserve	7,436	7,673	7,532	9,368	10,551
Pay-Roll Tax	9,391	11,873	15,728	19,016	19,039
Miscellaneous	3,881	2,458	7,657	2,938	3,761
Total	525,954	677,377	894,242	990,725	1,015,775
At 30th June— Loan Indebtedness	134,252	123,337	111,834	109,714	98,705

The Country Fire Authority, which was constituted in 1944, comprises ten members appointed by the Executive Council selected from panels of names submitted by the Minister of Forests (2 representatives), the Urban Municipalities (1), the Rural Municipalities (1), the Fire Insurance Companies (2), the Rural Fire Brigades (2), and the Urban Fire Brigades (2).

The Authority is responsible for the prevention and suppression of fires in the "country area of Victoria", which embraces the whole of the State outside the metropolitan fire district, excluding State Forests and certain Crown lands. The country area has been divided into 24 Fire Control Regions, three of which (Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong) are wholly urban, the remaining 21 mixed urban and rural. Eighteen permanent Regional Fire Officers supervise fire prevention and extinction in the rural sections of one or more fire control regions.

At 30th June, 1954, there were 198 urban fire brigades and 1,007 rural fire brigades. The effective registered strength of the brigades at the close of the financial year was 91,875 members. The *Country Fire Authority (Finance) Act 1953* (No. 5712) provided that the

contributions of the insurance companies to this Authority were increased as from 1st January, 1954, from one-third of the nett estimated expenditure to two-thirds thereof, and the contribution by the Government of Victoria was reduced proportionately. There are 155 insurance companies included in the operation of the Act. The premiums received by these insurance companies outside the Metropolitan Fire District amounted to £3,506,991.

The following statement shows the receipts and expenditure of the Country Fire Authority during the years ended 30th June, 1953, and 1954 :—

	Year Ended 30th June—	
	1953.	1954.
	£	£
<i>Ordinary Receipts.</i>		
Government Contributions .. .. .	92,738	51,731
Government Contributions on account Municipalities	92,738	103,461
Insurance contributions .. .. .	92,738	155,192
Sundries .. .. .	14,488	16,789
Total .. .. .	292,702	327,173
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>		
Administrative (including salaries) .. .. .	26,745	30,408
Brigade salaries .. .. .	53,264	58,718
Regional officers—salaries, transport, maintenance ..	31,713	34,357
Fires and practices allowances .. .. .	6,966	7,231
New stations, repairs, and rentals .. .. .	19,443	18,099
Rolling stock and plant, purchases and maintenance	64,875	73,448
Hose and appliances .. .. .	5,584	6,260
Uniforms, telephones, and fuel .. .. .	10,220	14,251
Repayment of loans .. .. .	12,235	15,956
Interest on loans .. .. .	6,899	10,865
Motor Replacement Fund .. .. .	17,290	21,676
Compensation Fund, accidents .. .. .	3,440	8,600
Local Government rates .. .. .	2,294	2,454
Pay-roll Tax .. .. .	1,979	2,150
Sundries .. .. .	16,224	19,033
Total .. .. .	279,171	323,506
Loan Expenditure .. .. .	78,212	87,558
Loan indebtedness at 30th June .. .. .	242,734	326,778

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENT BODIES.

In the following statement particulars are given of the new money loan raisings during each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 by Local Government and Semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies in Victoria.

VICTORIA—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—NEW MONEY LOAN RAISINGS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
LOCAL GOVERNMENT.	£	£	£	£	£
Due to Government .. .. .	12,247	42,654	50,159	23,428	56,053
Due to Public Creditor .. .. .	1,621,030	2,113,635	2,583,091	3,900,790	3,340,500
Total Local Government .. .. .	1,633,277	2,156,289	2,633,250	3,924,218	3,396,553
SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL, &C.					
Due to Government .. .. .	6,752,596*	9,057,458*	12,366,467*	21,620,526*	20,976,865*
Due to Public Creditor .. .. .	20,002,525	37,259,065	31,559,071	32,373,296	34,485,209
Total Semi-Governmental, &c. .. .	26,755,121	46,316,523	43,925,538	53,993,822	55,462,074
ALL AUTHORITIES.					
Due to Government .. .. .	6,764,843	9,100,112	12,416,626	21,643,954	21,032,918
Due to Public Creditor .. .. .	21,623,555	39,372,700	34,142,162	36,274,086	37,825,709
Grand Total .. .. .	28,388,398	48,472,812	46,558,788	57,918,040	58,858,627†

\* Including the following advances by the Commonwealth Government under the Commonwealth and State Housing Agreement:—£6,300,000 in 1949-50, £8,600,000 in 1950-51, £10,061,000 in 1951-52, £11,270,000 in 1952-53, and £12,000,000 in 1953-54.

† Subject to revision.

### HOUSING.

**Housing and reclamation by municipalities.** The Council of any municipality may, under existing statutory power, erect or purchase dwelling-houses for eligible persons at a cost not exceeding £1,250, including the cost of the land, if the dwelling be of wood, or £1,500 if it be of brick, stone, or concrete. An eligible person, within the meaning of the *Local Government (Amendment) Act* (No. 5843 of 1954), is one who does not own a dwelling-house in Victoria or elsewhere and who is in receipt of an income not exceeding £750 a year.

**Erection of dwelling houses by State Savings Bank Commissioners.** Under the provisions of the *State Savings Bank Act* 1928, power is given to the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria to provide dwelling-houses for eligible persons upon such terms and subject to such covenants and conditions as are prescribed or are fixed by the Commissioners. Particulars relating to the exercise of this authority are given in Part "Accumulation" of this *Year-Book*.



**War Service  
Homes in  
Victoria.**

Provision of homes is made by the Commonwealth Government for Australian soldiers who served during the 1914-1918 War and the 1939-1945 War, and also for the female dependants of Australian soldiers and other classes of eligible persons as defined in the *War Service Homes Act 1918-1955*.

Activities associated with such Act are shown in the following table. The information is furnished by the War Service Homes Division of the Department of Social Services:—

**VICTORIA—WAR SERVICE HOMES.**

Period.	Applications Approved.	Homes Built and Assisted to Build.	Homes Purchased.	Mortgages Discharged.	Transfers and Resales.
From inception to— 30th June, 1948 ..	13,627	2,509	4,995	1,019	1,533
Year ended— 30th June, 1949 ..	2,641	414	1,030	546	36
.. .. 1950 ..	4,932	453	2,660	1,010	38
.. .. 1951 ..	5,687	925	3,438	1,617	129
.. .. 1952 ..	5,362	1,034	3,141	1,850	116
.. .. 1953 ..	4,376	1,292	1,757	483	258
.. .. 1954 ..	4,145	1,412	1,917	522	297
.. .. 1955 ..	4,423	1,281	1,876	848	354

To 30th June, 1955, the sums paid as instalments of principal and interest amounted to £23,406,724, whilst the areas of instalments totalled £116,312, the percentage of arrears to the total amount due being 0.49.

**Housing  
Commission  
of Victoria.**

Particulars relating to the constitution, powers, and duties of the Housing Commission will be found in Part "Social Condition" of the *Year-Book* for 1938-39, page 236.

To 30th June, 1954, contracts were let for the erection of 27,570 dwelling units in Victoria, 16,920 in municipalities within the metropolitan area, and 10,650 in municipalities outside the metropolitan area. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

Particulars are given in the appended table of the type of dwelling units for which contracts have been let (including work performed by day labour) by the Commission.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION  
OF VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLING  
UNITS TO 30TH JUNE, 1954; TYPE OF DWELLING.

Municipality.	Type.						Total Dwelling Units— Contracts Let, &c.
	Brick.	Brick Veneer.	Concrete.	Timber, &c.	Prefabricated Timber.	Steel.	
<b>METROPOLITAN.</b>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>Cities—</b>							
Box Hill .. .. .		30	513	9	..	..	552
Brighton .. .. .	130	..	..	..	..	..	130
Brunswick .. .. .	22	..	96	5	..	..	123
Camberwell .. .. .	412	75	557	..	..	..	1,044
Coburg .. .. .	637	..	..	133	..	..	770
Collingwood .. .. .	16	..	..	..	..	..	16
Essendon .. .. .	1,097	..	47	34	..	..	1,178
Fitzroy .. .. .	72	..	..	..	..	..	72
Footscray .. .. .	10	..	1	95	4	..	110
Heidelberg .. .. .	1,005	1,350	533	235	9	..	3,132
Melbourne .. .. .	88	..	12	..	..	..	100
Moorabbin .. .. .	318	338	324	3	27	1	1,011
Northcote .. .. .	42	..	16	..	..	..	58
Oakleigh .. .. .	..	..	99	1	..	..	100
Port Melbourne .. .. .	388	..	70	..	..	..	458
Preston .. .. .	861	88	929	94	351	..	2,323
Richmond .. .. .	152	..	..	..	..	..	152
Sandringham .. .. .	811	13	70	..	6	..	900
Sunshine .. .. .	1	6	1,292	96	628	20	2,043
Williamstown .. .. .	56	..	89	29	..	..	174
<b>Shires—</b>							
Broadmeadows .. .. .	..	..	113	100	50	..	263
Dandenong* .. .. .	..	..	523	..	19	..	542
Frankston and Hastings* .. .. .	..	7	..	17	112	..	136
Mulgrave .. .. .	..	184	1,349	..	..	..	1,533
<b>Total Metropolitan .. .. .</b>	<b>6,118</b>	<b>2,091</b>	<b>6,633</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>1,206</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16,920</b>
<b>REMAINDER OF STATE</b>							
<b>Cities—</b>							
Ararat .. .. .	..	..	..	100	177	..	277
Ballaarat .. .. .	23	17	..	34	..	..	74
Bendigo .. .. .	50	..	..	..	..	..	50
Geelong .. .. .	57	..	..	353	3	..	413
Geelong West .. .. .	..	37	..	..	..	..	37
Hamilton .. .. .	..	..	..	44	71	..	115
Horsham .. .. .	..	..	..	97	20	..	117
Mildura .. .. .	..	..	..	103	98	..	201
Newtown and Chilwell .. .. .	..	54	..	..	..	..	54
Sale .. .. .	..	..	..	83	..	..	83
Shepparton .. .. .	..	81	..	156	140	..	377
Warrnambool .. .. .	17	40	..	73	75	..	205
<b>Towns—</b>							
Castlemaine .. .. .	..	13	..	12	48	..	73
Colac .. .. .	..	13	..	125	62	..	200
Portland .. .. .	..	..	..	37	10	..	47
St. Arnaud .. .. .	..	3	..	9	6	..	18
<b>Boroughs—</b>							
Benalla .. .. .	..	..	..	77	69	..	146
Camperdown .. .. .	..	..	..	29	6	..	35
Daylesford .. .. .	..	..	..	..	7	..	7
Eaglehawk .. .. .	5	..	..	..	5	..	10
Echuca .. .. .	..	16	..	38	26	..	80
Inglewood .. .. .	..	..	..	..	6	..	6
Maryborough .. .. .	..	20	..	23	50	..	93
Port Fairy .. .. .	..	..	..	10	..	..	10
Sebastopol .. .. .	..	..	..	13	17	..	30
Stawell .. .. .	..	20	..	..	7	..	27
Swan Hill .. .. .	..	..	..	68	20	..	88
Wangarratta .. .. .	..	76	..	279	236	1	592
Wonthaggi .. .. .	..	..	..	90	25	..	115

\* Included in the statistical metropolitan area from 1st January, 1954.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF  
VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLING UNITS, TO 30TH  
JUNE, 1954; TYPE OF DWELLING—*continued.*

Municipality.	Type.						Total Dwelling Units—Contracts Let. &c.
	Brick.	Brick Veneer.	Concrete.	Timber. &c.	Prefabricated Timber.	Steel.	
REMAINDER OF STATE <i>Continued.</i>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Shires—							
Alberton .. .. .	..	..	..	24	..	..	24
Avon .. .. .	..	..	..	6	..	..	6
Bacchus Marsh .. .. .	..	..	..	46	25	..	71
Bairnsdale .. .. .	..	..	..	34	..	..	34
Ballan .. .. .	..	..	..	..	6	..	6
Ballarat .. .. .	..	..	..	57	245	..	302
Beechworth .. .. .	..	..	..	20	5	..	25
Bet Bet .. .. .	..	..	..	..	6	..	6
Bright .. .. .	..	..	..	46	..	..	46
Broadford .. .. .	..	..	..	8	5	..	13
Bulu Bulu .. .. .	..	..	..	15	41	..	56
Charlton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	8	..	8
Cobram .. .. .	..	..	..	19	31	..	(a) 50
Cohuna .. .. .	..	..	..	16	2	..	18
Corio .. .. .	..	..	161	130	1,671	..	1,962
Cranbourne .. .. .	..	..	..	12	3	..	15
Deakin .. .. .	..	..	..	8	..	..	8
Dimboola .. .. .	..	..	..	26	6	..	32
Donald .. .. .	..	..	..	..	5	..	5
Dunmunkle .. .. .	..	..	..	10	..	..	10
Euroa .. .. .	..	..	..	6	20	..	26
Glenelg .. .. .	..	..	..	10	..	..	10
Gisborne .. .. .	..	..	..	12	..	..	12
Hampden .. .. .	..	..	..	37	..	..	37
Heytesbury .. .. .	..	..	..	12	..	..	12
Kerang .. .. .	..	..	..	18	22	..	40
Korumburra .. .. .	..	..	..	45	1	..	46
Kyneton .. .. .	..	..	..	20	10	..	30
Maffra .. .. .	..	..	..	42	..	..	42
Mansfield .. .. .	..	..	..	30	10	..	40
Marong .. .. .	..	..	..	..	94	..	94
Mildura .. .. .	..	..	..	117	52	..	169
Mirboo .. .. .	..	..	..	13	..	..	13
Mortlake .. .. .	..	..	..	..	5	..	5
Morwell .. .. .	..	..	..	737	393	..	1,130
Narraean .. .. .	..	..	..	869	455	..	1,324
Numurkah .. .. .	..	..	..	52	41	..	93
Orbost .. .. .	..	..	..	22	..	..	22
Ripon .. .. .	..	..	..	..	10	..	10
Rochester .. .. .	..	..	..	12	12	..	24
Rodney .. .. .	..	..	..	53	36	..	89
Rutherglen .. .. .	..	..	..	14	..	..	14
Seymour .. .. .	..	..	..	102	60	..	162
Swan Hill .. .. .	..	..	..	20	1	..	21
Traralgon .. .. .	..	..	..	295	..	..	295
Tullaroop .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Walpeup .. .. .	..	..	..	5	..	..	5
Wannoo .. .. .	..	..	..	..	12	..	12
Warracknabeal .. .. .	..	..	..	22	12	..	34
Warragul .. .. .	..	..	..	256	35	..	291
Winchelsea .. .. .	..	..	..	..	48	..	48
Wodonga .. .. .	..	..	..	81	48	..	123
Woorayl .. .. .	..	..	..	16	17	..	33
Wycheproof .. .. .	..	..	..	..	5	..	5
Yackandandah .. .. .	..	..	..	8	..	..	8
Yarrawonga .. .. .	..	..	..	42	11	..	53
Total, Remainder of State	152	390	161	5,298	4,648	1	10,650
Grand Total .. .. .	6,270	2,481	6,794	6,149	5,854	22	27,570

(a) Includes 20 dwellings in that portion of the Shire of Tungamah which was severed to constitute the *Shire of Cobram* on 1st April, 1953.

**DWELLING UNITS ERECTED BY THE HOUSING  
COMMISSION OF VICTORIA TO 30TH JUNE, 1954.**

Municipality.	Completed to 30th June, 1954.	Completed during Year ended 30th June, 1954.
<b>METROPOLITAN.</b>		
Cities—	No.	No.
Box Hill .. .. .	552	..
Brighton .. .. .	130	..
Brunswick .. .. .	123	..
Camberwell .. .. .	1,043	68
Coburg .. .. .	770	..
Collingwood .. .. .	16	16
Essendon .. .. .	1,114	248
Fitzroy .. .. .	32	32
Footscray .. .. .	110	..
Heidelberg .. .. .	2,679	334
Melbourne .. .. .	100	40
Moorabbin .. .. .	807	10
Northcote .. .. .	58	..
Oakleigh .. .. .	100	..
Port Melbourne .. .. .	453*	..
Preston .. .. .	1,933	372
Richmond .. .. .	188	..
Sandringham .. .. .	836	16
Sunshine .. .. .	1,723	592
Williamstown .. .. .	174	..
Shires—		
Broadmeadows .. .. .	131	10
Dandenong† .. .. .	231	104
Frankston and Hastings† .. .. .	127	43
Mulgrave .. .. .	1,295	316
<b>Total Metropolitan</b> .. .. .	<b>14,680</b>	<b>2,201</b>
<b>REMAINDER OF STATE.</b>		
Cities—		
Ararat .. .. .	266	10
Ballaarat .. .. .	74	..
Bendigo .. .. .	50	..
Geelong .. .. .	413	1
Geelong West .. .. .	37	..
Horsham .. .. .	113	1
Hamilton .. .. .	90	33
Mildura .. .. .	197	84
Newtown and Chilwell .. .. .	54	..
Sale .. .. .	83	10
Shepparton .. .. .	333	56
Warrnambool .. .. .	189	60
Towns—		
Castlemaine .. .. .	73	18
Colac .. .. .	185	35
Portland .. .. .	43	13
St. Arnaud .. .. .	18	6
Boroughs—		
Benalla .. .. .	145	54
Camperdown .. .. .	35	6
Daylesford .. .. .	7	..
Eaglehawk .. .. .	12	..
Echuca .. .. .	68	9
Inglewood .. .. .	6	..
Maryborough .. .. .	83	10
Port Fairy .. .. .	10	..
Sebastopol .. .. .	30	7
Stawell .. .. .	27	7
Swan Hill .. .. .	84	19
Wangaratta .. .. .	540	135
Wonthaggi .. .. .	105	..

\* Includes 44 dwellings erected in 1936 by the Public Works Department and taken over subsequently by the Housing Commission.

† See footnote on page 156.

DWELLING UNITS ERECTED BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA  
TO 30TH JUNE, 1954—*continued.*

Municipality.	Completed to 30th June, 1954.	Completed during Year ended 30th June, 1954.
<i>REMAINDER OF STATE—continued.</i>		
Shires—	No.	No.
Alberton .. .. .	22	3
Avon .. .. .	6	..
Bacchus Marsh .. .. .	61	20
Bairnsdale .. .. .	34	..
Ballan .. .. .	6	..
Ballarat .. .. .	264	73
Bet Bet .. .. .	6	..
Beechworth .. .. .	25	..
Bright .. .. .	41	7
Broadford .. .. .	13	..
Buln Buln .. .. .	56	5
Charlton .. .. .	8	..
Cobram .. .. .	35	15
Cohuna .. .. .	18	..
Corio .. .. .	1,106	395
Cranbourne .. .. .	73	..
Dandenong .. .. .	(a)	(a)
Dimboola .. .. .	32	..
Donald .. .. .	5	..
Dunmunkie .. .. .	10	..
Euroa .. .. .	26	12
Frankston and Hastings .. .. .	(a)	(a)
Gisborne .. .. .	12	..
Glenelg .. .. .	10	..
Hampden .. .. .	37	..
Heytesbury .. .. .	12	..
Kerang .. .. .	28	..
Korong .. .. .	4	..
Korumburra .. .. .	46	11
Kyneton .. .. .	30	13
Maffra .. .. .	42	19
Mansfield .. .. .	40	1
Marong .. .. .	85	37
Mildura .. .. .	169	57
Mirboo .. .. .	13	5
Morwell .. .. .	1,150	..
Narracan .. .. .	1,324	15
Numurkah .. .. .	77	15
Orbost .. .. .	22	6
Ripon .. .. .	10	..
Rochester .. .. .	24	6
Rodney .. .. .	89	..
Rutherglen .. .. .	10	..
Seymour .. .. .	131	14
Swan Hill .. .. .	17	10
Traralgon .. .. .	295	..
Tullaroop .. .. .	1	..
Wannon .. .. .	6	6
Warracknabeal .. .. .	34	2
Warragul .. .. .	261	15
Winchelsea .. .. .	43	5
Wodonga .. .. .	113	34
Woorayl .. .. .	33	6
Wycheproof .. .. .	5	5
Yarrawonga .. .. .	43	3
Total Remainder of State .. .. .	9,413	1,389
Grand Total .. .. .	24,093	3,590

The above statement is exclusive of 268 dwellings which were erected by the Housing Commission for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust, viz., 234 in the City of Sunshine and 34 in the City of Coburg.

(a) See footnote on page 156.

**State  
Building  
Control.**

The Building Operations and Building Materials Control Act, No. 5116 of 1946, brought under State administration the control of building operations and materials formerly administered by the Commonwealth under the National Security Regulations. The principal provisions of this Act were published in the *Year-Book* for 1946-47, pages 510 and 511. Brief summaries of amending Acts appear in successive issues of the *Year-Book*.

The *Building Operations and Building Materials Control Act 1946* together with amending Acts Nos. 5259, 5271, 5288, 5347, 5445, and 5479 were reprinted under the authority of Act No. 5479, section 1 (2) on a certificate of the Attorney-General dated 31st January, 1951, and cited as the Building Operations and Building Materials Control Act. This Act was extended to 31st December, 1952, by amending Act No. 5576 of 1951, and to 31st December, 1953, by amending Act No. 5650 of 1952.

**Building  
permits.**

Information relating to the value of buildings for which permits were issued by municipal councils gives a reliable indication, in normal circumstances, of the effect of varying economic conditions on the building industry. The particulars represent the values recorded, but, owing to the variation in building costs during the periods under review, a complete comparison cannot be made. The statements include War Service Home dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

**Building  
permits  
issued in  
Metropolitan  
Area.**

As from 1st January, 1954, the metropolitan area for statistical purposes was re-defined by the inclusion of the following municipal areas :—

*Altona Riding* of the Shire of Werribee.

*Western Ward* of the City of Sunshine.

*Maribyrnong and Tullamarine Ridings* of the Shire of Keilor.

*North Ward* of the City of Heidelberg.

\* *Montmorency and Eltham Ridings*, and part of the North Riding, of the Shire of Eltham.

*Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe.*

*West, North, and South Ridings* of the Shire of Lillydale.

*North, Centre, and East Ridings* of the Shire of Fern Tree Gully.

*Shire of Dandenong.*

*Seaford, Frankston, and Mt. Eliza Ridings* of the Shire of Frankston and Hastings.

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\* Prior to 6th March, 1955 known as the "South" Riding.

The following statements show the value of buildings for which permits were issued by the municipalities in the metropolitan area of Melbourne during the periods indicated in respect of dwellings, other new buildings, and alterations and additions to existing buildings.

METROPOLITAN AREA OF MELBOURNE—VALUE OF BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE ISSUED, 1949 TO 1954.

Year Ended 31st December—	Value of Buildings Approved.			
	Dwellings (including Flats, &c.).	Other New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	<i>(a) Old Series.</i>			
1949 .. .. .	20,391	1,845	2,142	24,378
1950 .. .. .	26,342	3,045	3,186	32,573
1951 .. .. .	29,462	4,707	5,638	39,807
1952 .. .. .	18,917	6,298	6,584	31,799
1953 .. .. .	25,823	7,400	7,182	40,405
	<i>(b) New Series.</i>			
1954 .. .. .	40,550	17,140	9,496	67,186

(a) Metropolitan Area prior to 1st January, 1954.

(b) Metropolitan Area as from 1st January, 1954.

The following tables give detailed information relating to the number and value of buildings for which permits were issued by the municipalities in the metropolitan area of Melbourne during the years specified.

**BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA  
OF MELBOURNE DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st  
DECEMBER, 1954.**

Class of Permit.	Year ended 31st December, 1954.	
	Number.	Value.
		£
<b>New Buildings—</b>		
<b>Buildings for Habitation—</b>		
<b>Private Dwellings—</b>		
Brick and concrete .. .. .	849	3,983,639
Brick veneer .. .. .	3,500	11,924,101
Wood, fibro-cement, &c. .. .. .	9,094	22,613,104
Flats .. .. .	54*	884,991
Other .. .. .	8	1,144,489
<b>Total, Buildings for Habitation .. .. .</b>	<b>13,505</b>	<b>40,550,324</b>
<b>Commercial Buildings—</b>		
<b>With Residence—</b>		
Shops .. .. .	189	821,145
Garages .. .. .	5	28,700
Factories .. .. .	7	2,775,432
Other .. .. .	16	95,824
<b>Without Residence—</b>		
Shops .. .. .	618	1,902,520
Garages .. .. .	85	445,182
Factories .. .. .	421†	7,896,723
Other .. .. .	115	881,358
<b>Public Buildings—</b>		
Hospital buildings .. .. .	6	618,177
Churches .. .. .	44	324,589
Schools .. .. .	27	425,991
Other .. .. .	59	924,604
<b>Total, Commercial and Public Buildings .. .. .</b>	<b>1,592</b>	<b>17,140,245</b>
<b>Alterations and Additions—</b>		
Private Dwellings .. .. .	17,431	3,869,743
Flats .. .. .	16	21,559
Other Buildings for Habitation .. .. .	157	305,276
Shops .. .. .	516	563,183
Garages (Commercial) .. .. .	65	138,887
Factories .. .. .	709	3,313,978
Other Business Premises .. .. .	260	596,821
Public Buildings .. .. .	179	686,276
<b>Total, Alterations, and Additions .. .. .</b>	<b>19,333</b>	<b>9,495,723</b>
<b>Grand Total, Building Permits .. .. .</b>	<b>34,430</b>	<b>67,186,292‡</b>

\* 285 self-contained units.

† Includes 3 permits relating to an Oil Refinery, £4,300,000.

‡ See page 164 for details of value in each municipality.



NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW  
HABITABLE BUILDINGS BY MUNICIPALITIES IN THE  
METROPOLITAN AREA OF MELBOURNE DURING THE  
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1954.

Name of Municipality.	Habitable Buildings (Private Dwellings, Flats, Hotels, etc.)			
	Year ended 31st December--			
	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
CITIES.				
Box Hill .. .. .	563	335	515	548
Brighton .. .. .	183	89	154	142
Brunswick .. .. .	49	27	37	44
Camberwell .. .. .	711	343	524	609
Caulfield .. .. .	103	59	92	134
Chelsea .. .. .	240	159	237	233
Coburg .. .. .	716	399	547	613
Collingwood .. .. .	3	2	7	3
Essendon .. .. .	202	115	150	115
Fitzroy .. .. .	..	..	4	..
Footscray .. .. .	447	221	226	296
Hawthorn .. .. .	29	9	20	18
Heidelberg .. .. .	665	443	558	649
Kew .. .. .	123	61	97	94
Malvern .. .. .	158	9	106	121
Melbourne .. .. .	7	9	14	9
Moorabbin .. .. .	1,372	897	1,088	1,653
Mordialloc .. .. .	313	143	202	214
Northcote .. .. .	125	76	118	86
Nunawading .. .. .	787	502	609	848
Oakleigh .. .. .	439	228	297	441
Port Melbourne .. .. .	2	2	..	..
Prahran .. .. .	43	22	45	44
Preston .. .. .	720	367	459	438
Richmond .. .. .	3	3	3	4
Sandringham .. .. .	238	144	236	310
South Melbourne .. .. .	3	..	..	1
St. Kilda .. .. .	5	8	9	15
Sunshine .. .. .	1,025	460	522	640
Williamstown .. .. .	174	133	100	164
BOROUGH.				
Ringwood .. .. .	482	350	423	542
SHIRES.				
Broadmeadows (a) .. .. .	763	557	813	841
Dandenong .. .. .	*	*	*	705
Doncaster and Templestowe .. .. .	*	*	*	186
Eltham (Part) (b) .. .. .	*	*	*	130
Fern Tree Gully (Part) (c) .. .. .	*	*	*	349
Frankston and Hastings (Part) (d) .. .. .	*	*	*	281
Keilor .. .. .	542	453	427	625
Lilivdale (Part) (e) .. .. .	*	*	*	327
Mulgrave .. .. .	848	502	573	863
Werribee (Part) (f) .. .. .	*	*	*	170
Total Metropolitan Area .. .. .	*	*	*	13,505

(a) Broadmeadows and Campbellfield Ridings.

(b) Montmorency and Eltham Ridings and part of North Riding, (formerly known as the South Riding).

(c) North, Centre, and East Ridings.

(d) Seaford, Frankston, and Mt. Eliza Ridings.

(e) North, Southern, and Western Ridings.

(f) Altona Riding.

\* Not available.

VALUE OF ALL BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE  
ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA OF MELBOURNE  
DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1954.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	
	1953.	1954.
CITIES.		
	£	£
Box Hill .. .. .	1,975,150	2,277,805
Brighton .. .. .	1,043,698	956,798
Brunswick .. .. .	493,033	741,420
Camberwell .. .. .	2,926,280	3,167,888
Caulfield .. .. .	869,195	1,209,846
Chelsea .. .. .	641,341	713,805
Coburg .. .. .	1,923,827	2,147,811
Collingwood .. .. .	207,407	450,890
Essendon .. .. .	786,227	841,209
Fitzroy .. .. .	236,938	154,921
Footscray .. .. .	1,171,333	1,755,358
Hawthorn .. .. .	548,194	423,532
Heidelberg .. .. .	2,130,634	2,668,986
Kew .. .. .	833,996	852,825
Malvern .. .. .	858,319	869,325
Melbourne .. .. .	1,871,225	1,765,415
Moorabbin .. .. .	4,198,407	6,511,730
Mordialloe .. .. .	745,897	1,000,462
Northcote .. .. .	621,178	927,607
Nunawading .. .. .	2,077,438	2,795,699
Oakleigh .. .. .	1,062,794	1,874,719
Port Melbourne .. .. .	840,185	1,480,397
Prahran .. .. .	725,904	877,773
Preston .. .. .	1,799,789	2,229,532
Richmond .. .. .	222,421	319,779
Sandringham .. .. .	1,352,677	1,510,811
South Melbourne .. .. .	556,030	1,260,756
St. Kilda .. .. .	321,724	724,739
Sunshine .. .. .	1,663,900	2,524,990
Williamstown .. .. .	503,215	734,649
BOROUGH.		
Ringwood .. .. .	1,098,852	1,598,032
SHIRES.		
Broadmeadows (a) .. .. .	2,102,138	2,400,955
Dandenong .. .. .	*	2,544,390
Doncaster and Templestowe .. .. .	*	668,928
Eltham (Part) (b) .. .. .	*	377,744
Fern Tree Gully (Part) (c) .. .. .	*	939,745
Frankston and Hastings (Part) (d) .. .. .	*	1,091,040
Keilor .. .. .	1,061,815	1,594,472
Lilydale (Part) (e) .. .. .	*	987,363
Mulgrave .. .. .	2,263,111	4,428,106
Werribee (Part) (f) .. .. .	*	4,784,040
	*	67,186,292

\* Not available.

Building permits issued by provincial municipalities.

With a view to gauging the relative activity of the building industry during recent years in centres outside the Metropolitan Area, particulars relating to building permits issued by certain municipalities during each of the five years, 1950 to 1954, are given below:—

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE ISSUED BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1950 TO 1954.

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Ballarat City	1950	252	474,089	4	6,135	196	73,236	452	554,060
	1951	185	412,797	9	20,800	170	90,393	364	523,990
	1952	104	228,270	12	39,492	160	93,789	276	361,551
	1953	147	363,759	22	446,695	191	142,802	360	953,256
	1954	182	471,711	24	107,693	193	198,651	399	778,055
Bendigo City	1950	165	320,685	2	17,000	249	130,540	416	468,225
	1951	149	300,941	8	15,950	260	47,832	417	364,723
	1952	118	288,595	5	230,750	261	68,068	384	587,413
	1953	181	462,308	13	29,750	315	98,998	509	591,056
	1954	156	439,636	11	113,765	362	193,391	529	746,792
Geelong City	1950	44	96,680	5	20,983	148	35,144	197	152,807
	1951	36	89,950	13	342,950	215	36,667	264	469,567
	1952	20	61,450	25	216,950	171	68,209	216	346,609
	1953	33	94,270	37	394,172	202	135,347	272	623,789
	1954	28	87,050	32	623,890	204	147,047	264	857,987
Geelong West City	1950	161	322,712	1	3,750	31	6,200	193	332,662
	1951	139	353,994	4	16,500	51	10,681	194	381,175
	1952	84	237,471	1	9,000	53	16,482	138	262,953
	1953	75	217,390	8	46,900	35	21,215	118	285,505
	1954	117	374,595	17	77,932	63	24,083	197	476,610

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE  
ISSUED BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1950 TO  
1954—*continued.*

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other. Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Horsham City ..	1950	81	134,225	1	550	50	4,420	132	139,195
	1951	86	181,810	2	2,800	102	20,012	190	204,622
	1952	50	96,338	13	53,596	94	30,467	157	180,401
	1953	55	118,615	9	27,150	79	22,381	143	168,146
	1954	76	184,105	10	20,750	87	28,615	173	233,470
Mildura City ..	1950	163	285,375	3	17,500	60	11,237	226	314,112
	1951	119	245,925	14	40,850	109	22,778	242	309,553
	1952	49	105,160	14	20,310	83	33,800	146	159,270
	1953	51	118,929	8	24,970	96	59,713	155	203,612
	1954	71	192,829	15	109,798	101	38,599	187	341,226
Newtown and Chilwell City ..	1950	89	196,539	2	325	101	28,797	192	225,661
	1951	68	204,280	3	15,500	141	33,049	212	252,829
	1952	38	125,134	6	8,850	129	37,986	173	171,970
	1953	49	175,834	9	15,400	113	30,666	171	221,900
	1954	82	335,393	9	18,870	127	48,559	218	402,822
Sale City ..	1950	105	179,265	4	6,930	58	9,311	167	195,506
	1951	83	170,440	2	110,700	43	17,718	128	298,858
	1952	48	109,762	5	18,600	95	109,753	148	238,115
	1953	43	112,059	12	41,714	32	25,800	137	179,573
	1954	34	93,021	11	42,679	77	12,375	122	148,075
Shepparton City ..	1950	149	289,893	2	30,150	174	118,054	325	438,097
	1951	125	309,287	2	2,000	159	62,205	286	373,492
	1952	73	174,453	9	38,100	170	113,471	252	326,024
	1953	86	226,180	21	55,925	185	119,590	292	401,695
	1954	126	346,898	20	143,860	182	59,460	328	550,218
Warrnambool City ..	1950	71	145,188	5	15,390	105	12,623	181	173,201
	1951	82	199,016	3	4,350	119	20,875	204	224,241
	1952	73	160,502	5	6,630	147	31,764	225	198,896
	1953	67	184,627	11	91,900	175	55,576	253	332,103
	1954	92	262,247	10	59,000	162	106,616	264	427,863

## PART IV.

### LAW, CRIME, ETC.

**Legal system in Victoria.** A statement, giving the basic principles and main provisions of the law of Victoria, appears in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 189.

#### LITIGATION AND LEGAL BUSINESS.

**Supreme Court civil business.** The Supreme Court of Victoria was established in 1852, and although the procedure was entirely remoulded by the *Judicature Act 1883* (now incorporated in the *Supreme Court Act 1928*), its constitution and powers remain practically unaltered. There were, in 1954, ten Judges, viz., a Chief Justice and nine Puisne Judges.

The following is a statement of Supreme Court business during the five years 1950 to 1954:—

#### VICTORIA—SUPREME COURT CIVIL CASES, 1950 TO 1954.

Heading.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Number of places at which sittings were held	10	10	10	10	10
Causes entered—					
For assessment of damages	2	12	5	2	3
For trial	604	831	1,093	1,236	886
Number of cases tried—					
By juries of six	70	169	119	144	144
By a Judge	51	63	76	52	53
Verdicts returned for—					
Plaintiff	95	132	92	158	120
Defendant	26	44	42	38	24
Amounts awarded	£ 124,104	193,575	193,432	279,434	343,315
Writs of summons issued	1,512	2,081	2,655	2,434	2,045
Other original proceedings	107	55	60	54	53
Appellate proceedings (other than Criminal Appeals heard and determined)—					
By Full Court	44	42	51	49	65
By a Judge	49	75	109	65	80
Fees collected	£ 11,344	13,918	19,904	19,374	50,378

**County Courts.**

County Courts have jurisdiction, both in equity and common law cases, limited to £1,000 but, in the case of any action arising out of any accident in which any vehicle is involved, the limit is £2,500, and all personal actions where the amount, value, or damages sought to be recovered is more than the appropriate sum aforesaid if both parties or their respective solicitors consent thereto in writing, and all actions in respect of which jurisdiction is given by any Act, and actions of tort or contract commenced in the Supreme Court may, under certain conditions, be remitted to the County Court, even although the amount claimed may exceed such sums. At the present time County Courts are held at Melbourne and at seventeen other places in Victoria. Every Court has jurisdiction throughout the whole of Victoria.

## VICTORIA—COUNTY COURT CASES, 1950 TO 1954.

Year Ended 31st December.	Number of Causes Tried.	Amount Sued for.	Amount Awarded.
		£	£
1950 .. .. .	1,576	954,466	46,332
1951 .. .. .	1,591	1,092,465	47,600
1952 .. .. .	1,672	1,587,992	46,138
1953 .. .. .	1,783	4,038,969	94,621
1954 .. .. .	1,816	4,336,141	107,464

**Writs by the Sheriff.**

The table hereunder records the number of writs received by the Sheriff in the five years, 1950 to 1954.

## VICTORIA—WRITS RECEIVED BY THE SHERIFF, 1950 TO 1954.

Year Ended 31st December.	Sovereign's Writs against Person and Property.	Subjects' Writs against—		Total.
		The Person.	Property.	
1950 .. .. .	7	2	106	115
1951 .. .. .	18	..	126	144
1952 .. .. .	14	1	213	228
1953 .. .. .	42	5	202	249
1954 .. .. .	9	6	233	248

**BANKRUPTCIES.**

A Bankruptcy Act passed by the Commonwealth Parliament in October, 1924, and amended in 1927, was brought into operation on 1st August, 1928. It supersedes the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Acts of the States, with the exception of any provisions relating to matters not dealt with in the Commonwealth Act.

The number of sequestrations, &c., in Victoria during each of the five years ended 31st July, 1954, under the *Commonwealth Bankruptcy Act* 1924-1955, and the amount of liabilities and assets relating thereto were as follows:—

**VICTORIA—BANKRUPTCIES, 1950 TO 1954.**

Year Ended 31st July—	Sequestration Orders and Orders for Administration of Deceased Debtors' Estates.	Compositions, Assignments, &c., under Part XI. of the Act.	Deeds of Arrangement under Part XII. of the Act.	Total.
NUMBER.				
1950 .. ..	78	4	14	96
1951 .. ..	58	..	14	72
1952 .. ..	67	4	17	88
1953 .. ..	129	4	51	184
1954 .. ..	124	5	46	175
LIABILITIES.				
	£	£	£	£
1950 .. ..	139,743	85,965	43,959	269,667
1951 .. ..	91,613	..	82,507	174,120
1952 .. ..	111,669	20,083	74,543	206,295
1953 .. ..	262,764	15,981	318,499	597,244
1954 .. ..	338,308	16,517	242,265	597,090
ASSETS.				
	£	£	£	£
1950 .. ..	39,152	28,716	38,745	106,613
1951 .. ..	30,965	..	53,193	84,158
1952 .. ..	35,043	27,663	54,488	117,194
1953 .. ..	139,280	17,302	226,512	383,094
1954 .. ..	101,950	5,787	178,117	285,854

The yearly average number of sequestrations, declared liabilities and assets are shown in the subjoined table for each of the quinquennial periods ended in 1943, 1948, and 1953.

	Yearly Average Number.	Yearly Average Declared Liabilities.	Yearly Average Declared Assets.
		£	£
1938-39 to 1942-43 ..	296	297,886	128,033
1943-44 to 1947-48 ..	51	100,175	66,667
1948-49 to 1952-53 ..	102	286,421	173,897

**RACECOURSE LICENCES AND PERMITS.****Racecourse  
licences and  
permits.**

The Police Offences Acts provide that no professional race meetings shall be held except on a racecourse which is licensed under such Acts for horse races or for trotting races. A licence shall, unless cancelled, be in force for twelve months. For each licence there shall be paid a fee of £1.

For a permit to hold a picnic race meeting, or a mixed sports gathering, i.e., sports at which there is horse racing or trotting racing, or trotting races at the annual show of an Agricultural Society a fee of £1 per day is payable. The fee for a permit for a race meeting for charitable purposes is ten shillings.

The amounts paid into Consolidated Revenue in each of the last ten years were as follows:—

**VICTORIA—REVENUE FROM RACECOURSE LICENCES,  
PERMITS, AND PERCENTAGE FEES, 1945-46 TO 1954-55.**

Year Ended 30th June.	Amount.	Year Ended 30th June.	Amount.
	£		£
1946 .. ..	18,429	1951 .. ..	34,101
1947 .. ..	21,727	1952 .. ..	34,214
1948 .. ..	26,316	1953 .. ..	35,092
1949 .. ..	27,862	1954 .. ..	36,064
1950 .. ..	32,163	1955 .. ..	397

Until 1953-54, a percentage of the gross revenue derived from the racecourse during the year was payable in addition to the licence fee. Such percentage charges were abolished by the *Finance (Racing) Act 1954*.



Under the *Police Offences (Race Meetings) Act* 1948, the percentage charges received in each of the years 1948-49 to 1953-54 from racecourses not being within 30 miles of the General Post Office, Melbourne, were paid into a Treasury Fund known as the Country Racecourses Improvement Fund and used for subsidizing local expenditure on improvements to racecourses not being within 30 miles from Melbourne.

The amounts paid to the Fund were £7,800 in 1952-53 and £8,823 in 1953-54.

### CRIME.

Information relating to the administration of the Administration of the criminal law in Victoria appears in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 196.

The *Crimes Act* No. 5379 of 1949, provided for amendments to certain penalties contained in the *Crimes Act* 1928. The most important of these are the abolition of the death penalty in all cases other than treason and murder, and that the sentence of death shall not be pronounced on persons under the age of eighteen years.

### VICTORIA—CHILDREN'S COURTS.

The jurisdiction of Children's Courts is limited to children under the age of seventeen years. In 1939, the Children's Court Office was reorganized and the appointment was made of a Stipendiary Special Magistrate with jurisdiction throughout the State. He has the assistance of two Stipendiary Probation Officers who investigate problem cases which come before the Court. A clinic has been established for the purpose of dealing with cases referred to it by the Court.

The number of cases which were disposed of in Children's Courts in each of the five years 1950 to 1954 is given in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—CHILDREN'S COURTS: CASES DISPOSED OF,  
1950 TO 1954.

Nature of Offence.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Against the person—					
Assaults .. .. .	33	46	39	28	52
Other .. .. .	33	82	103	106	81
Against property—					
Larceny, &c. .. .	1,917	2,362	2,427	2,609	3,396
Wilful damage .. .	76	74	78	110	92
Other .. .. .	64	262	386	312	405
Against good order—					
Drunkenness .. .	7	13	13	11	2
Other .. .. .	75	90	223	375	239
Other Offences—					
Traffic offences .. .	297	352	288	182	350
Other offences .. .	156	207	179	181	170
Neglected children .. .	371	368	447	333	544
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>3,029</b>	<b>3,856</b>	<b>4,183</b>	<b>4,247</b>	<b>5,331</b>
Summarily convicted .. .	2,305	3,075	3,457	3,596	4,461
Summarily dismissed, &c. .. .	724	778	720	646	864
Committed for trial .. .	..	3	6	5	6

The following statement gives particulars of the manner of by magistrates in 1953 and 1954 :—

VICTORIA—CHILDREN'S COURTS: CASES, HOW DEALT WITH, 1953 AND 1954.

How Dealt With.	Year Ended 31st December—					
	1953.			1954.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Adjourned for period without probation .. .. .	987	116	1,103	1,132	121	1,253
Released on probation .. .. .	1,165	78	1,243	1,338	97	1,435
Committed to care of Children's Welfare Department .. .. .	424	103	527	554	122	676
Committed to reformatory .. .. .	112	9	121	152	6	158
Fined .. .. .	395	38	433	549	34	583
Released under Section 356 of <i>Crimes Act 1923</i> .. .. .	3	..	3	3	1	4
Dismissed on payment of costs or damages or both .. .. .	2	..	2	8	..	8
Discharged upon surety .. .. .	15	..	15	4	..	4
Sentenced to term of imprisonment	10	2	12	51	..	51
Sentenced to imprisonment, the execution of which has been suspended .. .. .	19	1	20	46	..	46
Convicted and discharged .. .. .	62	..	62	124	..	124
Discharged with a caution .. .. .	41	1	42	92	9	101
Otherwise dealt with .. .. .	13	..	13	18	..	18
Summarily convicted .. .. .	3,248	348	3,596	4,071	390	4,461
Summarily dismissed, &c. .. .. .	593	53	646	784	80	864
Committed for trial .. .. .	5	..	5	6	..	6
Grand Total .. .. .	3,846	401	4,247	4,861	470	5,331

VICTORIA—COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS.

**Petty Sessions civil business.** In 1954, Courts of Petty Sessions before stipendiary magistrates and/or honorary justices were held at 227 places in Victoria. Clerks of courts of ten years' standing, who have passed the prescribed examination, and barristers of five years' standing are eligible for appointment as stipendiary magistrates, but there is no legal training or knowledge of the law required as a

condition precedent to the appointment of a person as an honorary justice of the peace. The jurisdiction in civil cases is limited to what may be called ordinary debts, damages for assault, and restitution of goods, where the amount in dispute does not exceed £100. Particulars of civil cases, &c., heard during the five years 1950 to 1954 as shown below, were compiled from quarterly statements prepared by Clerks of Petty Sessions for the Law Department.

VICTORIA—COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS: CIVIL CASES, ETC., 1950 TO 1954.

Heading.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Civil cases—					
Number heard .. .. .	45,174	40,352	51,058	59,388	66,740
Debts or damages—					
Claimed .. .. .	£ 505,908	471,828	626,478	785,019	825,371
Awarded .. .. .	£ 365,257	352,269	462,107	598,315	650,619
Other cases—					
Appeals against rates .. .. .	350	559	712	1,117	619
Ejectment cases (a) .. .. .	3,875	3,766	3,311	2,867	2,542
Fraud summonses .. .. .	2,178	2,070	1,792	1,842	2,716
Garnishee cases .. .. .	991	949	938	1,147	1,297
Maintenance cases .. .. .	1,274	1,233	1,428	1,452	1,404
Show cause summonses .. .. .	2,350	2,354	2,517	2,826	2,732
Applications under Landlord and Tenant Acts .. .. .	1,455	1,711	1,443	1,152	801
Other .. .. .	4,090	3,577	8,667	7,585	4,965
Licences and certificates issued	17,744	16,495	17,178	17,681	17,864

(a) Figures shown represent the total cases listed before Courts. Ejectment Orders granted are available for the Metropolitan Area only; see next statement.

**Ejectment orders.** The number of ejectment orders granted is available for the "Metropolitan area" (a) only. No information is available prior to the year 1950.

EJECTMENT ORDERS GRANTED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA OF MELBOURNE, 1950 TO 1954.

Year ended 31st December—	Metropolitan Area.	
	Cases heard.	Ejectment orders granted.
	No.	No.
1950 .. .. .	2,658	1,551
1951 .. .. .	3,057	1,553
1952 .. .. .	2,595	1,292
1953 .. .. .	2,528	1,383
1954 .. .. .	2,051	1,289

(a) Courts of Petty Sessions at Box Hill, Brighton, Brunswick, Camberwell, Carlton, Caulfield, Cheltenham, Coburg, Collingwood, Dandenong, Fitzroy, Flemington, Footscray, Geelong, Hawthorn, Heidelberg, Kew, Malvern, Melbourne, Moonee Ponds, Northcote, North Melbourne, Oakleigh, Port Melbourne, Prahran, Preston, Richmond, Ringwood, Sandringham, South Melbourne, St. Kilda, Sunshine and Williamstown.

**VICTORIA—ARREST CASES SUMMARILY DISPOSED OF  
IN COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS, 1953 AND 1954.**

How Disposed of.	Year Ended 31st December, 1953.			Year Ended 31st December, 1954.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Fined .. .. .	10,840	1,041	11,881	12,038	1,010	13,048
Imprisonment for—						
Under 1 month .. .. .	4,955	545	5,500	4,490	336	4,826
1 month and under 6 months	1,713	129	1,842	1,677	95	1,772
6 months and under 12 months	266	12	278	242	4	246
1 year and over .. .. .	27	..	27	38	..	38
Admonished (convicted and dis- charged) .. .. .	6,298	568	6,866	6,645	544	7,189
Ordered to find bail or sentence suspended on entering surety	567	77	644	520	57	577
Otherwise dealt with .. .. .	381	17	398	398	27	425
 Total convicted .. .. .	 25,047	 2,389	 27,436	 26,048	 2,073	 28,121
Dismissed, withdrawn, struck out .. .. .	1,612	213	1,825	1,692	187	1,879
 Total summarily disposed of	 26,659	 2,602	 29,261	 27,740	 2,260	 30,000

**VICTORIA—COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS AND  
CHILDREN'S COURTS.**

In the following statistical tables details are given of the total number of cases dealt with in Courts of Petty Sessions and Children's Courts. If it be desired to compare the figures in these tables with those relating to other States or countries it is necessary that consideration be given to several points. The first is that the criminal law in the places compared be substantially the same; the second, that it be administered with equal strictness; and the third, that proper allowances be made for differences in the age and sex constitution of the population. These points must also be taken into account in comparing crime in recent years with that in previous periods when there may have been differences in the law and when the population was very differently constituted in regard to sex and age.

### VICTORIA—ARRESTS AND SUMMONSES FOR VARIOUS OFFENCES, 1953.

Nature of Offence.	Total Cases.	Summarily Disposed of—				Committed for Trial.	
		Dismissed, Withdrawn, Struck Out.		Convicted.			
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
<b>Against the person—</b>							
Murder* .. .. .	13	12	1	..	..	..	..
Intent to murder .. .. .	6	4	..	..	..	2	..
Manslaughter* .. .. .	7	6	1	..	..	..	..
Shooting at, wounding, &c... .. .	95	20	3	..	..	68	4
Assaults .. .. .	1,807	737	99	896	65	10	..
Other .. .. .	516	84	11	116	34	243	28
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>2,444</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Against property—</b>							
Robbery, Shopbreaking, house-breaking, &c. .. .. .	1,107	37	2	162	4	887	15
Larceny and similar offences .. .. .	5,501	739	89	3,956	349	338	30
Wilful damage .. .. .	226	38	5	157	19	7	..
Other .. .. .	1,549	210	18	1,112	35	167	7
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>8,383</b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>5,387</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>1,399</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Forgery and offences against the currency .. .. .</b>							
	231	6	17	..	..	177	31
<b>Against good order—</b>							
Drunkenness† .. .. .	19,424	181	17	17,563	1,663	..	..
Other .. .. .	8,804	1,045	158	6,740	852	9	..
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>28,228</b>	<b>1,226</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>24,303</b>	<b>2,515</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Other offences—</b>							
<b>Breaches of—</b>							
Education Act .. .. .	2,049	165	58	1,352	474	..	..
Licensing Act .. .. .	4,122	433	85	3,300	304	..	..
Motor Car Act .. .. .	27,900	1,660	69	25,587	584	..	..
Traffic Regulations... .. .	23,104	1,125	36	21,320	623	..	..
Miscellaneous .. .. .	38,451	3,804	369	32,095	2,135	41	7
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>95,626</b>	<b>7,187</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>83,654</b>	<b>4,120</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Grand Total .. .. .</b>	<b>134,912</b>	<b>10,306</b>	<b>1,038</b>	<b>114,356</b>	<b>7,141</b>	<b>1,949</b>	<b>122</b>

\* See Inquests, page 182, on proceedings relating to persons charged with these offences.

† See footnote on page 178.

VICTORIA—ARRESTS AND SUMMONSES FOR VARIOUS OFFENCES, 1954.

Nature of Offence.	Total Cases.	Summarily Disposed of—				Committed for Trial.	
		Dismissed, Withdrawn, Struck Out.		Convicted.			
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
<b>Against the person—</b>							
Murder* .. .. .	13	9	4	..	..	9	2
Intent to murder .. .. .	13	1	1	..	..	..	..
Manslaughter* .. .. .	14	12	2	..	..	..	..
Shooting at, wounding, &c... .. .	94	17	3	6	..	65	3
Assaults .. .. .	1,955	791	86	1,009	59	10	..
Other .. .. .	566	54	4	131	5	364	8
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>2,655</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Against property—</b>							
Robbery, Shopbreaking, house-breaking, &c .. .. .	1,118	43	4	157	4	896	14
Larceny and similar offences .. .. .	6,098	1,024	99	4,330	333	306	6
Wilful damage .. .. .	249	54	4	162	14	14	1
Other .. .. .	1,674	224	19	1,200	42	163	26
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>9,139</b>	<b>1,345</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>5,849</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>1,379</b>	<b>47</b>
Forgery and offences against the currency .. .. .	143	4	..	19	..	120	..
<b>Against good order—</b>							
Drunkenness† .. .. .	20,167	186	26	18,554	1,401	..	..
Other .. .. .	8,035	903	137	6,175	813	7	..
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>28,202</b>	<b>1,089</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>24,729</b>	<b>2,214</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Other offences—</b>							
<b>Breaches of—</b>							
Education Act .. .. .	2,334	255	65	1,576	438	..	..
Licensing Act .. .. .	3,878	531	117	2,990	240	..	..
Motor Car Act .. .. .	31,769	2,116	91	28,793	769	..	..
Traffic Regulations .. .. .	20,245	882	46	18,600	717	..	..
Miscellaneous .. .. .	37,044	3,319	275	31,152	2,230	29	39
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>95,270</b>	<b>7,103</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>83,111</b>	<b>4,394</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Grand Total .. .. .</b>	<b>135,409</b>	<b>10,425</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>114,854</b>	<b>7,065</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>99</b>

\* See Inquests, page 182, on proceedings relating to persons charged with these offences.

† See footnote on page 178.

**Arrest and  
summons  
cases.**

Particulars of the arrest and summons cases for the five years 1950 to 1954 are given in the subjoined table.

**VICTORIA—ARREST AND SUMMONS CASES. 1950 TO 1954.**

Year Ended 31st December.	Arrest Cases.		Summons Cases.		Total.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
1950 .. ..	30,431	2,572	59,696	4,502	97,201
1951 .. ..	32,843	2,711	69,404	4,108	109,066
1952 .. ..	32,957	2,883	88,093	5,158	129,091
1953 .. ..	28,381	2,690	98,230	5,611	134,912
1954 .. ..	29,560	2,317	97,702	5,830	135,409

The following table shows, for each of the five years specified, the number of offences for which persons were arrested or summoned, summarily convicted, dismissed, or committed for trial.

**VICTORIA—DISPOSAL OF ARREST AND SUMMONS CASES,  
1950 TO 1954.**

Year Ended 31st December.	Total.	Summarily Convicted.	Dismissed, Struck Out, or Withdrawn.	Committed for Trial.
1950 .. ..	97,201	87,873	7,690	1,638
1951 .. ..	109,066	98,369	9,047	1,650
1952 .. ..	129,091	115,534	11,886	1,671
1953 .. ..	134,912	121,497	11,344	2,071
1954 .. ..	135,409	121,919	11,408	2,082
Number per 10,000 of Population.				
1950 .. ..	441·0	398·7	34·9	7·4
1951 .. ..	480·7	433·5	39·9	7·3
1952 .. ..	550·8	493·0	50·7	7·1
1953 .. ..	563·1	507·1	47·4	8·6
1954 .. ..	551·9	496·9	46·5	8·5

**NOTE.**—The convictions in respect of drunkenness include those cases in which offenders were discharged by magistrates on a first appearance. Prior to 1936 such cases were not treated as convictions.



## CRIME AND DRUNKENNESS.

**Alteration in method of tabulation.**

The statistics of crime and drunkenness for the years subsequent to 1932 were compiled on a basis which differed from that for the years 1893 to 1932. The particulars for the years 1933 to 1954 represent, in respect of multiple charges, the total number of all offences with which arrested persons were charged whereas, for the period 1893 to 1932, only the most serious offence in each case was tabulated. Summons cases in 1933 to 1954 relate, as in previous years, to all offences with which a person was charged. The statistics for the past twenty years are comparable, therefore, with those for the years prior to 1893, appearing in earlier issues of the *Year-Book*.

**Offences against the person and property.**

Almost all serious crimes are either offences against the person or offences against property. The first-named consist mainly of assault, but include murder, manslaughter, shooting, wounding, and sexual offences. Offences against property consist principally of larceny and similar offences, but include burglary, house and shop-breaking, robbery, &c., cattle stealing, and wilful damage to property.

**Other Offences.**

The only other serious crimes included under "Other Offences" are forgery, counterfeiting, conspiracy, and perjury. These were very few in number, there having been in Victoria in 1954 only 134 of such charges out of a total of 103,448 in the category to which they belong. The cases under the heading "Other Offences" were mainly breaches of various Acts of Parliament, by-laws, &c., which indicate no degree of criminal instinct or intent on the part of the person charged. There was also among them a large number of offences against good order, including offensive behaviour, indecent language, vagrancy, &c.

**Offences and drunkenness.**

The following table shows, for a series of years, the numbers of arrest and summons cases, and also the numbers per 1,000 of the population, tabulated according to the only classes of offences for which complete comparisons can be made. The particulars include cases (other than those of neglected children) disposed of in Children's Courts.

## VICTORIA—OFFENCES AND DRUNKENNESS, 1890 TO 1954.

Year Ended 31st December.	Number of Arrest and Summons Cases—				
	Offences Against the Person.	Offences Against Property.	Drunkenness.	Other Offences.	Total.
1890 .. ..	4,091	5,036	18,501	36,456	64,084
1895* .. ..	2,344	3,336	11,143	20,843	37,666
1900* .. ..	2,103	3,106	15,878	28,003	49,090
1910* .. ..	1,663	3,052	12,719	34,626	52,060
1920* .. ..	1,909	4,877	7,154	42,758	56,698
1930* .. ..	1,680	5,078	8,132	41,859	56,749
1940 .. ..	1,346	7,698	11,619	65,624	86,287
1944 .. ..	1,660	7,874	12,518	42,837	64,889
1945 .. ..	1,711	6,535	10,534	41,964	60,744
1946 .. ..	1,920	6,591	11,720	44,252	64,483
1947 .. ..	1,956	6,144	14,952	50,938	73,990
1948 .. ..	1,972	6,378	16,600	51,566	76,516
1949 .. ..	1,945	5,909	17,972	54,685	80,511
1950 .. ..	2,092	6,498	21,248	67,363	97,201
1951 .. ..	2,478	7,724	23,151	75,713	109,066
1952 .. ..	2,590	9,236	21,751	95,514	129,091
1953 .. ..	2,444	8,383	19,424	104,661	134,912
1954 .. ..	2,655	9,139	20,167	103,448	135,409
	Number of Arrest and Summons Cases per 1,000 of Population				
1890 .. ..	3·66	4·50	16·54	32·59	57·29
1895* .. ..	1·98	2·82	9·41	17·60	31·81
1900* .. ..	1·76	2·60	13·31	23·47	41·14
1910* .. ..	1·30	2·38	9·92	27·00	40·60
1920* .. ..	1·26	3·23	4·73	28·27	37·49
1930* .. ..	0·94	2·84	4·55	23·44	31·77
1940 .. ..	0·71	4·04	6·10	34·47	45·32
1944 .. ..	0·83	3·95	6·28	21·48	32·54
1945 .. ..	0·85	3·25	5·23	20·86	30·19
1946 .. ..	0·95	3·25	5·77	21·79	31·76
1947 .. ..	0·96	3·01	7·33	24·97	36·27
1948 .. ..	0·94	3·05	7·94	24·68	36·61
1949 .. ..	0·91	2·76	8·40	25·57	37·64
1950 .. ..	0·95	2·95	9·64	30·57	44·11
1951 .. ..	1·09	3·40	10·20	33·37	48·06
1952 .. ..	1·10	3·94	9·29	40·75	55·08
1953 .. ..	1·02	3·50	8·11	43·68	56·31
1954 .. ..	1·08	3·73	8·22	42·16	55·19

\* See paragraph "Alteration in method of tabulation" on page 179.

**Drunkness.** The number of persons and the number per 1,000 of the population charged with drunkenness during the ten years 1945 to 1954 are given hereunder:—

**VICTORIA—PERSONS CHARGED WITH DRUNKENNESS, 1945 TO 1954.**

Year ended 31st December—	Number of Persons charged.	Number per 1,000 of Population	Year ended 31st December—	Number of Persons charged.	Number per 1,000 of Population.
1945 .. ..	10,534	5.23	1950 .. ..	21,248	9.64
1946 .. ..	11,720	5.77	1951 .. ..	23,151	10.20
1947 .. ..	14,952	7.33	1952 .. ..	21,751	9.29
1948 .. ..	16,600	7.94	1953 .. ..	19,424	8.11
1949 .. ..	17,972	8.40	1954 .. ..	20,167	8.22

**Drunkness—Comparison with previous years.** If the amount of drunkenness in proportion to population, as measured by the number of charges therefor, be represented by 100 as the yearly average for the period 1874-78, the corresponding numbers for subsequent periods will show the comparative increase or decrease. These numbers are given in the following table:—

**VICTORIA—DRUNKENNESS, 1874 TO 1954.**

Years Ended 31st December.	Index Number.	Years Ended 31st December.	Index Number.
1874-78 .. ..	100	1923-27 .. ..	41
1879-85 .. ..	88	1928-32 .. ..	30
1886-92 .. ..	106	1933-37 .. ..	36
1893-97 .. ..	65	1938-42 .. ..	42
1898-1902 .. ..	84	1943-47 .. ..	42
1903-07 .. ..	77	1948-52 .. ..	62
1908-12 .. ..	68	1953 .. ..	55
1913-17 .. ..	59	1954 .. ..	56
1918-22 .. ..	32		

A considerable decrease in drunkenness is shown for the five years 1893-97, which was a period of general depression, followed by an increase in the subsequent five-yearly period. A similar trend is shown for the depression years 1928-32 and subsequent years. In the middle of the year 1915, an Act was passed reducing the number of hours during which alcoholic liquors could be sold in hotels, and a further reduction was made in the following year.

The accompanying table shows for the five years 1950 to 1954 the number of persons under 20 years of age arrested for drunkenness.

**VICTORIA—ARRESTS OF PERSONS UNDER 20 YEARS OF AGE CHARGED WITH DRUNKENNESS, 1950 TO 1954.**

Year Ended 31st December.	Numbers.		Total.
	Males.	Females.	
1950 .. .. .	323	16	339
1951 .. .. .	352	21	373
1952 .. .. .	321	16	337
1953 .. .. .	326	23	349
1954 .. .. .	306	13	319

**INQUESTS.**

**Coroner's jurisdiction.** A Coroner has jurisdiction to hold an inquest concerning the manner of death of any person who is slain or drowned or who dies suddenly or in prison or while detained in any hospital for the insane and whose body is lying dead within the district in which such coroner has jurisdiction.

His duties in relation thereto are regulated by the Coroners Acts and there are special provisions relating to inquests in other Acts, such as the Mines Act, Children's Welfare Act, and Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act. Coroners and deputy-coroners are appointed by the Governor in Council, every Stipendiary Magistrate being appointed a coroner for the State of Victoria. Deputy-coroners have jurisdiction in the districts for which they have been appointed. In addition, a justice of the peace has jurisdiction, within his bailiwick, to hold an inquest, but only if requested to do so by a police officer in charge of a station, or by a coroner.

In the majority of cases the coroner acts alone in holding an inquest, but in certain cases a jury is empanelled. This is done (a) when the coroner considers it desirable; (b) when in any specified case a law officer so directs; and (c) when it is expressly provided in any Act, (as in the case under the Mines Act) that an inquest shall be taken with jurors. Amending legislation in 1953 provided that the viewing of the body is not essential and is necessary only where the coroner or jury deems it advisable.

When a person is arrested and charged before a justice or court with murder or manslaughter, those proceedings are adjourned from time to time pending the holding of the inquest. If the inquest results in a finding against that person of murder or manslaughter, the coroner issues his warrant committing him for trial, the other proceedings being then withdrawn.

The following shows the number of inquest cases in Victoria during the years 1950 to 1954, and the number of persons subsequently committed for trial.

Year Ended 31st December.	Inquests into Deaths of—			Persons Committed for Trial.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1950 .. ..	1,314	602	1,916	36	6	42
1951 .. ..	1,403	667	2,070	31	3	34
1952 .. ..	1,401	664	2,065	25	1	26
1953 .. ..	1,405	566	1,971	18	2	20
1954 .. ..	1,392	654	2,046	26	6	32

The charges on which persons were committed for trial by Coroners were :—

Year.	Murder.			Manslaughter.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1950 .. ..	26	6	32	10	..	10
1951 .. ..	18	2*	20*	13	1	14
1952 .. ..	13	1	14	12	..	12
1953 .. ..	13	2	15	5	..	5
1954 .. ..	11	5	16	15	1	16

\* Including one for abortion.

HIGHER COURTS.

The number of distinct persons convicted in the Supreme Court and in Courts of General Sessions in Victoria during each of the years 1950 to 1954 is shown below. The offences of distinct persons convicted during 1953 and 1954 are detailed in tabulations immediately following :—

HIGHER COURTS—DISTINCT PERSONS CONVICTED—  
1950 TO 1954.

Year Ended 31st December—	Males.			Total.
	Against the Person.*	Against Property.	Other.	
1950 .. ..	177	476	22	675
1951 .. ..	206	498	27	731
1952 .. ..	194	613	42	849
1953 .. ..	179	651	59	889
1954 .. ..	256	576	48	880

Year Ended 31st December—	Females.			Total.
	Against the Person.*	Against Property.	Other.	
1950 .. ..	13	19	15	47
1951 .. ..	6	17	7	30
1952 .. ..	8	18	8	34
1953 .. ..	6	19	4	29
1954 .. ..	10	18	4	32

\* See page 196 for detailed tabulation 1946 to 1954.

Committals  
for trial—  
convictions.

The following table shows the offences of distinct persons  
Sessions in Victoria during 1953 after committal from  
Where a person was charged with more than one offence

### HIGHER COURTS—OFFENCES AND AGES OF DISTINCT PERSONS

Offence.	Males (Ages in Years).													
	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21 to 24.	25 to 29.	30 to 34.	35 to 39.	40 to 44.	45 to 49.	50 to 59.	60 to 69.
<b>MALES.</b>														
Against the Person—														
Murder .. .. .							1	2	1		3			
Manslaughter .. .. .												1		
Wounding, &c., or inflict grievous bodily harm .. .. .			3	2	3	1	3	6	3		1			
Shoot at with intent to do grievous bodily harm .. .. .							2	2	1	2	1	2		1
Unlawfully wounding .. .. .					1			3	2	1	1			
Assault .. .. .						1	3	3		2			1	
Against Females—														
Rape .. .. .								1						
Rape, assault with intent to Carnal knowledge .. .. .		1												
Incest .. .. .		3	1	4		1	3	2	2					1
Incest, attempted .. .. .		1	1			1	1			1	2		1	
Indecent assault .. .. .			3		3		2	2	3	2	3	3	5	2
Unnatural offence .. .. .			2		2	2	3	6	2	5	2	3	1	1
Indecent assault on male .. .. .									3	1	1		1	
Bigamy .. .. .							2	4	3	2	1		2	2
Abduction .. .. .									1					
Obscene exposure .. .. .							1			1				1
Demanding money by menaces .. .. .							1		1					
Total against the Person .. .. .			13	4	13	6	24	34	20	17	16	10	13	8
Against Property—														
Robbery .. .. .								2						
Robbery under arms .. .. .									2					
Robbery under arms, attempted .. .. .							1							
Robbery with violence .. .. .			1		1									
Robbery in company .. .. .				1					3	2	1	1		
Robbery, assault with intent .. .. .				1		3								
Burglary .. .. .										1				
Housebreaking .. .. .	1		15	12	9	5	26	28	9	2	6	4	3	2

(a) Including 1 commuted to imprisonment for 15 years; 2 commuted to imprisonment for 20 of his life. All without the benefits of regulations relating to the remission of Sentences.

(b) Including one who at the expiration of sentence is to be detained in a Reformatory Prison

who were convicted in the Supreme Court and in Courts of General Children's Courts, Courts of Petty Sessions and Coroner's Inquests. the principal offence only has been counted :—

CONVICTED 1953 (PRINCIPAL OFFENCE ONLY COUNTED).

70 and over.	Total.	How Dealt With.											Death Sentence.	Sentence Suspended on Entering a Bond.	Sent to Reformatory Prison.	
		Fined.	Imprisoned for—													
			Months.					Years.								
			Under 3.	3 and Under 6.	6 and Under 12.	12.	Over 12 to 18.	2 to 2½.	3.	4.	5.	7.				12.
..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(a) 7	..	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	22	..	..	1	1	3	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	4
..	11	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	4	..
..	8	..	..	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..
..	10	..	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	17	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..
..	8	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
1	29	..	..	5	3	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	..
..	29	..	1	3	1	1	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	21	..
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	10	..	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..
..	16	..	1	1	4	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
1	179	..	3	5	19	17	12	15	5	1	2	1	1	7	85	6
..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	8	..	..	1	..	1	(b)2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	4	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	122	..	4	15	29	5	10	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	43	10

years; 3 commuted to imprisonment for life; and 1 commuted to imprisonment for the full term

during the Governor's pleasure.

## HIGHER COURTS—OFFENCES AND AGES OF DISTINCT PERSONS

Offence.	Males (Ages in Years).													
	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21 to 24.	25 to 29.	30 to 34.	35 to 39.	40 to 44.	45 to 49.	50 to 59.	60 to 69.
<i>Against Property—continued—</i>														
Shop, office, store, factory, &c., breaking			43	18	22	8	45	65	44	19	9	5	4	5
Larceny in a dwelling							2	1	3	1				
Larceny as a clerk or servant				1				4	1	1				1
Larceny as an agent								1		1		1		
Larceny as a bailee								2	1	1	1			
Larceny, all other			3	7	2		19	17	8	10	4	2	4	
Stealing postal articles								1						
Cattle stealing			1					7	2		1		1	
Sheep stealing								1						
Breaking and entering				1		1					1			
Killing cattle with intent to steal		1					3	1						
Illegally pawning							1							
Accessory after the fact to a felony										1				
Possession of explosives								1	1	1				
Fraudulent conversion								1	1		1			
Embezzlement								1		3	1	1		
False pretences				1	1		1	2	1	5	2	2	2	
Unlawfully receiving			1	1	2	1	8	15	11	8	2	1	6	
Setting fire to a building								1					1	
Arson								1						
Maliciously damaging property							1	1		1	1	2		
Total against Property	1	1	65	42	40	17	111	155	85	55	30	18	22	8
Forgery and uttering—			1	1	4	2	6	8	6	4	5		2	1
<i>Against Good Order—</i>														
Common Law (public mischief)							3	4						
Attempt to prevent lawful apprehension				1										
Total against Good Order				1			3	4						
<i>Other Offences—</i>														
Perjury									2					
Conspiracy							1		1					
Escape from lawful custody							2			1				
Willfully make false statement								1				1		
Making a secret profit out of office of Crown														
Fabricating evidence								1						
Total Other Offences							3	2	3	1		1	1	
Grand Total—Males	1	1	79	48	57	25	147	203	114	77	51	29	38	17



CONVICTED 1953 (PRINCIPAL OFFENCE ONLY COUNTED)—*continued.*

		How Dealt With.														
		Fined.	Imprisoned for—										Death Sentence.	Sentence Suspended on Entering a Bond.	Sent to Reformatory Prison.	
			Months.					Years.								
70 and over.	Total.		Under 3.	3 and Under 6.	6 and Under 12.	12.	Over 12 to 18.	2 to 2½.	3.	4.	5.	7.				12.
1	288	..	2	5	40	48	22	24	4	1	..	..	..	..	125	17
..	7	..	..	..	4	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	8	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	7	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	76	..	3	5	15	10	4	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	14	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..
..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3
..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	6	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
..	17	..	..	..	1	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..
..	56	..	1	2	14	4	1	4	3	1	..	..	..	..	23	..
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	6	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..
1	651	..	6	21	112	110	40	49	17	4	3	..	..	..	259	30
..	40	..	..	1	11	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	1
..	7	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	8	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..
..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
..	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	11	..	..	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2	889	1	11	30	143	133	53	64	22	5	6	1	1	7	375	37

HIGHER COURTS—OFFENCES AND AGES OF DISTINCT PERSONS

Offence.	Females (Ages in Years).													
	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21 to 24.	25 to 29.	30 to 34.	35 to 39.	40 to 44.	45 to 49.	50 to 59.	60 to 69.
FEMALES.														
Against the Person—														
Wound with intent to do grievous bodily harm ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bigamy ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Being an accessory after the fact to wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Infanticide ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Total against the Person ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..
Against Property—														
Robbery in company ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Robbery ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Housebreaking and stealing ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Shopbreaking and stealing ..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Larceny as a ballee ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Larceny, all other ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
False pretences ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Receiving ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total against Property ..	..	..	2	..	..	1	5	6	2	1	..	2	..	..
Forgery and uttering ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Grand Total—Females ..	..	..	2	..	1	1	7	9	6	1	..	2	..	..
1953 — Total — Males and Females ..	1	1	81	48	58	26	154	212	120	78	51	31	38	17

CONVICTED 1953 (PRINCIPAL OFFENCE ONLY COUNTED)—continued.

70 and over.	Total.	How Dealt With.											Death Sentence.	Sentence Suspended on Entering a Bond.	Sent to Reformatory Prison.		
		Fined.	Imprisoned for—														
			Months.					Years.									
			Under 3.	3 and Under 6.	6 and Under 12.	12.	Over 12 to 18.	12 to 18½.	3.	4.	5.	7.				12.	
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	6	..	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
..	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
..	19	..	1	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..
..	4	..	..	..	(a)1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
..	29	..	1	3	3	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	..
2	918	1	12	33	146	137	53	65	22	5	6	1	1	7	392	37	

Committals  
for trial—  
convictions.

The following table shows the offences of distinct persons  
Sessions in Victoria during 1954 after committal from  
Where a person was charged with more than one offence

HIGHER COURTS—OFFENCES AND AGES OF DISTINCT PERSONS

Offence.	Males (Ages in Years).														
	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21 to 24.	25 to 29.	30 to 34.	35 to 39.	40 to 44.	45 to 49.	50 to 59.	60 to 69.
MALES.															
Against the Person—															
Murder .. .. .				1					1						
Wounding with intent to murder .. .. .												1			
Manslaughter .. .. .								1	1	1	3				
Wounding, &c., or inflict grievous bodily harm .. .. .				1	1	1	1	3	3	3	4	1	1		1
Shoot at with intent to do grievous bodily harm .. .. .				1					3	2			1		
Unlawfully wounding .. .. .							1	2	1			3		1	
Assault .. .. .					1	2		1	5	1				1	
Against Females—															
Rape .. .. .	1		1	3					1	1					
Rape, attempted .. .. .										1					
Rape, assault with intent to .. .. .								1							
Carnal knowledge .. .. .					3	5	8	8	5	1	1	1	3	1	
Carnal knowledge, attempted .. .. .				1											
Incest .. .. .							2		1	1				1	
Indecent assault .. .. .				4	1	2	3	9	5	6	2	5	3	1	3
Unnatural offence .. .. .				2	3	2	2	4	7	7	4	4	3	4	5
Unnatural offence, attempted .. .. .									2	2					
Indecent assault on male .. .. .				1	4			3	3	4	1		1	4	3
Bigamy .. .. .									5	3	3	7			
Aid and abet the offence of bigamy .. .. .								1						1	
Demand money with menaces .. .. .									1						
Attempted suicide .. .. .									1		1	1			
Total against the Person .. .. .	1	12	16	12	17	33	45	33	19	23	19	14	12		
Against Property—															
Robbery .. .. .								2			2	1			
Robbery under arms .. .. .			2	2			7								
Robbery with violence .. .. .			1	1	2		2								1
Robbery in company .. .. .			1	1	1		2	1	2		1				
Robbery, assault with intent .. .. .			1	2	1		1	1			1	1			
Burglary .. .. .			1								1				
Housebreaking .. .. .			12	20	12	9	13	24	11	10	7	4	3	1	

(a) Commuted to imprisonment for 25 years without the benefit  
(b) Including two who on expiration of sentence to be detained  
(c) After expiration of sentence to be detained in Reformatory  
(d) To be detained during the Governor's pleasure.

who were convicted in the Supreme Court and in Courts of General Children's Courts, Courts of Petty Sessions and Coroner's Inquests. the principal offence only has been counted:—

CONVICTED 1954 (PRINCIPAL OFFENCE ONLY COUNTED).

70 and over.	How Dealt With.															Death Sentence.	Sentence Suspended on Entering a Bond.	Sent to Reformatory Prison.	
	Total.	Fined.	Imprisoned for—																
			Months.						Years.										
			Under 3.	3 and Under 6.	6 and Under 12.	12.	Over 12 to 18.	Over 18 and Under 24.	2 to 2½.	3.	4 to 4½.	5.	7.	8.	12.				13.
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	(a)1	..	(d)1
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	6	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
..	20	..	..	2	(b)5	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	1
..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	11	..	..	1	3	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..
..	11	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1
..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	36	..	..	1	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	25	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	5	..	..	..	1	8	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
..	44	..	..	..	5	7	4	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	..
..	47	..	..	1	5	5	2	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	30	..
..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
..	24	..	..	1	2	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..
..	22	..	1	1	5	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
..	256	2	3	7	36	25	11	1	11	7	6	5	2	..	1	1	1	133	3
..	5	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	3	..
..	7	..	..	..	..	3	(c)1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	1
..	8	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	1
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	127	1	5	17	25	7	..	..	8	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	47	14

of regulations relating to remission of sentences. in a Reformatory Prison at Governor's pleasure. Prison at Governor's pleasure.

HIGHER COURTS—OFFENCES AND AGES OF DISTINCT PERSONS

Offence.	Males (Ages in Years).														
	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21 to 24.	25 to 29.	30 to 34.	35 to 39.	40 to 44.	45 to 49.	50 to 59.	60 to 69.
<i>Against Property—continued—</i>															
Sacrilege .. .. .									1						
Shop, office, store, factory, &c., breaking .. .. .			1	30	22	18	13	42	40	14	16	6	7	4	
Larceny in a dwelling .. .. .				1	1				2	1	2	1		1	1
Larceny as a clerk or servant .. .. .									2	2	1	2			
Larceny as a bailee .. .. .			1						3		1				
Larceny, all other .. .. .			7	5	5	3	24	17	13	6	8	4	4		
Stealing postal articles .. .. .									1						
Cattle stealing .. .. .													1		
Sheep stealing .. .. .											1				
Breaking and entering .. .. .								2		1					
Fraudulent conversion .. .. .						1			1			1			
Accessory after the fact to a felony .. .. .													1		
Possession of explosives under suspicious circum- stances .. .. .										1	1				
Embezzlement .. .. .										1		1			
False pretences .. .. .									3	1	3	1		1	
Unlawfully receiving .. .. .						1		3	6	9	5	4	2	1	1
Setting fire to a building .. .. .						1			3	1	2	1	1		
Arson .. .. .									1						
Maliciously damaging prop- erty .. .. .			4	3	1	1	1	1	1						
<b>Total against Property</b> .. .. .		1	60	56	44	26	97	109	57	49	36	22	14	4	
Forgery and uttering .. .. .				1	2	1	7	3	6	2	1	1	3	1	
<i>Against Good Order— Common Law (public mischief)</i> .. .. .								1				1			
<i>Other Offences—</i>															
Perjury .. .. .								1			2		2		
Conspiracy .. .. .				1				1							
Escape from lawful custody .. .. .								2	2						
Against Post and Telegraph Act .. .. .								1			1			1	
Other .. .. .								1	2		1				
<b>Total Other Offences</b> .. .. .			1				6	4		4		2	1		
<b>Grand Total—Males</b> .. .. .	1	1	73	73	58	44	144	161	96	74	61	44	32	17	

(e) Including one declared an Habitual criminal to be detained

CONVICTED 1954 (PRINCIPAL OFFENCE ONLY COUNTED)—continued.

70 and over.	Total.	How Dealt With.														Death Sentence.	Sentence Suspended on Entering a Bond.	Sent to Reformatory Prison.		
		Imprisoned for—																		
		Months.					Years.													
		Under 3.	3 and Under 6.	6 and Under 12.	12.	Over 12 to 18.	Over 18 and Under 24.	2½ to 3.	3.	4 to 4½.	5.	7.	8.	12.	13.				15.	
1		1																		
213			4	9	30	31	18	(e)12		1									99	9
10			1		2	2	1	1		2									3	
7				1	2	2				1									1	
5					2	1													2	
96				2	10	9	9			2	1								55	8
1					1														1	
1																			1	
3					2					1										
3						2	1													
1					1															
2						1													1	
2					2															
2					2														5	
9					6	6	1	1		3	1								8	
32		1	1	4	6	1	1	1		3	1								8	
9						2	2	2		2									3	
1											1									
11				2		1													8	
1	576	1	8	24	77	90	42	1	35	10	3	2	3	3					244	33
28				1	7	2	1												16	1
2																			2	
5				1	2	2														
2																				
4					4														2	
3																			2	1
4			1																3	
18			1	1	6	2													7	1
1	880	3	12	33	126	119	54	2	46	17	9	7	5	3	1	1	1		402	38

in Reformatory Prison on expiration of sentence.

HIGHER COURTS—OFFENCES AND AGES OF DISTINCT PERSONS

Offence.	Females (Ages in Years).														
	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21 to 24.	25 to 29.	30 to 34.	35 to 39.	40 to 44.	45 to 49.	50 to 59.	60 to 69.
<b>FEMALES.</b>															
Against the Person—															
Manslaughter .. .. .										1					
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm .. .. .										1		1			
Infanticide .. .. .				1				1		1					
Bigamy .. .. .									1		1				
Abandoning a child under the age of 2 years .. .. .								1							
Abduction .. .. .								1							
<b>Total against the Person</b>				1				3	1	3	1	1			
Against Property—															
Assault with intent to rob .. .. .									1						
Robbery in company .. .. .									1						
Housebreaking and stealing .. .. .									1			1			
Shopbreaking and stealing .. .. .				1					1						
Larceny as a clerk or servant .. .. .								1			1	2			
Larceny as a bailee .. .. .									1						
Larceny, all other .. .. .											1	1			
False pretences .. .. .											1	1			
Receiving .. .. .											4				
<b>Total against Property</b>				1				2	4		6	5			
Forgery and uttering .. .. .							1								
Other Offences—															
Perjury .. .. .				1			1	1							
<b>Total Other Offences</b>				1			1	1							
<b>Grand Total—Females</b>				2	1		2	6	5	3	7	6			
1954 — Total — Males and Females .. .. .	..	1	1	75	74	58	46	150	166	99	81	67	44	32	17



CONVICTED 1954 (PRINCIPAL OFFENCE ONLY COUNTED)—continued.

		How Dealt With.																Death Sentence.	Sentence Suspended on Entering a Bond.	Sent to Reformatory Prison.						
		Imprisoned for—																								
		Months.							Years.																	
		70 and over.		Total.	Fined.	Under 3.	3 and Under 6.	6 and Under 12.	12.	Over 12 to 18.	Over 18 and Under 24.	2 to 2½.	3.	4 to 4½.	5.	7.	8.				12.	13.	15.			
..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	10	10	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..
..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	4	4	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	4	4	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	18	18	..	..	2	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..
..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	3	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	3	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	32	32	..	1	2	3	1	4	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..
1	912	912	3	13	35	129	120	58	2	47	17	9	8	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	421	88	

## VICTORIA—HIGHER COURTS: CONVICTIONS FOR OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON, 1946 TO 1954.

The number of distinct persons convicted in Higher Courts during each year 1946 to 1954 and the type of the offences are shown below:—

Offence.	Year Ended 31st December—									
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	
<i>Males.</i>										
Murder .. .. .	2	1	1	..	5	2	2	7	2	
Attempted murder .. .. .	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	1	
Manslaughter .. .. .	2	2	5	3	10	12	9	1	6	
Unlawfully wounding, grievous bodily harm, etc. .. .. .	25	22	24	18	34	26	23	41	38	
Assault .. .. .	6	10	15	7	12	4	8	10	11	
Against Females—										
Carnal knowledge, and attempted .. .. .	25	25	30	29	21	30	31	17	37	
Indecent Assault .. .. .	23	33	35	29	38	42	32	29	44	
Incest, and attempt- ed .. .. .	6	1	3	4	3	3	11	9	5	
Other .. .. .	4	..	2	1	4	9	8	2	9	
Against Males—										
Unnatural Offence, and attempted .. .. .	15	23	20	12	21	33	31	31	51	
Indecent Assault .. .. .	7	14	12	12	11	18	21	10	24	
Bigamy .. .. .	14	24	18	9	13	21	14	16	22	
Other .. .. .	7	9	5	4	4	4	4	6	6	
Total Males	136	164	171	128	177	206	194	179	256	
<i>Females.</i>										
Murder .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	
Manslaughter .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	
Unlawfully wounding, grievous bodily harm, assault .. .. .	1	..	..	..	1	2	2	2	2	
Bigamy .. .. .	7	7	8	1	8	3	2	2	2	
Attempt to procure miscarriage .. .. .	1	1	4	..	..	..	3	..	..	
Other .. .. .	5	..	2	3	1	1	1	2	5	
Total, Females	14	8	14	4	13	6	8	6	10	
Against the Person										
Total Persons con- victed .. .. .	150	172	185	132	190	212	202	185	266	

### REGULATION OF THE LIQUOR TRADE.

The *Licensing (Amendment) Act*, No. 5767 of 1953, came into operation on 30th June, 1954. A summary of the Act is published in part *Constitution and Government* of this *Year-Book*.

Plans of new or improved hotels approved by the Court during the year ended 31st December, 1953, amounted to £1,123,943. For the years ended 31st December, 1954, and 1955, approvals totalled £1,333,271 and £1,991,813 respectively. The amending Act makes provision for the appointment of supervisors who are required to report, where required, on the nature of accommodation and meals in licensed premises, and on every plan for proposed new licensed premises of any licensed victualler or holder of an Australian wine licence, or for any alterations or additions thereto.

The Receipts and Expenditure for the years ended 30th June, 1953 and 1954 are shown below:—

## THE LICENSING FUND.

	Year ended 30th June.	
	1953.	1954.
Revenue.	£	£
Licences, certificates and permits .. .. .	1,761,238	1,962,927
Interest on investments .. .. .	10,982	10,982
Fees and fines .. .. .	13,812	15,048
Miscellaneous .. .. .	512	373
Total .. .. .	1,786,544	1,989,330
Expenditure.		
Annual payments to Municipalities .. .. .	58,901	58,900
Compensation .. .. .	300	3,460
Transfer to Police Superannuation Fund .. .. .	23,000	23,000
Transfer to Revenue .. .. .	1,650,747	1,851,586
Salaries, office expenses, etc. .. .. .	53,596	52,384
Total .. .. .	1,786,544	1,989,330

The amount to the credit of the fund at 30th June, 1954 was £410,976, of which £341,000 was invested.

**Licensing Areas.** Under the amending Act, the whole of Victoria was constituted one licensing district in respect of which there is to be no numerical limitation of licences. By order of the Governor in Council the State was finally divided into licensing areas to take effect from 1st September, 1954. Such areas are shown in the following statement—

**LICENSING ACTS—*Re*—DIVISION OF VICTORIA INTO  
LICENSING AREAS.**

Licensing Area.	Electoral Districts for the Legislative Assembly of Victoria.
Bairnsdale .. .. .	Gippsland East, Gippsland South
Ballarat .. .. .	Allendale, Ballarat, Midlands
Bendigo .. .. .	Bendigo, Korong, Rodney
Geelong .. .. .	Barwon, Geelong, Polwarth
Hamilton .. .. .	Borong, Dundas, Ripon
Mildura .. .. .	Mildura, Rainbow, Swan Hill
Shepparton .. .. .	Goulburn, Shepparton
Wangaratta .. .. .	Benalla, Benambra, Murray Valley
Warragul .. .. .	Gippsland West, Gippsland North, Wonthaggi
Warrnambool .. .. .	Hampden, Portland, Warrnambool
Central Metropolitan .. .. .	Carlton and Melbourne
Northern Metropolitan .. .. .	Clifton Hill, Collingwood, Ivanhoe (North of the Yarra River), Mernda (North of the Yarra River), Northcote and Preston
Western Metropolitan .. .. .	Brunswick, Coburg, Essendon, Footscray, Grant, Moonee Ponds, Sunshine and Williamstown
Eastern Metropolitan .. .. .	Box Hill, Camberwell, Evelyn, Glen Iris, Hawthorn, Ivanhoe (South of the Yarra River), Kew, Malvern, Mernda (South of the Yarra River), Prahran, Richmond, Scoresby, and Toorak
Southern Metropolitan .. .. .	Albert Park, Brighton, Caulfield, Dandenong, Elsternwick, Mentone, Mornington, Oakleigh, Port Melbourne and St. Kilda

The following statement shows the number of hotels, including roadside licences, in Victoria for the years stated.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF HOTELS.

Year Ended 31st December.	Number of Hotels. (including Roadside Licences*).	Average Number of Persons to Each Hotel.	Year Ended 31st December.	Number of Hotels. (including Roadside Licences*).	Average Number of Persons to Each Hotel.
1885 ..	4,339	223	1951	1,666	1,375
1906 ..	3,520	347	1952 ..	1,663	1,409
1921 (June) ..	2,064	744	1953 ..	1,664	1,440
1930 ..	1,803	994	1954 ..	1,660	1,477
1940 ..	1,691	1,132	1955 ..	1,654	1,527
1950 ..	1,666	1,333			

\* Roadside licences were abolished in 1953 but, subject to the provisions of the Licensing Acts relating to victuallers licences, were made renewable as such.

In addition to hotels, liquor licences under the following headings were held during the five years 1948 and 1952-1955 :—

	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1948.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
Australian Wine Licences ..	126	115	113	111	109
Registered Clubs .. ..	122	122	122	125	141
Railway Refreshment Rooms ..	26	26	23	23	23
Grocers' Licences .. ..	251	256	258	263	278

Information on this subject will be found on page 252 of the *Year-Book* for 1949-50. Licensing polls were abolished in 1946. The amending Act of 1953 provides that the power of the Court to grant licences is not to be limited by any licensing poll already taken but in any such case the Court "may order a vote of electors to be taken in the neighbourhood surrounding the proposed site of the premises in respect of which a licence has been applied for . . ." before granting the licence. No hotel licences were surrendered and no hotel licences lapsed during 1953. During 1954 seven hotel licences were surrendered. Six hotel licences were surrendered and the renewals of two licences were refused during the year ended 31st December, 1955.

The trading hours of hotels in Victoria are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., but trading is not permitted on Sundays, Anzac Day (25th April), and Good Friday. The amending Act extended the times during which liquor may be supplied *with meals*, in the case of licensed premises to ten o'clock in the evening.

A referendum was held on 24th April, 1956, at which the following question was submitted to the vote of electors for the Legislative Assembly throughout the State, namely, "are you in favour of the extension of hotel trading hours on week days until 10 o'clock in the evening". The result was as follows:—

Number of votes given for YES .. .. 529,899

Number of votes given for NO .. .. 804,524

During the year ended 31st December, 1953, 1,165 **Liquor Permits.** permits authorizing the sale, disposal, or supply of liquor with bona fide meals between 6 p.m. and 8 or 10 p.m. were renewed or granted by the Licensing Court in licensed premises which include Hotels, Australian Wine Licences, and Registered Clubs. Permits for the years ended 31st December, 1954 and 1955 were 1,170 and 1,144 respectively.

The estimated quantity of beer consumed in Victoria in each of the five years 1951 to 1955 was as follows:—

#### CONSUMPTION OF BEER IN VICTORIA, 1951 TO 1955.

Year ended 30th June.	Estimated Quantity of Beer Consumed.	Per Head of Population.
1951 .. .. .	Gallons. 46,713,700	Gallons. 20·89
1952 .. .. .	50,310,900	21·78
1953 .. .. .	50,235,600	21·17
1954 .. .. .	55,055,900	22·72
1955 .. .. .	59,165,400	23·78

## GAOLS AND PRISONERS.

**Gaols and prisoners.** The following statement contains information relating to gaols (excluding police gaols) and reformatory prisons in Victoria for the year ended 31st December, 1954.

## VICTORIA—GAOL ACCOMMODATION AND PRISONERS, 1954.

Name of Institution.	Number of Prisoners.							
	For Whom there is Accommodation.		Daily Average.		Total Received (Including Transfers).		In Confinement at End of Year.*	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
<b>Gaols—</b>								
Pentridge ..	928	52	739	39	7,100	662	766	45
Ballarat ..	80	..	35	..	285	..	30	..
Beechworth Training Prison ..	76	..	49	..	71	..	53	..
Bendigo ..	100	..	48	..	88	..	47	..
Castlemaine ..	106	..	4	..	23	..	20	..
Coorimungle Prison Farm ..	42	..	36	..	63	..	37	..
Geelong ..	172	..	132	..	516	..	114	..
Sale ..	35	..	14	..	190	..	10	..
<b>Reformatory Prisons—</b>								
Pentridge ..	64	3	66	..	103	..	60	..
McLeod Settlement (French Island)	63	..	49	..	20	..	44	..
Langi Kal Kal ..	40	..	29	..	51	..	38	..
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>1,706</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>8,510</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>45</b>

\* Including 75 males and 3 females awaiting trial.

**Prisoners received and discharged.** The number of prisoners received at and discharged from the gaols and reformatory prisons (excluding police gaols) in Victoria is given in the following table for the years 1953 and 1954 :—

VICTORIA—PRISONERS RECEIVED AT AND DISCHARGED FROM GAOLS AND REFORMATORY PRISONS, 1953 AND 1954.

(Exclusive of Police Gaols.)

Classification.	Year ended 31st December—					
	1953.			1954.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number in confinement at beginning of year—						
Convicted .. .. .	1,209	39	1,248	1,134	42	1,176
Awaiting trial .. .. .	85	3	88	42	2	44
Total .. .. .	1,294	42	1,336	1,176	44	1,220
Received during year—						
Convicted of—						
Felony .. .. .	1,271	52	1,323	1,110	52	1,162
Misdemeanour .. .. .	1,001	118	1,119	925	45	970
Other offences .. .. .	3,386	491	3,877	3,948	411	4,359
Transfers from—						
Other Gaols and Reformatory Prisons .. .. .	809	..	809	759	..	759
Hospitals, Asylums, Reformatory Schools, &c. .. .. .	28	9	37	30	..	30
For Trial, not subsequently convicted .. .. .	1,717	115	1,832	1,666	154	1,820
Returned on Order .. .. .	98	2	100	72	..	72
Total .. .. .	8,310	787	9,097	8,510	662	9,172
Discharged during year .. .. .	8,428	785	9,213	8,467	661	9,128
Number in confinement at 31st December—						
Convicted .. .. .	1,134	42	1,176	1,144	42	1,186
Awaiting trial .. .. .	42	2	44	75	3	78
Total .. .. .	1,176	44	1,220	1,219	45	1,264

**Prisoners under sentence.**

The following table shows the number of prisoners under sentence at the end of each of the ten years 1945 to 1954.

VICTORIA—PRISONERS UNDER SENTENCE, 1945 TO 1954.

At 31st December—.				Males.	Females.	Total.	Number per 10,000 of Population.
1945	..	..	..	932	34	966	4·78
1946	..	..	..	927	25	952	4·65
1947	..	..	..	876	39	915	4·45
1948	..	..	..	863	49	912	4·36
1949	..	..	..	1,021	45	1,066	4·98
1950	..	..	..	986	55	1,041	4·72
1951	..	..	..	1,089	38	1,127	4·97
1952	..	..	..	1,294	42	1,336	5·64
1953	..	..	..	1,134	42	1,176	4·87
1954	..	..	..	1,144	42	1,186	4·78



A statement is given below of the daily average number of prisoners in detention in the gaols of the State in the last year of each of the decennial periods 1871 to 1941 inclusive, and in each of the five years 1950 to 1954.

VICTORIA—DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PRISONERS  
IN CONFINEMENT, 1871 TO 1954.

Year Ended 31st December.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners in Confinement.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
1871 .. .. .	1,345	274	1,619
1881 .. .. .	1,294	304	1,598
1891 .. .. .	1,550	350	1,900
1901 .. .. .	951	200	1,151
1911 .. .. .	713	100	813
1921 .. .. .	741	54	795
1931 .. .. .	1,391	50	1,441
1941 .. .. .	1,023	50	1,073
1950 .. .. .	1,030	51	1,081
1951 .. .. .	1,050	52	1,102
1952 .. .. .	1,258	53	1,311
1953 .. .. .	1,263	48	1,311
1954 .. .. .	1,201	39	1,240

**Indeterminate sentences.**

The *Indeterminate Sentences Act* 1908 came into force on 1st July of that year. It is now incorporated in the *Crimes Act* 1928. The principal provisions are:—

- (1) The adoption of the indeterminate sentence for (a) habitual criminals, and (b) certain classes of other offenders.
- (2) The appointment of an Indeterminate Sentences Board.

(3) The establishment of reformatory prisons.

(4) A system of probation applicable to adults as well as to minors.

The Board was appointed on 18th August, 1908. A statement of its chief functions appears in the *Year-Book* for 1929-30, pages 106 to 108.

The number of prisoners under indeterminate detention on 30th June in each of the five years 1950 to 1954 was as follows:—

VICTORIA—PRISONERS UNDER INDETERMINATE  
DETENTION, 1950 TO 1954.

Name of Reformatory Prison.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Pentridge Reformatory Prison ..	78	44	58	63	66
Beechworth Reformatory Prison ..	12	19	(a)	..	..
Castlemaine Reformatory Prison ..	41	..	(b)	..	..
McLeod Settlement, French Island ..	13	17	38	56	48
Langi Kal Kal Training Centre ..	..	27	31	30	28
Total .. .. .	144	107	127	149	142

(a) Closed 30th July, 1951.

(b) Closed 19th March, 1951.

Probation officers to supervise first offenders released by the courts on recognizance under the provisions of the *Crimes Act 1928* are appointed by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Board. A number of persons connected with religious and philanthropic organizations has been appointed to the office, which is honorary.

	Year Ended 30th June, 1954.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
In Institutions at 1st July, 1953 .. ..	148	1	149
Received during the year:—			
New cases .. .. .	44	..	44
Returned from parole .. .. .	27	..	27
Returned from probation .. .. .	20	..	20
Returned after serving additional sentence .. .. .	12	..	12
On transfer from other reformatories .. .. .	86	..	86
Transferred from hospitals .. .. .	2	..	2
Re-arrested after absconding .. .. .	2	..	2
Total .. .. .	193	..	193
Discharged during the year:—			
Released on parole .. .. .	96	1	97
Transferred to other reformatories .. .. .	87	..	87
Transferred to gaols to serve additional sentences .. .. .	10	..	10
Absconded .. .. .	3	..	3
Transferred to hospitals .. .. .	1	..	1
Definite sentences, etc. .. .. .	2	..	2
Total .. .. .	199	1	200
In Institutions at 30th June, 1954 .. ..	142	..	142

### POLICE PROTECTION.

**Numerical  
strength of  
Police Force  
in Victoria.**

The numbers and classification of the various ranks of the police force in Victoria on 31st December, 1953, and 1954 are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—POLICE FORCE, CLASSIFICATION AND  
NUMERICAL STRENGTH AT 31st DECEMBER, 1953,  
AND 1954.

Designation.	At 31st December, 1953.			At 31st December, 1954.		
	Metro- politan.	Country.	Total.	Metro- poli'tan.	Country.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<i>Foot.</i>						
Chief Commissioner .. ..	1	..	1	1	..	1
Inspecting Superintendent .. ..	1	..	1	1	..	1
Superintendents .. .. .	5	12	17	5	11	16
Chief Inspector .. .. .	1	..	1	1	..	1
Inspectors .. .. .	36	21	57	36	21	57
Inspector (brevet rank) .. ..	1	..	1	1	..	1
Sergeants .. .. .	111	40	151	111	40	151
Senior Constables .. .. .	268	150	418	263	151	414
Senior Constables (brevet rank) ..	..	..	..	1	..	1
First Constables .. .. .	423	382	805	417	389	806
Constables .. .. .	1,033	208	1,241	1,020	209	1,229
Recruits .. .. .	34	..	34	29	..	29
<b>Total</b> .. .. .	<b>1,914</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>2,727</b>	<b>1,886</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>2,707</b>
<i>Detectives.</i>						
Superintendent .. .. .	1	..	1	1	..	1
Inspectors .. .. .	8	..	8	8	..	8
Sergeants .. .. .	23	2	25	26	1	27
Senior Constables .. .. .	42	7	49	38	7	45
First Constables .. .. .	81	20	101	87	21	108
Constables .. .. .	42	2	44	40	3	43
<b>Total</b> .. .. .	<b>197</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>232</b>
<i>Mounted.</i>						
Senior Constables .. .. .	1	..	1	1	..	1
First Constables .. .. .	7	40	47	3	34	37
Constables .. .. .	31	13	44	26	18	44
<b>Total</b> .. .. .	<b>39</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Grand Total</b> .. .. .	<b>2,150</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>3,047*</b>	<b>2,116</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>3,021†</b>

\* The above particulars include 28 police-women but excludes 1 black tracker.

† The above particulars include 30 police-women but excludes 1 black tracker.

The following statement gives the numerical strength of the police force in Victoria and the number of inhabitants to each police officer at the end of each of the ten years 1945 to 1954:—

VICTORIA—POLICE FORCE, NUMERICAL STRENGTH,  
1945 TO 1954.

Year Ended 31st December.	Total Strength Including Police-women.	Number of Inhabitants to Each Police-officer.	Year Ended 31st December.	Total Strength Including Police-women.	Number of Inhabitants to Each Police-officer.
1945 ..	2,131	948	1950 ..	2,751	801
1946 ..	2,198	931	1951 ..	2,879	796
1947 ..	2,272	904	1952 ..	2,992	783
1948 ..	2,386	876	1953 ..	3,047	786
1949 ..	2,597	824	1954 ..	3,021	812

The next table shows the total amount and the amount per head of population expended from Consolidated Revenue in connexion with the police, and with the Penal establishments and gaols of Victoria, in each of the five years 1950 to 1954.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM CONSOLIDATED REVENUE  
ON POLICE AND GAOLS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Year Ended 30th June.	Amount Expended (exclusive of Pensions) on—					Amount per Head of Population.
	Salaries, &c.		Buildings and Rents.		Total.	
	Police.	Gaols and Penal Establishments.	Police.	Gaols and Penal Establishments.		
£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	
1950 ..	2,070,697	258,715	51,927	11,761	2,393,100	1 2 1
1951 ..	2,534,318	308,891	65,347	20,213	2,928,769	1 6 2
1952 ..	3,231,461	429,510	68,221	25,762	3,754,954	1 12 6
1953 ..	3,720,712	436,621	71,040	30,072	4,258,445	1 15 11
1954 ..	4,009,466	501,446	64,031	39,156	4,614,099	1 18 1

**Executions.** During the 50 years ended with 1954 there were seventeen executions in Victoria, one of which took place in 1908, one in 1912, two in 1916, two in 1918, one in 1922, one in 1924, one in 1932, two in 1936, two in 1939, one in 1941, and three in 1951. Since the first settlement of Port Phillip in 1835, 185 persons (180 males and 5 females) have been executed within the State on account of the following offences: murder, 145; attempted murder, 17; robbery with violence, 9; burglary and wounding, 1; sexual offences, 12; and arson, 1.

## PART V.

## ACCUMULATION.

## BANKING.

**Victorian banking.** Ordinary banking business in Victoria at 30th June, 1953 and 1954 was transacted by ten institutions (exclusive of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia), hereafter referred to as Joint Stock Banks. During 1947-48, the National Bank of Australasia Limited acquired the total shareholding of the Queensland National Bank Limited. On 28th March, 1951, the amalgamation of the Bank of Australasia Ltd. and the Union Bank of Australia Ltd. was completed and the Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., which has taken over the assets and liabilities of the two merging banks, was incorporated.

**Capital resources and profits.** The following statements show, for each of the years 1952-53 and 1953-54, the aggregate capital and profits of the Joint Stocks Banks with the exception of the Comptoir National D'escompte de Paris, which transacts very little business within the State. Particulars relate to the twelve months last preceding the balance date shown:—

**TOTAL CAPITAL RESOURCES AND PROFITS OF THE JOINT STOCK BANKS WHICH OPERATED IN VICTORIA DURING 1952-53.**

Bank.	Balance Date.	Capital Paid-up.	Reserves, plus Additions.	Undistributed Profit after Payment of Dividends and Allocation of Reserves.	Total Reserves.	Total Net Profit for Year.	Total Amount Paid in Dividends for Year.
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd.	30.9.52	10,667,500	7,216,250	1,262,687	8,478,937	701,608	560,043
English, Scottish, and Australian Bank Ltd.	30.6.53	3,000,000	3,000,000	372,449	3,372,449	253,873	204,375
Bank of New South Wales	30.9.52	8,780,000	7,000,000	338,638	7,338,638	997,769	702,400
National Bank of Australasia Ltd.	30.9.52	6,726,025	5,000,000	304,527	5,304,527	616,965	470,822
Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd.	30.6.53	4,117,350	2,250,000	179,782	2,429,782	421,345	284,694
Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney Ltd.	30.6.53	4,739,012	4,750,000	214,886	4,964,886	470,625	379,121
Ballarat Banking Co.	30.6.53	159,000	161,500	6,685	168,185	25,239	11,130
Bank of Adelaide	30.9.52	1,250,000	1,250,000	86,974	1,336,974	110,344	100,000
<b>Total Australian Banks</b>	..	<b>39,438,887</b>	<b>30,627,750</b>	<b>2,766,628</b>	<b>33,394,378</b>	<b>3,597,768</b>	<b>2,712,585</b>
Bank of New Zealand	31.3.53	6,328,125	3,575,000	525,498	4,100,498	457,189	398,027
<b>Grand Total</b>	..	<b>45,767,012</b>	<b>34,202,750</b>	<b>3,292,126</b>	<b>37,494,876</b>	<b>4,054,957</b>	<b>3,110,612</b>

**TOTAL CAPITAL RESOURCES AND PROFITS OF THE  
JOINT STOCK BANKS WHICH OPERATED IN VICTORIA  
DURING 1953-54.**

Bank.	Balance Date.	Capital Paid-up.	Reserves, plus Additions.	Undistributed Profit after Payment of Dividends and Allocation of Reserves.	Total Reserves.	Total Net Profit for Year.	Total Amount Paid in Dividends for Year.
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd.	30. 9. 53	10,667,500	7,530,000	1,112,089	8,642,089	749,865	586,713
English, Scottish, and Australian Bank Ltd.	30. 6. 54	3,000,000	3,000,000	389,931	3,389,931	254,982	192,500
Bank of New South Wales	30. 9. 53	8,780,000	7,250,000	460,173	7,710,173	1,117,835	746,300
National Bank of Australasia Ltd.	30. 9. 53	6,726,025	5,500,000	335,399	5,835,399	668,954	538,082
Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd.	30. 6. 54	5,170,284	3,000,000	192,159	3,192,159	500,222	352,844
Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney Ltd.	30. 6. 54	5,925,600	4,850,000	232,845	5,082,845	528,777	379,121
Ballarat Banking Co.	30. 6. 54	159,000	165,500	7,134	172,634	25,624	11,925
Bank of Adelaide	30. 9. 53	1,250,000	1,250,000	69,447	1,319,447	124,974	112,500
Total Australian Banks	..	41,678,409	32,545,500	2,799,177	35,344,677	3,971,233	2,919,985
Bank of New Zealand	31. 3. 54	6,328,125	3,575,000	573,548	4,148,548	446,077	398,027
Grand Total ..	..	48,006,534	36,120,500	3,372,725	39,493,225	4,417,310	3,318,012

Shareholders' capital, which is the capital of the shareholders *without* as well as *within* Victoria, amounted to £48,006,534 on 30th June, 1954. The reserves totalled £39,493,225 and represented 82 per cent. of the paid-up capital.

The Commonwealth Bank of Australia functions under the guarantee of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia. General banking operations were commenced in January, 1913, and the following departments have been established since that date :—

- (a) Note Issue Department, 1920 ;
- (b) Rural Credits Department, 1925 ;
- (c) Mortgage Bank Department, 1943 ; and
- (d) Industrial Finance Department, 1946.



Profits accruing from the activities of the above-mentioned Departments throughout Australia are shown in the following table:—

## COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Profits—1949-50 to 1953-54.

Department.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.
	£	£	£	£	£
General Banking ..	1,406,272	1,726,163	2,625,884	2,892,342	3,918,331
Note Issue ..	4,332,849	3,543,796	3,880,762	5,360,481	6,206,697
Rural Credits ..	95,312	85,222	96,724	159,848	170,900
Mortgage Bank ..	41,398	47,265	49,375	51,457	59,166
Industrial Finance ..	250,282	287,188	289,761	291,951	345,511
Total ..	6,126,113	5,689,634	6,942,506	8,756,079	10,700,605

Details of the Savings Bank business which was dissociated from the General Bank on the 9th June, 1928, will be found on page 218.

The following details have been obtained from information tabulated by the Commonwealth Statistician from returns submitted by the banks under section 41 of the *Banking Act* 1945. The particulars relate to the deposits and advances in Victoria of the Joint Stock Banks and the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. The quarterly average is obtained by recording the amounts of deposits and of advances at the close of business on Wednesday of each week.

VICTORIA—DEPOSITS IN AND ADVANCES BY BANKS,  
SEPTEMBER QUARTER, 1953, TO JUNE QUARTER, 1954.

	1953.		1954.	
	September, Quarter.	December, Quarter.	March, Quarter.	June, Quarter.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Deposits not bearing interest—				
Australian Government ..	3,085	2,865	3,231	4,028
Other .. .. .	327,927	342,066	362,665	371,046
Deposits bearing interest—				
Australian Government ..	5,408	6,149	4,779	8,055
Other—				
Current .. .. .	6,934	8,251	7,874	6,798
Fixed .. .. .	72,503	76,358	80,375	80,273
Total Deposits .. ..	415,857	435,689	458,924	470,200
Loans, Advances and Bills dis- counted .. .. .	206,840	220,171	221,251	225,043
Ratio of Advances to Deposits ..	% 49·74	% 50·53	% 48·21	% 47·86

## MELBOURNE CLEARING HOUSE TRANSACTIONS.

The value of bills, cheques, &c., cleared annually through the Melbourne Clearing House during each of the years 1945 to 1954 is shown in the following statement :—

MELBOURNE CLEARING HOUSE TRANSACTIONS,  
1945 TO 1954.

Year Ended 31st December—			Amount Cleared.	Year Ended 31st December—			Amount Cleared.
			£'000.				£'000.
1945	..	..	1,484,398	1950	..	..	3,652,973
1946	..	..	1,825,986	1951	..	..	4,600,401
1947	..	..	1,964,026	1952	..	..	4,204,106
1948	..	..	2,365,782	1953	..	..	4,275,071
1949	..	..	2,778,182	1954	..	..	4,840,422

## THE STATE SAVINGS BANK OF VICTORIA.

The State Savings Bank of Victoria—established in 1841—is administered by Commissioners appointed by the Government under Act No. 377. It has two separate and distinct departments—(a) The Savings Bank; and (b) the Credit Foncier.

The total assets of the Bank at 30th June, 1953 and 1954 were as follows :—

	1953	1954
	£	£
Saving Bank Department ..	248,134,723	259,554,258
Credit Foncier Department ..	16,723,808	21,218,923
<b>TOTAL ..</b>	<b>264,858,531</b>	<b>280,773,181</b>

Savings Bank  
Department.

Profits accruing from the activities of the Savings Bank Department were :—1949-50, £280,540; 1950-51, £302,259; 1951-52, £204,506; 1952-53, £144,554; and 1953-54, £375,194; Reserve Funds amounted to £9,850,000 at 30th June, 1954.

The following table shows the number of accounts open and the amount remaining on deposit in specified years from 1900 :—

VICTORIA—STATE SAVINGS BANK, ACCOUNTS OPEN AND DEPOSITS, 1900 TO 1954.

At 30th June—	Number of Accounts Open.			Amount at Credit of Depositors.			
	Ordinary Accounts.	School Bank Accounts.*	Total.	Ordinary Accounts.	Deposit Stock Accounts.	School Bank Accounts.*	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	£	£	£	£
1900 ..	375,070	..	375,070	9,110,793	..	..	9,110,793
1905 ..	447,382	..	447,382	10,896,741	..	..	10,896,741
1910 ..	560,515	..	560,515	15,417,887	..	..	15,417,887
1915 ..	721,936	13,971	735,907	24,874,811	159,426	9,702	25,044,029
1920 ..	886,344	12,295	898,639	37,232,543	504,731	7,954	37,745,228
1925 ..	1,095,462	88,751	1,184,213	53,145,015	742,500	101,139	53,988,654
1930 ..	1,256,823	165,107	1,421,930	60,844,604	1,809,031	289,340	62,942,975
1935 ..	1,325,106	188,089	1,513,195	61,093,931	1,737,545	276,529	63,108,005
1940 ..	1,477,133	208,012	1,685,145	64,417,039	2,656,619	286,965	67,360,623
1945 ..	1,762,153	218,043	1,980,196	140,854,367	1,923,114	439,161	143,216,642
1950 ..	1,960,849	260,023	2,220,872	196,768,073	1,089,440	822,698	198,680,211
1951 ..	2,015,726	273,319	2,289,045	211,804,741	947,380	934,902	213,687,023
1952 ..	2,045,460	297,220	2,342,680	222,421,843	815,635	1,109,330	224,346,808
1953 ..	2,073,224	320,985	2,394,209	232,784,300	748,440	1,300,947	234,833,687
1954 ..	2,098,217	341,313	2,439,530	243,386,921	732,900	1,487,088	245,606,909

\* School Banks were established in November, 1912.

The number of offices of the State Savings Bank, the number of accounts open per 1,000 of population, and the amount at credit of depositors per account and per head of population respectively are shown in the following table for the years indicated :—

At 30th June—	Number of Offices—		Number of Accounts Open per 1,000 of Population.	Amount at Credit of Depositors—	
	Banks.	Agencies.		Per Account.	Per Head of Population.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1900 .. ..	45	326	315	24 5 10	7 12 10
1905 .. ..	54	328	371	24 7 2	9 0 11
1910 .. ..	68	348	438	27 10 2	12 1 2
1915 .. ..	128	323	514	34 0 8	17 9 9
1920 .. ..	134	339	594	42 0 1	24 19 3

At 30th June—	Number of Offices—		Number of Accounts Open per 1,000 of Population.	Amount at Credit of Depositors—	
	Banks.	Agencies.		Per Account.	Per Head of Population.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1925 .. ..	176	376	709	45 11 10	32 6 2
1930 .. ..	211	389	797	44 5 4	35 5 4
1935 .. ..	213	373	823	41 14 1	34 6 9
1940 .. ..	220	387	885	39 19 6	36 15 10
1945 .. ..	224	374	983	72 6 6	71 2 7
1950 .. ..	229	411	1,008	89 9 2	90 3 10
1951 .. ..	230	419	1,009	93 7 0	94 3 4
1952 .. ..	232	436	1,003	95 15 4	96 1 3
1953 .. ..	234	446	1,004	98 1 8	98 9 10
1954 .. ..	237	461	995	100 13 7	100 3 0

The figures relating to ordinary accounts given in the preceding table include each year a large number of accounts of less than £1 upon which the depositors had ceased to operate. At the 30th June, 1954, such accounts numbered 585,108, omitting these, the balance of 1,513,109 operative accounts averaged £160 14s. 11d., as compared with an average of £155 9s. 3d. in the previous year.

**Interest on Depositors' Accounts.**

The rates of interest paid during the year ended 30th June, 1954, on deposits in current accounts and on deposit stock were as follows:—

Accounts of depositors other than friendly societies, charitable societies and trade unions— $2\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. per annum on sums from £1 to £500;  $1\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. per annum on the excess to £1,000 to 31st May, 1954 and thereafter  $2\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. per annum on sums from £1 to £500;  $1\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. per annum on the excess to £1,500.

Accounts of friendly societies, charitable societies, and trade unions— $2\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. per annum on sums from £1 to £2,000;  $1\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. per annum on the excess without limit.

Deposit stock accounts on sums from £10 to £1,000— $1\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. per annum.

The following statement shows the transactions in connexion with all accounts for each year since 1944-45 inclusive:—

VICTORIA—STATE SAVINGS BANK TRANSACTIONS, 1944-45  
TO 1953-54.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Accounts.			Deposits.	Withdrawals.	Interest Added.	Amount at Credit of Depositors.
	Opened.	Closed.	Remaining open at end of Period.				
				£	£	£	£
1945 ..	198,905	139,535	1,980,196	92,462,360	74,319,038	2,391,272	143,216,642
1946 ..	232,151	177,109	2,035,238	123,790,249	111,009,267	2,725,486	163,723,110
1947 ..	212,866	176,287	2,071,817	110,982,880	109,445,101	2,887,047	168,147,936
1948 ..	227,874	176,448	2,123,243	114,698,988	108,027,629	2,962,020	177,781,315
1949 ..	222,801	179,117	2,166,927	124,143,424	117,651,571	3,085,983	187,359,151
1950 ..	241,218	187,273	2,220,872	148,778,343	140,695,739	3,238,456	198,680,211
1951 ..	267,833	199,660	2,289,045	176,820,482	165,168,243	3,354,573	213,687,023
1952 ..	247,336	193,701	2,342,680	179,751,448	172,697,277	3,605,614	224,346,808
1953 ..	246,887	195,358	2,394,209	179,499,733	173,199,708	4,186,854	234,833,687
1954 ..	250,792	205,471	2,439,530	189,832,135	183,467,790	4,408,877	245,606,909

The maximum amount upon which interest is payable on a current account is £1,500, but an additional sum not exceeding £1,000 may be lodged as Deposit Stock, which is a form of fixed deposit withdrawable at short notice.

The Credit Foncier Department was established in 1896, under Act No. 1481, for the purpose of making long term loans to assist persons in the agricultural industry. Under Act Nos. 2280, 3088, 3098, and 3145, the system has been further extended.

Credit Foncier loans, secured by a first mortgage, are granted on freehold land or on land which can be made freehold. The rate of interest charged on all new loans during 1953-54 was  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.

Funds for the purpose of making advances were obtained chiefly from the floatation of Credit Foncier debenture loans. Debentures outstanding at 30th June, 1954, amounted to £18,500,000; representing an increase of £4,250,000 on the amount outstanding at 30th June,

1953. These debentures were all held by the Savings Bank Department. Advances made during 1953-54 amounted to £6,213,215, while repayments totalled £1,912,684.

**Credit Foncier transactions.** Details of transactions in the Credit Foncier Department under the four sections thereof are shown below.

### VICTORIA—CREDIT FONCIER TRANSACTIONS, 1952-53.

Heading.	At 30th June, 1952.	During 1952-53.	At 30th June, 1953.
Stock and debentures issued .. .. £	249,594,505	4,250,000	253,844,505*
"    "    "    redeemed .. .. £	239,594,505	..	239,594,505
"    "    "    outstanding .. .. £	10,000,000	..	14,250,000
<b>Pastoral or Agricultural Property.</b>			
Amount advanced .. .. .. £	12,481,624	45,904	12,527,528
"    repaid .. .. .. £	11,576,657	160,768	11,737,425
"    outstanding .. .. .. £	904,967	..	790,103
Number of loans current .. .. ..	1,121	..	981
<b>Dwelling or Shop Property.</b>			
Amount advanced .. .. .. £	39,755,844	6,778,500	46,534,344
"    repaid .. .. .. £	31,525,143	1,016,327	32,541,470
"    outstanding .. .. .. £	8,230,701	..	13,992,874
Number of loans current .. .. ..	10,627	..	13,366
<b>Housing Advances.</b>			
Amount advanced .. .. .. £	9,828,848	7,747	9,836,595
"    repaid .. .. .. £	8,085,600	232,292	8,317,892
"    outstanding .. .. .. £	1,143,248	..	918,703
Number of loans current .. .. ..	2,940	..	2,483
<b>Country Industries.</b>			
Amount advanced .. .. .. £	192,109	..	192,109
"    repaid .. .. .. £	188,039	450	188,489
"    outstanding .. .. .. £	4,070	..	3,620
Number of loans current .. .. ..	2	..	2
<b>Total Transactions.</b>			
Total amount advanced .. .. .. £	62,258,425	6,832,151	69,090,576
"    "    repaid .. .. .. £	51,975,439	1,409,837	53,385,276
"    "    outstanding .. .. .. £	10,282,986	..	15,705,300
"    "    number of loans current .. .. ..	14,690	..	16,882

\* Including conversion loans, and £2,637,300 Stock inscribed in exchange for Debentures.

The net profit of the Credit Foncier Department for the year ended 30th June, 1953, after making provision for bad and doubtful debts, was £55,423. This sum was added to General Reserve, which amounted to £1,635,432 at 30th June, 1953. There are reserves also for Depreciation and Contingencies amounting to £222,500.

The following table shows details of the transactions of the Credit Foncier Department for the year, 1953-54.

VICTORIA—CREDIT FONCIER TRANSACTIONS, 1953-54.

Heading.	At 30th June, 1953.	During 1953-54.	At 30th June, 1954.
Stock and debentures issued .. .. £	253,844,505	12,250,000	266,094,505*
"    "    "    redeemed .. .. £	239,594,505	8,000,000	247,594,505
"    "    "    outstanding .. .. £	14,250,000	..	18,500,000
<b>Pastoral or Agricultural Property.</b>			
Amount advanced .. .. .. £	12,527,528	19,283	12,546,811
"    repaid .. .. .. £	11,737,425	147,063	11,884,488
"    outstanding .. .. .. £	790,103	..	662,323
Number of loans current .. .. ..	981	..	842
<b>Dwelling or Shop Property.</b>			
Amount advanced .. .. .. £	46,534,344	6,190,706	52,725,050
"    repaid .. .. .. £	32,541,470	1,567,413	34,108,883
"    outstanding .. .. .. £	13,992,874	..	18,616,167
Number of loans current .. .. ..	13,366	..	15,687
<b>Housing Advances.</b>			
Amount advanced .. .. .. £	9,836,595	3,226	9,839,821
"    repaid .. .. .. £	8,917,892	197,758	9,115,650
"    outstanding .. .. .. £	918,703	..	724,171
Number of loans current .. .. ..	2,483	..	2,073
<b>Country Industries.</b>			
Amount advanced .. .. .. £	192,109	..	192,109
"    repaid .. .. .. £	188,489	450	188,939
"    outstanding .. .. .. £	3,620	..	3,170
Number of loans current .. .. ..	2	..	2
<b>Total Transactions.</b>			
Total amount advanced .. .. .. £	69,090,576	6,213,215	75,303,791
"    "    repaid .. .. .. £	53,385,276	1,912,684	55,297,960
"    "    outstanding .. .. .. £	15,705,300	..	20,005,831
"    number of loans current .. .. ..	16,832	..	18,604

\* Including conversion loans, and £2,637,300 Stock inscribed in exchange for Debentures.

The net profit of the Credit Foncier Department for the year ended 30th June, 1954, after making provision for bad and doubtful debts, was £85,486. This sum was added to General Reserve, which amounted to £1,720,918 at 30th June, 1954. There are reserves also for Depreciation and Contingencies amounting to £225,000.

The Savings Bank department of the Commonwealth Savings Bank commenced business on 15th July, 1912. The following table shows the business transacted in Victoria during each of the years, 1944-45 to 1953-54.

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK IN VICTORIA, 1944-45  
TO 1953-54.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Accounts.			Deposits.	Withdrawals.	Interest Added.	Amount at Credit of Depositors.
	Opened.	Closed.	Remaining open at end of Period.*				
				£	£	£	£
1945 ..	78,463	83,741	386,398	37,718,433	30,608,560	618,066	38,932,833
1946 ..	94,687	60,665	405,957	51,144,665	43,225,009	749,999	47,602,488
1947 ..	83,810	57,839	414,337	39,961,918	40,419,834	814,356	47,958,928
1948 ..	80,290	56,302	426,479	40,530,573	40,685,161	815,773	48,620,113
1949 ..	83,633	48,516	447,805	43,971,872	41,542,921	837,496	51,886,560
1950 ..	97,135	54,207	486,119	59,075,205	53,391,801	870,491	58,440,455
1951 ..	116,643	58,315	519,514	71,547,942	62,862,853	966,425	68,091,969
1952 ..	116,379	68,225	554,088	79,227,332	71,955,985	1,122,112	76,485,425
1953 ..	111,526	68,435	583,414	82,327,581	75,077,101	1,400,947	85,136,852
1954 ..	107,477	68,872	605,442	90,605,806	83,139,620	1,570,988	94,174,026

\* Inoperative accounts have been excluded, i.e., those with balances of £1 or over inoperative for seven years or more and those with balances under £1 inoperative for three years (two years since 30/6/1950), or more. At 30th June, in each of the undermentioned years the number of inoperative accounts was as follows:—1945, 141,623; 1946, 153,159; 1947, 168,394; 1948, 177,880; 1949, 188,117; 1950, 190,347; 1951, 209,501; 1952, 220,538; 1953, 231,681; 1954, 244,800.

The foregoing tables deal separately with the Savings Banks in Victoria. In the next statement, the aggregate amount on deposit in the State Savings Bank and in the Commonwealth Savings Bank in Victoria, and the amount of deposits per head of population are given for each year, 1944-45 to 1953-54.

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN VICTORIA, 1944-45 TO  
1953-54.

At 30th June—	Amount at Credit of Depositors (Victoria)—			Amount of Deposits per Head of Population.
	State Savings Bank.†	Commonwealth Savings Bank.	Aggregate Amount.	
	£	£	£	£ s. d.
1945 ..	143,216,642	38,932,833	182,149,475	90 10 5
1946 ..	163,723,110	47,602,488	211,325,598	104 2 2
1947 ..	168,147,936	47,958,928	216,106,864	105 3 0
1948 ..	177,781,315	48,620,113	226,401,428	108 5 10
1949 ..	187,359,151	51,886,560	239,245,711	111 16 10
1950 ..	198,680,211	58,440,455	257,120,666	116 14 5
1951 ..	213,687,023	68,091,969	281,778,992	124 3 5
1952 ..	224,346,808	76,485,425	300,832,233	128 16 2
1953 ..	234,833,687	85,136,852	319,970,539	133 11 9
1954 ..	245,606,909	94,174,026	339,780,935	134 1 4

† Including School Bank and Deposit Stock Accounts.



### PROBATE RETURNS.

Probates and letters of administration granted.

The accompanying table shows the number and value of estates of deceased persons of each sex in connexion with which probates or letters of administration were finally completed during each of the years 1950 to 1954. Figures relating to estates administered by the Public Trustee are included.

#### VICTORIA—PROBATES AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, 1950 TO 1954.

Year ended 31st December.	Number of—		Total Number of Estates.	Gross Value of Estates—		Liabilities.	Net Value of Estates.	Average Net Value of each Estate.
	Probates.	Letters of Administration.		Real.	Personal.			
				£	£	£	£	£
MALES.								
1950 ..	4,944	1,329	6,273	10,365,698	17,978,827	1,928,665	26,415,860	4,211
1951 ..	5,004	1,436	6,440	12,970,665	21,280,410	1,847,913	32,403,162	5,032
1952 ..	5,667	1,745	7,412	14,890,782	26,121,957	2,572,173	38,440,566	5,186
1953 ..	5,355	1,328	6,683	15,698,117	26,770,212	2,710,728	39,757,601	5,949
1954 ..	5,695	1,533	7,228	17,774,684	27,055,442	2,963,386	41,866,740	5,792
FEMALES.								
1950 ..	4,246	998	5,244	6,021,732	10,476,439	582,999	15,915,172	3,035
1951 ..	4,146	899	5,045	6,893,891	11,203,890	484,788	17,612,093	3,491
1952 ..	4,636	1,098	5,734	7,798,460	12,873,504	793,822	19,878,142	3,467
1953 ..	4,325	872	5,197	8,239,285	11,638,065	980,112	18,897,238	3,636
1954 ..	4,663	957	5,620	8,713,761	12,972,509	850,477	20,835,793	3,707
TOTAL.								
1950 ..	9,190	2,327	11,517	16,387,430	28,455,266	2,511,664	42,331,032	3,676
1951 ..	9,150	2,335	11,485	19,864,556	32,484,300	2,332,701	50,016,155	4,355
1952 ..	10,303	2,843	13,146	22,689,242	38,995,461	3,365,995	58,318,708	4,436
1953 ..	9,680	2,200	11,880	23,937,402	38,408,277	3,690,840	58,654,839	4,937
1954 ..	10,358	2,490	12,848	26,488,445	40,027,951	3,813,863	62,702,533	4,880

The number and value of estates dealt with in each of the years 1952 to 1954 grouped according to net value and distinguishing the estates of males from those of females, were as follows.

VICTORIA—NUMBER AND NET VALUE OF ESTATES OF  
DECEASED PERSONS (MALES AND FEMALES), 1952 TO  
1954.

Group.	1952.		1953.		1954.	
	Number.	Net Value.	Number.	Net Value.	Number.	Net Value.
		£		£		£
<b>MALES.</b>						
Under £100 ..	410	21,200	268	13,910	340	18,363
£100 to £300 ..	641	124,156	537	107,970	602	115,026
£300 to £500 ..	598	237,424	477	189,285	515	202,464
£500 to £1,000 ..	1,069	787,574	941	686,094	1,014	743,542
£1,000 to £2,000 ..	1,326	1,917,847	1,176	1,720,816	1,241	1,807,487
£2,000 to £3,000 ..	779	1,901,586	701	1,564,343	797	2,045,413
£3,000 to £4,000 ..	534	1,846,957	474	1,639,841	507	1,745,913
£4,000 to £5,000 ..	341	1,526,843	289	1,292,279	344	1,536,528
£5,000 to £10,000 ..	813	5,770,389	859	6,075,022	834	5,910,691
£10,000 to £15,000 ..	342	4,187,102	370	4,537,129	366	4,265,622
£15,000 to £25,000 ..	283	5,280,834	310	5,941,639	333	6,382,017
£25,000 to £50,000 ..	192	6,540,573	201	6,906,202	236	8,011,692
£50,000 to £100,000 ..	64	4,325,554	59	4,032,845	75	5,019,168
Over £100,000 ..	20	3,972,527	21	5,050,226	24	4,062,814
<b>Total Males ..</b>	<b>7,412</b>	<b>38,440,566</b>	<b>6,683</b>	<b>39,757,601</b>	<b>7,228</b>	<b>41,866,740</b>
<b>FEMALES.</b>						
Under £100 ..	193	15,725	229	13,199	223	11,965
£100 to £300 ..	626	123,659	537	107,371	557	108,872
£300 to £500 ..	521	205,067	419	166,757	429	168,559
£500 to £1,000 ..	979	714,944	775	570,759	843	630,836
£1,000 to £2,000 ..	1,175	1,704,976	1,021	1,490,476	1,084	1,596,896
£2,000 to £3,000 ..	642	1,570,670	645	1,589,581	728	1,806,288
£3,000 to £4,000 ..	414	1,441,377	368	1,274,454	418	1,449,182
£4,000 to £5,000 ..	246	1,097,497	232	1,044,745	301	1,347,581
£5,000 to £10,000 ..	546	3,773,264	576	4,061,396	646	4,471,838
£10,000 to £15,000 ..	159	1,943,739	195	2,356,641	178	2,269,406
£15,000 to £25,000 ..	134	2,557,407	114	2,209,312	129	2,457,026
£25,000 to £50,000 ..	78	2,609,424	61	2,001,007	59	1,997,261
£50,000 to £100,000 ..	16	988,016	20	1,227,001	20	1,279,738
Over £100,000 ..	5	1,132,377	5	724,539	5	1,220,345
<b>Total Females ..</b>	<b>5,734</b>	<b>19,878,142</b>	<b>5,197</b>	<b>18,897,238</b>	<b>5,620</b>	<b>20,835,793</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL ..</b>	<b>13,146</b>	<b>58,318,708</b>	<b>11,880</b>	<b>58,654,839</b>	<b>12,848</b>	<b>62,702,533</b>

## ROYAL MINT.

There are two branches of the Royal Mint in Australia—one operating in Melbourne, Victoria, and the other in Perth, Western Australia.

The Melbourne branch was opened on 12th June, 1872. The following table shows for each of the years 1952 to 1954 and for the period 1872 to 1954 the quantity of gold received at the Mint; where the gold was produced; its mint coinage value; and the gold coin and bullion issued during the same period:—

VICTORIA—GOLD RECEIVED AND ISSUED AT ROYAL MINT,  
1952 TO 1954, AND AGGREGATE 1872 TO 1954.

Gold Received.	1952.	1953.	1954.	Total 31st December, 1954.
<i>Gross Weight.</i>				
Produced in Victoria .. .. oz.	81,536	80,999	64,547	30,923,687
"  "  New South Wales .. .. "	17,399	19,724	28,396	1,165,705
"  "  Queensland .. .. "	40,037	34,732	32,740	1,375,790
"  "  South Australia .. .. "	47,915	58,584	58,487	1,399,898
"  "  Western Australia .. .. "	5	44	5	2,953,238
"  "  Tasmania .. .. "	472	498	521	1,345,711
"  "  New Zealand .. .. "	197	21	5,083	4,742,071
Elsewhere .. .. "	203,024	156,499	120,113	5,296,987
Total .. .. "	390,585	351,101	309,892	49,203,087
Coinage—Mint Value .. .. £	688,881	720,956	711,935	183,204,125
<i>Gold Issued.</i>				
Coin—				
Sovereigns .. .. No.	..	..	..	147,283,131
Half Sovereigns .. .. "	..	..	..	1,893,559
Bullion—Quantity .. .. oz.	179,874	184,146	181,965	8,795,588
"  "  Mint Value .. .. £	700,383	716,017	708,528	34,971,662
Total Mint Value Coin and Bullion .. .. £	700,383	716,017	708,528	183,201,572

The number of deposits received during 1954 was 1,929, of a gross weight of 309,892 ounces. The average composition of these deposits was gold 540·8, silver 398·4, and base 60·8 in every 1,000 parts.

The value of gold shown in the foregoing table is calculated on the normal mint price of £3 17s. 10½d. per ounce standard (22 carat), which is equivalent to approximately £4 4s. 11½d. per ounce fine (24 carat).

By arrangement with the Commonwealth Bank the Mint also pays a premium on all gold lodged at the Mint for sale to the Bank. During 1954 depositors were paid a premium of 264·70 per cent. until 30th April, and 267·84 per cent. from that date onwards, thereby making the price of gold £15 9s. 10d. and £15 12s. 6d. respectively, per ounce fine.

In the following table particulars of the coinages and the issue of silver and bronze pieces for the requirements of the Commonwealth Treasury are given for each of the years 1952 to 1954 and also the totals to 31st December, 1954.

**VICTORIA—COINAGE OF SILVER AND BRONZE AT ROYAL MINT, 1952 TO 1954 AND TOTAL TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1954.**

Denomination of Coins.	1952.	1953.	1954.	Total to 31st December, 1954.
<b>Silver Pieces—</b>	No.	No.	No.	No.
5s. . . . .	..	..	..	1,102,400
2s. . . . .	10,044,000	11,506,000	20,206,000	239,498,000
1s. . . . .	19,644,000	12,204,000	16,188,000	121,766,000
6d. . . . .	2,112,000	1,152,000	4,832,000	106,120,000
3d. . . . .	13,136,000	16,528,000	2,304,000	252,672,000
<b>Total Silver Pieces . .</b>	<b>44,936,000</b>	<b>41,390,000</b>	<b>43,530,000</b>	<b>721,158,400</b>
<b>Bronze Pieces—</b>				
1d. . . . .	22,771,200	21,388,000	..	245,354,960
½d. . . . .	..	..	..	97,521,600
<b>Total Bronze Pieces . .</b>	<b>22,771,200</b>	<b>21,388,000</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>342,876,560</b>

**ASSURANCE AND INSURANCE.**

**Life Assurance.** There were 19 companies transacting life assurance business in Victoria during 1953.

All Acts passed by the Victorian Parliament with the object of affording protection to holders of life assurance policies, were superseded by the *Commonwealth Life Insurance Act 1945* which came into operation on 20th June, 1946.

**Commonwealth Life insurance Act 1945.** The principal objects of the Act are (1) To replace all State legislation on the subject of life insurance and to provide a uniform basis for applying the requirements of these Acts to the whole of Australia; (2) To appoint an insurance commissioner who shall exercise supervision of the activities of life

insurance companies with a view to obtaining the greatest possible protection for policy holders; (3) To set up adequate machinery for dealing with any company that fails to maintain a required minimum standard of solvency.

The Act provides *inter alia* for uniform control of life insurance business throughout Australia and in such Australian Territories as are proclaimed. Rules are laid down for determining the value of a paid-up policy or surrender value. Provision is also made that a policy will not lapse immediately if a premium is not paid.

The insurance commissioner is (subject to directions of the Treasurer) responsible for the administration of the Act.

The following table shows particulars of the policies in force in Victoria in the ordinary and industrial departments combined for each of the five years, 1949 to 1953. The figures are arranged according to the location of the head offices of the companies:—

#### VICTORIA—LIFE POLICIES IN FORCE, 1949 TO 1953.

Year.	Companies with Head Offices—			Total.
	In Victoria.	In Other Australian States.	Outside Australia.	
NUMBER OF POLICIES—ORDINARY AND INDUSTRIAL COMBINED.				
1949 ..	732,892	1,068,679	27,442	1,829,013
1950 ..	757,628	1,104,527	29,274	1,891,429
1951 ..	788,958	1,136,970	31,688	1,957,616
1952 ..	815,487	1,160,241	33,829	2,009,557
1953 ..	836,948	1,176,244	35,659	2,048,851
AMOUNT ASSURED—ORDINARY AND INDUSTRIAL POLICIES COMBINED.				
	£	£	£	£
1949 ..	138,837,612	198,679,324	9,865,106	347,382,042
1950 ..	157,427,235	218,740,294	11,623,504	387,791,033
1951 ..	181,910,600	245,828,829	14,218,763	441,958,192
1952 ..	205,166,748	272,862,910	16,985,325	495,014,983
1953 ..	225,527,496	297,784,406	20,170,360	543,482,262

The figures in the preceding table relate to simple life assurance, endowment assurance, and pure endowment policies.

The next table contains particulars of life assurance policies in force in the ordinary and industrial departments of companies during each of the five years 1949 to 1953.

**VICTORIA—LIFE ASSURANCE POLICIES IN FORCE  
1949 TO 1953.**

Heading.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.
<b>Ordinary Business—</b>					
Number of Policies ..	622,439	663,822	717,255	764,005	805,694
Sum Assured £	274,736,122	310,682,724	360,500,469	408,823,935	453,224,972
Annual Premiums £	9,683,387	10,923,283	12,697,191	14,354,620	15,953,985
<b>Industrial Business—</b>					
Number of Policies ..	1,206,574	1,227,607	1,240,361	1,245,552	1,243,157
Sum Assured £	72,645,920	77,108,309	81,457,723	86,191,048	90,257,290
Annual Premiums £	3,929,489	4,089,347	4,242,356	4,409,343	4,547,504

In 1953 the average amount of policy held in the ordinary and in the industrial departments was £563 and £73 respectively.

The preceding table relates to policies in force. The succeeding table contains summarized information in relation to the new business written by all life assurance companies during each of the five years 1949 to 1953.

**VICTORIA—LIFE ASSURANCE—NEW POLICIES ISSUED  
1949 TO 1953.**

Heading.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.
<b>Ordinary Business—</b>					
Number of Policies ..	69,454	73,982	84,719	81,397	80,547
Sum Assured £	41,407,610	51,207,083	67,636,607	69,380,632	69,762,736
Annual Premiums £	1,516,738	1,817,105	2,435,738	2,433,057	2,517,517
<b>Industrial Business—</b>					
Number of Policies ..	93,877	88,952	80,012	80,457	78,048
Sum Assured £	9,214,709	9,029,650	8,993,108	9,994,500	10,019,007
Annual Premiums £	423,995	417,345	416,656	461,125	462,671

The new policies issued during 1953 averaged £866 in the Ordinary Department and £128 in the Industrial Department.

The following statement gives particulars of the policies which were discontinued during each of the years 1952 and 1953 :—

VICTORIA—LIFE ASSURANCE—POLICIES DISCONTINUED,  
1952 AND 1953.

Cause of Discontinuance.	1952.		1953.	
	Number of Policies.	Sum Assured.	Number of Policies.	Sum Assured.
ORDINARY BUSINESS.				
		£		£
Death .. .. .	3,989	1,929,227	4,136	2,222,507
Maturity .. .. .	8,596	1,879,414	8,961	2,049,015
Surrender .. .. .	14,690	10,653,783	15,951	12,064,301
Lapse .. .. .	7,725	5,075,823	7,714	5,762,496
Other .. .. .	(Cr.) 353	1,511,816	2,096	3,273,382
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>34,647</b>	<b>21,050,063</b>	<b>38,858</b>	<b>25,361,701</b>
INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS.				
		£		£
Death .. .. .	5,703	263,646	5,597	269,589
Maturity .. .. .	39,098	1,685,194	41,787	1,840,150
Surrender .. .. .	13,462	1,133,454	15,496	1,691,954
Lapse .. .. .	16,161	2,092,028	15,666	1,976,272
Other .. .. .	1,085	90,568	1,897	174,709
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>75,509</b>	<b>5,264,890</b>	<b>80,443</b>	<b>5,952,764</b>

Returns of general insurance (other than life) business in Victoria for the year 1952-53 were received from 149 companies or other bodies, and the figures were compiled on the following basis :—

- (a) Premiums shown are the total amounts receivable during the year for policies issued or renewed less (1) reinsurances and returns of premium (2) rebates and bonuses paid or credited to policy holders. These figures have not been

adjusted to allow for premiums unearned at the end premium income". In recent years figures have been income" appropriate to the year.

(b) Claims include those paid and outstanding at the end of year

(c) Contributions to Fire Brigades, Commission and Agents'

(d) Taxation is mainly the amounts paid during the year and

The revenue and expenditure relating to the principal classes of

### VICTORIA—GENERAL INSURANCE

Class of Business.	Revenue.	
	Premiums (Less Re-insurances and Returns).	Gross Claims or Losses (Less Re-insurances).
	£	£
<i>Underwriting Department.</i>		
Fire .. .. .	6,757,894	2,253,172
Householders' Comprehensive .. .. .	1,364,423	295,786
Sprinkler Leakage .. .. .	18,476	9,964
Loss of Profits .. .. .	782,488	72,913
Hailstone .. .. .	153,249	117,389
Marine.. .. .	2,108,095	1,452,371
Motor Vehicles (other than Motor Cycles) .. .. .	6,263,547	4,325,991
Motor Cycles .. .. .	86,054	63,987
Compulsory Third Party (Motor Vehicles) .. .. .	2,858,372	2,624,702
Employers' Liability and Workmen's Compensation .. .. .	5,672,148	3,168,243
Seamen's Compensation .. .. .	1,799	..
Personal Accident .. .. .	608,120	190,139
Public Risk, Third Party .. .. .	194,680	57,808
General Property .. .. .	18,316	6,330
Plate Glass .. .. .	109,481	72,213
Boiler .. .. .	6,595	785
Live Stock .. .. .	71,429	28,831
Burglary .. .. .	522,960	233,184
Guarantee .. .. .	61,321	9,159
Pluvius .. .. .	22,116	12,649
Aviation .. .. .	65,430	15,877
All Risks .. .. .	209,427	109,283
Others .. .. .	258,976	86,716
Total Premiums .. .. .	28,215,396	..
<i>Investment Department</i>		
Interest, Dividends, Rents, &c., (Net of Expenses)	800,809	..
Total .. .. .	29,016,205	15,207,492



of the year. Therefore, the amounts shown differ from "earned increasing and premiums receivable are greater than "earned premium,

but those outstanding at the beginning of the year have been deducted. Charges and Expenses of Management are charges paid during the year. includes income tax based on the income of previous years.

insurance are shown in detail for 1952-53 in the following table:—

**BUSINESS, 1952-53.**

Expenditure.					
Contributions to Fire Brigades.	Commission and Agents' Charges.	Expenses of Management.		Taxation.	Total Expenditure.
		Victorian Office.	Australian Control Office.		
£	£	£	£	£	£
507,560	1,452,998	1,467,204	122,773	675,099	6,974,858
2,673	140,395	272,910	31,460	235,571	2,135,380
..	822,689	1,266,474	87,914	211,494	9,403,251
..	412,132	710,389	41,636	147,785	4,480,185
..	93,833	117,409	15,854	37,486	454,721
..	231,712	234,707	19,355	81,826	1,200,435
..	..	..	..	..	..
510,233	3,153,759	4,069,093	318,992	1,389,261	24,648,830

Returns of general insurance (other than Life) business in Victoria bodies. The revenue and expenditure relating to the principal classes

### VICTORIA—GENERAL INSURANCE

Class of Business.	Revenue.	
	Premiums (Less Re-insurances and Returns).	Gross Claims or Losses (Less Re-insurances).
<i>Underwriting Department.</i>		
	£	£
Fire .. .. .	7,157,360	2,080,741
Householders' Comprehensive .. .. .	1,573,695	318,845
Sprinkler Leakage .. .. .	15,361	4,274
Loss of Profits .. .. .	730,782	117,063
Hailstone .. .. .	193,618	154,039
Marine .. .. .	2,172,492	864,727
Motor Vehicles (other than Motor Cycles) .. .. .	7,263,794	4,296,245
Motor Cycles .. .. .	97,883	51,986
Compulsory Third Party (Motor Vehicles) .. .. .	2,752,508	2,970,013
Employers' Liability and Workmen's Compensation .. .. .	6,362,803	4,995,143
Seamen's Compensation .. .. .	1,673	..
Personal Accident .. .. .	709,465	219,187
Public Risk, Third Party .. .. .	262,378	86,198
General Property .. .. .	28,902	9,171
Plate Glass .. .. .	121,818	74,221
Boiler .. .. .	7,994	199
Live Stock .. .. .	68,994	45,485
Burglary .. .. .	568,833	190,008
Guarantee .. .. .	64,848	4,287
Pluvius .. .. .	27,765	17,236
Aviation .. .. .	104,902	15,083
All Risks .. .. .	231,874	113,290
Others .. .. .	254,994	81,804
Total Premiums .. .. .	30,774,736	..
<i>Investment Department.</i>		
Interest, Dividends, Rents, &c. (Net of Expenses)	967,208	..
Total .. .. .	31,741,944	16,709,245

for the year 1953-54 were received from 155 companies or other of insurance are shown in detail in the following table:—

## BUSINESS, 1953-54.

Expenditure.					
Contributions to Fire Brigades.	Commission and Agents' Charges.	Expenses of Management.		Taxation.	Total Expenditure.
		Victorian Office.	Australian Control Office.		
£	£	£	£	£	£
711,342	1,561,905	1,558,903	141,018	707,616	7,355,746
3,285	136,311	277,272	32,097	194,678	1,508,370
..	958,895	1,333,716	97,727	177,456	9,886,038
..	447,716	773,678	50,148	114,977	6,381,662
..	107,658	129,723	16,231	31,749	504,548
..	247,663	252,214	20,952	87,185	1,244,996
..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	..
714,627	3,460,148	4,325,506	358,173	1,313,661	26,881,360

The percentage of Losses, Commission and Agents' Charges, Expenses of Management, and Taxation to Premium Income for 1952-53 was as follows:—

VICTORIA—GENERAL INSURANCE EXPENDITURE, 1952-53—  
PROPORTION OF PREMIUM INCOME.

Class of Business.	Percentage of Premium Income.			
	Losses (Less Re- insurances).	Com- mission and Agents' Charges.	Total Expenses of Manage- ment.*	Taxation.
	%	%	%	%
Fire .. .. .	33·34	} 16·01	17·52	7·44
Householders' Compensation .. .. .	21·68			
Sprinkler Leakage .. .. .	53·93			
Loss of Profits .. .. .	9·32			
Hailstone .. .. .	76·60			
Marine .. .. .	68·89	6·66	14·44	11·17
Motor Vehicles (Excl. Motor Cycles)..	69·06	} 8·93	14·71	2·30
Motor Cycles .. .. .	74·36			
Compulsory Third Party (Motor Vehicles) .. .. .	91·82			
Employers' Liability and Workmen's Compensation .. .. .	55·86	} 7·26	13·25	2·60
Seamen's Compensation .. .. .	..			
Personal Accident .. .. .	31·27	15·43	21·91	6·16
Public Risk, Third Party .. .. .	29·69	} 15·04	16·49	5·31
General Property .. .. .	34·56			
Plate Glass .. .. .	65·95			
Boiler .. .. .	11·90			
Live Stock .. .. .	40·36			
Burglary .. .. .	44·59			
Guarantee .. .. .	14·94			
Pluvius .. .. .	57·19			
Aviation .. .. .	24·27			
All Risks .. .. .	52·18			
Others .. .. .	33·48			
Total .. .. .	53·90	11·18	15·55	4·92

\* Excluding contributions to Fire Brigades.

The percentage of Losses, Commission and Agents' Charges, Expenses of Management, and Taxation to Premium Income for 1953-54 was as follows:—

VICTORIA—GENERAL INSURANCE EXPENDITURE, 1953-54—  
PROPORTION OF PREMIUM INCOME.

Class of Business.	Percentage of Premium Income.			
	Losses (Less Re- insurances).	Com- mission and Agents' Charges.	Total Expenses of Manage- ment.*	Taxation.
	%	%	%	%
Fire .. .. .	29·07	} 16·15	17·58	7·32
Householders Compensation .. .. .	20·26			
Sprinkler leakage .. .. .	27·82			
Loss of Profits .. .. .	16·02			
Hailstone .. .. .	79·56			
Marine .. .. .	39·80	6·27	14·24	8·96
Motor Vehicles (Excl. Motor Cycles) ..	59·15	} 9·48	14·15	1·75
Motor Cycles .. .. .	53·11			
Compulsory Third Party (Motor Vehicles) .. .. .	107·90			
Employers' Liability and Workmen's Compensation .. .. .	78·51	} 7·03	12·94	1·81
Seamen's Compensation .. .. .	..			
Personal Accident .. .. .	30·89	15·17	20·57	4·48
Public Risk, Third Party .. .. .	32·85	} 14·21	15·67	5·00
General Property .. .. .	31·73			
Plate Glass .. .. .	60·93			
Boiler .. .. .	2·49			
Live Stock .. .. .	65·93			
Burglary .. .. .	33·40			
Guarantee .. .. .	6·61			
Pluvius .. .. .	62·08			
Aviation .. .. .	14·38			
All Risks .. .. .	48·86			
Others .. .. .	32·08			
Total .. .. .	54·30	11·24	15·22	4·27

\* Excluding contributions to Fire Brigades.

## MOTOR CAR—

The *Motor Car (Third-Party Insurance) Act 1939*, No. 4688, which owner of a motor vehicle to insure against any liability which may in respect of the death or bodily injury of any person caused by or

Particulars of premiums, claims, &c., for 1951-52 and 1952-53,

Class of Motor Vehicle.	Number of Motor Cars Insured 1953.	Premiums (Less Return Premiums) Received, Less Payments to Motor Car (Hospital) Payments Fund.		Premiums Earned being 50 Per Cent. of Columns (b) and (c).
		Year Ended 30th June—		
		1952. (b)	1953. (c)	
	(a)			(d)

*Particulars relating to Motor Cars usually garaged within a radius*

		£	£	£
Private .. ..	186,810	880,627	1,047,431	964,029
Business .. ..	28,066	182,507	191,392	186,949
Light Goods .. ..	31,619	191,693	219,266	205,480
Heavy Goods .. ..	17,633	228,284	253,635	240,959
Miscellaneous .. ..	6,222	114,921	135,175	125,048
Motor Cycles .. ..	18,525	108,116	111,258	109,687
Visiting Motor Cars ..	849	189	437	313
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>289,724</b>	<b>1,706,337</b>	<b>1,958,594</b>	<b>1,832,465</b>

*Particulars relating to Motor Cars usually garaged outside a radius*

		£	£	£
Private .. ..	161,619	349,286	427,695	388,490
Business .. ..	6,078	29,184	31,939	30,562
Light Goods .. ..	44,647	128,865	147,406	138,135
Heavy Goods .. ..	29,364	208,262	227,748	218,005
Miscellaneous .. ..	19,858	45,729	56,412	51,071
Motor Cycles .. ..	16,748	42,435	42,189	42,312
Visiting Motor Cars ..	195	61	82	71
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>278,509</b>	<b>803,822</b>	<b>933,471</b>	<b>868,646</b>
Insurer's proportion of claims .. ..	..	..	..	..
<b>Grand Total ..</b>	<b>568,233</b>	<b>2,510,159</b>	<b>2,892,065</b>	<b>2,701,111</b>

## THIRD PARTY INSURANCE.

came into force on 22nd January, 1941, made it compulsory for the be incurred by him, or any person who drives such motor vehicle, arising out of the use of such motor vehicle.

are shown in the following table :—

Number of Claims Made.	Payments Made in Respect of Claims.	Estimated Amount of Outstanding Claims at 30th June, 1953.	Estimated Amount of Outstanding Claims at 30th June, 1952.	Adjustment of Claims Paid and Outstanding at 30th June, 1953. Columns (f) and (g), less Column (h).
(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)

*of 20 miles of the Post Office, Elizabeth-street, Melbourne.*

3,164	£ 554,143	£ 1,460,751	£ 947,986	£ 1,066,908
513	136,569	339,382	240,014	235,937
651	137,271	415,547	255,212	297,606
564	167,537	356,615	322,599	201,553
397	96,196	223,645	163,636	156,205
406	69,780	138,207	137,345	70,642
1	382	400	..	782
5,696	1,161,878	2,934,547	2,066,792	2,029,633

*of 20 miles of the Post Office, Elizabeth-street, Melbourne.*

1,150	£ 250,631	£ 572,838	£ 451,176	£ 372,293
78	22,742	49,125	43,966	27,901
260	60,760	192,962	105,111	148,611
313	116,916	258,968	225,610	150,274
132	40,784	63,691	71,495	32,980
173	38,079	96,423	72,773	61,729
..	..	..	..	..
2,106	529,912	1,234,007	970,131	793,788
..	111,827	223,722	198,588	136,961
7,802	1,803,617	4,392,276	3,235,511	2,960,382

## MOTOR CAR—

*Particulars of Premiums, Claims, &c. for 1952-53 and 1953-54*

Class of Motor Vehicle.	Number of Motor Cars Insured 1954.	Premiums (Less Return Premiums) Received, Less Payments to Motor Car (Hospital) Payments Fund.		Premiums Earned being 50 Per Cent. of Columns (b) and (c).
		Year Ended 30th June—		
		1953. (b)	1954. (c)	
	(a)			(d)

*Particulars relating to Motor Cars usually garaged within a radius*

		£	£	£
Private .. ..	194,574	1,047,431	1,096,956	1,072,194
Business .. ..	27,320	191,392	185,700	188,546
Light Goods .. ..	30,549	219,266	209,049	214,157
Heavy Goods .. ..	16,433	253,635	237,617	245,626
Miscellaneous .. ..	6,662	135,175	130,938	133,056
Motor Cycles .. ..	16,278	111,258	97,126	104,192
Visiting Motor Cars .. ..	875	437	408	423
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>292,691</b>	<b>1,958,594</b>	<b>1,957,794</b>	<b>1,958,194</b>

*Particulars relating to Motor Cars usually garaged outside a radius*

		£	£	£
Private .. ..	160,379	427,695	423,144	425,420
Business .. ..	5,861	31,939	31,147	31,543
Light Goods .. ..	42,603	147,406	140,302	143,854
Heavy Goods .. ..	28,321	227,748	216,075	221,911
Miscellaneous .. ..	20,416	56,412	52,069	54,240
Motor Cycles .. ..	14,633	42,189	37,267	39,728
Visiting Motor Cars .. ..	81	82	77	80
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>272,294</b>	<b>933,471</b>	<b>900,081</b>	<b>916,776</b>
Insurer's proportion of claims .. ..	..	..	..	..
<b>Grand Total .. ..</b>	<b>564,985</b>	<b>2,892,065</b>	<b>2,857,875</b>	<b>2,874,970</b>



## THIRD PARTY INSURANCE.

are shown in the following table :—

Number of Claims Made.	Payments Made in Respect of Claims.	Estimated Amount of Outstanding Claims at 30th June, 1954.	Estimated Amount of Outstanding Claims at 30th June, 1953.	- Adjustment of Claims Paid and Outstanding at 30th June, 1954. Columns (f) and (g), less Column (h).
(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)

of 20 miles of the Post Office, Elizabeth-street, Melbourne.

4,392	£ 899,308	£ 1,934,004	£ 1,460,751	£ 1,372,561
578	142,148	428,789	339,382	231,555
763	218,412	382,482	415,547	185,347
473	216,971	421,511	356,615	281,867
371	107,358	234,654	223,645	118,367
390	62,846	193,708	138,207	118,347
..	..	4,500	400	4,100
6,967	1,647,043	3,599,648	2,934,547	2,312,144

of 20 miles of the Post Office, Elizabeth-street, Melbourne.

1,388	£ 348,157	£ 792,268	£ 572,838	£ 567,587
106	18,053	46,458	49,125	15,386
260	100,460	197,849	192,962	105,347
237	143,472	234,633	258,968	119,137
110	29,582	91,257	63,691	57,148
125	38,582	90,757	96,423	32,916
..	..	..	..	..
2,226	678,306	1,453,222	1,234,007	897,521
..	125,106	269,957	223,722	171,341
9,193	2,450,455	5,322,827	4,392,276	3,381,006

The following table shows the amount of premiums received and losses, under the larger classes of insurance, for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54. Similar details for Commission and Agents' Charges, expenses of management, &c., are not available separately:—

VICTORIA—GENERAL INSURANCE BUSINESS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Nature of Insurance.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Fire—</b>					
Premiums .. .. .	3,897,392	4,667,992	5,951,403	6,757,894	7,157,360
Gross Claims or Losses ..	855,906	1,596,923	1,728,313	2,253,172	2,080,741
<b>Marine—</b>					
Premiums .. .. .	1,535,075	1,912,653	2,685,975	2,108,095	2,172,492
Gross Claims or Losses ..	630,206	804,850	1,336,592	1,452,371	864,727
<b>Public Risk, Third Party—</b>					
Premiums .. .. .	87,107	114,455	149,794	194,680	262,378
Gross Claims or Losses ..	29,195	40,020	39,312	57,808	86,198
<b>Employer's Liability and Workmen's Compensation—</b>					
Premiums .. .. .	3,347,698	3,885,765	4,964,214	5,672,148	6,362,803
Gross Claims or Losses ..	1,782,337	1,978,137	2,370,939	3,168,243	4,095,143
<b>Plate Glass—</b>					
Premiums .. .. .	65,892	68,622	76,221	109,481	121,818
Gross Claims or Losses ..	38,815	43,806	55,969	72,213	74,221
<b>Motor Vehicles (excl. Motor Cycles)—</b>					
Premiums .. .. .	2,357,577	3,251,808	5,168,817	6,263,547	7,263,794
Gross Claims or Losses ..	1,412,089	2,298,219	3,591,273	4,325,991	4,293,245
<b>Motor Cycles—</b>					
Premiums .. .. .	76,605	89,523	108,684	86,054	97,883
Gross Claims or Losses ..	66,916	86,257	72,141	63,987	51,986
<b>Compulsory Third Party (Motor Vehicles)—</b>					
Premiums .. .. .	973,728	1,183,409	1,816,475	2,858,372	2,752,508
Gross Claims or Losses ..	946,471	1,310,236	1,935,334	2,624,702	2,970,013
<b>Burglary—</b>					
Premiums .. .. .	298,202	363,196	458,805	522,960	568,833
Gross Claims or Losses ..	116,721	134,300	166,571	233,184	190,008

VICTORIA—GENERAL INSURANCE BUSINESS, 1949-50 TO  
1953-54—continued.

Nature of Insurance.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
Loss of Profits—					
Premiums .. .. .	368,588	476,253	603,415	782,488	730,782
Gross Claims or Losses .. .. .	114,312	70,375	73,509	72,913	117,083
Householders' Comprehensive—					
Premiums .. .. .	726,723	908,006	1,149,606	1,364,423	1,573,695
Gross Claims or Losses .. .. .	139,592	170,455	234,105	295,786	318,845
Hallstone—					
Premiums .. .. .	119,729	180,158	139,370	153,249	193,618
Gross Claims or Losses .. .. .	111,292	134,854	227,089	117,389	154,039
Personal Accident—					
Premiums .. .. .	285,513	440,602	531,619	608,120	709,465
Gross Claims or Losses .. .. .	77,649	157,139	176,063	190,139	219,187
All Risks—					
Premiums .. .. .	115,056	138,530	175,802	209,427	231,874
Gross Claims or Losses .. .. .	62,715	86,503	89,129	109,283	113,290
Others—					
Premiums .. .. .	323,830	343,254	461,050	524,458	575,433
Gross Claims or Losses .. .. .	80,821	129,588	108,338	170,311	177,539
Grand Total—					
Premiums .. .. .	14,578,715	18,024,226	24,441,250	28,215,396	30,774,736
Gross Claims or Losses .. .. .	6,465,037	9,041,662	12,204,677	15,207,492	16,709,245

The particulars given in the preceding tables relate to Victorian risks, that is, to all business written on the Victorian registers of the companies represented in the returns. The figures are net—the amounts paid to reinsuring offices in Australasia as well as returns of premium are deducted; the losses are reduced by the amounts recovered from Australasian reinsuring offices, but include losses on Victorian risks wherever paid. Premiums paid and losses recovered under reinsurances of Victorian business effected outside Australasia have not been deducted in compiling the figures.

The total expenditure on account of losses on all classes of insurance for the five years shown in the table represented 51 per cent. of the premiums.

#### WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

The first Workers' Compensation legislation in this State was passed in 1914 to give certain industrial workers and their dependants the right to claim limited compensation from their employer without proof of negligence or breach of statutory duty by the employer in respect of accidental injuries sustained by them arising out of and in course of their employment.

Since the passing of the original legislation the class of persons entitled to benefit, the scope of employment, the types of injuries included and the extent of the benefits have all been greatly widened by frequent amendments. In 1951, the law was consolidated in the *Workers' Compensation Act 1951* (No. 5601) and has since been amended by the *Workers' Compensation Act 1953* (No. 5676) and the *Workers' Compensation (Amendment) Act 1953* (No. 5715).

As the law now stands all workers whose remuneration does not exceed £2,000 a year are included and such workers are protected whilst travelling to and from work as well as during recess periods. Injuries now include the aggravation or acceleration of diseases which in themselves are unassociated with the employment in addition to employment diseases and the extent of the benefits is seen from the following brief summary:—

- (a) Where death results from the injury—if the worker leaves a widow or any children under sixteen years of age or any dependent wholly dependent on his earnings—the sum of £2,240 plus £80 for each such child.
- (b) Where total incapacity for work results from the injury—the compensation for total incapacity of an adult worker is a weekly payment during incapacity of £8 16s. in respect of the worker plus £2 8s. for his wife or relative standing *in loco parentis* to the children if the wife or relative is wholly or mainly dependent on the earnings of the worker plus 16s. for each dependant child under sixteen years of age.

The total weekly payment in respect of the worker, his wife and children is limited to his average weekly earnings or £12 16s. per week whichever is the lesser and the whole amount payable is limited to £2,800 unless the Workers' Compensation Board otherwise determines.

- (c) Costs of medical, hospital, and other services—in addition to compensation payable for death or for incapacity, the employer is liable to pay the reasonable costs of all medical, hospital, and other treatment services necessitated through the injury to an unlimited amount.

It is obligatory on every employer to obtain from the **Compulsory insurance.** State Accident Insurance Office, or from an insurance company approved by the Governor in Council, a policy of accident insurance for the full amount of his liability under the Act. The number of approved insurance companies at 30th June, 1954, was 105.

Premiums, and gross claims or losses, in respect of employers' liability and workman's compensation during each of the last five years appear on page 236.

## STATE ACCIDENT INSURANCE OFFICE—VICTORIA.

**Constitution.** The State Accident Insurance Office was constituted under the *Workers' Compensation Act* 1914 for the purpose of enabling employers to obtain, from the State, policies of insurance indemnifying them against their liability in relation to the *Workers' Compensation Act* or at Common Law or otherwise. Business commenced on the 7th November, 1914, the day on which the Act came into operation. The office is managed and controlled by the Insurance Commissioner and the policies issued are guaranteed by the Government of Victoria.

The Office is conducted on a mutual basis so that all profits, after providing for the necessary reserves, are refunded as bonuses to policy holders.

**Progress.** The Office has made steady progress during its 40 years of operation and for the year ended 30th June, 1954, its premium income represented 21.6 per cent. of the total premiums received by all insurance companies on account of *Employers' Liability* and *Workmen's Compensation Insurance*.

The following table shows the trading results for each of the five years 1949-50 to 1953-54 :—

Year.	Premiums Received Less Reinsurances, Rebates, &c.	Additional Unearned Premium Provision.	Claims Paid and Outstanding.	Expenses.	Under-writing Profit.
	£	£	£	£	£
1949-50 .. ..	757,723	48,085	351,447	55,088	303,103
1950-51 .. ..	890,972	54,516	436,014	63,389	337,053
1951-52 .. ..	1,069,630	72,839	471,742	75,973	449,076
1952-53 .. ..	1,148,875	42,132	767,318	84,967	254,458
1953-54 .. ..	1,375,217	65,678	1,254,382	90,967	35,810*

\* Loss.

The profit, including returns from investments, for the year 1953-54 was appropriated as follows :—General Reserve, £15,000 ; Building and other Reserves, £4,946. The accumulated funds on 30th June, 1954, were :—General Reserve, £740,000 ; Building and other Reserves, £67,446 ; and Bonus Equalization Reserve, £557,471.

The State Motor Car Insurance Office was constituted under the *Motor Car (Third Party Insurance) Act 1939* (now embodied in the *Motor Car Act 1951*, No. 5616) for the purpose of enabling owners of motor cars to enter into contracts of insurance required under that Act and generally in relation to motor cars with the State of Victoria which guarantees such contracts. It is managed and controlled by the Insurance Commissioner appointed under the Workers' Compensation Acts.

Particulars of premiums received, claims paid etc., for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54, are shown in the following table:—

**STATE MOTOR CAR INSURANCE OFFICE.**  
**PREMIUMS RECEIVED, CLAIMS PAID ETC.,**  
**1949-50 TO 1953-54.**

Year.	Premiums Received less Reinsurances Rebates, &c.	Claims Paid and Outstanding.	Administrative Expenses.	Payments to Hospital Fund.
	£	£	£	£
1949-50 .. ..	130,907	122,802	11,838	4,184
1950-51 .. ..	185,626	203,372	16,970	5,158
1951-52 .. ..	434,822	402,433	30,011	7,087
1952-53 .. ..	567,918	607,339	50,551	7,484
1953-54 .. ..	700,262	675,122	57,350	8,540

**BUILDING SOCIETIES.**

The provisions of the *Building Societies Act 1874* made it compulsory for building societies to effect registration. Up to 31st December, 1951, the number of societies that had been registered was 160. There were 20 societies operating during 1952.

Particulars are given in the following table in respect of Permanent Societies, and Starr-Bowkett Societies, transacting business in Victoria during 1952 and 1953:—

**VICTORIA—BUILDING SOCIETIES, 1952.**

Heading.	Permanent Societies.	Starr-Bowkett Societies.	Total—All Societies.
Number of societies .. ..	19	2	20*
„ „ shareholders .. ..	5,410	6,395	11,805
„ „ borrowers .. ..	16,442	1,311	17,753

\* One society has both a Permanent and a Starr-Bowkett branch.

VICTORIA—BUILDING SOCIETIES, 1952—*continued.*

Heading.	Permanent Societies.	Starr-Bowkett Societies.	Total—All Societies.
Transactions during the year—	£	£	£
Income from loans and investments ..	670,279	29,715	699,994
Loans granted .. .. .	2,849,451	161,799	3,011,250
Repayments .. .. .	2,326,172	148,241	2,474,413
Deposits received .. .. .	882,214	17,817	900,031
Working expenses including interest on deposits, and taxation .. .. .	562,253	14,139	576,392
Assets—			
Loans on mortgage .. .. .	13,166,326	701,236	13,867,562
Properties in possession or surrendered	184,481	..	184,481
Other advances .. .. .	..	13,389	13,389
Cash in hand, &c. .. .. .	11,263	..	11,263
Commonwealth Loans including accrued interest .. .. .	96,446	..	96,446
Other .. .. .	17,664	462	18,126
Total .. .. .	13,476,180	715,087	14,191,267
Liabilities—			
To shareholders .. .. .	3,646,425	498,645	4,145,070
.. depositors .. .. .	3,012,217	102,899	3,115,116
Reserve Funds .. .. .	1,239,060	23,650	1,262,710
Bank overdraft .. .. .	197,210	22,152	219,362
Profit and Loss Account .. .. .	98,460	9,387	107,847
Other .. .. .	5,282,808	58,354	5,341,162
Total .. .. .	13,476,180	715,087	14,191,267

## VICTORIA—BUILDING SOCIETIES, 1953.

Heading.	Permanent Societies.	Starr-Bowkett Societies.	Total—All Societies.
Number of societies .. .. .	18	2	19*
.. .. shareholders .. .. .	5,441	6,380	11,821
.. .. borrowers .. .. .	16,374	1,168	17,542

\* One society has both a Permanent and a Starr-Bowkett branch.

VICTORIA—BUILDING SOCIETIES, 1953—*continued.*

Heading.	Permanent Societies.	Starr-Bowkett Societies.	Total—All Societies.
Transactions during the year—	£	£	£
Income from loans and investments ..	704,864	31,092	735,956
Loans granted .. .. .	2,300,684	211,834	2,512,518
Repayments .. .. .	2,564,663	168,451	2,733,114
Deposits received .. .. .	1,027,981	35,477	1,063,458
Working expenses including interest on deposits, and taxation .. ..	562,598	15,359	577,957
Assets—			
Loans on mortgage .. .. .	13,509,889	742,921	14,252,810
Properties in possession or surrendered .. .. .	183,990	..	183,990
Other advances .. .. .	..	14,338	14,338
Cash in hand, &c. .. .. .	32,111	..	32,111
Commonwealth Loans including accrued interest .. .. .	121,700	..	121,700
Other .. .. .	17,477	384	17,861
Total .. .. .	13,865,167	757,643	14,622,810
Liabilities—			
To shareholders .. .. .	3,687,518	506,631	4,194,149
.. depositors .. .. .	3,277,820	125,262	3,403,082
Reserve Funds .. .. .	1,244,093	23,650	1,267,743
Bank overdraft .. .. .	200,694	32,158	232,852
Profit and Loss Account .. .. .	115,327	11,119	126,446
Other .. .. .	5,339,715	58,823	5,398,538
Total .. .. .	13,865,167	757,643	14,622,810

**CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.**

The succeeding tables contain particulars for each of the years 1951-52 and 1952-53 of the Co-operative Societies operating in Victoria. For the purposes of statistics Co-operative Societies have been defined as such producing, manufacturing, marketing, or distributing societies as substantially fulfil the following conditions:—

- (1) Dividend on share capital not to exceed 8 per cent.
- (2) The greater portion of the business of the company to be transacted with its own shareholders.
- (3) Any distribution of surplus, after payment of dividend on share capital, to be amongst suppliers or customers, in proportion to the business done with the company.
- (4) Voting powers to be limited.

The returns furnished by the societies have been divided into three classes:—(a) those engaged in the production and marketing of primary products and trade requirements; (b) those engaged in



retailing general household requirements; and (c) those that fulfil the functions of (a) and (b) but which cannot be described under either of those headings. The first-mentioned may be described briefly as Producers' Co-operative and the second as Consumers' Co-operative Societies.

## VICTORIA—CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES, 1951-52.

Heading.	Societies—			Total— All Societies.
	Producers'.	Consumers'.	Producers' and Consumers'.	
Number of Societies .. .. .	58	33	9	100
Membership .. .. .	41,583	17,100	4,955	63,638
	£	£	£	£
Purchases .. .. .	12,151,376	2,138,985	3,626,974	17,917,335
Working Expenses, &c. .. .. .	3,035,566	364,712	670,933	4,071,211
Interest on—				
Loan Capital .. .. .	47,594	7,364	6,017	60,975
Bank Overdraft .. .. .				
Rebates and Bonuses .. .. .	55,029	75,358	15,902	146,289
Total Expenditure .. .. .	15,289,565	2,586,419	4,319,826	22,195,810
Sales .. .. .	14,557,697	2,484,080	4,346,487	21,388,264
Other Income .. .. .	1,041,231	58,716	52,073	1,152,020
Total Income .. .. .	15,598,928	2,542,796	4,398,560	22,540,284
Dividend on Share Capital .. .. .	89,912	10,521	10,372	110,805
<i>Liabilities—</i>				
Share Capital—Paid-up .. .. .	1,646,002	348,587	204,132	2,198,721
Loan Capital .. .. .	159,409	79,494	56,804	295,707
Bank Overdraft .. .. .	1,132,647	140,141	164,762	1,437,550
Accumulated Profits .. .. .	550,062	111,087	102,987	764,136
Reserve Funds .. .. .	1,235,290	139,495	205,618	1,580,403
Sundry Creditors .. .. .	1,764,268	159,012	201,730	2,125,010
Other .. .. .	271,805	38,978	85,401	396,184
Total .. .. .	6,759,483	1,016,794	1,021,434	8,797,711
<i>Assets—</i>				
Land and Buildings .. .. .	2,718,855	287,382	515,925	3,522,162
Fittings, Plant and Machinery } .. .. .				
Stock .. .. .	1,568,225	462,701	269,347	2,300,273
Sundry Debtors .. .. .	1,957,165	154,966	162,238	2,274,369
Cash in Bank, in Hand, or on Deposit .. .. .	63,870	30,738	9,375	103,983
Profit and Loss Account .. .. .	79,570	6,144	2,975	88,689
Other .. .. .	371,798	74,863	61,574	508,235
Total .. .. .	6,759,483	1,016,794	1,021,434	8,797,711

## VICTORIA—CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES, 1952-53.

Heading.	Societies—			Total— All Societies.
	Producers'.	Consumers'.	Producers' and Consumers'.	
Number of Societies .. ..	55	33	9	97
Membership .. ..	41,564	17,623	5,574	64,761
	£	£	£	£
Purchases .. ..	13,745,123	2,300,081	4,467,497	20,512,701
Working Expenses, &c. ..	3,220,536	411,826	604,436	4,236,798
Interest on—				
Loan Capital .. ..	44,381	10,525	6,006	60,912
Bank Overdraft .. ..				
Rebates and Bonuses ..	78,970	86,200	39,516	204,686
Total Expenditure ..	17,089,010	2,808,632	5,117,455	25,015,097
Sales .. ..	16,603,009	2,801,716	5,173,553	24,578,278
Other Income .. ..	1,156,416	61,778	60,154	1,278,348
Total Income .. ..	17,759,425	2,863,494	5,233,707	25,856,626
Dividend on Share Capital ..	100,631	12,664	12,126	125,421
<i>Liabilities—</i>				
Share Capital—Paid-up ..	1,789,830	407,514	253,342	2,450,686
Loan Capital .. ..	197,745	78,660	66,322	342,727
Bank Overdraft .. ..	1,175,286	123,527	68,600	1,367,413
Accumulated Profits .. ..	463,916	112,438	112,787	689,141
Reserve Funds .. ..	1,643,147	156,874	305,527	2,105,548
Sundry Creditors .. ..	1,511,071	150,353	292,246	1,953,670
Other .. ..	453,000	51,708	90,200	594,908
Total .. ..	7,233,995	1,081,074	1,189,024	9,504,093
<i>Assets—</i>				
Land and Buildings .. ..	3,021,829	314,177	646,068	3,982,074
Fittings, Plant and Machinery }				
Stock .. ..	1,445,122	459,715	273,406	2,178,243
Sundry Debtors .. ..	1,974,665	191,930	185,113	2,351,708
Cash in Bank, in Hand, or on				
Deposit .. ..	208,166	42,066	4,592	254,824
Profit and Loss Account ..	96,038	9,145	8,411	113,594
Other .. ..	488,175	64,041	71,434	623,650
Total .. ..	7,233,995	1,081,074	1,189,024	9,504,093

**TRUSTEES, EXECUTORS, AND AGENCY COMPANIES.**

There are eight trustee companies transacting business in Victoria. From their published balance-sheets the following particulars for 1953-54 have been abstracted:—Paid-up capital, £530,530; reserve funds, &c., £589,860; other liabilities, £98,149; total liabilities, £1,218,539. The assets were:—Deposits with Government, £142,400; other investments in public securities, &c., £302,032; loans on mortgage, £20,461; property, £577,708; other assets, £175,928; total assets, £1,218,539. The net profits (after deducting taxation provision) were £48,461, and dividends and bonuses paid amounted to £38,839. The net profits were equivalent to 4·3 per cent. on the shareholders' funds, as represented by paid-up capital, reserves, and undivided profits.

**PUBLIC TRUSTEE.**

Under the provisions of the Public Trustee Acts the Public Trustee is authorized to act as executor of wills, to administer intestate estates or to act as an agent, attorney, or trustee. He is also authorized to act as custodian of the assets under settlements and trusts.

The control of the estates of patients in mental hospitals is vested in the Public Trustee who is empowered to assume control of the estates of persons who, by reason of mental or physical disability, are certified to be incapable of managing their affairs.

Consequent on the passing of the *Public Trustee Act* 1948 (No. 5286), the Public Trustee Fund at the State Treasury was abolished and the proceeds of all estates, as from 1st October, 1948, were invested in a Common Fund under the control of the Public Trustee. In the following table particulars of the Common Fund are shown for each of the years 1951-52 to 1953-54:—

**PUBLIC TRUSTEE—COMMON FUND 1951-52 TO 1953-54.**

	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.
	£	£	£
Proceeds of Realizations, Rents, Interest, &c.	1,621,456	1,887,898	1,995,897
Investments, Distributions, Claims, &c. ..	1,258,624	1,657,826	1,721,318
Cash Variation .. .. .	+ 362,832	+ 230,072	274,579
Common Fund .. .. .	1,747,772	2,110,604	2,340,676
Balance at 30th June .. .. .	2,110,604	2,340,676	2,615,255

The numbers of applications for probate and administration made by the Public Trustee for each of the years 1946-47 to 1953-54 are shown in the following table:—

1946-47 ..	1,013	1950-51 ..	924
1947-48 ..	886	1951-52 ..	1,095
1948-49 ..	949	1952-53 ..	1,182
1949-50 ..	940	1953-54 ..	1,187

The number of Wills (under which the Public Trustee was appointed executor) lodged for safe custody during 1952-53 and 1953-54 was 1,823 and 2,079 respectively.

### LAND TRANSFERS, MORTGAGES, LIENS, ETC.

A summary of land transactions under the Transfer of Land Acts in the Titles Office for each of the years 1950 to 1954 is given hereunder:—

#### VICTORIA—DEALINGS LODGED AT THE TITLES OFFICE (UNDER THE TRANSFER OF LAND ACTS), 1950 TO 1954.

Year Ended 31st December—	Number of Transfers.	Mortgages.		Number of—			
		Number.	Amount.*	Entries of Executor, Adminis- trator, or Survivor.	Plans of Sub- division.	Other Dealings.	Total Dealings.
			£				
1950 ..	100,474	35,914	24,338,621	8,906	3,010	30,106	178,410
1951 ..	97,553	37,856	39,903,333	8,335	3,884	30,087	177,715
1952 ..	74,702	35,545	63,894,020	8,802	3,545	32,300	154,894
1953 ..	79,036	40,252	58,182,040	9,368	3,543	42,558	174,757
1954 ..	85,943	39,033	51,926,317	9,198	5,111	41,979	181,264

\* Excluding the amounts owing under mortgages given to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

#### VICTORIA—TITLES OF LAND ISSUED, 1950 TO 1954.

Year Ended 31st December—	Number of—			
	Certificates of Title.	Crown Grants.	Crown Leases.	Total Titles.
1950 .. ..	22,092	2,171	138	24,401
1951 .. ..	21,604	1,918	182	23,704
1952 .. ..	31,401	2,056	159	33,616
1953 .. ..	48,362	1,839	142	50,343
1954 .. ..	34,537	1,533	170	36,240

Dealings  
under the  
Property Law  
Act 1928.

A statement of mortgages, reconveyances, and conveyances registered under the *Property Law Act 1928* (commonly known as the General Law) is also appended:—

VICTORIA—DEALINGS UNDER THE PROPERTY LAW ACT,  
1950 TO 1954.

Year Ended	Mortgages.		Reconveyances.		Conveyances.	
	Number.	Amount.*	Number.	Amount.†	Number.	Amount.
		£		£		£
1950 .. ..	1,210	3,406,434	968	216,987	3,726	5,823,711
1951 .. ..	1,317	2,419,517	986	149,513	3,552	6,843,438
1952 .. ..	1,245	2,082,766	992	249,437	3,009	5,700,723
1953 .. ..	1,398	1,459,021	1,268	282,630	3,164	7,204,325
1954 .. ..	1,465	1,961,593	1,160	313,322	3,212	9,571,522

\* Excluding the amounts owing under mortgages given to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

† Excluding repayments designated "Principal and Interest".

Stock  
mortgages,  
liens of wool  
and crops.

The number and amount of stock mortgages, liens on wool, and liens on crops registered during each of the years 1950 to 1954 are shown in the following table. Releases of liens are not required to be registered as, after the expiration of twelve months, the registration of all liens is automatically cancelled. Very few mortgagors of stock secure themselves by a registered release.

VICTORIA—STOCK MORTGAGES AND LIENS ON WOOL  
AND CROPS, 1950 TO 1954.

Security.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Stock Mortgages—					
Number .. ..	494	546	449	436	422
Amount .. ..	£ 328,183	336,285	391,297	347,624	272,683
Liens on Wool—					
Number .. ..	48	39	110	166	187
Amount .. ..	£ 75,858	67,190	162,843	240,934	265,965
Liens on Crops—					
Number .. ..	205	180	138	176	131
Amount .. ..	£ 28,714	19,652	17,582	36,355	19,466
Total—					
Number .. ..	747	765	697	778	740
Amount .. ..	£ 432,755	423,127	571,722	624,913	558,114

**Bills and contracts of sale.**

The following are the numbers and amounts of bills and contracts of sale which have been filed in each of the years 1950 to 1954 :—

**VICTORIA—BILLS AND CONTRACTS OF SALE, 1950 TO 1954.**

Security.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Bills of Sale—					
Number .. ..	3,739	3,430	3,340	3,869	4,149
Amount .. .. £	3,145,282	2,718,732	3,073,604	3,472,263	4,199,688
Contracts of Sale—					
Number .. ..	2	1	3	3	1
Amount .. .. £	40,200	1,286	2,333	12,344	418

**COMPANIES.**

The *Companies Act* No. 4602 of 1938, which was proclaimed on 1st May, 1939, consolidated and amended the law in relation to companies. Particulars of companies registered under Parts 1 and 2 of the Act, in so far as these are recorded in the Registrar-General's Office, are shown in the following statement :—

**VICTORIA—COMPANIES, 1950 TO 1954.**

	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.
New Companies Registered—					
Victorian Trading .. ..	869	1,046	808	1,109	1,521
Foreign .. ..	72	98	97	107	116
Mining .. ..	5	4	4	8	15
Total .. ..	946	1,148	909	1,224	1,652
	£	£	£	£	£
Nominal Capital of New Companies—					
Victorian Trading .. ..	64,256,950	63,016,700	52,264,099	63,640,580	104,165,650
Foreign .. ..	30,829,379	45,650,434	29,757,797	33,682,224	39,099,736
Mining .. ..	277,000	1,307,912	44,700	805,750	82,350
Total .. ..	95,363,329	109,975,046	82,066,596	98,128,554	143,347,736
	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.
Existing Companies—					
Victorian Trading .. ..	12,077	12,885	13,282	14,093	14,983
Foreign .. ..	1,035	1,120	1,179	1,256	1,306
Total .. ..	13,112	14,005	14,461	15,349	16,289
	£	£	£	£	£
Increase in Nominal Capital of existing Companies during the year—					
Victorian Trading .. ..	90,093,112	95,225,336	49,978,256	61,205,185	118,828,870
Mining .. ..	2,375,000	1,433,750	901,824	1,691,750	11,899,275
Total .. ..	92,468,112	96,659,086	50,880,080	62,896,935	130,728,145

## PART VI.

### SOCIAL CONDITION.

#### THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE.

The University of Melbourne was incorporated and endowed by an Act of the Governor and the Legislative Council of Victoria, the Royal assent having been given on 22nd January, 1853. The University consists of and is governed by a Council of 32 members and a Convocation consisting of all graduates. The University buildings, together with those of the affiliated residential colleges, are situated on 106 acres of land in the southern part of Carlton.

Payment to the University of an annual endowment of £45,000 from 1st July, 1923, was provided for in the *University Act* 1923. In addition, a supplementary grant of £446,550 (£412,550 in 1952-53) was received for the year 1953-54. Other annual statutory grants and grants for special purposes were £19,350 (£19,500 in 1952-53) for a School of Agriculture, £24,000 (£24,000 in 1952-53) for a Veterinary School, £2,100 (£2,100 in 1952-53) for Research, £5,000 (£5,000 in 1952-53) for the Conservatorium of Music, £1,000 (£1,000 in 1952-53) for the University Extension work, £31,000 (£31,000 in 1952-53) for the Public Health Laboratory, £24,000 (£22,000 in 1952-53) for the Dental College, and £6,000 (£6,000 in 1952-53) for Brown Coal Research, bringing the total Government grant to £604,000 (£568,000 in 1952-53). The Commonwealth Government Grant for General purposes was £360,055 (£313,423 for 1953) for 1954, and the Council also derived income from fees paid for lectures, examinations, certificates, and diplomas. Further income was derived from endowments of various kinds, but most of these were for special purposes.

The University maintains Chairs either out of general revenue or from endowments, as follows: Accounting (G. L. Wood, Professor), Agriculture, Anatomy, Applied Mathematics, Architecture (The *Age* Professor), Bacteriology, Biochemistry, Botany and Plant Physiology, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Classical Philology, Commerce (Sydney Myer Professor), Commercial Law, Conservative Dental Surgery, Dental Science, Dental Prosthetics, Economics (Truby Williams Professor), Economic History, Education, Electrical Engineering, English Language and Literature, Fine Arts (The *Herald* Professor), French, Geology and Mineralogy, Germanic Languages, History, History

(Ernest Scott Professor), Jurisprudence, Mechanical Engineering, Medicine, Metallurgy, Music (The Ormond Professor), Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Organic Chemistry, Pathology, Pharmacology, Philosophy, Physics (Chamber of Manufactures Professor), Physiology, Political Science, Psychology, Public Law, Pure Mathematics, Semitic Studies (L. and A. Sicree Professor), Statistics, Surgery, Zoology. Research Chairs have been established in Economics (The Ritchie Professor), Experimental Medicine, and Metallurgy.

In addition, other departments, under the charge of an Associate-Professor, senior lecturer-in-charge, or other officer are Criminology, Forestry, History and Methods of Science, Languages (Science Courses), Medical Jurisprudence, Medicine, Meteorology, Mining, Physical Education, Russian, Social Studies, Statistics, Surgery, Surveying, Town and Regional Planning, and Veterinary Science.

The Annual fees payable by any student to the University in any year do not, in general, exceed £100. There are schemes in operation for financial assistance to students, based partly on academic merit and partly on a means test, by both State and Federal Governments, the latter including the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme for ex-servicemen and the Commonwealth Scholarships Scheme. In addition, the University makes loans in approved cases out of a Students' Loan Fund, established in 1923.

Fees include a small Union fee, payable by all students, who are thereby entitled to share in the corporate and social activities centred round the University Union. The student body, through its Students' Representative Council, has a large measure of self-government in all matters concerning the University Union. There is, in addition, a voluntary organization of the University graduates known as the Graduate Union.

Scholarships, exhibitions, and prizes are provided in all the principal subjects, the cost being defrayed partly out of University funds and partly by private bequests. Trust Fund Investments at 31st December, 1954, amounted to £1,937,601 (£1,791,120 at 31st December, 1953). The total amount received by way of private benefaction in 1954 was £253,211 (£134,569 in 1953).

**Public Examinations.** The University, through a Schools' Board (on which the Education Department, the registered secondary schools, the University teaching staff, and the business community are represented), conducts examinations each year for the School Intermediate and the School Leaving Certificates. The appended tables give the results of the examinations for the years 1952, 1953, and 1954, when the total entrants (December and February examinations) numbered 16,525, 18,738, and 20,188 respectively.



VICTORIA—PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS 1952 TO 1954.

Examination.	Number who Attempted to Pass Fully.	Number who Passed Fully (including Supplementary Examinations).	
		Total.	Percentage.
School Intermediate—			
1952 .. .. .	9,240	6,089	65·90
1953 .. .. .	10,895	7,288	66·89
1954 .. .. .	10,720	7,310	68·19
School Leaving—			
1952 .. .. .	5,387	3,666	68·05
1953 .. .. .	5,983	4,030	67·36
1954 .. .. .	6,882	4,552	66·14

NOTE.—Examinations are held in December of each year and Supplementary Examinations for School Leaving in February of the succeeding year.

Of the number who passed fully, 3,850 in 1952, 4,725 in 1953, and 4,891 in 1954 satisfied the requirements of the School Intermediate examination by submitting a Headmaster's certificate from an approved school. Corresponding figures for the School Leaving examination were 1,738, 1,929, and 2,238 respectively.

**Matriculation Examination 1952, 1953, and 1954.** For many years prior to 1944, the University's matriculation qualification had been gained by the passing of the School Leaving Examination in a prescribed manner. Then, a new Matriculation Examination, to which the obtaining of the School Leaving Certificate is pre-requisite, was introduced, and the matriculation qualification is now gained primarily at this examination. Statistics of the Matriculation Examinations 1952, 1953, and 1954 are as follows :—

Candidates.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Total Entries .. .. .	3,943	3,998	4,178
Number who attempted to pass fully	2,639	2,556	2,700
Number who passed fully .. .. .	1,650	1,659	1,700
Percentage who passed fully .. .. .	62·52	64·91	62·96

**Under-graduates Admitted and Degrees Conferred.** Candidates for degrees must matriculate as prescribed by the regulations before being admitted as undergraduates. The number of undergraduates admitted during each of the three years 1952-1954 was as follows :—1952, 1,336; 1953, 1,374, and 1954, 1,358. The number of degrees taken during those

years was 1,149, 1,063, and 1,035, respectively. Of the total of 26,551 degrees granted since the establishment of the University, 5,538 have been conferred on women.

The following table shows the number of full-time, part-time, and external students who attended the University during the period 1952-54:—

**MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY—ENROLMENTS FOR PERIOD 1952-54.**

Year.	Full Course.	Part Course.	External.	Total.
1952 .. .. .	4,217	2,561	542	7,320
1953 .. .. .	4,128	2,429	471	7,028
1954 .. .. .	4,258	2,205	425	6,888

NOTE.—The number of women students included above is 1,536 in 1952, 1,620 in 1953, and 1,569 in 1954.

Enrolments by Faculties for the same three years are as follows:—

**MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY—ENROLMENTS BY FACULTIES FOR PERIOD 1952-54.**

Faculty.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Agriculture .. .. .	105	122	143
Architecture .. .. .	195	249	228
Arts .. .. .	1,652	1,969	1,936
Commerce .. .. .	814	790	779
Dental Science .. .. .	248	239	208
Education .. .. .	394	395	412
Engineering .. .. .	542	520	505
Journalism .. .. .	19	23	14
Law .. .. .	561	554	610
Medicine .. .. .	1,091	1,020	981
Music .. .. .	189	161	166
Physical Education .. .. .	45	56	42
Public Administration .. .. .	35	45	32
Research (post graduate) .. .. .	201	Incorporated in faculty totals	
Science .. .. .	703	813	763
Social Studies .. .. .	62	72	69
Total .. .. .	6,856	7,028	6,888

NOTE.—Total for 1952 does not include certain categories of miscellaneous students taking single subjects. Of these there were 464 in 1952.

**University Finance.** A statement of income and expenditure for the years ended 31st December, 1953 and 31st December, 1954, is given below :—

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF THE MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY, 1953 AND 1954.**

	1953.	1954.
<b>GENERAL INCOME.</b>		
State Government Grants—	£	£
General .. .. .	470,200	491,050
Other—except for buildings .. .. .	111,174	121,811
Commonwealth Government Grants and Re-imbursments—		
General .. .. .	313,423	360,055
Other—except for buildings .. .. .	47,322	63,931
Students' Fees—		
Lectures .. .. .	309,832	380,453
Other .. .. .	94,061	94,971
Public, Public Music Examination, and Certificate Fees ..	63,933	70,170
Bequests and Donations—other than for Capital purposes	62,641	80,470
Interest, Dividends, and Rent .. .. .	83,971	86,497
Other Receipts .. .. .	49,990	56,351
Total General Income .. .. .	1,606,547	1,805,759
<b>GENERAL EXPENDITURE.</b>		
	£	£
Salaries (including Research Scholarships) and Provident Fund	1,050,771	1,230,414
Apparatus and Laboratory Materials .. .. .	81,387	116,195
Books and Periodicals .. .. .	28,482	25,242
Examiners' Fees .. .. .	28,532	28,636
Exhibitions and Bursaries .. .. .	7,435	8,064
Furniture and Furnishings .. .. .	7,244	10,494
Pay-Roll Tax .. .. .	25,885	30,487
Payment of Students' Fees to Allied Institutions ..	68,056	69,583
Printing and Stationery .. .. .	28,521	33,436
Repairs, Alterations, and Grounds .. .. .	43,395	54,234
Service Charges—Electricity, Gas, Fuel, Water, Telephones	28,220	28,541
Other .. .. .	125,500	134,606
Total General Expenditure .. .. .	1,523,428	1,769,932
<b>SPECIAL INCOME.</b>		
	£	£
Donations and Bequests—for buildings or as endowments	71,928	172,741
Commonwealth Government Grant for Building .. .. .	..	70,000
State Government Grant for Building .. .. .	..	46,092
Total Special Income .. .. .	71,928	288,833
<b>SPECIAL EXPENDITURE.</b>		
	£	£
Buildings .. .. .	69,966	108,788
Demolition of Wilson Hall .. .. .	8,331	..
Total Special Expenditure .. .. .	78,297	108,788

NOTE.—The statement above covers all University Funds, some of which are available for specific purposes only. At 31st December, 1954, the accumulated deficit in the University General Fund was £96,489.

**Affiliated Colleges.** There are four residential colleges for men affiliated with the University. Trinity, Ormond, Queen's, and Newman Colleges were established by the Church of England, the Presbyterian, the Methodist, and Roman Catholic Churches respectively. Janet Clarke Hall and St. Mary's Hall are colleges established for women students and attached to Trinity College and Newman College respectively. The University Women's College (not a Church foundation) was affiliated during 1937. Information relating to the foundation and progress of the colleges is given in previous issues of the *Year-Book*.

**College of Dentistry.** In 1906, the Australian College of Dentistry was formally affiliated with the University, which obtained certain rights of supervision and control and, in return, undertook to recognize the professional teaching of the College in connexion with the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Science. Particulars relating to the establishment of this College were published in the *Year-Book* for 1916-17, pages 516 and 517.

**University Library.** With the exception of a small amount from endowments Library expenditure is met from University general funds. The total annual expenditure during the year ended 31st December, 1954, was £54,300 (£53,600 in 1953), (books, periodicals, binding and sundries £25,900 (£28,400 in 1953), and the balance in salaries and services). During the year 1954 the Library acquired, mainly by purchase, 2,600 (2,500 in 1953) periodicals, and added to its shelves about 9,469 (9,033 in 1953) bound volumes. Total book stocks were 205,601 volumes at the end of 1954 (196,680 in 1953).

**Canberra University College.** The Canberra University College was established under an Ordinance of the Australian Capital Territory in 1929. While the administration is quite separate from that of the University, a temporary agreement exists whereby students of the College may in certain Faculties become external students of the University, take University examinations, and proceed to Melbourne degrees. Teaching appointments in the College are required to be approved by the University.

**University Extension.** The University's responsibility for adult education has diminished with the formation of the Council of Adult Education, and continues as such only in the activities of an Extension Committee and the Melbourne University Association. The University does provide, however, for the matriculation, under special conditions, of adult persons over the age of 20 years who have shown aptitude for higher education as determined by psychological tests.

**Rehabilitation of Ex-Servicemen.** The total number of Students attending the University, who were assisted, either as full-time or part-time students under the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training scheme was 193 in 1954 (408 in 1953).

### VICTORIAN COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

The Victorian College of Pharmacy, formerly known as the Melbourne College of Pharmacy, was established in 1880. It provides instruction in the subjects of the Apprenticeship Course of Studies set out in the Pharmacy Regulations, under Part III. of the Medical Act. The College is under the control of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Victoria and is recognized by the Pharmacy Board of Victoria as a School of Pharmacy providing instruction in accordance with Part III. of the Medical Act for persons seeking to qualify as pharmaceutical chemists. It is the only institution providing such a course.

Information in regard to enrolment of students and subjects of the Pharmacy Course included in the curriculum was published in the *Year-Book* 1942-43, page 226.

Until 1921, an annual grant was made by the State Government for the purpose of carrying on the work of the College. Since then the institution has been self-supporting, revenue being from students' fees, examination fees, &c. Substantial amounts have been voluntarily contributed by members of the Pharmaceutical Society from time to time for the purpose of additions and alterations to the College building.

The number of students attending the College from 1950 to 1954 is shown hereunder :—

Course.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Pharmacy .. .. .	506	528	537	603	546
Medical .. .. .	155	140	133	169	154
Post Graduate (Pharmacy) ..	20	10	12	9	21
Total .. .. .	681	678	682	781	721

Principal items of receipts and expenditure from 1950 to 1954 were :—

#### RECEIPTS.

	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
Lecture Fees .. .. .	17,337	17,206	23,515	31,254	31,073
Examination Fees .. .. .	716	842	925	839	860

## PAYMENTS.

	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries and Fees to lecturers ..	6,854	6,789	8,701	11,379	14,035
Drugs and Chemicals .. ..	1,559	1,582	1,982	1,667	1,953
Administration and other Ex- penses .. .. .	11,054	14,192	19,272	16,221	13,700

## THE STATE EDUCATION SYSTEM.

The  
Educational  
System of  
Victoria.

The present system of education came into operation on 1st January, 1873, the Act which introduced it having been passed in the previous year.

Under the *Education Act* 1872, education to all willing to accept it was made "free, compulsory and secular"—free, because fees were not to be charged; compulsory, in the sense that, whether the children attend or do not attend State Schools, evidence must be produced that they are educated up to a certain standard; and secular, for the reason that no teacher is allowed to give other than secular instruction in any State School building. Facilities are, however, afforded to persons other than State School teachers to give religious instruction to the children of those parents who wish their children to receive such instruction. In each school four hours at least are set apart during each school day for secular instruction, two of which must be before, and two after, mid-day. In practice the actual hours of instruction in the smaller primary schools are from 9.15 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. with one hour for lunch, and in the larger primary schools from 9.15 a.m. to 4 p.m. with 1½ hours for lunch.

The *Education Act* 1910 marked a distinctive epoch in the history of education in Victoria, in that it laid the foundation of a complete national system from the infants' school to the highest educational institutions in the State.

In accordance with the provisions of the *Education Act* 1928, parents or guardians of children of not less than six nor more than fourteen years of age are required to cause such children to attend school on every school half-day in each week, unless there is a reasonable excuse within the meaning of section 25 (3) of the Act for non-attendance. Failure to comply with these provisions renders a parent or guardian liable for a first offence to a penalty of not more than Two pounds and in default of payment to imprisonment for a term of not more than seven days, and for a second or

Compulsory  
Attendance.

any subsequent offence in respect of the same or any other child to a penalty of not less than Two pounds nor more than Five pounds, and in default of payment to imprisonment for a term of not more than fourteen days. Attendance Officers are appointed to ensure compliance with the compulsory attendance provisions of the Education Act. The school leaving age is to be raised to fifteen years on a day to be proclaimed.

**Free Subjects.** The elementary school subjects in which instruction is free are contained in a statement published in the *Year-Book* 1943-44, page 434.

Instruction is free also to approved students in secondary and technical schools. In secondary schools no fees are charged to full-time students who make satisfactory progress. Where single subjects are taken, or where the student has already failed in the work for the fourth, fifth, or sixth year as the case may be, moderate fees are charged.

Secondary school subjects include—English, French, German, Latin, Italian\*, Dutch\*, Japanese\*, Russian\*, Greek and Roman History, British History, History of British Empire, History of Australasia and the Pacific, Social Studies, Musical Appreciation, Agricultural Science, Domestic Science (including Cookery), General Science, Geography, Geology, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Accounting, Mathematics (Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Pure Mathematics, Calculus and Applied Mathematics), Art, Craftwork, Home Management, Dressmaking, Needlework, Mechanical Drawing, Commercial Principles, Commercial Practice, Shorthand and Typewriting and Physical Education.

No tuition fees are charged for the four years Junior Technical School course which leads to the Junior Technical School Certificate (third year) and the Intermediate Technical Certificate (fourth year). In senior technical schools free tuition may be granted to full-time students who possess the prescribed qualifications for entry to approved courses and maintain satisfactory progress. Senior courses available under these conditions include Applied Chemistry, Applied Science, Architecture, Engineering (Aeronautical, Automotive, Civil, Communication, Electrical, Mechanical, Mining, Metallurgical, Chemical), Metallurgy, Textiles, Commercial Subjects, Cookery and Institutional Management, Needlecrafts, Dressmaking, Art and Applied Art, Building and Pre-nursing.

**Conveyance Allowance.**

An allowance for conveyance of up to one shilling for each day's attendance at a State or registered primary school is granted to children between the ages of six and fourteen years whose residence is not less than three miles distant from the

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\* Small classes held only at University High School each Saturday morning.

nearest existing State school in the case of a State primary school pupil or from the nearest existing registered primary school of the appropriate denomination in the case of a registered school pupil. In special cases the allowance is granted for the conveyance of children over fourteen years of age.

Pupils attending a State school established for mentally or physically handicapped children may be granted an allowance for conveyance irrespective of age, distance travelled, or fares incurred.

**Conveyance of Post-Primary Pupils.** Believing that the system of conveying groups of children from outlying districts to large educational centres is preferable to the establishment of small State secondary and technical schools, the Education Department decided, at the beginning of 1944, to provide a number of bus services and to defray the full cost of the transport of pupils conveyed.

During the year 1953-54 there were 751 (719 in 1952-53) school buses in operation and 27,850 (24,917 in 1952-53) pupils were conveyed to State and registered secondary and primary schools. The cost of these services was £1,124,131 (£1,036,820 in 1952-53).

An allowance for conveyance not exceeding £39 per annum is paid on behalf of a pupil attending a State secondary school provided the place of residence is not less than three miles from the nearest State school providing the required standard of education.

A similar allowance is paid on behalf of a pupil attending a registered secondary school provided the place of residence is not less than three miles from the school attended and that school is the nearest registered secondary school of the appropriate denomination.

**School Committees.** Under Act No. 2301 (now incorporated in the *Education Act* 1928, No. 3671) provision was made for the appointment of a school committee for each school, consisting of not more than seven persons. The members of school committees are nominated by the parents of children attending the school for which the committee is to be appointed. The main duties of such committees are—

- (a) to exercise a general oversight of the buildings and grounds, and to report to the Minister on their condition when necessary ;
- (b) to carry out any necessary work referred to the committee in connexion with maintenance or repair of or additions to the buildings ; and
- (c) to use every endeavour to induce parents to send their children to school regularly and punctually.



**Handicapped Children.** For children who are prevented by disabilities from obtaining full benefit from the ordinary schools, special educational facilities are provided. These include hospital schools, schools for children with physical handicaps, schools for the deaf, a school for epileptics, an open-air school for children of lowered vitality, a sight-saving class for partially sighted children, eight schools for mentally handicapped children, and correspondence and itinerant teaching services for home-bound pupils. Some of the schools are residential. Corrective gymnastics, speech therapy and remedial teaching are provided at special centres. The school medical officers and the Education Department's psychology branch and supervisors are closely in touch with the work being done.

**School Savings Banks.** The number of depositors at the 30th June, 1954 was 341,313 (320,985 at the 30th June, 1953), with a balance at credit amounting to £1,487,087 (£1,300,947 in 1953).

**Social Service Leagues.** Over 80 per cent. of State schools—primary, secondary and technical—are members. Cash received was £50,021 18s. Od. in 1954 (£48,322 6s. Od. in 1953). Value of goods was £25,832 15s. Od. in 1954 (£35,664 9s. Od. in 1953). Cash and goods were sent to State Schools' Relief Committee, United Nations Appeal for Children, appeals for handicapped children and adults, hospitals and other appeals.

**School Forestry and Horticulture.** In 1923 the Education Department introduced a school endowment scheme for Victorian schools.

With the assistance of the Lands Department and the Department of State Forests, areas of land in the vicinity of State schools have been reserved for plantation purposes, and these are planted under commercial timber-trees, principally *pinus radiata*.

At 30th June, 1954, established plantations numbered 435 (424 in 1952-53), with a total area of approximately 3,510 acres (3,440 acres in 1952-53). During the planting season 10,360 (49,538 in 1952-53) pines, 1,775 (1,710 in 1952-53) sugar gums, and 2,055 (2,469 in 1952-53) other species were planted.

From the 1st July, 1953, to the 30th June, 1954, nineteen schools (22 in 1952-53) sold a total of 294,000 (604,000 in 1952-53) super feet of pine logs and 13 (22 in 1952-53) cunits of pulpwood. The total net value of timber sold was £2,251 (£4,027 in 1952-53), bringing the total net revenue since 1937 to £29,062 (£26,811 in 1952-53).

The Victorian State Schools' Horticultural Society, founded in 1913, renders much assistance to schools. The society has established a nursery from which seedlings, shrubs, and many thousands of packets of seeds are distributed annually to schools throughout the State.

Both the Victorian State Schools' Horticultural Society and the School Forestry Branch do much to encourage the practical teaching of horticulture and forestry by the preparation of films and film strips, and by the provision of vacation schools for teachers.

**Young Farmers' Club.** For many years Young Farmers' Clubs have existed in the schools of Victoria, interesting pupils and young people generally in the agricultural and pastoral life of the community. Projects are established at school and at home by the members who, through them, aim to reach a more thorough understanding of their rural environment. Each club is controlled by a local committee and is under the leadership of the teacher of the school concerned.

Consolidated and group schools have taken the place of many rural schools, and although thereby many clubs have ceased to exist, the larger schools should afford opportunities for the development of strong clubs.

**School Broadcasts.** There has been a remarkable increase in the number of schools, both State and registered, taking part in school broadcasts. The first regular school broadcasts commenced in 1931. In that year 30 schools were equipped with radio receiving sets. By December, 1954, this number had increased to 2,443 including 1,996 State schools. Over 90 per cent. of State schools have receiving sets for broadcasts.

The increase was particularly rapid from 1946 to 1954 in which period the numbers doubled. Following are comparative figures for the five years ended December, 1954, showing the numbers of radio-equipped schools :—

Details.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Radio-equipped schools ..	2,250	2,242	2,314	2,381	2,443

During 1954, 26 broadcasts were available each week for primary and secondary schools.

**Music and Speech Training.** There are 32 members (40 in 1953) of the Music and Speech Training Staff, 28 Music (26 in 1953) and four Speech Training (fourteen in 1953). Two members of the Music and Speech Training Staff are attached to Melbourne Teachers' College, one to assist the Lecturer in Music and one to assist the Lecturer in Speech Training. Members also assist at the Teachers'

Colleges in Geelong and Bendigo. (In 1953, one member of the Music Staff was attached to Melbourne Teachers' College to assist the Lecturer in Music, one to Bendigo Teachers' College, and one to Geelong Teachers' College.) Three members (twelve in 1953) are attached to the various centres as follows:—

	1954.	1953.
Ballarat ..	—	1 Music, 1 Speech Training
Bendigo ..	—	2 Music, 1 Speech Training
Geelong ..	1 Music	1 Music, 1 Speech Training
Hamilton ..	—	1 Speech Training
Horsham ..	1 Music	1 Speech Training
Mildura ..	—	1 Music, 1 Speech Training
Shepparton ..	1 Speech Training	1 Speech Training

Twenty-six work in the metropolitan area; two of the music staff are teaching half-time; eight have obtained nominated courses, six for the Bachelor of Music Degree, one for the Bachelor of Arts Degree, and one for the Diploma of Education. One senior member is in charge of Fife and Recorder Bands.

(In 1953, 25 worked in the metropolitan area; four people had obtained nominated courses for the Bachelor of Music Degree, whilst one senior member was in charge of the Fife and Recorder bands, and one in charge of speech.)

Student-teacher classes in music and speech training are held at the Music Centre, State School No. 2365, Queensberry-street, Carlton. Correspondence tuition in speech is provided for country student teachers, and advanced classes to enable teachers to qualify for the Singing Teacher's Primary Certificate and Certificate of Competency in Speech Training are held at a metropolitan centre.

There are weekly broadcasts in music for both junior and post-primary grades.

The Education Department's Visual Education Centre possesses 1,301 (1,258 in 1953) motion picture films. Multiple copies of each title are now included in the library. Eleven metropolitan film circuits and eleven (ten in 1953) country circuits—Ballarat, Geelong, Castlemaine, Maryborough, Beechworth, Wangaratta, South Gippsland, Western District, Bendigo, Dandenong, Peninsula, Gippsland, and Eltham, serving 242 (226 in 1953) selected schools (primary, technical, and high) are operated each day. Over 28,000 pupils see films every week in Victorian schools. Films are lent to 211 (176 in 1953) schools with their own equipment and 16,857 (15,000 in 1953) reels of film were sent out in the year.

**Visual Education.**

Over 390 (350 in 1953) teachers were trained as 16-mm. projectionists at the Visual Education Centre. Special screenings and guidance have been given to teachers at group meetings called by District Inspectors, and lectures have been given at teachers' colleges.

There are 1,636 (1,629 in 1953) departmental schools with film-strip projectors. The film-strip library contains 1,741 (1,668 in 1953) separate titles of which 591 (568 in 1953) were produced at the Centre, 16,857 (15,000 in 1953) of these latter film-strips were sent out in the last twelve months. Of the 1,150 film-strips in the lending library, the average rate of borrowing by 225 schools participating is 400 per month. Technical specifications for 150 (130 in 1953) radio installations have been prepared during the year.

Thirty-eight wall charts have been produced. Numerous requests have been received for advice and guidance on the purchase of suitable projection equipment. Teachers' film-group meetings continue to be held in Melbourne and Ballarat.

**Physical education.** The organization of physical education is in charge of an Organizer with a staff of 29 women and 40 men in 1953, and 31 women and 69 men assistants in 1954, all of whom work in metropolitan districts, post-primary schools, in large provincial centres or in country inspectorates.

The training of teachers is carried out by:—

- (a) regular visits to schools in the metropolitan area, the provincial cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, and Maryborough and, from 1954 on, the inspectorate of Shepparton;
- (b) refresher classes in country inspectorates and vacation schools;
- (c) special classes of instruction for student teachers;
- (d) lectures and practical work in the teachers' colleges.

From these visits or classes of instruction, teachers are assisted in carrying out normal school programmes.

Three posture-corrective gymnasiums function in the metropolitan area for children with posture defects; they cater for a limited number of children from surrounding schools and are conducted under medical supervision by qualified physical educationists.

Folk dancing broadcasts are arranged and conducted by the staff on a fortnightly basis.

**School Orchestras.** Dandenong High School has a small orchestra; four high schools—MacRobertson Girls', Melbourne, University, and Northcote—have full orchestras, as have East Camberwell Girls' Secondary School and Footscray Technical School.

**School Bands.** There are eight brass bands (seven in 1953), 28 drum and fife bands (24 in 1953), and 28 recorder bands (eighteen in 1953) in schools.

**Teachers Colleges.** Teachers for primary schools are trained at the Melbourne, Toorak, Burwood, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong Teachers' Colleges. Applicants who have gained the Leaving Certificate or passed in five leaving Certificate subjects including English, or their equivalents, may be admitted to a one-year, two-year or three-year course of training if they are seventeen years of age and have been recommended by the Recruitment Officer or a district inspector.

A one-year course for the Trained Primary Teacher's Certificate is available for adult applicants; the two-year course for the Trained Primary Teacher's Certificate is compulsory for applicants under 21 years of age; and the three-year course is for the Trained Infant Teacher's Certificate. The first year of this course can be taken at any college but the second and third years are available only at the Melbourne, Burwood, and Toorak Teachers' Colleges.

Qualified applicants who are under age are appointed as temporary student teachers until old enough to enter training. There is a mid-year intake of students to metropolitan colleges in addition to the beginning of the year intake at all colleges.

An extended course of training for one year is available at the Melbourne Teachers' College for teachers who have completed Trained Primary Teacher's Certificate and who wish to specialize in teaching mentally-handicapped children or in opportunity grades. At the end of the course the Trained Special Teacher's Certificate is awarded. Extended courses are also available for University courses in arts, science, commerce, engineering, music; for a diploma course in agriculture at Dookie or Longerenong Agricultural Colleges; for training as Teacher Librarians; for training as art and crafts teachers or as domestic arts teachers in consolidated schools; and for training as teachers of the deaf. The last course is taken at the Training Centre for Teachers of the Deaf at Kew.

Secondary studentships are awarded to matriculated students for a degree course at the University in arts, science, commerce, engineering or music, followed by the first year of the Bachelor of Education course. Graduates and under-graduates are also eligible for these studentships to complete their courses. These students are

attached to the Secondary Teachers' College at the University and when they have completed their courses they are appointed to secondary schools.

Teachers of art and crafts in secondary schools are trained at the Melbourne Teachers' College although part of their three-year course of training is taken at technical schools. Teachers of domestic arts in secondary schools are trained at "Larnook" Domestic Arts Teachers' College and they also attend classes at the Emily McPherson College of Domestic Economy and the Melbourne Teachers' College during their three-year course of training.

**Central  
Schools  
(post-  
primary).**

Fifteen central schools (post-primary) have been established in Victoria.

These schools have been provided for children who have completed the primary course and who have not gained admission to a secondary school or a junior technical school. The course of study is an extension of the primary school course and is arranged to assist pupils who desire to strengthen their claims for subsequent enrolment at a secondary or a junior technical school. However, the course specially aims at providing a general training for pupils who do not intend to enter secondary or junior technical schools.

**State Primary  
Schools, Teachers  
and Scholars**  
1950 to 1954.

The following table shows the number of State Schools, Teachers and Scholars for the period 1950-54:—

**VICTORIA—STATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS, ENROLMENT AND ATTENDANCE, 1950 TO 1954.**

Year.	Number of Schools at End of Year.*	Number of Teachers.†	Number of Scholars.*		
			Enrolled During the Year.	In Average Attendance.	Estimated Net Enrolment.
1950 (31st December) ..	2,016	7,336	221,102	164,096	194,906
1951 .. ..	1,949	7,271	233,026	173,316	205,888
1952 .. ..	1,927	7,253	246,727	188,683	221,234
1953 .. ..	1,908	7,790	262,404	203,302	232,875
1954 .. ..	1,893	8,053	276,380	212,154	245,604

\* Includes Post Primary classes. Excludes Correspondence School.

† Exclusive of teachers temporarily employed, the number of whom was 1,754 on 31st December, 1954. (1,765 on 31st December, 1953.)

**State Secondary Schools, Enrolment, and Attendance, 1952, 1953, and 1954.** The following table gives the enrolment and attendance for the years 1952, 1953, and 1954 :—

VICTORIA—STATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS, ENROLMENT AND ATTENDANCE, YEARS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1952, 1953, AND 1954.

Class of School.	Year.	Number of Schools.	Number of Pupils.†		
			Enrolled during the Year.	In Average Attendance.	Estimated Net Enrolment.
Central Schools* and Classes	1952	33	5,997	5,156	5,824
	1953	37	6,891	5,868	6,585
	1954	33	6,550	5,638	6,298
Higher Elementary Schools*	1952	39	4,343	3,615	4,129
	1953	38	4,276	3,543	4,029
	1954	35	3,911	3,300	3,693
Girls' Secondary Schools ..	1952	14	6,180	5,082	6,028
	1953	14	6,477	5,336	6,350
	1954	14	6,500	5,364	6,322
Junior Technical Schools† ..	1952	30	14,725	12,708	14,409
	1953	31	16,511	13,965	16,208
	1954	37	18,462	15,866	17,829
District High Schools ..	1952	55	26,998	23,554	26,124
	1953	60	30,149	25,770	28,850
	1954	72	34,573	30,226	33,256
Total ..	1952	171	58,243	50,115	56,514
	1953	180	64,304	54,482	62,022
	1954	191	69,996	60,394	67,398

\* Central Schools and Higher Elementary Schools are not independent establishments. They are worked in conjunction with Primary Schools.

† Junior Technical Schools are worked in conjunction with Technical Schools.

‡ Excludes Correspondence School.

**Tuition by Correspondence.**

In addition to the foregoing, there were 1,924 pupils enrolled during 1954 for tuition by correspondence in primary and secondary courses, with a net enrolment of 961. Corresponding figures for 1953 were 1,896 and 928.

The following table shows the number of pupils attending State schools (senior technical schools excepted) below, at, and above the school age (from six to fourteen years) during the years ended 31st December, 1952, 1953, and 1954.

VICTORIA—AGES OF STATE SCHOOL SCHOLARS, 1952, 1953, AND 1954.

Class of School.	Year.	Under Six Years.	From Six to Fourteen Years.	Over Fourteen Years.	Total.
Primary .. .. .	1952	13,811	201,896	3,209	218,916
	1953	12,086	215,978	2,711	230,775
	1954	13,317	227,732	2,843	243,892
Central Schools (Post Primary) .. .. .	1952	..	1,190	1,128	2,318
	1953	..	1,140	960	2,100
	1954	..	809	903	1,712
Central Schools and Classes (Secondary) .. .. .	1952	..	4,502	1,322	5,824
	1953	..	5,143	1,442	6,585
	1954	..	4,684	1,614	6,298
Higher Elementary Schools	1952	..	2,221	1,908	4,129
	1953	..	2,117	1,912	4,029
	1954	..	1,877	1,816	3,693
Girls' Secondary Schools ..	1952	..	3,003	3,025	6,028
	1953	..	3,018	3,332	6,350
	1954	..	3,006	3,316	6,322
Junior Technical Schools ..	1952	..	6,466	7,943	14,409
	1953	..	6,936	9,272	16,208
	1954	..	8,013	9,816	17,829
District High Schools ..	1952	..	10,263	15,861	26,124
	1953	..	11,625	17,225	28,850
	1954	..	13,503	19,753	33,256
Pupils receiving tuition by correspondence ..	1952	53	812	142	1,007
	1953	50	739	139	928
	1954	53	739	169	961
Total .. .. .	1952	13,864	230,353	34,538	278,755
	1953	12,136	246,696	36,993	295,825
	1954	13,370	260,363	40,230	313,963

State secondary education.

The purpose of the higher elementary schools and of the district high schools is to provide secondary education for pupils who have completed the work of the sixth grade in primary schools.



The former are established in the smaller country centres and provide four years of secondary education up to the School Intermediate Certificate; if the number of pupils is sufficient, the course is extended by one year to the School Leaving Certificate. The high schools provide a course of six years up to the Matriculation examination of the University of Melbourne, the School Leaving Certificate being taken at the end of the fifth year. In both types of school provision is made for the teaching of practical subjects and thus a variety of courses is available. No tuition fees are charged except in the School Leaving Certificate and Matriculation forms and then a fee of £6 per annum is payable only when pupils have failed to make satisfactory progress and wish to repeat the year's work.

**Higher  
Elementary  
Schools.**

There are 35 (37 in 1953) higher elementary schools in which a four-year course up to the School Intermediate standard is provided. In a few such schools pupils may proceed as far as the School Leaving Certificate. The total number of pupils in attendance in higher elementary schools in February, 1954, was 3,785 (1,842 boys, 1,943 girls), (4,041—2,007 boys, 2,034 girls—in 1953). The decrease in attendance (256) in February, 1954, as compared with that in February, 1953, was mainly due to the fact that three higher elementary schools were proclaimed high schools as from January, 1954, and their enrolment figures were included in the total for high schools for that year, and excluded from that for higher elementary schools. One school conducting central classes was raised in classification at the beginning of 1954 to a higher elementary school.

**Central Schools  
and Classes  
(Secondary).**

In central schools in the metropolitan area and in schools with central classes in country centres a two-year preparatory course of secondary education is available. In a limited number of these schools instruction is available up to sub-intermediate standard. The total number of pupils in attendance in these schools in February 1954, was 6,245 (2,757 boys, 3,488 girls). This represents a total decrease of 887 over the total for 1953.

**Girls'  
Secondary  
Schools.**

There are fourteen girls' secondary schools of which eleven are in Melbourne and one each in Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong. In February, 1954, there were 6,314 girls in attendance at these schools compared with 6,318 in 1953. All girls' secondary schools provide courses leading to the Proficiency Certificate (third year); nearly all prepare girls for the Girls' Secondary School Intermediate Certificate (fourth year); a few have begun to provide for a course leading to the Girls' Secondary School Leaving Certificate (fifth year).

There are 72 district high schools (59 in 1953), in all of which a five-year course is provided and in nearly all a six-year course. At the end of the fifth year pupils may obtain the School Leaving Certificate and at the conclusion of the sixth year they may qualify for Matriculation. The total number of pupils attending high schools in February, 1954, was 32,981 (15,603 boys, 17,378 girls). These numbers represent an increase of 4,759 pupils (2,099 boys, 2,660 girls) over the total for 1953.

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND ALLOWANCES.

At the beginning of 1954, scholarships were awarded as follows :—

Number and Kind.	Age Requirements of Candidates.	Period of Tenure.	Annual Value.
1,050 Junior Scholarships open to candidates attending State and registered schools	Not over 14½ years on 1st January, 1954	4 years	School requisites allowances of— Form III., IV. £7 Form V. .. £8 Form VI. .. £10 and £25 towards fees at registered schools
650 Free Places at State secondary schools open to candidates attending State schools	Not over 14½ years on 1st January, 1954	4 years	School requisites allowances of— Form III., IV. £7 Form V. .. £8 Form VI. .. £10
100 Public Service Scholarships open to candidates attending State and registered schools who will enter the Public Service	Not over 15½ years on 1st January, 1954	1 or 2 years	£25 p.a. (all schools) and school requisites allowances of Form IV. .. £7 Form V. .. £8 Form VI. .. £10
500 Leaving Certificate Bursaries open to candidates in attendance at State and registered schools who will become teachers	Not over 16½ years on 1st January, 1954	1 year ..	£50 p.a. towards cost of schooling; also in certain cases up to £52 p.a. for maintenance
250 Matriculation Bursaries open to candidates attending State and registered schools who will become teachers	Not over 17½ years on 1st January, 1954	1 year ..	£50 p.a. towards cost of schooling; also in certain cases up to £52 p.a. for maintenance
100 Diploma Bursaries open to candidates attending State and registered schools who will become teachers	No age limit	Up to 2 years	£50 per annum towards cost of schooling; also in certain cases up to £52 p.a. for maintenance
250 Intermediate Technical Scholarships open to candidates attending State and registered schools	Not over 15½ years on 1st January, 1954	1 year ..	Free tuition at a junior technical school and £10 p.a.; also in certain cases up to £52 p.a. for maintenance

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND ALLOWANCES—continued.

Number and Kind.	Age Requirements of Candidates.	Period of Tenure.	Annual Value.
220 Senior Technical Scholarships open to candidates attending State, technical, and registered schools.	No age limit	Up to 5 years	Free tuition at a senior technical school; also £30 p.a. in case of day scholars and £10 p.a. or £5 p.a. in case of evening scholars; also in certain cases up to £169 p.a. for maintenance
50 Senior Scholarships open to candidates attending State, registered and technical schools	Not over 18½ years on 1st January, 1954	Up to 6 years	£40 p.a. towards expense of course at University; also in certain cases up to £169 p.a. for maintenance
70 Free Places at University of Melbourne open to candidates attending State, registered, and technical schools	No age limit	Up to 6 years	Exemption from payment of fees for lectures and examinations in an approved course at the University; also in certain cases up to £169 p.a. for maintenance
10 Free Places at University of Melbourne open to officers (other than teachers) of the Government of Victoria	Not over 25 years on 1st January, 1954	Full length of approved course	Exemption from payment of fees for lectures and examinations in an approved course at the University. Leave on full pay to attend lectures and examinations
60 Free Courses at University of Melbourne open to teachers of Education Department	No age limit	Up to 4 years	Exemption from payment of fees for lectures and examinations in an approved course at the University

NOTE.—The same scholarships were available at the beginning of 1953.

**Technical Schools.**

The technical schools in the State were originally under the control of local school councils. In 1910, however, legislation was enacted which provided for all schools established after that year to be under the control of the Minister of Public Instruction. The number of technical schools receiving aid from the State on the 30th June, 1954, was 43 (37 in 1953), of which 29 have been established since the passing of the *Education Act 1910*. The gross enrolment for the year 1954 comprised 18,283 (16,527 in 1953) junior and 39,579 (38,186 in 1953) senior students.

Victorian technical schools provide practical laboratory and workshop training, together with instruction in the principles of science and art, as applied to industries. They also give instruction in subjects connected with or preparatory to industrial, commercial, agricultural, mining, and domestic pursuits.

Full-time day and evening professional courses are provided in the various branches of engineering, mining, metallurgy, architecture, applied chemistry, applied physics, textiles, art and applied art, commercial work, foremanship work, and institutional management. Full-time and part-time day and evening trade courses are also available in trades connected with electrical and mechanical engineering, motor, building, furniture, printing, bootmaking, food trades, textiles, and women's industries.

Associated with every technical school, with the exception of the Emily McPherson College of Domestic Economy, the Melbourne Technical College, the William Angliss Food Trades School, the Melbourne School of Printing and Graphic Arts, and the Melbourne Textile School, is a full-time day junior technical or preparatory section, which provides for a four-years' course of study. In six country high schools there are junior technical sections, while five private schools (two metropolitan and three country) teach the junior technical school course. The private schools are open to inspection by Departmental officers.

Pupils who have completed either the sixth or seventh grade course in a primary school are eligible for admission to Form I. in a junior technical school. Entrance is by recommendation from the primary school. Where there is a shortage of accommodation, an entrance examination, which is open to all schools, both State and private, may be held.

Those who fail to attain entry may do so after further study in a primary school or in special post-primary classes. Primary school pupils who complete the eighth-grade course may be admitted to Form II.

The junior school course is of four years' duration. After the satisfactory completion of Form III., pupils are eligible for the award of the Junior Technical Certificate, the recognized pre-requisite for apprenticeship in most trades. The Intermediate Technical Certificate may be obtained after an additional year's satisfactory work. This certificate is issued either in an unendorsed form or marked "Diploma Entrance Standard". The needs of the trades or artistic occupations may be served by the ordinary certificate (English being a compulsory requirement), while the "Diploma Entrance Standard" requires, *inter alia*, passes in English, Mathematics, and Science.

Certain senior technical schools—the Melbourne Technical College, the Swinburne Technical College (Hawthorn), the Gordon Institute of Technology (Geelong), the Bendigo and Ballarat Schools of Mines, and the Footscray and Caulfield Technical Schools, and twelve schools in some of the larger country centres—are general-purpose schools, providing full day and evening professional courses, and full-time and part-time day and evening trade apprenticeship and commercial courses. In the country centres specialized instruction is given, such as at Geelong in textile, wool classing and sorting, and

architecture, and at Ballarat and Bendigo, in mining, and at several schools in full-time or part-time form utility courses adapted to the needs of the local district.

In the metropolitan area there are also twelve senior schools giving a wide range of part-time training including that for apprentices in proclaimed trades under the Apprenticeship Commission. The latter training is in general of four years' duration and is conducted on a part-time basis by day with opportunities for further study in the evening classes. The William Angliss Food Trades School, the Melbourne School of Printing and Graphic Arts and the Melbourne Textile School are mono-technical institutions for apprentices.

The technical courses for women's industries are the Emily McPherson College of Domestic Economy and the Box Hill Girls' Technical School, and there are also women's classes at Ballarat, Brighton, Castlemaine, Daylesford, Echuca, Bairnsdale, Wangaratta, Maryborough, Prahran, Sale, Shepparton, Sunshine, Warrnambool, and Wonthaggi Technical Schools, the Swinburne Technical College (Hawthorn), and the Gordon Institute of Technology (Geelong). There are junior technical schools for girls associated with the schools at Ballarat, Box Hill, Brighton, Sunshine, Prahran, Swinburne (Hawthorn), Wonthaggi, Maryborough, Sale, and Warrnambool.

Fees in technical schools range from 10s. per term per subject (elementary grades) to £8 per term for advanced courses.

No fees are charged in junior technical schools and free tuition is available to all qualified students undertaking full-time approved courses in senior technical schools, provided a satisfactory standard of attainment is maintained.

Living allowances up to £169 per annum are also available to senior technical scholarship holders under certain conditions subject to a means test.

*Teacher-Training.*—During 1951, a new system of recruiting mathematics, science, art, cookery, needlework, and commercial teachers for technical schools was begun. Formerly these were recruited from holders of teaching scholarships. The new scheme provides for a course of training, which includes a technical school diploma, two years of industrial experience, and one year teacher-training at the Technical Teachers' College.

Bursaries, carrying an annual allowance of £50, are awarded for the first two years of the diploma course, whilst studentships, carrying liberal allowances adjusted in accordance with the cost of living, are awarded for the remainder of the training period. During 1954, 59 (57 in 1953) such studentships were awarded.

The system of recruiting teachers of trade subjects remains unaltered. Tradesmen with at least ten years' experience, including apprenticeship, are selected for an evening course of two years' duration in the theory and practice of teaching.

*Expenditure.*—Government expenditure on each technical school during the five years ended 1953-54 is shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON TECHNICAL SCHOOLS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

School.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
Bairnsdale .. .. .	7,284	11,409	8,605	6,406	8,822
Ballarat .. .. .	36,764	51,290	57,737	77,733	73,743
Bendigo .. .. .	36,856	42,758	47,946	57,055	66,378
Box Hill .. .. .	9,855	7,424	13,672	10,563	10,184
Box Hill Girls' .. .. .	2,659	7,212	4,088	5,239	11,776
Brighton .. .. .	12,442	16,797	14,945	17,977	17,436
Brunswick .. .. .	7,495	9,808	15,555	14,448	15,527
Castlemaine .. .. .	12,243	17,365	17,394	20,776	22,039
Caulfield .. .. .	17,140	24,874	31,178	29,561	29,712
Chelsea .. .. .	..	..	..	..	13,150
Coburg .. .. .	..	..	..	..	56,384
Collingwood .. .. .	25,799	29,643	43,655	53,724	47,877
Dandenong .. .. .	..	..	..	..	50,316
Daylesford .. .. .	4,484	6,705	3,318	5,174	3,334
Echuca .. .. .	15,465	22,184	16,924	19,715	16,548
Essendon .. .. .	8,415	8,715	13,124	14,939	17,960
Ferntree Gully .. .. .	..	..	..	..	51,664
Footscray .. .. .	56,647	62,636	61,790	49,611	55,029
Geelong (Gordon Institute of Technology)	60,196	73,308	99,942	129,488	193,770
Hawthorn (Swinburne Technical College)	71,441	92,597	132,346	132,879	138,532
Heidelberg .. .. .	..	..	..	..	53,517
Jordanville .. .. .	..	..	..	..	40,395
Maryborough .. .. .	3,743	16,448	5,191	5,526	5,913
Melbourne—					
Emily McPherson College of Domestic					
Economy .. .. .	22,017	19,565	23,672	23,980	20,039
Melbourne Technical College .. .. .	201,446	278,336	374,748	496,119	504,815
School of Printing and Graphic Arts .. .. .	12,456	18,405	6,594	7,242	14,883
Melbourne Textile School .. .. .	2,697	3,093	2,940	2,988	66,620
Wm. Angliss Food Trades School .. .. .	3,644	2,269	6,615	5,191	4,298
Mildura .. .. .	..	22,200	..	..	..
Moorabbin .. .. .	..	..	..	..	48,605
Oakleigh .. .. .	6,493	7,132	17,745	21,322	10,629
Prahran .. .. .	17,911	42,569	39,813	48,306	82,053
Preston .. .. .	20,010	27,501	34,837	17,118	17,507
Richmond .. .. .	9,433	14,225	14,438	15,361	16,027
Sale .. .. .	11,954	13,748	9,886	20,196	34,355
Sandringham .. .. .	6,235	51,950	63,715	28,698	9,321
Shepparton .. .. .	..	..	..	7,426	13,399
South Melbourne .. .. .	7,547	13,852	10,813	14,075	16,425
Stawell .. .. .	8,414	11,982	5,927	6,931	8,506
Sunshine .. .. .	10,043	17,674	11,144	16,209	19,408
Wangaratta .. .. .	14,391	26,090	12,829	10,095	8,144
Warrnambool .. .. .	6,552	10,583	12,784	11,694	25,011
Wonthaggi .. .. .	9,416	8,982	5,579	6,281	30,654
Yallourn .. .. .	6,071	16,153	19,074	14,900	13,878
Other Votes for Technical Schools .. .. .	104,771	144,559	139,465	193,781	244,235
Miscellaneous .. .. .	17,338	15,006	68,058	6,920	43,062
Salaries (Departmental teachers) .. .. .	597,676	739,630	896,372	1,071,013	1,216,773
	1,485,493	2,006,677	2,364,958	2,696,600	3,468,653

**Royal  
Melbourne  
Technical  
College  
Foundation.**

Royal Melbourne Technical College (formerly known as the Working Men's College) was founded in the year 1882. The Hon. Francis Ormond (honoured as the College Founder) in the previous year publicly announced that he would donate £5,000, contingent upon a similar amount being subscribed by the citizens of Melbourne, for the establishment of a Technical College in Melbourne. He further stipulated that the Government should provide a site. The resolution, which led to the foundation of the College, was moved by Judge Higinbotham at a public meeting in the Town Hall. The resolution read: "That it is desirable to found a Working Men's College for the promotion of general education and technical training". The scheme was approved and public subscriptions sought by an enthusiastic band of workers. The money was eventually subscribed, the Government donated the site, a provisional governing Council was appointed, and the first building erected and opened in June, 1887. Over 900 students had enrolled in single subjects by the end of that year.

The Working Men's College was the first technical school to be established in Melbourne, and it is not altogether incorrect to add in Victoria, for though the Schools of Mines in Ballarat and Bendigo were opened a decade or more before, they were schools of mines whose single aim was the teaching of mining engineering and related subjects and not training and teaching craftsmen.

Since its inception the College enrolment has grown from 600 to 16,000 students, and its accommodation has increased from eleven class rooms to 16 acres of studios, laboratories, workshops, and lecture rooms.

On the first day of July, 1954, a little more than 70 years after the founding, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. conferred the title "Royal" upon the College and authorized the use of the Royal Cypher on the College Diplomas—a worthy tribute to one whose chief ambition was to help those who were willing to help themselves, and who selected for the College motto the words "Perita Manus: Mens Exulta"—a skilled hand and a cultivated mind.

**Government  
of Royal  
Melbourne  
Technical  
College.** The Provisional Council 1882-1887 was replaced by a permanent Council of 17 members in 1887 representative of the following interests:—The Government, 2; The University, 2; The Public Library, 2; The Founder of the College, 2; The Town Hall Council, 2; Subscribers, 6. These, with the Founder, comprised the governing council of 17 members. Later, when more Government financial assistance was needed, it was given on condition that the Government representatives be increased to seven members. The Council was accordingly enlarged to 22 and to-day its constitution consists of the following

representatives:—Government, 7; University, 2; Executors of the Founder, 2; Trades Hall Council, 4; Chamber of Manufacturers, 1; Chamber of Commerce, 1; Victorian Federation of Employers, 1; Australian Natives' Association, 1; Royal Victorian Institute of Architects, 1; Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce, 1; City of Melbourne Council, 1.

The Council is responsible for the control of the College, appointment of staff, and administration of its funds.

**Finance of the College.**

From its inception the Government granted an annual subsidy to assist in financing the College. In 1898, eleven years after the College opened, the Government subsidy was £2,600, whilst £3,000 was received in fees from 1,800 students in attendance in that year. In 1902 the Government grant was £5,500 and fees from students £7,500. In 1954 fees amounted to £116,343 (£108,501 in 1953) (excluding fees for correspondence courses) and the Government grant was £426,510 (£392,936 in 1953).

For some years the members of the Council, as trustees, were personally liable for the College finance. The College Council in 1904 took steps to convert the College into a limited liability company, which it remains to-day, the financial liability of its Council members being limited to £1 per member.

The income of the College is derived from the Government grant, fees, interest on various investments, rent and income earned by its various services to Industry, Government Bodies, and other Schools.

**College Courses of Instruction.** The College provides courses of instruction in three broad fields associated with Industry, namely: Applied Science, Applied Art and Commerce. It offers, in these three major fields, courses of three general types, namely: Trade Courses, Technicians' Courses, and Professional Courses. In addition, it offers Special Courses and Courses by Correspondence.

*Professional Courses.*—Professional Diploma Courses, both full time and part-time, are offered in the three divisions of Applied Art, Technology, and Commerce. The major courses provided in these fields of study are the following: **ENGINEERING**—Electrical, Mechanical, Civil, Automotive, Communication, Production, Mining, Aeronautical Engineering, and Land Surveying; **METALLURGY**—Primary Metallurgy and Metallurgical Engineering; **CHEMISTRY**—Applied Chemistry, Chemical Engineering; **PHYSICS**—Applied Physics and Instrument Technology; **ARCHITECTURE**—Architecture, Building Construction, Interior Design, Quantity Surveying; **ART**—Painting, Sculpture, Advertising, Industrial Design, Book Production, Gold and Silversmithing, Pottery, Printed Textiles; **COMMERCE**—Accountancy, Management, Public Administration, Real Estate Management.



For students who can attend part-time only, evening courses are offered. Usually a lower Certificate Course is provided as well as a more advanced Diploma Course.

Tuition for diploma courses is regarded in general as teaching to a level or standard which is recognized by professional bodies as satisfactory for entry to their institutions, and so giving professional standing to successful students.

Institutions recognizing College diplomas are :—

- Australian Institute of Cartographers.
- Australian Society of Accountants.
- Institution of Automotive and Aeronautical Engineers.
- Institution of Engineers, Australia.
- Institute of Metallurgists (London).
- Institution of Production Engineers.
- Institution of Radio Engineers, Australia.
- Royal Australian Chemical Institute.
- Royal Australian Institute of Architects.

The course of instruction does not necessarily cease at the level required for recognition by, and entrance to, the appropriate professional institution. This level is the minimum which all diploma courses must reach, but many extend beyond this minimum.

*Recognition of Associate Courses by the University of Melbourne.*—Although the Associate diploma course was planned as a terminal course of study as far as essential technology was concerned, the general level is equal to that of the second year of a University engineering course.

By arrangement with the University of Melbourne, students who complete the full-time Associate diploma course in Civil, Mechanical or Electrical Engineering, and are recommended by the Principal, are admitted to the third year of the corresponding course at the University.

*Fellowship Diploma.*—Industrial leaders made requests over many years for a course which would carry a man further than the two years post-matriculation study necessary for the Associate diploma.

It was stressed by industrialists that when they required research men or designers for their staffs they chose a suitable University graduate, because a University training aimed at producing men interested in making original contributions to science and engaging in pure research.

However, there were many situations which called for services of men skilled in technology or the application of science to industry.

The prime requisite in every case was the ability to make factories increase production irrespective of the product.

To accomplish this, something more than the content of the usual diploma was necessary. Production planning, work methods, management principles, and the strategic use of horsepower were necessary to take a project from the laboratory or draughting room to the production line, and produce it competitively.

In developing professional courses, the College ensured that every school responsible for a professional course was supported by an appropriate trade department with fully equipped workshops and staffed by men having an intimate knowledge of the requirements of industry.

One year of additional full-time study was provided as from 1946, and those students who successfully complete the course are awarded the Fellowship diploma, admitted to Fellowship of the College, and permitted the use of the letters, F.R.M.T.C.

The additional subjects increased the mathematical and technological content of the course, provided guided experience in research and industrial projects, showed the necessity for effective management, and, to preserve balance, the Humanities coverage was extended.

It was necessary to standardize the Fellowship diploma against other awards to assist employers and students, particularly overseas students who ultimately return to their own countries.

The duration of the Fellowship course is three years from the accepted British matriculation level, and the content is such that the academic subject syllabuses parallel those for the University of London External Examinations B.Sc. course in the appropriate branch of Engineering.

In addition, there are management, production and industrial subjects which cannot be equated to those in University courses of study.

*Technicians' Courses.*—These courses are distinct from the trade courses in that they do not lead to competency in any skilled trade or craft, nor, on the other hand, do they reach the standard of technical knowledge demanded by the professional course. They are therefore intermediate in character, giving to the successful student the skill and knowledge required for a technical occupation, and, as evidence of this, a Certificate is issued. The entrance standard to such courses varies, but in general requires Intermediate Certificate.

*Trade Courses.*—These are courses of instruction complementary to trade experience leading to competency in a skilled craft or trade. Most skilled trades are under the control of the Apprenticeship Commission, and this body prescribes the details of the courses of

instruction, which are of four to five years' duration, and accompany the period of apprenticeship. The minimum educational standard for entrance is the Junior Technical Certificate.

Apprentice Trade Classes are offered in a large number of skilled crafts and trades, including Engineering, Building, Constructional and Applied Art. Post-Apprenticeship courses and classes are also offered in many of the Trade Groups.

*Special Courses.*—In addition to these diploma, technicians, and trade courses, a number of short courses is offered, intended to enhance the efficiency of persons who are engaged in work associated with the calling in which the course is given. Such courses, for example, as Concrete, Diesel Engines, Plastics Technology, Shop Inspection, Timber Roofing, belong to this category.

*Correspondence Courses.*—Finally, through its Correspondence School, the College offers a large number of courses of instruction in art and commercial subjects, in mathematics, physics, and in literary, technical and trade subjects.

*Teaching by Correspondence.*—The Correspondence School provides technical education for those students who, because of distance, physical disability or shift-work, are unable to attend College classes. This important section of the College provides professional, technician and trade courses through the mail for students who are distributed over a wide area of the Pacific as well as Australia. The groups include Navy, Army and R.A.A.F. personnel abroad or in remote areas of Australia, or ex-service men completing rehabilitation training. Disabled civilians are assisted by the Social Service section of the Department of Labour and National Service to learn a trade by correspondence, and so become self-supporting.

Apprentices who are employed in towns where there are no suitable technical school classes learn the theoretical aspects of their trades by postal tuition. In many instances such students attend the College in person once a year for a concentrated course of practical instruction in the workshops or laboratories.

The correspondence courses are designed in such a way that a complete year's work can be accomplished by 250 hours study.

The demand for technical training in South East Asian countries has resulted in many students making application to attend classes in Australia. To assist the Commonwealth Government in this project the College has established a Division of External Studies. The Division avails itself of the conjoint facilities of the Correspondence School and the relevant professional Schools such as Engineering, Science or Art. The students take the first-year subjects such as mathematics, physics, and draughting, by correspondence tuition. The scheme enables the Government to assess students' capabilities before assisting them to attend classes in Australia.

The Division of External Studies is responsible for all extra-mural activities, including public lectures, correlation of class and correspondence courses, and T.W.I. (Training Within Industry) programmes.

The College arranges for staff from the Management School to visit factories and other industrial establishments to train foremen and supervisors, and develop training within industry.

In addition, Royal Melbourne Technical College provides certain classes as its own special contribution to adult education.

All departments of the College are encouraged to give the utmost assistance to Industry and to other Technical Schools. Technical Schools must be closely linked with Industry for successful work and can best win the full support of Industry by giving assistance whenever this is sought. It is a College policy to give any assistance in its power to other Technical and Departmental Schools.

This is given by teaching, professional advice, testing and research. It is impracticable to give in full detail the assistance given by each department. The following, however, sets out in detail the service given by the Test Section of the Mechanical, Electrical, and Civil Engineering Department of the College :

(1) *Metals*.—Tension, Compression, Cross-breaking, Cold bend, Hardness (Vickers, Brinell, Shore, and Rockwell), Impact, Ductility, Elasticity (Machining of specimens if necessary).

(2) *Concrete*.—Compression, Cross-breaking, Hardness, Resistance to (a) water penetration ; (b) fire ; (c) acids, &c. Mix determination (S.A.A.), preparation of specimens where necessary.

(3) *Bricks*.—Building blocks and non-metallic building materials generally. (See Concrete.)

(4) *Concrete Aggregates, &c.*—Suitability, presence of injurious impurities. Sieve analysis, Design of mixes, Suitability of supply water.

(5) *Meters, Gauges, Electrical Instruments, &c.*—Calibration and checking.

(6) *Machine Design and Stress Problems*.—Experimental Stress Analysis Laboratory.

(7) *Machines, Motors, Engines, Pumps, &c.*—Tests as required.

(8) *Fluid Flow Investigations in the Fluid Mechanics Laboratory*.—The equipment of the Laboratory includes a wind tunnel of 4 ft. 6 in. x 2 ft. 6 in. working section capable of producing an air stream of 250 ft. per sec. velocity and a fluid channel of 5 ft. x 3 ft. section

with a maximum discharge of 50 cu. sec., together with a smaller wind tunnel, smaller channel and reservoirs and incidental equipment. The Laboratory carries out tests on hydraulic structures, flow-meters, aircraft and vehicle shapes, ventilation of industrial buildings, &c.

*Special tests* will always be catered for within the limits of our equipment. Services are approved by:—

- (a) Lloyd's Register of Shipping (1) above;
- (b) Melbourne City Council with regard to Mix Determination of Concrete (2) above;
- (c) Navy Office;
- (d) Aeronautical Inspection Department;
- (e) Department of Army.

The Radio Research Laboratory similarly provides a valued service to Industry, to Commonwealth and State Government Departments and to various authorities. The Welding Department supplies a crack detection service to those industries requiring such assistance.

Practically all departments give service of some kind, depending upon their resources. It might be of interest to relate that the Applied Physics Department tests pearls for jewellers by X-ray diffraction methods, to determine whether they are natural or cultured, and the Metrology Section of the Production Engineering Department is the test authority of the Customs Department for "precision" of lathes.

Details relating to the College during the years 1950 to 1954 are shown in the following table:—

ROYAL MELBOURNE TECHNICAL COLLEGE, 1950 TO 1954.

	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Individual students enrolled—					
Males .. .. .	12,719	12,132	12,984	13,667	13,412
Females .. .. .	1,460	1,665	1,964	1,992	2,284
Total .. .. .	14,179	13,797	14,948	15,659	15,696
Number of classes .. .. .	813	836	874	929	964
Number of Instructors .. .. .	820	772	656	719	979
Salaries paid to Instructors £	183,579	219,761	269,525	305,050	326,459
Government grant .. .. . £	198,044	261,912	356,990	392,936	426,510
Fees received during the year* £	84,347	83,425	95,363	108,501	116,343
Average fee per student per year ..	119s.	120s. 11d.	127s. 7d.	138s. 7d.	148s. 3d.

\* Not including fees for correspondence courses, which amounted to £12,421 in 1950, £11,936 in 1951, £14,267 in 1952, £16,560 in 1953, and £16,199 in 1954. The subjects taught by correspondence are those included in the college curriculum.

## STATE EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION.

During 1953-54, expenditure by and on behalf of the Education Department of Victoria, as published in the Report of the Minister of Public Instruction, together with the payment by the Treasury to the University (less that for Bacteriological Laboratory Services) totalled £21,842,651 (£18,954,562 in 1952-53). This amount includes expenditure from loan moneys and the cost of pensions and gratuities, but excludes the interest paid by the State on loans for education purposes (particulars of which are not available), payroll tax, superannuation paid on behalf of officers in the Defence Forces, and expenditure on School Medical and Dental services. Comparative figures for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 were as follows:—

VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION,  
1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Expenditure on—	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<b>Primary and Secondary Education—</b>					
Primary (including Special Sub-jects) .. .. .	£ 4,692,714	£ 5,507,613	£ 6,737,726	£ 8,086,111	£ 8,750,364
Secondary .. .. .	1,439,293	1,793,182	2,298,781	2,804,573	3,068,823
Buildings and Land .. .. .	1,503,016	1,923,579	2,592,948	2,595,075	3,524,776
<b>Technical Education—</b>					
Junior and Senior Schools .. .. .	1,271,913	1,595,328	1,968,331	2,338,933	2,580,599
Buildings and Land .. .. .	190,972	377,703	355,035	307,514	858,624
Training of Teachers .. .. .	376,136	508,624	769,803	1,019,469	1,222,490
Administration .. .. .	213,612	265,219	321,996	367,119	369,261
Pensions .. .. .	237,971	310,423	324,897	362,371	440,585
General Expenditure .. .. .	231,379	323,198	396,074	444,455	431,718
<b>University—</b>					
Special Appropriations, &c. .. .. .	458,543	453,931	554,725	625,451	584,246
Scholarships and Bursaries, &c. .. .. .	11,290	7,086	5,953	8,491	11,116
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>10,626,839*</b>	<b>13,065,886*</b>	<b>16,326,269*</b>	<b>18,954,562*</b>	<b>21,842,651*</b>
<b>Per Head of Population .. .. .</b>	<b>£ s. d. 4 17 11</b>	<b>£ s. d. 5 16 10</b>	<b>£ s. d. 7 1 10</b>	<b>£ s. d. 8 0 6</b>	<b>£ s. d. 9 0 3</b>

\* Excluding (a) pay-roll tax, £139,485 in 1949-50, £175,641 in 1950-51, £213,060 in 1951-52, £253,508 in 1952-53, and £281,354 in 1953-54; (b) superannuation paid on behalf of officers in Defence Forces, £16 in 1951-52, £112 in 1952-53, and £50 in 1953-54; and (c) expenditure on School Medical and Dental Services, £36,025 in 1949-50, £53,538 in 1950-51, £91,322 in 1951-52, £163,636 in 1952-53, and £198,674 in 1953-54.

In addition to the expenditure shown in the preceding table, fees, donations, &c., amounting to £220,196 in 1949-50, £236,730 in 1950-51, £252,926 in 1951-52, £304,794 in 1952-53 and £245,283 in 1953-54 were retained and expended by the various technical school councils.

In the following statement the expenditure shown has been confined to that relating to primary and secondary education in State schools, i.e., excluding the amount expended on technical education :—

**VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE ON PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION—STATE SCHOOLS  
(EXCLUDING TECHNICAL SCHOOLS), 1952-53 AND 1953-54.**

Classification.	General Expenditure.		Primary Education.		Secondary Education.		Correspondence School.		Teachers' Colleges.		Total Expenditure.	
	1952-53.	1953-54.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1952-53.	1953-54.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost of Administration ..	231,372	227,164	79,831	84,181	23,260	24,083	1,418	1,676	1,376	1,621	337,257	338,725
Cost of Co-ordinate Activities (Attendance Branch) ..	..	..	18,604	17,325	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,604	17,325
Cost of Instruction ..	188,028	161,436	6,623,639	7,178,907	2,011,155	2,228,530	54,714	57,311	166,634	189,611	9,044,170	9,815,795
Operation of School Plant (Cleaning, &c.) ..	822	743	404,495	422,565	98,185	115,877	696	650	8,870	8,754	513,068	548,589
Maintenance of School Plant (Repairs, &c.) ..	98	159	488,186	525,420	87,862	79,879	556	141	8,831	17,958	585,533	623,557
Auxiliary Costs (Transport Allowances, Scholarships, &c.) ..	254,444	268,758	541,116	598,028	548,146	583,759	174	111	834,821	1,005,895	2,178,701	2,456,551
Fixed Charges (Pensions, Rents, &c.) ..	363,083	441,157	24,728	24,975	5,066	5,262	77	61	332	544	393,286	471,999
Capital Expenditure (Pur- chase of Land and Buildings) ..	352	50	2,015,086	2,226,026	473,883	1,196,832	177	..	89,194	82,032	2,578,692	3,504,940
Total ..	1,038,199	1,099,467	10,195,685	11,077,427	3,247,557	4,234,222	57,812	59,950	1,110,058	1,306,415	15,649,311	17,777,481

**COUNCIL OF PUBLIC EDUCATION.**

The Council of Public Education is appointed under Section 83 of the *Education Act* 1928. Its chief functions relate to the registration of teachers and schools under Part VI. of the Act, and to ensuring that schools under this part are registered and properly staffed, and that persons employed therein are registered as teachers or have been granted temporary permission to teach.

Part VI. of the Act relates to schools other than State schools. "School" is defined as "An assembly at appointed time of three or more persons between the ages of six years and eighteen years for the purpose of their being instructed by a teacher or teachers in all or any of the undermentioned subjects, namely :—

Reading, writing, arithmetic, grammar, geography, English or other language, mathematics, history, any natural or experimental or applied science, bookkeeping, shorthand, accountancy ;  
but 'school' does not include the University of Melbourne or any college affiliated therewith or any assembly of persons, all of whom are members of not more than two families, or any State school, or any school aided by the State, or any school in any part of Victoria declared by the Governor in Council to be a sparsely populated district for the purposes of this Act".

A person may not teach in a school any of the subjects named above unless he is registered or has obtained the express permission of the Council to teach temporarily.

A recent amendment of the Act now makes it possible for qualified teachers, if they so desire, to be registered as teachers of Art, Art and Crafts, Music, or Physical Education. Such registration is not compulsory.

Statistical information relating to registered schools is obtained from the annual return made by each school to the Council of Public Education. Particulars of the registered schools operating during 1953 and 1954 (excluding commercial colleges) are shown in the following tables :—

VICTORIA—REGISTERED SCHOOLS—ENROLMENT (IN AGE GROUPS) IN DENOMINATIONAL AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS, 1953 AND 1954.

	Number of Schools.		Number of Teachers.		Gross Enrolment.						Net Enrolment.					
					Under 6 Years.		Between 6 and 14 Years.		Over 14 Years.		Under 6 Years.		Between 6 and 14 Years.		Over 14 Years.	
	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.		
Denominational—																
Roman Catholic	366	374	1,937	2,013	5,795	6,044	69,395	75,916	9,765	10,345	5,582	5,801	64,787	71,307	9,563	10,198
Church of England	35	34	632	639	782	795	7,528	7,506	3,842	4,022	776	771	7,373	7,363	3,818	4,008
Presbyterian	15	15	281	299	390	355	3,196	3,447	2,194	2,311	386	352	3,122	3,393	2,171	2,304
Methodist	4	4	149	159	147	144	1,623	1,961	1,546	1,350	147	144	1,617	1,945	1,542	1,347
Other	22	21	127	134	202	161	1,943	1,976	417	442	198	161	1,925	1,963	415	442
Undenominational	47	46	323	340	1,151	1,065	3,599	3,428	1,605	2,240	1,143	1,054	3,495	3,352	1,547	2,197
Total	489	494	3,440	3,584	8,467	8,564	87,284	94,228	19,369	20,710	8,232	8,283	82,319	89,323	19,056	20,496



VICTORIA—REGISTERED SCHOOLS—GROSS ENROLMENT 1953 AND 1954.

	Total.					
	1953.			1954.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Denominational—						
Roman Catholic .. .. .	42,210	42,745	84,955	46,443	45,862	92,305
Church of England .. .. .	5,771	6,381	12,152	5,694	6,629	12,323
Presbyterian .. .. .	3,263	2,517	5,780	3,360	2,753	6,113
Methodist .. .. .	1,037	2,279	3,316	1,074	2,381	3,455
Other .. .. .	1,295	1,267	2,562	1,367	1,212	2,579
Undenominational .. .. .	1,862	4,493	6,355	2,321	4,406	6,727
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>55,438</b>	<b>59,682</b>	<b>115,120</b>	<b>60,259</b>	<b>63,243</b>	<b>123,502</b>

The gross and net enrolments of State and registered schools (excluding commercial colleges) in sexes and age groups are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—STATE AND REGISTERED SCHOOLS, 1953 AND 1954.

	Gross Enrolment.						Net Enrolment.					
	Males.		Females.		Total.		Under 6 Years.		Between 6 and 14 Years.		Over 14 Years.	
	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.
State Schools .. .. .	172,303	182,378	156,301	165,422	328,604	348,300	12,136	13,370	246,696	260,363	36,993	40,230
Registered Schools .. .. .	55,438	60,259	59,682	63,243	115,120	123,502	8,232	8,283	82,319	89,323	19,056	20,496

NOTE.—In addition, State Senior Technical Schools had a gross enrolment of 34,900 males in 1954 (35,511 in 1953) and 14,778 females (14,304 in 1953.)

### COUNCIL OF ADULT EDUCATION.

The Council of Adult Education, established by the Adult Education Act of 1946, is a body of not more than twenty members, four of whom are *ex-officio*.

The functions of the Council as set down in the Act are:—

- (a) to advise the Minister on matters of general policy relating to Adult Education ;
- (b) to report to the Minister on methods or developments in Adult Education which, in its opinion, should be introduced ;
- (c) to plan and supervise the administration and development of Adult Education and to assist other bodies engaged in such work ;
- (d) to exercise such powers and to carry out such duties as are conferred or imposed on the Council by the Act.

The Council receives an annual statutory grant of £25,000 which is supplemented by receipts from its own activities. The balance in the Adult Education Fund at 30th June, 1954, was £54 3s. 2d.

The Council's activities can be briefly summarised in the following tables:—

#### VICTORIA—ADULT EDUCATION—LECTURE CLASSES, 1952, 1953 AND 1954.

Lecture Classes	1952		1953		1954	
	Autumn Term	Spring Term.	Autumn Term.	Spring Term.	Autumn Term.	Spring Term.
Courses Offered ..	61	17	67	19	61	25
Students Enrolled ..	2,739	948	3,239	1,015	3,176	1,408

#### VICTORIA—ADULT EDUCATION—DISCUSSION GROUPS, PERFORMANCES, ETC., GIVEN, RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS, 1951-52, 1952-53 AND 1953-54.

Details.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.
Discussion Groups—			
Number of Groups .. ..	221	201	218
Students Enrolled .. ..	2,875	2,090	2,400
Performances, &c., Given—			
Music .. ..	123	88	53
Drama .. ..	51	142	149
Ballet and Dance Recitals .. ..	41	82	..
Art Exhibitions .. ..	37	52	50
Residential Schools—			
Country .. ..	1	1	1

**PUBLIC LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, &c.****Public  
Library of  
Victoria.**

The Library's book collections provide two distinct services, viz., the Reference Library and the Lending Library—the latter being subdivided into a Metropolitan Section and a Country Section. At 30th June, 1954, the Reference Library contained 616,921 (607,876 at 30th June, 1953) volumes including 34,810 (34,380 at 30th June, 1953) bound volumes of newspapers and 98,793 (97,776 at 30th June, 1953) pamphlets. The Lending Library, which is also free to readers, contained 90,950 (85,202 at 30th June, 1953) volumes in the Metropolitan Section at the same date and issued 274,351 (291,566 in 1952-53) volumes to 15,225 (20,391 at 30th June, 1953\*) readers during the year ended 30th June, 1954. The Country Section, which also includes the Travelling Libraries box service, contained 39,228 (37,542 at 30th June, 1953) volumes and during the year despatched 52,567 (46,960 in 1952-53) books to individual readers and, in bulk loans, to libraries situated in the rural areas.

**Free Library  
Service Board.**

The Free Library Service Board was established by the Victorian Government in 1947 to assist in the promotion of Adult and Children's Municipal Public Libraries throughout the State.

The Board offers both financial and technical advisory assistance to Councils which maintain libraries in accordance with prescribed standards. Financial assistance is in the form of a pound for pound subsidy in respect of a Council's annual expenditure on its library service provided such expenditure is not less than the equivalent of 1s. per head of the resident population of the Municipality. Country Libraries share in an additional Country Library Grant of £8,000, and a special Establishment and Regional Library Grant of £10,000.

A further grant of £4,000 is also available to all approved Childrens Libraries which are conducted, or assisted by Municipal Councils.

Library subsidy paid to Councils by the Board since its inception in 1947-48 amounts to £463,555. For the year 1953-54, £117,120 (£98,435 in 1952-53) was paid as subsidy and a total amount of £214,398 (£175,870 in 1952-53), including Councils' own expenditure, was expended on Municipal Libraries for the year. The average total expenditure per person (including Government Grant) in the Municipalities concerned, was four shillings and sevenpence (four shillings and sixpence in 1952-53).

During the year 1953-54, 60 (56 in 1952-53) Councils in Victoria representing a population of 1,122,000 (973,000 in 1952-53) received library subsidy.

Book collections totalling 583,000 (492,000 in 1952-53), covering a comprehensive range of subjects, are available in each instance and are being added to constantly. The Board assists materially in this

\* The second year of a biennial registration.

aspect of library service by distributing each month to all Municipal Libraries, classified book lists of new and forthcoming publications in all fields from which librarians can make their selections easily and quickly.

During the year ended 30th September, 1954, registered borrowers numbered 186,000 (160,000 in 1952-53), including children. This represents 20 (17 in 1952-53) per cent. of the total number of persons serviced by libraries for that period. Book issues were 3,605,000 (3,248,000 in 1952-53) for the same year.

The following tables give some statistics relating to libraries subsidized by the Free Library Service Board for the years 1952-53 and 1953-54.

### MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES SUBSIDIZED BY THE FREE LIBRARY SERVICE BOARD, 1952-53.

Municipality.	Population.	Amount Contributed by Council. (Year ended 30th June, 1953).	Total Government Grants (Year ended 30th June, 1953).	Total Expenditure on Library Service (Year ended 30th June, 1953).	Total Expenditure per Head of Population (Excluding Regional and Establishment Grant).	Number of Books in Library (as at 30th Sept., 1953)	Number of Registered Borrowers Including Children (as at 30th Sept., 1953).	Number of Book Issues (During Year ended 30th Sept., 1953).
		£	£	£	s. d.			
<i>(a) Metropolitan.</i>								
Box Hill City .. .. .	34,000	3,901	3,952	7,853	4 7	24,057	13,529	190,196
Brighton City .. .. .	43,772	4,941	4,992	9,933	4 6	15,381	10,333	167,954
Coburg City .. .. .	65,000	3,250*	3,301	6,551	2 0	6,400	2,986	25,126
Collingwood City .. .. .	27,755	2,134	2,185	4,319	3 1	12,840	3,660	47,405
Footscray City .. .. .	60,000	3,000*	3,000	6,000	2 0	7,028	1,858	59,137
Hawthorn City .. .. .	40,000	3,815	3,866	7,681	3 10	22,829	6,782	171,365
Heidelberg City .. .. .	52,000	4,975	5,026	10,001	3 10	11,252	4,010	85,891
Kew City .. .. .	36,618	2,068	2,119	4,187	2 3	22,234	8,102	167,457
Northcote City .. .. .	46,620	2,737	2,788	5,525	2 3	15,848	6,291	138,236
Port Melbourne City .. .. .	13,500	1,450	1,501	2,951	4 4	11,775	1,995	66,564
Prahran City .. .. .	63,000	4,409	4,459	8,868	2 10	40,000	11,845	170,139
Preston City .. .. .	53,000	2,686	2,736	5,422	2 1	21,045	7,065	166,124
Sandringham City .. .. .	34,000	3,400*	3,400	6,800	4 0			
South Melbourne City .. .. .	44,604	2,686	2,736	5,422	2 5	23,070	8,507	204,237
Sunshine City .. .. .	32,000	1,600*	1,650	3,250	2 0	4,667		
Total Metropolitan .. .. .	645,869	47,052	47,711	94,763	3 1	239,026	86,963	1,659,831

\* Estimated expenditure 1952-53.

MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES SUBSIDIZED BY THE FREE LIBRARY SERVICE BOARD, 1952-53—continued.

Municipality.	Population.	Amount Contributed by Council (Year ended 30th June, 1953).	Total Government Grants (Year ended 30th June, 1953).	Total Expenditure on Library Service (Year ended 30th June, 1953).	Total Expenditure per Head of Population (Excluding Regional and Establishment Grant).	Number of Books in Library (as at 30th Sept., 1953).	Number of Registered Borrowers Including Children (as at 30th Sept., 1953).	Number of Book Issues (During Year ended 30th Sept., 1953).
		£	£	£	s. d.			
<i>(b) Rural.</i>								
Alexandra Shire .. .. .	4,000	275	998	1,273	3 9	8,052	1,300	28,747
Avoca Shire .. .. .	2,500	125*	700	825	3 0	..	..	..
Bacchus Marsh Shire .. .. .	3,400	250*	407	657	3 10	..	..	..
Bairnsdale Shire .. .. .	8,500	995	1,203	2,198	5 2	3,936	834	17,000
Ballaarat City .. .. .	39,850	2,017	2,225	4,242	2 2	32,618	8,980	183,846
Ballarat Shire .. .. .	4,300	250	458	708	3 3	1,900	88	1,900
Bendigo City .. .. .	28,800	1,440	1,648	3,088	2 2	15,987	8,778	140,814
Bright Shire .. .. .	4,000	200	408	608	3 5	..	1,115	32,441
Castlemaine Town .. .. .	6,300	450	658	1,108	3 9	7,916	2,051	74,976
Colac Town .. .. .	7,150	726	934	1,660	4 8	5,472	2,694	48,423
Creswick Shire .. .. .	3,570	255	463	718	4 0	1,834	639	14,284
Echuca Borough .. .. .	5,000	483*	691	1,174	4 0	..	..	..
Euroa Shire .. .. .	4,600	583	791	1,374	6 0	5,733	2,016	27,790
Flinders Shire .. .. .	12,000	600*	2,000	2,600	2 0	..	..	..
Geelong City .. .. .	21,300	2,654	2,862	5,516	5 2	17,759	7,741	119,247
Geelong West City .. .. .	17,000	850	1,058	1,908	2 5	6,980	2,101	37,902
Horsham City .. .. .	6,900	850	1,058	1,908	5 6	10,920	2,916	66,470

Social Condition.

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Victorian Year-Book, 1952-53 and 1953-54.

Municipality.	Population.	Amount Contributed by Council (Year ended 30th June, 1953).	Total Government Grants (Year ended 30th June, 1953).	Total Expenditure on Library Service (Year ended 30th June, 1953).	Total Expenditure per Head of Population (Excluding Regional and Establish- ment Grant).	Number of Books in Library (as at 30th Sept., 1953).	Number of Registered Borrowers Including Children (as at 30th Sept., 1953).	Number of Book Issues (During Year ended 30th Sept., 1953).
		£	£	£	s. d.			
<i>(b) Rural—continued.</i>								
Kerang Shire .. .. .	8,000	845	1,053	1,898	4 9	6,407	2,452	46,109
Kowree Shire .. .. .	4,500	400*	557	957	4 3	..	..	..
Mansfield Shire .. .. .	4,000	500	708	1,208	3 6	..	724	18,918
Mildura City .. .. .	10,000	1,477	1,685	3,162	6 4	17,778	5,115	100,629
Mildura Shire .. .. .	17,500	3,461	3,669	7,130	8 2	10,490	3,125	68,510
Mirboo Shire .. .. .	1,630	117	285	402	4 11	6,155	138	11,695
Morwell Shire .. .. .	12,000	600	808	1,408	2 4	5,576	1,180	52,184
Newtown and Chilwell City .. .. .	11,000	980	1,687	2,667	3 11	14,655	1,660	65,907
Oneco Shire .. .. .	2,150	600*	1,400	2,000	11 2	..	..	..
Phillip Island Shire .. .. .	1,200	175	382	557	9 3	5,906	228	£
Ripon Shire .. .. .	2,950	155	355	510	3 6	2,316	738	14,946
Ruthergien Shire .. .. .	3,000	900*	1,607	2,507	13 5	2,125	651	13,618
Sebastopol Borough .. .. .	2,400	120	290	410	3 5	1,434	357	6,107
Shepparton City .. .. .	10,000	500*	707	1,207	2 5	..	..	..
Stawell Borough .. .. .	5,000	532	1,474	2,006	5 1	7,389	804	35,196
Towong Shire .. .. .	4,025	300*	1,056	1,356	3 9	1,000	..	..
Upper Murray Shire .. .. .	2,760	250	457	707	5 1	1,000	350	5,902
Violet Town Shire .. .. .	1,400	245	452	697	10 0	1,365	389	6,669
Wangaratta Borough .. .. .	7,500	500	1,707	2,207	3 4	9,708	3,424	66,552
Warragul Shire .. .. .	7,000	350	557	907	3 7	4,709	1,485	17,692
Warrnambool City .. .. .	10,750	1,648	1,855	3,503	6 6	16,782	3,060	112,167
Wodonga Shire .. .. .	6,000	330	1,287	1,617	2 11	5,300†	891	12,193†
Yallourn Town .. .. .	10,283	2,128	2,835	4,963	8 8	13,530	4,148	122,652
Yea Shire .. .. .	2,500	267	474	741	5 11	..	704	16,388
Total Rural .. .. .	326,668	30,383	45,909	76,292	4 11	252,732	72,876	1,587,874
Total Victoria .. .. .	972,537	77,435	93,620	171,055	4 6	491,758	159,839	3,247,705

† Estimated.

§ Not available.

|| Includes Regional Development and Establishment Grants.

\* Estimated expenditure, 1952-53.

MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES SUBSIDIZED BY FREE LIBRARY SERVICE BOARD, 1953-54.

Municipality.	Population.	Amount Contributed by Council (Year ended 30th June, 1954).	Total Government Grants (Year ended 30th June, 1954).	Total Expenditure on Library Service (Year ended 30th June, 1954).	Total Expenditure per Head of Population (Excluding Regional and Establishment Grant).	Number of Books in Library (as at 30th Sept., 1954).	Number of Registered Borrowers Including Children (as at 30th Sept., 1954).	Number of Book Issues (During Year ended 30th Sept., 1954).
		£	£	£	s. d.			
<i>(a) Metropolitan.</i>								
Box Hill City .. .. .	35,781	4,246	4,309	8,555	4 9	28,113	15,056	178,997
Brighton City .. .. .	44,016	2,980	3,043	6,023	2 9	18,744	12,070	186,124
Camberwell City .. .. .	100,000	5,000*	5,000	10,000	2 0	..	..	..
Coburg City .. .. .	67,375	3,300	3,363	6,663	2 0	15,846	6,776	161,661
Collingwood City .. .. .	27,889	2,376	2,439	4,815	3 5	15,706	4,233	43,417
Footscray City .. .. .	58,343	3,000	3,063	6,063	2 1	13,752	2,350	57,156
Hawthorn City .. .. .	40,930	3,677	3,740	7,417	3 7	25,110	6,922	165,415
Heidelberg City .. .. .	53,840	5,025	5,088	10,113	3 9	17,533	6,000	107,766
Kew City .. .. .	36,800	6,378	6,441	12,819	7 0	25,298	9,469	193,944
Northcote City .. .. .	46,620	3,151	3,214	6,365	2 9	17,944	6,000	133,009
Port Melbourne City .. .. .	14,500	3,737	3,800	7,537	10 5	13,849	2,324	68,457
Prahran City .. .. .	63,000	3,608	3,671	7,279	2 4	51,000	13,792	184,096
Preston City .. .. .	62,416	2,740	2,803	5,543	1 9	23,743	8,470	157,292
Sandringham City .. .. .	35,000	3,400*	3,400	6,800	3 10	..	..	..
South Melbourne City .. .. .	44,502	6,239	6,302	12,541	5 7	23,785	10,078	208,634
Sunshine City .. .. .	32,000	1,600	1,664	3,264	2 0	8,523	3,665	65,813
Total Metropolitan .. .. .	763,012	60,457	61,340	121,797	3 9	298,946	107,205	1,911,781

MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES SUBSIDIZED BY THE FREE LIBRARY SERVICE BOARD, 1953-54—continued.

Municipality.	Population.	Amount Contributed by Council (Year ended 30th June, 1954).	Total Government Grants (Year ended 30th June, 1954).	Total Expenditure on Library Service (Year ended 30th June, 1954).	Total Expenditure per Head of Population (Excluding Regional and Establishment Grant).	Number of Books in Library (as at 30th Sept., 1954).	Number of Registered Borrowers Including Children (as at 30th Sept., 1954).	Number of Book Issues (During Year ended 30th Sept., 1954).
		£	£	£	s. d.			
<i>(b) Rural.</i>								
Alberton Shire .. .. .	5,400	600*	1,440	2,040	4 5	..	..	..
Alexandra Shire .. .. .	3,950	285	1,004	1,289	4 0	9,188	3,085	59,736
Ararat City .. .. .	7,025	352*	1,354	1,706	2 0	..	..	..
Ararat Shire .. .. .	4,500	225*	1,475	1,700	2 0	..	..	..
Avoca Shire .. .. .	2,500	125*	313	438	3 6	..	..	..
Bacchus Marsh Shire .. .. .	3,720	250*	406	656	3 3	..	..	..
Bairnsdale Shire .. .. .	9,000	718	937	1,655	3 8	4,243	942	43,904
Ballaarat City .. .. .	41,425	2,553	5,022	7,575	2 7	38,201	11,035	171,430
Ballarat Shire .. .. .	4,300	250	469	719	3 4	..	..	..
Bendigo City .. .. .	30,000	1,885	2,104	3,989	2 8	17,256	8,874	161,546
Bright Shire .. .. .	4,800	240	459	699	2 11	2,748	1,246	24,999
Castlemaine Town .. .. .	6,300	600	819	1,419	4 6	8,683	2,209	55,157
Colac Town .. .. .	7,350	1,068	1,287	2,355	6 5	6,324	2,646	49,757
Creswick Shire .. .. .	3,500	205	424	629	3 6	2,049	687	11,686
Echuca Borough .. .. .	5,000	500*	719	1,219	4 10	3,040	..	..
Euroa Shire .. .. .	4,800	1,057	1,276	2,333	9 9	6,319	2,297	28,337
Flinders Shire .. .. .	13,500	4,000*	4,063	8,063	11 10	9,378	1,877	17,301



## MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES SUBSIDIZED BY THE FREE LIBRARY SERVICE BOARD, 1953-54—continued.

Municipality.	Population.	Amount Contributed by Council (Year ended 30th June, 1954).	Total Government Grants (Year ended 30th June, 1954).	Total Expenditure on Library Service (Year ended 30th June, 1954).	Total Expenditure per Head of Population (Excluding Regional and Establishment Grant).	Number of Books in Library (as at 30th Sept., 1954).	Number of Registered Borrowers Including Children (as at 30th Sept., 1954).	Number of Book Issues (During Year ended 30th Sept., 1954).
		£	£	£	s. d.			
Geelong City .. .. .	21,526	2,181	2,399	4,580	4 3	19,280	4,721	108,961
Geelong West City .. .	17,567	1,276	1,495	2,771	3 4	8,911	3,083	102,970
Horsham City .. .. .	7,000	856	1,075	1,931	5 6	12,171	3,277	65,287
Kerang Shire .. .. .	8,500	845	1,064	1,909	4 6	7,049	2,502	39,795
Kowree Shire .. .. .	4,550	400	619	1,019	4 6	..	..	..
Mansfield Shire .. .. .	4,000	331	549	880	4 5	..	..	..
Mildura City .. .. .	10,536	3,189	3,408	6,597	12 6	13,746	6,020	98,807
Mildura Shire .. .. .	16,700	2,435	2,654	5,089	6 1	12,632	4,683	65,368
Mirboo Shire .. .. .	1,630	174	393	567	7 1	7,125	220	10,221
Morwell Shire .. .. .	12,000	764	983	1,747	3 4	6,567	590	52,151
Newtown and Chilwell City .. .	11,200	1,072	1,291	2,363	4 3	14,788	3,393	100,996
Oneco Shire .. .. .	2,200	110*	110	220	2 0	..	..	..
Phillip Island Shire .. .	1,200	175	394	569	9 6	5,411	241	\$
Ripon Shire .. .. .	2,950	145	353	498	3 4	..	789	15,088
Rutherglen Shire .. .	3,068	758	977	1,735	11 4	2,007	464	12,226
Sebastopol Borough .. .	2,800	120	303	423	3 0	1,485	..	..
Shepparton City .. .. .	12,000	600*	819	1,419	2 4	..	..	..
Stawell Borough .. .. .	5,000	367	586	953	3 4	7,963	1,758	34,895
Towong Shire .. .. .	4,000	300	518	818	4 1	1,833	408	8,167
Upper Murray Shire .. .	2,783	186	405	591	4 3	..	..	..
Violet Town Shire .. .	1,357	245	464	709	10 5	1,693	466	6,310
Wangaratta Borough .. .	10,000	500	1,219	1,719	2 5	10,711	2,141	99,371
Warragul Shire .. .. .	8,000	800	1,019	1,819	4 7	5,707	1,676	26,125
Warrnambool City .. .	11,000	1,480	1,699	3,179	6 0	17,851	3,260	118,635
Wodonga Shire .. .. .	6,000	419	1,638	2,057	3 6	\$	960	\$
Yallourn Town .. .. .	11,170	1,913	2,632	4,545	7 3	15,160	3,045	104,482
Yea Shire .. .. .	3,500	267	485	752	4 4	..	..	..
Total Rural .. .. .	359,397	36,821	53,122	89,943	4 11	284,519	79,185	1,693,708
Total Victoria .. .. .	1,122,409	97,278	114,462	211,740	4 7	583,465	186,390	3,605,489

§ Not available.

|| Includes Regional Development and Establishment Grants.

\* Estimated expenditure, 1953-54.

Social Condition.

**National Gallery**

The National Gallery of Victoria contains the most comprehensive collection of works of art in the southern hemisphere. The various collections embrace pictures, sculpture prints, European furniture, glass, silver and porcelain, Oriental sculpture, bronzes and porcelain, &c.

At 30th June, 1954, the oil paintings numbered 989 (970 at 30th June, 1953), water colours, drawings, etchings, and engravings 7,505 (7,440 at 30th June, 1953) and art museum items 7,251 (7,200 at 30th June, 1953).

During the year ended 30th June, 1954, exhibits acquired by purchase numbered 70, at a cost of £5,839 (51, at a cost of £3,556, in 1952-53). Exhibits acquired by gift or exchange numbered 97 in 1953-54, valued at £35,020, the Trustees of the Felton Bequest providing £34,495 of that amount, (107 in 1952-53, valued at £7,286, including Felton Bequest £4,543).

The National Gallery Art School was attended during the year 1953-54 by a daily average of 36 students (46 during 1952-53). There were no students under Commonwealth Reconstruction Training in 1954, (1 in 1953).

**National Museum.**

The National Museum of Victoria, founded in 1854, is housed in the eastern section of the Public Library block. Its collections, which amount to several million specimens, comprise natural history, geology, and ethnology. Included among the collections are the famous Baldwin Spencer collection of central and Northern Australian ethnology, the Lyell collection of Australian Butterflies and Moths, the H. L. White collection of Australian birds' skins and eggs, the Bassett Hull collection of Chitons, and the Gatliff collection of Australian Marine Mollusca.

On exhibition are to be seen 20 dioramas illustrating Australian aborigines and Australian natural history studies.

**Museum of Applied Science.**

The Museum originally known as the Industrial and Technological Museum was founded in 1870. In 1944, the name was changed to the Museum of Applied Science of Victoria. It is housed in the Queen's Hall of the Public Library block.

The exhibits, which comprised 23,701 (23,573 on 30th June, 1953) separate items on the 30th June, 1954, cover applied and economic aspects of all branches of science.

Worthy of special mention are sectioned steam, aero and car engines (many of which may be operated by visitors), electrical equipment, the atomic energy working display, operating electronic devices, the Askew bequest of time measurement instruments, the ship and aircraft models, the arms collection, the metallurgy and economic geology collection, agricultural implements, animal products,

the biological wax model collection, the timber specimens and numerous industrial displays. Special temporary exhibitions are arranged from time to time, featuring topical items or scientific anniversaries.

Among the many interesting historical exhibits may be seen a primitive model, said to have been made by the inventor, William Symington, of the "Charlotte Dundas," the first practical steamboat (1802). The first motor car imported into Australia (1897), the first Australian made aeroplane to fly (1910), and a replica of Leeuwenhoek's microscope with which germs were first seen in 1673, are also on display.

A recently established section deals with preventive medicine. Its community value continues to grow as new additions are made.

In the museum workshops and laboratories the preparation of up-to-date exhibits on physics, chemistry and biology receives special attention.

Regular demonstrations of the 8-in. refracting telescope are conducted in conjunction with the Astronomical Society of Victoria, enabling visitors to see the night sky through high-grade equipment.

### **THE MELBOURNE BOTANIC GARDEN.**

The Melbourne Botanic Garden, which was established in 1846, is situated on the south side of the Yarra River. The area of the garden proper is 102 acres, and includes lakes, lawns, groups, plantations, conservatories, &c. Adjoining the Botanic Garden are the grounds of Government House, the Shrine, the Domain, the former Observatory, the Alexandra Park and Gardens, and the Queen Victoria Gardens. The whole reservation, probably the most valuable asset of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere, embraces an area of approximately 320 acres.

### **ZOOLOGICAL BOARD OF VICTORIA.**

The gardens of the Zoological Board of Victoria are situated in Royal Park, on the northern side of the city of Melbourne. The ground enclosed contains 50 acres, rather more than half of which is laid out as a zoological garden, and the rest in deer paddocks and spacious lawns for the convenience of visitors. Most of the large animals of the world are represented there, as well as many native animals.

### **HOUSING COMMISSION.**

The history of events leading up to the appointment of the Housing Commission, together with an epitome of the provisions of the *Housing Act 1937* and the *Slum Reclamation and Housing Act 1938*, will be found in the *Year-Book* for 1937-38, pages 224 and 225. The initial operations of the Commission are summarized in the *Year-Book* for 1938-39.

The Commission's activities are spread over both metropolitan and country centres. The present policy of the Commission is that one-third of all houses erected shall be built in country centres and that particular attention shall be paid to the needs of centres in which industry has been established under the Government's decentralization plans.

Up to 30th June, 1954, 136 areas, including 98 in the country, have been developed by the Commission and 24,093 houses provided thereon. In addition, 3,477 houses are in various stages of construction or contracts have been let. These figures include projects which have been determined for the Government-sponsored construction of houses for Victoria in accordance with the agreement made between the Commonwealth and State Governments. At 30th June, 1954, these houses numbered 26,809 (23,252 at 30th June, 1953), allocated as follows:—

Houses.	Metropolitan.		Country.	
	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.
Completed .. .. .	11,075	13,129	8,100	9,636
Under construction .. ..	1,135	1,345	1,221	1,144
Contracts let (work not started)	444	575	944	413
Plans in preparation .. ..	..	..	333	567
Total .. .. .	12,654	15,049	10,598	11,760

In its normal housing programme to 30th June, 1954, the Commission has expended £64,317,749 (£52,806,098 to 30th June, 1953)

Gross revenue for rents for the year ended 30th June, 1954, amounted to £2,815,352 (£2,204,957 to 30th June, 1953), against which £60,368 (£44,416 for year ended 30th June, 1953) was allowed for rental rebates.

During the year a further 556 (520 to 30th June, 1953) sub-standard houses were dealt with. Repairs were ordered in respect of 285 (291 to 30th June, 1953) houses. The remaining 271 (229 to 30th June, 1953) houses were considered beyond repair and were declared to be unfit for human habitation and in due course will be ordered to be demolished. The majority will be deferred, however, until the restrictions imposed by the Building Operations and Building Materials Control Act are lifted.

Apart from the direct improvement to houses occasioned by the Commission's orders for repairs the regulations have effected indirect improvement in the general condition of rented houses:

**CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETIES.**

The law relating to co-operative housing societies is contained in the Co-operative Housing Societies Acts, which constitute the first Victorian legislation dealing with the financing of home building and purchase on a purely co-operative basis. The Principal Act, No. 5055 of 1944, which was brought into operation on 5th September, 1945, authorizes societies to raise loans and to make advances to their members for the purchase of land and the erection of homes thereon or for the erection of homes on land already owned by them. By Act No. 5357, assented to on 21st December, 1948, the scope of operations of societies was extended to include the making of advances to members for the purchase of existing dwellings, meeting charges for street-making and sewerage installation, and effecting additional permanent improvements.

An outline of the method of operation of these societies appeared in the *Year-Book* for 1945-46, pages 433-435.

The first society to be incorporated under the Act was registered on 15th October, 1945. At 30th June, 1954, there were 250 (234) societies on the register, of which 58 (59) had adopted a notional term of 22½ years, 124 (124) a notional term of 30½ years, 2 (2) a notional term of 24 years, 4 (NIL) a notional term of 25 years, 1 (1) a notional term of 26 years, 20 (21) a notional term of 30½ years and 41 (27) a notional term of 31 years. Figures in parentheses relate to the year ended 30th June, 1953.

The regional distribution of societies, based on the situation of the registered office, was as follows: Metropolitan and Outer Metropolitan 173 (161), Urban 22 (21), and Country 55 (52).

The following statement gives particulars relating to membership and operations of societies as at 30th June of each of the five years 1950 to 1954:—

Details.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Number of Societies Registered ..	144	174	204	234	250
Number of Members ..	12,996	17,272	20,778	22,648	23,697
Number of Shares Subscribed ..	318,493	478,561	634,943	744,530	811,343
Nominal Share Capital Subscribed ..	£17,241,606	£25,969,440	£31,059,654	£39,477,299	£42,767,419
Number of Advances Approved ..	6,799	10,060	13,667	16,235	18,498
Amount of Advances Approved ..	£9,135,437	£15,001,917	£22,420,857	£28,354,759	£38,675,058
Number of Indemnities Given and Subsisting ..	1,369	1,741	2,116	2,256	2,540
Amount of Indemnities Subsisting ..	£113,240	£162,168	£212,043	£237,049	£288,187
Number of Government Guarantees Executed ..	138	165	193	227	249
Amount of Government Guarantees Executed ..	£17,110,000	£23,420,000	£30,305,000	£37,614,000	£41,354,000
Number of Dwelling-houses Completed ..	4,046	6,711	10,092	13,010	15,691
Number in Course of Erection ..	2,786	4,165	4,917	5,168	5,337

### FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

**Legislation,  
1928-1954.**

The principal legislative provisions relating to friendly societies are contained in the *Friendly Societies Act 1928*, a summary of which was published in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29 (pages 383-387). Amending Acts were passed in 1934, 1938, 1946, and 1951. The main provisions of the 1934 amending Act were published in the *Year-Book* for 1934-35, page 213, those of the 1938 Amending Act in the *Year-Book* for 1938-39, page 237, those of the 1946 Amending Act in the *Year-Book* for 1945-46, page 436, and those of the 1951 Amending Acts in the *Year-Book* for 1951-52, page 509.

On the 1st January, 1952, the Commonwealth scheme of subsidies to members of approved hospital funds came into operation. On 1st July, 1953, the Commonwealth Medical Benefit Scheme to subsidize medical benefits to approved organizations registered under the *National Health Act 1953*, came into force. In Victoria, most of the friendly societies have made arrangements to ensure that their members participate in the benefits of these schemes. Some of the societies have made provision for new classes of members covering medical and hospital benefits only. Participation in the schemes has resulted in large increases in the amounts paid to members in respect of medical services and hospital benefits.

The legislative supervision exercised over friendly societies has had a very beneficial effect. There are 30 friendly societies in Victoria which are required by the statute to have made a quinquennial valuation of their assets and liabilities by an actuary. The latest valuation reports show that all societies have a ratio of assets to liabilities in excess of 20s. in the £.

Since the year 1908, all the actuarial valuations of the assets and liabilities of societies have been made by the Government Statist, who is required by statute to be a fully qualified actuary.

**Progress of  
Friendly  
Societies.**

The following table shows the number and classification of members of Victorian Friendly Societies at 30th June, 1953 and 1954.

Classification of Membership.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.
Sick, funeral, and endowment benefit ..	168,278	166,348	11,567	11,272	179,845	177,620
Medical and hospital benefit (including widows) ..	10,095	21,856	11,167	14,460	21,262	36,316
Honorary (no benefit) ..	1,961	1,689	2,005	1,897	3,966	3,586
Grand Total ..	180,334	189,893	24,739	27,629	205,073	217,522

During the five years ended June, 1954, there was a net decrease of 25,677 in the number of members contributing for sick, funeral and endowment benefits; this decrease was about 12.6 per cent. of the number of such members at the beginning of the period. From June, 1952, to June, 1954, the number of members (including widows), contributing for medical and hospital benefits only, increased from 17,864 to 36,316 or slightly more than 50 per cent. This increase was due to the implementation of the Commonwealth medical and hospital benefits schemes. The total funds, exclusive of those of dispensaries and specially authorized societies, increased during the period of five years ended June, 1954, by £1,160,616, or slightly more than 14 per cent. to £9,333,793. The funds are well invested. The average rate of interest obtained on the total funds for the year 1953-54 was 3.80 per cent.

The statement which follows contains information (exclusive of that relating to dispensaries and specially authorized societies) in regard to Friendly Societies in Victoria for the five years 1949-50 to 1953-54.

There are juvenile branches connected with some of the societies, but the information in regard to these has not been considered of sufficient importance to be included hereunder:—

**VICTORIAN FRIENDLY SOCIETIES—MEMBERSHIP, RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE, AND FUNDS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.**

	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Number of societies .. .. .	108	107	122	150	142
Number of branches .. .. .	1,449	1,436	1,412	1,397	1,377
Number of sick, funeral, and endowment benefit members at end of year	200,131	193,851	177,227	179,845	177,620
Number of medical and hospital benefit members (including widows) at end of year	61,389	70,726	17,864	21,262	36,316
Number of members who received sick pay	44,565	41,620	39,165	36,599	38,069
Weeks for which sick pay was allowed	493,140	478,943	468,022	462,388	473,603
Deaths of sick and funeral benefit members	2,506	2,360	2,488	2,398	2,426
Deaths of wives entitled to funeral benefits	647	649	643	605	635
Receipts—					
Sick and Funeral Funds and Endowment Funds .. .. .	£ 526,680	£ 535,254	£ 496,856	£ 493,747	£ 524,951
Medicine and Management Funds and Medical Services Funds ..	704,889	694,855	796,543	763,211	1,271,281
Other Funds .. .. .	417,376	475,426	206,952	402,343	428,176
Less Inter-fund Transfers ..	143,796	122,384	88,647	162,210	168,725
Total receipts .. .. .	1,505,149	1,583,151	1,411,704	1,497,091	2,055,683

VICTORIAN FRIENDLY SOCIETIES—MEMBERSHIP, RECEIPTS,  
EXPENDITURE, AND FUNDS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—*continued.*

	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Expenditure—	£	£	£	£	£
Sick and Funeral Funds and Endowment Funds .. .. .	422,301	398,677	361,295	421,366	421,130
Medicine and Management Funds and Medical Services Funds ..	688,860	684,840	682,183	792,151	1,081,298
Other Funds .. .. .	330,038	388,374	257,423	279,193	368,795
Less Inter-fund Transfers ..	143,796	122,384	88,647	162,210	168,725
Total Expenditure .. .. .	1,297,403	1,349,507	1,212,254	1,380,500	1,702,498
Excess of Receipts over Expenditure	207,746	233,644	199,450	166,591	353,185
Amount of Funds—					
Sick and Funeral Funds and Endowment Funds .. .. .	6,534,511	6,671,088	6,806,649	6,879,030	6,982,851
Medicine and Management Funds and Medical Services Funds ..	418,556	428,571	542,931	513,991	703,974
Other Funds .. .. .	1,427,856	1,514,908	1,484,437	1,587,587	1,646,968
Total Funds .. .. .	8,380,923	8,614,567	8,814,017	8,980,608	9,333,793
Disposal of Funds—					
Amounts Invested—					
Sick and Funeral Funds and Endowment Funds .. .. .	6,514,295	6,652,707	6,782,686	6,867,320	6,968,192
Medicine and Management Funds and Medical Services Funds .. .. .	412,822	420,351	529,232	504,020	694,011
Other Funds .. .. .	1,406,209	1,497,757	1,459,560	1,569,832	1,633,336
Amounts Uninvested—					
All Funds .. .. .	47,597	43,752	42,539	39,427	38,252

NOTE.—The figures given above for "Other Funds" include all monetary transactions of societies other than ordinary friendly societies.

The following statement shows the amounts disbursed by societies (excluding dispensaries and specially authorized societies) in sick pay, funeral and mortuary benefits, endowments, medical services, medicine, and hospital benefits, during each of the years 1951-52, 1952-53 and 1953-54.

Nature of Benefit.	Year ended 30th June—		
	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£
Sick-pay .. .. .	273,099	268,673	277,849
Funeral and Mortuary .. .. .	64,281	64,163	66,818
Endowment .. .. .	16,089	15,243	15,577
Medical Services* .. .. .	421,471	375,754	618,759
Medicine .. .. .		137,200	128,829
Hospital† .. .. .		20,856	53,624
			105,028

\* Includes Commonwealth subsidies, £231,811 in 1953-54.

† Includes Commonwealth subsidies, £528 in 1951-52, £14,645 in 1952-53, and £36,542 in 1953-54.



**Cost of Management.** The cost of management in all ordinary societies for the year 1953-54 amounted to £331,151, being 16.99 per cent. of the total receipts compared with 19.65 per cent. for 1952-53 and 18.23 per cent. for 1951-52.

**Sickness and mortality experience.** The following statement shows in regard to members of societies (other than dividing societies and societies of a special nature) the average number of effective members, and the number of weeks of sickness in respect of which claims for sick-pay were granted for the years 1934-35, 1939-40, 1944-45, and for each of the last five years. The statement also shows the number of weeks of sickness per effective member, the number of deaths of members, and the number of deaths per 1,000 effective members:—

VICTORIAN FRIENDLY SOCIETIES—SICKNESS AND MORTALITY EXPERIENCE.

Year.	Average Number of Effective Members.*	Weeks of Sickness.		Deaths.	
		Number.	Per Average Effective Member.*	Number.	Per 1,000 Average Effective Members.*
		weeks	weeks days		
<i>Male Societies.†</i>					
1934-35 .. ..	130,152	424,341	3 2	1,732	13.31
1939-40 .. ..	146,832	463,033	3 1	1,974	13.44
1944-45 .. ..	158,563	421,570	2 4	2,128	13.42
1949-50 .. ..	155,821	440,838	2 5	2,225	14.28
1950-51 .. ..	151,245	428,686	2 5	2,080	13.75
1951-52 .. ..	140,606	419,338	3 0	2,233	15.88
1952-53 .. ..	130,108	408,526	3 1	2,075	15.95
1953-54 .. ..	126,070	416,657	3 2	2,098	16.64
<i>Female Sections and a Female Society.</i>					
1934-35 .. ..	12,318	30,414	2 3	56	4.55
1939-40 .. ..	15,163	36,490	2 3	69	4.55
1944-45 .. ..	16,454	35,476	2 1	87	5.29
1949-50 .. ..	12,580	33,790	2 4	87	6.92
1950-51 .. ..	11,758	32,538	2 5	83	7.06
1951-52 .. ..	10,397	31,187	3 0	84	8.08
1952-53 .. ..	9,099	29,837	3 2	96	10.55
1953-54 .. ..	8,497	29,754	3 3	85	10.00

\* Effective members are those entitled to claim sick and funeral benefits.

† Under this sub-heading are included particulars relating to female members of societies which have not separate sick funds for female members.

The average period of sickness per effective male member fell gradually from three weeks two days in 1934-35 to two weeks four days in 1942-43. This average period was maintained until 1946-47 when there was an increase to two weeks five days. This period

remained constant until 1951-52 when there was an increase to three weeks. Further increases in 1952-53 and 1953-54 raised the period to three weeks two days in the latter year.

The trend of sickness per average effective female member followed closely that of male members during the period 1932-33 to 1946-47. In subsequent years there has been a gradual increase in the average period.

**Friendly  
Societies  
Dispensaries.**

At the end of 1953-54 there were 34 (33 in 1952-53) United Friendly Societies' Dispensaries registered, under the Friendly Societies Acts of Victoria, as separate friendly societies. There was also one society consisting of these registered friendly societies' dispensaries. The chief object for which the dispensaries are established is to provide the societies with a means of supplying medicine and medical and surgical appliances to their members and to persons claiming through members. The number of members connected with the dispensaries at the end of 1953-54 was 102,323 (107,931 in 1952-53). As the greater portion of the receipts and expenditure of the dispensaries are interwoven with those of the medical and management funds of the ordinary friendly societies, they are not given here.

The assets and liabilities of the dispensaries at the end of 1953-54 amounted to £456,709 (£431,358 in 1952-53) and £34,356 (£36,400 in 1952-53) respectively. The assets consisted of freehold property, £150,402 (£145,409 in 1952-53); stock, fittings, and sundry debtors, £199,946 (£194,353 in 1952-53); cash £67,192 (£53,137 in 1952-53); securities, £34,844 (£29,034 in 1952-53); and mortgages, £4,325 (£4,425 in 1952-53). The liabilities consisted of mortgages, £2,737 (£2,465 in 1952-53); sundry creditors, £24,919 (£25,176 in 1952-53); and bank overdrafts, £6,700 (£8,759 in 1952-53).

**Specially  
Authorized  
Societies.**

The First Amending Act of 1951 (No. 5538) provided that certain societies registered under the Friendly Societies Statute of 1865 and still in existence were deemed to be registered under the *Friendly Societies Act* 1928. Because their objects are different from those of ordinary friendly societies their registration is specially authorized under a separate section of the Act. At the end of 1953-54 there were four (four in 1952-53) societies (which were known as Total Abstinence Societies) registered under this section. Their membership was 99 (101 in 1952-53) and their assets and liabilities amounted to £61,706 (£62,461 in 1952-53) and £4,130 (£4,017 in 1952-53) respectively.

**FACTORIES AND SHOPS.**

**Labour Legislation.** The earliest attempt at regulating the conditions of labour in Victoria was made by the passing of an Act dated 11th November, 1873, forbidding the employment of any female in a factory for more than eight hours in any day. This Act defined "factory" to be a place where not fewer than ten persons were working. Since 1873 the definition of "factory" has been broadened until now it includes any place in which mechanical power exceeding one-half horse-power is in use or in which two or more persons are engaged in any manufacturing process. In some circumstances, one or more persons constitutes a factory even where no mechanical power is used. The general recognition of the necessity of securing the health, comfort, and safety of the workers has been expressed in many further legislative enactments.

The industrial legislation formerly included in the Factories and Shops Acts has been revised and amended from time to time and the most important of the amendments have been noted in earlier editions of the *Year-Book*. It has now been consolidated in the *Labour and Industry Act 1953*.

**Number of Factories.** At December, 1954, there were 16,294 factories registered in which 312,735 persons were employed as compared with 16,036 factories employing 299,772 persons in 1953.

**Closing Hours of Shops.** The hours for closing of shops fixed under the *Labour and Industry Act 1953* in both metropolitan and country districts, as defined in the said Acts, were published in the *Year-Book 1945-46*. There were no alterations during 1953 or 1954 to closing hours, but the *Labour and Industry Act 1953* fixed an opening hour of 8 a.m. with certain exceptions.

**Registration of Shops.** Registration of shops became compulsory as from 1st March, 1915. At the end of that year there were 26,401 registered shops with 25,632 employees. The annual registration fee is based on the number of persons employed in the shop, the minimum fee being five shillings.

Registered shops are divided into 25 classes. During the year 1954, there was an increase compared with 1953 of 293 shops, and an increase of 2,415 workers. Particulars of the shops registered and numbers of workers therein are given in the following table.

VICTORIA—SHOPS REGISTERED AND NUMBERS OF PERSONS WORKING THEREIN, 1953 AND 1954 (INCLUDING SHOPKEEPERS AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES).

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Class of Shop.	Port Phillip Region.				Other Regions.				Whole State.			
	1953.		1954.		1953.		1954.		1953.		1954.	
	Number of Shops.	Number of Workers.	Number of Shops.	Number of Workers.	Number of Shops.	Number of Workers.	Number of Shops.	Number of Workers.	Number of Shops.	Number of Workers.	Number of Shops.	Number of Workers.
Bread, Confectionery, and Pastry ..	4,362	10,331	4,300	9,953	1,770	4,199	1,734	4,133	6,132	14,530	6,034	14,086
Booksellers, Newsagents ..	1,001	2,793	1,019	2,849	315	976	332	1,015	1,316	3,769	1,351	3,864
Boot Dealers ..	402	1,395	430	1,447	259	662	237	655	661	2,057	667	2,102
Boot Repairers ..	489	616	517	677	262	332	287	364	751	948	804	1,041
Butchers ..	1,330	4,328	1,384	4,310	654	2,226	684	2,314	1,984	6,554	2,068	6,624
Chemists ..	696	2,490	766	2,716	335	1,238	340	1,244	1,031	3,728	1,106	3,960
Crockery ..	48	185	48	190	6	12	2	4	54	197	50	194
Cycle and Motor, and Motor Requisites ..	1,313	4,888	1,385	5,139	1,400	4,259	1,456	4,319	2,713	9,147	2,841	9,458
Dairy Produce and Cooked Meat ..	738	2,293	766	2,213	164	425	183	453	902	2,718	949	2,666
Drapery and Men's Clothing ..	3,072	18,144	3,044	18,644	1,071	5,163	1,024	5,352	4,143	23,307	4,068	23,996
Electrical and Radio ..	490	1,495	496	1,516	348	934	380	1,024	838	2,429	876	2,540
Fancy Goods Dealers ..	430	2,922	481	3,348	164	1,175	171	1,365	594	4,097	652	4,713
Fish ..	421	871	432	893	80	168	90	195	501	1,039	522	1,088
Florists ..	383	817	401	858	82	177	85	191	465	994	486	1,049
Fruit and Vegetable ..	1,717	3,799	1,672	3,672	724	1,953	689	1,811	2,441	5,752	2,361	5,483
Fuel and Fodder ..	571	1,219	494	962	212	655	205	643	783	1,874	699	1,605
Furniture ..	582	2,673	586	2,670	198	789	211	849	780	3,462	797	3,519
Grocers ..	3,124	7,799	3,079	7,891	2,165	7,575	2,109	7,597	5,289	15,374	5,188	15,488
Hairdressers ..	1,661	3,601	1,600	3,584	777	1,465	791	1,494	2,438	5,066	2,391	5,078
Hardware ..	894	3,988	932	4,388	647	2,305	702	2,466	1,541	6,293	1,634	6,854
Jewellery ..	348	948	348	980	170	410	174	486	518	1,358	522	1,466
Leathergoods ..	140	338	144	309	96	137	92	143	236	475	236	452
Musical Instruments ..	31	318	32	324	24	60	20	53	55	378	52	377
Tobacconists ..	843	1,461	673	1,126	179	801	175	292	1,022	1,762	848	1,418
Mixed Trades and Shops not classified ..	1,805	3,698	2,022	4,095	883	1,921	945	2,156	2,688	5,619	2,967	6,251
Total 1953 and 1954* ..	26,891	83,410	27,051	84,754	12,985	39,517	13,118	40,618	39,876	122,927	40,169	125,372
Total 1952* ..	26,836	83,203	..	..	12,785	38,599	..	..	39,621	121,802	..	..

\* Since 1946 figures have been compiled in relation to the thirteen regions adopted by the Central Planning Authority. It is not practicable now to publish figures for the metropolitan district alone as the Port Phillip Region includes the whole of such metropolitan district and several adjoining municipalities in addition.

**Wages  
Boards.**

The Wages Board method of fixing wages and of settling the conditions of employment had its origin in Victoria and was incorporated in an Act of Parliament introduced in the year 1896. A Board may be appointed for any trade or branch thereof. Each Board consists of an even number of members and a chairman. Originally, each Board was composed of equal numbers of employers and employees, with a qualification that each representative should be actively engaged in the trade concerned. However, under the provisions of the *Factories and Shops Act* 1934, this qualification was modified to permit of a paid officer of any corporation, public body, or association of employers being nominated as one of the members to represent employers and, if such officer is appointed, then one of the representatives of the employees on that Board shall likewise be an officer of the trade union concerned.

The *Labour and Industry Act* 1953 requires a Board to determine that the wages rates and piecework prices fixed in any determination made by it shall be automatically adjusted, at prescribed periods, to accord as nearly as practicable with the variation in the cost of living, as indicated by such retail price index-numbers published by the Commonwealth Statistician as the Board considers appropriate.

The *Labour and Industry Act* 1953 gives Wages Boards the same powers relating to wages and conditions of labour as those incorporated in the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act. These powers enable Wages Boards to make determinations concerning any industrial matter whatsoever in relation to any trade or branch of trade for which such board has been appointed and, in particular, to determine all matters relating to—

- (a) work and days and hours of work ;
- (b) pay, wages and reward ;
- (c) privileges, rights and duties of employers and employees ;
- (d) the mode, terms and conditions of employment or non-employment ;
- (e) the relations of employers and employees ;
- (f) the employment or non-employment of persons of any sex or age ;
- (g) the demarcation of functions of any employees or class of employees ; and
- (h) all questions of what is fair and right in relation to any industrial matter having regard to the interests of the persons immediately concerned and of society as a whole.

Wages Boards are not empowered to determine any matter relating to the preferential employment or dismissal of persons as being or as not being members of any organization, association, or body.

On 31st December, 1954, there were 219 (216 on 31st December, 1953) Wages Boards existent or authorized.

### THE BASIC WAGE.

The first basic wage, as such, was declared in 1907 by **Basic Wage—  
Melbourne.** Mr. Justice Higgins, President of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration. The rate of wage declared was 7s. per day or £2 2s. per week for Melbourne, and by virtue of the fact that it had been determined in connexion with H. V. McKay's Sunshine Harvester Works it became popularly known as the "Harvester Wage."

In 1913 the Court took cognizance of the Retail Price Index-Numbers compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician covering food, groceries, and the rent of all houses ("A" series), and thereafter the basic wage was adjusted in accordance with variations disclosed by that index.

An amount known as the "Powers three shillings" was added in 1922 to the weekly rate of wage for the purpose of securing to the worker, during a period of rising prices, the full equivalent of the "Harvester" standard. The system of making regular quarterly adjustments of the basic wage was also instituted in that year.

In 1931, in view of the depressed financial conditions prevailing, the Court reduced all wages under its jurisdiction by 10 per cent.

In consequence of continued applications from organizations of employees for the cancellation of the order providing for the 10 per cent. reduction, the Court in its judgment of 5th May, 1933, transferred the basis of fixation and adjustment of wages to a new set of Index Numbers—Harvester—All Items Index ("D" Series). This award was made applicable only to workers who had suffered the full 10 per cent. reduction.

The judgment of the Arbitration Court relative to the Basic Wage Inquiry of 1934 ordered a vital change in the method of calculating the basic wage. The "Harvester" standard supplemented by the "Powers three shillings" was superseded by the "All Items" Index Numbers ("C" Series) as the measure for assessment and adjustment of the basic wage and the 10 per cent. reduction of wages—mentioned above—was removed.

As a result of the Basic Wage Inquiry of 1937, the Arbitration Court prepared and issued its own series of retail price index numbers. This is based upon and corresponds with the Commonwealth Statistician's "All Items" series, but it is specially numbered for convenience in the adjustment of the basic wage. Provision was also made for the addition of a "fixed loading" of six shillings to the existing wage, payable in two instalments.

Applications by organizations of employees for an increase in the basic wage prescribed by awards of the Arbitration Court were considered at the Basic Wage Inquiry of 1940-41. The Court was of the opinion that the application should not be dismissed but should stand over for further consideration.

Pending the hearing and final determination of the claims which had already been lodged and of such claims as may in the near future be lodged by unions in respect of their several awards for a full review of the basic wage, the Arbitration Court, in its Basic Wage (Interim) Inquiry of 13th December, 1946, decided that, by way of interim award or interim order for variation as may be appropriate in each case, there shall be an immediate increase of 7s. per week in the present "needs" portion (93s.) of the Court's basic wage for the Weighted Average index number of the Six Capital Cities for the September quarter 1946.

The Arbitration Court, as a result of the Basic Wage Inquiry of 1949-50, decided to increase the basic wage by 20s. per week. At the same time the "prosperity" loading was incorporated in the new wage at a uniform amount throughout Australia of 5s. As a result the basic wage payable in Melbourne was increased by 19s. per week as from the first full pay period after 1st December, 1950. The female basic wage was increased from 54 per cent. to 75 per cent. of the male rate.

Following the hearing of the Basic Wage and Standard Hours Case, the Arbitration Court decided, on 12th September, 1953, to discontinue the automatic adjustment to the basic wage. The last quarterly wage adjustment made was based on the Court Series Index Numbers for June Quarter 1953 and became payable as from the first full pay period in August, 1953.

The Arbitration Court held Basic Wage Inquiries in 1955-56 and 1957. Resulting from these inquiries the Court increased the basic wage by ten shillings per week as from June 1956 and a further increase of ten shillings per week was made in May, 1957.

Basic weekly rates of wage in Melbourne for the years 1929 to 1938 are shown on page 374 of the 1946-47 *Year-Book*. The following table outlines the changes since March, 1939.

MELBOURNE—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE.  
(Adult Males.)

Commencing Date.	Basic Wage.	Commencing Date.	Basic Wage.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1939—		1949—	
March .. .. .	3 19 0	February .. .. .	6 3 0
June .. .. .	4 1 0	May .. .. .	6 5 0
December .. .. .	4 0 0	August .. .. .	6 8 0
1940—		November .. .. .	6 10 0
February .. .. .	4 1 0	1950—	
May .. .. .	4 2 0	February .. .. .	6 14 0
August .. .. .	4 4 0	May .. .. .	6 17 0
1941—		August .. .. .	7 0 0
February .. .. .	4 6 0	November .. .. .	7 3 0
May .. .. .	4 7 0	December† .. .. .	8 2 0
November .. .. .	4 8 0	1951—	
1942—		February .. .. .	8 10 0
February .. .. .	4 9 0	May .. .. .	8 17 0
May .. .. .	4 12 0	August .. .. .	9 9 0
August .. .. .	4 14 0	November .. .. .	9 19 0
November .. .. .	4 17 0	1952—	
1943—		February .. .. .	10 9 0
February .. .. .	4 18 0	May .. .. .	10 12 0
August .. .. .	4 19 0	August .. .. .	11 4 0
November .. .. .	4 18 0	November .. .. .	11 8 0
1944—		1953—	
February .. .. .	4 17 0	February .. .. .	11 9 0
August .. .. .	4 18 0	May .. .. .	11 12 0
1946—		August‡ .. .. .	11 15 0
August .. .. .	4 19 0	1956—	
December* .. .. .	5 6 0	June .. .. .	12 5 0
1947—		1957—	
February .. .. .	5 7 0	May .. .. .	12 15 0
August .. .. .	5 8 0		
November .. .. .	5 9 0		
1948—			
February .. .. .	5 13 0		
May .. .. .	5 15 0		
August .. .. .	5 17 0		
November .. .. .	6 0 0		

\* Increased by interim judgment.

† Increase due to Basic Wage Inquiry.

‡ On 12th September, 1953, the Arbitration Court decided to discontinue the automatic adjustments to the basic wage which remained constant until June, 1956, when the Court increased the wage by ten shillings per week, and a further increase of ten shillings per week was granted in May, 1957.

Prior to 1934, the basic wage for Victoria differed only slightly from that for Melbourne. In its judgment in that year, the Court made special reference to the basic wage payable in industries outside the metropolitan area, and it ruled that, except in certain specified districts where the cost of living appeared to be correctly indicated by the local "All Items"

Basic Wage—  
Outside  
Metropolitan  
Area.



Index Numbers, or where known circumstances indicated that the general rule should not apply, the basic wage for provincial places should be a constant three shillings per week less than that for the metropolitan district in the same State. Special provision was made also for assessing or adjusting the wage in certain places.

### RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The "C" Series (all items) of retail price index-numbers for Melbourne is compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician. This series comprises the costs of food, groceries, rents of four and five-roomed houses, clothing, and miscellaneous expenditure, and is applied to the majority of awards of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration in accordance with its judgment of 17th April, 1934. It was superseded by an index number of the Court's own construction as described in the Report of the "Basic Wage Inquiry, 1937". The weighted average for the six Capital Cities during the five-yearly period, 1923-27, expressed as 1,000, is the basis of comparison in the following table:—

#### MELBOURNE—RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS, "C" SERIES, "ALL ITEMS," 1914-1953.

Period.	Retail Price Index-Numbers Household Expenditure. "All Items."	Year.	Retail Price Index-Numbers Household Expenditure. "All Items."
November, 1914 ..	671	1942 .. ..	1100
November, 1921 ..	1003	1943 .. ..	1139
Years 1923-1927 ..	990	1944 .. ..	1135
1929 ..	1017	1945 .. ..	1135
1930 ..	956	1946 .. ..	1149
1931 ..	846	1947 .. ..	1188
1932 ..	813	1948 .. ..	1294
1933 ..	789	1949 .. ..	1415
1934 ..	801	1950 .. ..	1565
1935 ..	824	1951 .. ..	1880
1936 ..	844	1952 .. ..	2170
1937 ..	868	1953 .. ..	2285
1938 ..	896	1954 .. ..	2288
1939 ..	924	1955 .. ..	2365
1940 ..	964	1956 .. ..	2567
1941 ..	1008		

## APPRENTICESHIP COMMISSION.

Under the *Apprenticeship Act* 1928 (No. 3636), which was proclaimed on 8th May, 1928, an Apprenticeship Commission was appointed to administer the Act and to supervise apprenticeship in trades proclaimed as apprenticeship trades thereunder.

The proclaimed apprenticeship trades, and the number of probationers and apprentices employed under the Act on 30th June in each of the years 1950 to 1954 are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—PROCLAIMED APPRENTICESHIP TRADES  
1950 TO 1954.

Trade.	Number of Probationers and Apprentices Employed under Act on 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Plumbing and Gasfitting .. .. .	992	1,006	1,041	1,223	1,359
Carpentry and Joinery .. .. .	1,521	1,790	2,093	2,285	2,415
Painting, Decorating, and Sign-writing .. .. .	223	196	200	217	211
Plastering .. .. .	17	20	23	48	49
Printing .. .. .	860	865	874	950	1,031
Electrical .. .. .	1,284	1,314	1,422	1,600	1,704
Motor Mechanics .. .. .	942	1,139	1,398	1,838	2,047
Bootmaking .. .. .	329	322	276	355	428
Moulding .. .. .	87	80	80	94	94
Engineering .. .. .	1,980	1,817	1,847	2,069	2,259
Fibrous Plastering .. .. .	121	113	122	128	140
Boilermaking and/or Steel Construction .. .. .	67	72	110	182	208
Sheet Metal .. .. .	116	105	90	108	134
Bread Making and Baking .. .. .	78	72	55	54	45
Pastrycooking .. .. .	91	92	73	85	90
Butchering and/or Small Goods Making .. .. .	312	329	347	444	532
Cooking .. .. .	14	14	18	27	24
Hairdressing .. .. .	746	672	619	634	638
Aircraft Mechanics .. .. .	49	67	57	58	76
Bricklaying .. .. .	31	35	56	72	92
Electroplating .. .. .	19	17	12	10	11
Dental Mechanics .. .. .	19	24	33	27	27
Watchmaking .. .. .	14	15	26	30	35
Furniture .. .. .	..	..	13	180	268
Radio Tradesman .. .. .	..	..	4	19	36
Instrument Making .. .. .	..	..	..	5	25
Silverware and Silver Plating .. .. .	..	..	..	..	8
Vehicle Industry .. .. .	..	..	..	..	130
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>9,912</b>	<b>10,176</b>	<b>10,889</b>	<b>12,742</b>	<b>14,116</b>

Since the inception of the Commission, 22,839 apprentices have completed their terms of apprenticeship.

The following table shows the trades or groups of trades which have been proclaimed together with the date and area of proclamation in respect of each trade:—

VICTORIA—APPRENTICESHIP TRADES PROCLAIMED.

Trade.	Area.	Date of Proclamation.
<i>Building Trades.</i>		
Plumbing and Gasfitting .. .. .	Metropolitan .. .. .	10.10.28
	Ballarat and Geelong .. .. .	23.3.38
	Remainder of State .. .. .	27.7.49
Carpentry and Joinery .. .. .	Metropolitan .. .. .	28.11.28
	Remainder of State .. .. .	9.7.47
Painting, Decorating, and Signwriting	Metropolitan .. .. .	28.11.28
	Plastering .. .. .	28.11.28
Fibrous Plastering .. .. .	Metropolitan .. .. .	17.2.37
Bricklaying .. .. .	Metropolitan .. .. .	18.12.46
<i>Metal Trades.</i>		
Engineering .. .. .	Metropolitan .. .. .	1.4.36
	Geelong .. .. .	25.6.41
	Remainder of State .. .. .	7.11.45
Electrical Mechanic .. .. .	Metropolitan .. .. .	17.7.29
	Remainder of State .. .. .	1.11.44
Electrical Fitter and Armature Winder	Metropolitan .. .. .	17.7.29
	Remainder of State .. .. .	12.5.48
Motor Mechanics .. .. .	Metropolitan .. .. .	5.3.30
	Remainder of State .. .. .	30.3.49
Moulding .. .. .	Metropolitan .. .. .	13.1.32
Boilermaking .. .. .	Metropolitan .. .. .	1.12.37
Sheet Metal .. .. .	Metropolitan .. .. .	25.5.38
Electroplating .. .. .	Metropolitan .. .. .	7.5.47
Aircraft Mechanic .. .. .	Whole State .. .. .	16.10.46
Radio Tradesman .. .. .	Metropolitan .. .. .	15.1.52
Instrument Making .. .. .	Metropolitan .. .. .	3.6.52
Silverware and Silver-Plating Trades ..	Metropolitan .. .. .	9.6.53
Vehicle Industry .. .. .	Whole State .. .. .	15.12.53
<i>Food Trades.</i>		
Bread .. .. .	Metropolitan .. .. .	14.12.38
Pastrycooking .. .. .	Metropolitan .. .. .	14.12.38
Butchering .. .. .	Metropolitan .. .. .	11.10.39
Cooking .. .. .	Metropolitan .. .. .	8.5.40
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>		
Bootmaking Trades .. .. .	Metropolitan .. .. .	13.1.32
Printing and Allied Trades .. .. .	Metropolitan .. .. .	27.2.29
	Remainder of State .. .. .	25.6.41
Hairdressing .. .. .	Metropolitan .. .. .	3.12.41
Dental Mechanic .. .. .	Metropolitan .. .. .	10.12.47
Watchmaking .. .. .	Metropolitan .. .. .	3.11.48
Furniture Trades .. .. .	Metropolitan .. .. .	25.3.52

NOTES.—1. "Metropolitan District" is as defined by Proclamation under the Apprenticeship Acts. 2. Some Proclamations have been varied from time to time.

## THE COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE.

The Commonwealth Employment Service was established under Section 47 of the *Re-Establishment and Employment Act 1945*, and under the *Social Services Legislation Declaratory Act 1947*.

The Principal function of this Service, as set out in Section 48 of the first-mentioned Act, is to provide services and facilities in relation to employment for the benefit of persons seeking to obtain employment, or to engage labour, and to provide facilities to assist in bringing about and maintaining a high and stable level of employment throughout the Commonwealth. The Act also gives the service a number of specific functions in relation to the re-establishment of ex-servicemen.

The Service also assists in the administration of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits, provided under the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1953*, as well as the Re-employment Allowance, provided under the *Re-Establishment and Employment Act* for certain classes of discharged members of the Forces. All persons who wish to claim unemployment benefits or re-employment allowances must register with a District Employment Office which is responsible for checking claims and for certifying whether or not suitable employment can be offered.

In addition to giving advice on employment problems through a network of District Employment Offices, the Service provides free vocational guidance in each State other than New South Wales by means of a staff of qualified psychologists. (In New South Wales a similar service is provided by the New South Wales Department of Labour, Industry, and Social Welfare which acts as agent for the Service in this field). While vocational guidance is available to any individual, it is provided particularly for juveniles entering employment for the first time, for ex-servicemen, and for physically and mentally handicapped persons. Invalid pensioners being considered by the Department of Social Services for training under the provisions of the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1953*, are examined by the Vocational Guidance Branch before training is provided.

Under the Scheme initiated by the International Refugee Organization for the re-settlement of Displaced Persons from Europe following the 1939-45 War, the Commonwealth Employment Service is responsible for placing the workers amongst these people in employment where their services will be of most use in increasing production. Late in 1951 when the Organization had largely achieved its humanitarian work, it was replaced by the Inter-governmental Committee for European Migration, and the flow of Displaced Persons migrants has since ended.

Towards the middle of 1950 the Service assumed a new responsibility, that of placing in employment migrants from Great Britain under the Commonwealth-Nominated Migration Scheme. Following the agreements entered into with the Dutch, West German, and Italian Governments for the entry of selected European workers into the country, the Commonwealth Employment Service has undertaken the initial placement of such persons. Late in 1952, this service was extended to immigrants from some other European countries, including Greece and Austria, whose passage is arranged by the Inter-governmental Committee for European Migration under agreements between that Committee and the Commonwealth.

Since early in 1951, the Commonwealth Employment Service has been responsible for the registration, medical examination, interview, and call-up of young men for training in the Armed Forces under the *National Service Act 1951-1953*, which is administered by the Department of Labour and National Service. The Service is also responsible for administering the provisions of the Act relating to the protection of the rights of National Service trainees in relation to their civil employment.

In association with its placement activities, the Commonwealth Employment Service carries out regular surveys of the labour market in all areas and supplies detailed information on the employment situation to Government Departments and instrumentalities and to the public. In order to assist in making effective placements, job analysis studies of Australian occupations are also made.

The service operates within the Employment Division of the Department of Labour and National Service, and is under the control of the Permanent Head of that Department. It functions on a decentralized basis. The Central Office is in Melbourne. In each State a Regional Administrative Office of the Department is controlled by a Regional Director, who is responsible for the effective operation of the Commonwealth Employment Service and other Regional elements of the Department.

In the Victorian Region there are now sixteen District Employment offices in the metropolitan area and fourteen in various country centres. There are also four part-time offices, and a number of agents in country towns who work in conjunction with the District Employment Officer controlling the area in which the agent is located.

Special offices for dealing with particular types of labour, and a Vocational Guidance Section are located at the headquarters of the Victorian Regional Office in Melbourne.

Particulars relating to the major activities of the Service during the five years ended 30th June, 1954, are given in the following table:—

Details.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.
Applications for employment*	103,601	98,010	112,271	144,391	111,261
Number placed in employment ..	74,189	69,062	62,077	58,877	61,702
Number of vacancies notified	121,847	115,935	89,113	80,691	105,295
Vacancies at 30th June ..	47,611	51,666	13,720	8,880	15,343

\* Includes unemployed persons and persons already in employment who are seeking improved positions.

### HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES COMMISSION.

**Hospitals and Charities Commission.** Prior to 1864, Public Hospitals in Victoria were very few, unorganized as a State service, of extremely limited scope and capacity and dependent for finance almost entirely on charitable contributions.

Legislation of 1864 brought in a small measure of State control in that it required all charities to be registered and provided certain rules for the election of Committees, but made no demands for improvement or reform in the service. From 1881 until 1923, centralized control of public hospitals was limited to the activities of a Government-appointed Inspector assisted by an Advisory Council of four other members. The inadequacy of this was apparently realized in 1890, when a Royal Commission on Charitable Institutions recommended "the appointment of a Central Board of Charity to allocate the Government grants to the various districts and have general control of all charities within the colony". This recommendation was not implemented until 1923, when the *Hospitals and Charities Act* 1922, brought into being the Charities Board of Victoria. The Board, which commenced to function on 1st July, 1923, consisted of fourteen honorary Members (increased to sixteen in 1939), the Secretary and Chief Executive Officer being the Inspector of Charities. From its inception until 1st July, 1944 (when the "Ministry of Health" Act was proclaimed), the Charities Board of Victoria came under the Department of the State Treasurer but from that date the Minister of Health became the Governmental authority.

The Board had extensive responsibilities and powers of control over the activities of charities supported by and seeking the voluntary contributions of the public. To increase the usefulness of the Public Hospitals and as an aid in determining the relative amounts of Governmental subsidy to be paid, the Board classified them as Metropolitan and Country, the latter being graded into Base Hospitals (A and B Grades), District Hospitals and Cottage

**Hospitals.** By a system of zoning and the establishment of an adequately equipped Base Hospital in each zone, much was done to improve Hospital facilities.

With the proclamation of the *Hospitals and Charities Act 1948*, the Charities Board of Victoria ceased to exist and the Hospitals and Charities Commission became its successor. Consisting of three full-time Commissioners (and staff), it assumed office on 15th November, 1948, with an important programme of future development.

**Functions of  
Hospitals and  
Charities  
Commission.**

The Commission's powers and responsibilities include the following:—

1. To recommend payment of Maintenance and Capital subsidies to registered Institutions and Benevolent Societies;
2. To investigate for the Minister any matters relating to administration under the Act;
3. To inspect subsidized Institutions and their management;
4. To temporarily control and administer a Hospital in which the Committee of Management ceased to exist;
5. To appropriately control the location, accommodation and bed allocation in Hospitals and other institutional building works;
6. To advise upon and approve the erection of new buildings and the alteration of existing ones;
7. To determine (after consultation with the Nurses' Board) what Hospitals should be used for nurse training and the standards of nursing staff for Hospitals;
8. To establish preliminary schools for nursing trainees;
9. To classify Medical Staffs of Hospitals;
10. To establish and maintain a bureau to assist the admission of patients to Hospitals;
11. To establish and maintain ambulance services;
12. To promote—
  - (a) Collective Buying of standard equipment, furnishings and supplies;
  - (b) Administrative Training Scheme;
  - (c) Post-graduate Training of Nurses;
13. Administration of Private Hospitals—under the *Health (Hospitals) Act 1948*, which came into operation on 1st July, 1951.
14. Administration of Commonwealth Hospital Benefits—by arrangement with the Commonwealth authorities.

**Building.** When completed, the Commission's building programme, including new Hospitals and Benevolent Homes and extensions to existing ones, will provide approximately an additional 4,500 beds, boiler houses, nurses' homes and special departments.

The programme includes the development of Hospitals on a regional basis, the establishment of group laundries and central training schools for nurses. In addition to this, works to the extent of £34,000,000 are in course of planning and will be commenced progressively as circumstances permit.

**Finance.** The Hospitals and Charities Fund is established at the Treasury and into it are paid—

- (1) Moneys appropriated by Parliament (now fixed under the *Hospitals and Charities Act 1948*, at £800,000);
- (2) Special Appropriations by Parliament.

In the year 1953-54 the Government paid £6,553,978 (£6,032,453 in 1952-53) into the Fund for allocation to registered Institutions and Societies. In addition, £1,296,475 (£1,368,331 in 1952-53) was available from the Commonwealth Hospital Benefits Fund for Distribution to Institutions for Maintenance.

In making recommendations to the Minister as to what sums of money from Hospitals and Charities Fund should be paid to each subsidized institution or benevolent society in any financial year, matters such as the following are taken into consideration:—

- (a) The financial position of such institution or benevolent society and the amount likely to be contributed to it during the financial year other than that from the Fund.
- (b) The probable net receipts and expenditure for the financial year.
- (c) The actual number of persons relieved during the preceding financial year.
- (d) The average number of beds (if any) occupied during the preceding financial year and the average cost per bed.
- (e) The average length of stay of each in-patient during the preceding financial year.
- (f) The general conditions and management.

In addition Capital Funds to the extent of £4,240,284 (£2,676,532 in 1952-53) were spent in the year 1953-54, on the Commission's building programme, and the purchase of plant, equipment, furnishings and fittings.

	1952-53.	1953-54.
	£	£
Loan Fund .. .. .	2,650,000	4,240,004
Hospital Benefit Fund .. .. .	16,828	280
Surplus Revenue .. .. .	2,704	..
Hospitals and Charities Fund Capital .. .. .	7,000	..
	2,676,532	4,240,284



**Hospitals and Accommodation.** The growth of Public Hospital services throughout Victoria is indicated by the following table:—

**VICTORIA—POPULATION, NUMBER OF HOSPITALS, AND NUMBER OF BEDS, 1836 TO 1954.**

Year.	Population (Estimated at 31st December).	Number of Hospitals (functioning).	Number of Beds (including Private and Intermediate Sections).
1836 .. ..	224	..	..
1840 .. ..	10,291	1	20
1850 .. ..	76,162	1	20
1862 .. ..	551,338	19	1,037
1870 .. ..	723,925	26	1,574
1880 .. ..	858,605	34	2,202
1890 .. ..	1,133,728	34	2,094
1900 .. ..	1,196,213	42	2,470
1910 .. ..	1,301,408	44	2,896
1920 .. ..	1,527,909	53	3,774
1930 .. ..	1,792,605	63	4,678
1940 .. ..	1,914,918	64	7,122
1950 .. ..	2,237,182	91	8,930
1951 .. ..	2,299,538	93	9,112
1952 .. ..	2,366,719	96	9,237
1953 .. ..	2,416,035	103	9,732
1954 .. ..	2,480,877	109	10,152

**Number of Institutions and Societies.** At 30th June, 1954, the Commission had on its register 951 (919 at 30th June, 1953) institutions and societies as under:—

	1953.	1954.
Hospitals .. ..	132	136
Benevolent Homes and Hostels .. ..	53	55
Children's Homes .. ..	50	51
Foundling and Rescue Homes .. ..	19	19
Organizations for Welfare of Boys and Girls .. ..	85	93
Creches and Kindergartens .. ..	85	84
Bush Nursing Centres .. ..	16	17
Ambulance organizations .. ..	62	68
Relief organizations .. ..	87	88
Miscellaneous organizations .. ..	89	95
Private Hospitals .. ..	241	245
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	919	951
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**The Citizens  
Welfare  
Service of  
Victoria.**

Incorporated under the Hospitals and Charities Act, controlled and managed by a Committee elected by contributors each year at the Annual Meeting, maintained entirely by voluntary gifts and inheriting the experience and traditions of the Charity Organization Society of Melbourne, the Citizens Welfare Service of Victoria, with the aid of a skilled staff, offers advice and practical help to troubled citizens.

The functions fulfilled by the Citizens Welfare Service are—

1. A Family Casework Agency—

- (a) providing a skilled service to citizens finding themselves in any sort of trouble or difficulty which may be eased or removed through experienced advice and friendly co-operation.
- (b) providing assistance in cash or kind for citizens whose material needs can not be met from any statutory, voluntary or other source.
- (c) offering skilled investigation and advisory co-operation to other welfare agencies and to the community generally.

2. A *Citizens Advice Bureau* carried on as a centre of advice or guidance to citizens generally, irrespective of economic position.

3. *Student Training*, providing facilities for practical training of students from the University Social Studies Department.

Every client seeking the assistance of the C.W.S. is assured of complete privacy and confidence in his relationship with the agency.

Some of the circumstances which give rise to a need for a skilled casework service are—domestic difficulties which threaten family unity; problems of unmarried or expectant mothers; difficulties created by desertion or death of the bread-winner; financial anxieties arising from money-lending, cash-order, hire purchase, or other debts; problems arising from sickness or injury as, for instance, the need of artificial limbs, invalid chairs and other expensive surgical appliances; circumstances involving the transfer of families or individuals to the country, to other States, or overseas.

The following table shows Receipts and Expenditure, and the number of cases dealt with, during the five years ended on 30th June, 1954 :—

Details.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts .. .. .	5,524	7,849	5,918	5,931	6,003
Expenditure .. .. .	5,697	8,368	7,982	7,643	6,873
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Cases dealt with .. .. .	710	767	823	1,424	945

## PUBLIC HOSPITALS, CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS, ETC.

Information relating to receipts, expenditure, accommodation, and inmates of public hospitals and charitable institutions (subsidized) in Victoria during the years ended 31st March, 1953 and 31st March, 1954, is contained in the following tables. The numbers, in respect of indoor and outdoor patients, refer to the "cases" treated and not to persons. It is considered probable that some persons obtained relief or became inmates at more than one establishment, but there is no information upon which an estimate of the number of these duplications can be based.

### VICTORIA—PUBLIC HOSPITALS, CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS, ETC.—RECEIPTS, AND EXPENDITURE, YEARS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1953 AND 31ST MARCH, 1954.

Institution.	Number of Institutions.		Receipts.										Expenditure (including Cost of Out-patients).	
			From Government.		Contributions from—				Other.‡		Total Receipts.			
					In-patients or Inmates.		Out-patients.							
			1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.		
			£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Special Hospitals† ..	9	9	2,238,683	2,526,619	111,752	169,958	128,865	139,575	530,132	627,105	3,009,432	3,463,257	3,190,929	3,381,065
General Hospitals— Metropolitan ..	11	11	3,256,992	3,727,782	216,133	328,501	118,963	141,963	550,269	823,063	4,142,357	5,021,309	4,401,678	5,061,215
Country ..	82	85	3,048,494	3,407,924	171,944	263,759	90,522	112,070	1,263,258	1,397,468	4,574,218	5,181,221	4,660,303	5,256,754
Auxiliary Hospitals*	2	2	269,191	293,583	30,988	51,734	7,962	10,434	20,307	22,212	328,448	377,963	307,653	365,121
Fairfield Hospital (Fever division and Chest unit) ..	1	1	129,047	135,989	..	..	..	..	66,330	76,134	195,377	212,123	195,124	193,712
Convalescent Homes	2	1	5,589	5,817	2,381	2,074	..	..	2,771	1,403	10,741	9,294	12,978	10,004
Sanatoria ..	3	3	644,809	634,924	..	..	..	..	..	2,345	644,809	637,269	644,809	637,269
Mental Hospitals and Receiving Houses ..	11	13	3,622,139	4,249,679	..	..	..	..	15,932	19,315	3,638,071	4,268,994	3,638,071	4,268,994
Total ..	121	125	13,214,944	14,982,317	533,198	816,026	346,312	404,042	2,448,999	2,969,045	16,543,453	19,171,430	17,051,545	19,174,134

VICTORIA—PUBLIC HOSPITALS, CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS, ETC.—RECEIPTS, AND EXPENDITURE,  
YEARS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1953 AND 31ST MARCH, 1954—continued.

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Institution.	Number of Institutions.		Receipts.										Expenditure (including Cost of Out-patients).	
			From Government.		Contributions from—				Other.		Total Receipts.			
					In-patients or Inmates.		Out-patients.							
					1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.						
				£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND SOCIETIES.														
Infants' Homes ..	6	7	41,893	49,489	10,013	9,499	..	..	37,160	47,054	89,066	106,042	120,309	118,746
Children's Homes ..	35	34	155,772	229,391	55,315	67,098	..	..	199,375	301,592	410,462	598,081	499,075	655,091
Maternity Homes ..	4	4	6,111	5,684	15,304	14,461	..	..	7,741	4,065	29,156	24,210	30,361	23,915
Rescue Homes ..	4	4	6,591	7,120	18,137	22,173	..	..	81,301	78,807	106,029	108,100	104,046	94,876
Benevolent Homes ..	9	9	735,624	767,151	105,994	136,913	..	..	76,133	58,165	917,751	962,229	1,030,599	963,655
Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institutions ..	2	2	8,230	8,478	9,904	10,124	..	..	195,892	202,380	214,026	220,982	221,085	233,381
Benevolent Societies	38	33	3,635	3,559	..	..	..	..	12,819	12,527	16,454	16,086	15,285	13,891
Hostels for the Aged	8	7	43,142	37,062	28,209	34,038	..	..	28,074	26,787	99,425	98,787	102,348	90,517
Miscellaneous ..	..	..	263,923	298,967	149,639	148,048	2,006	2,778	483,917	506,766	899,485	956,559	886,216	972,665
Total ..	..	..	1,264,921	1,406,901	392,515	443,254	2,006	2,778	1,122,412	1,238,143	2,781,854	3,091,076	3,009,324	3,166,737
Grand Total ..	..	..	14,470,865	16,389,218	925,713	1,259,280	348,318	406,820	3,571,411	4,207,188	10,325,307	22,262,506	20,060,969	22,340,871

\* Includes General Division of Fairfield Hospital.

† Special Hospitals are those that have accommodation for specific cases only or for women and/or children exclusively. They comprise:—The Austin (for Cancer and Chronic diseases), Children's, Eye and Ear, Dental, Queen Victoria, Women's, Caritas Christi Hospice (for the Dying), Talbot Colony for Epileptics, and Airlie (Maternity).

‡ Includes receipts from the intermediate and private sections of Public Hospitals.

§ Includes £170,908 for Mental Defectives' Branch in 1953-54 (£160,454 in 1952-53).

NOTE.—Receipts and Expenditure of Fairfield Hospital (fever division and chest unit), Sanatoria and Mental Hospitals and Receiving Houses are for years ended 30th June, 1953 and 1954.

VICTORIA—RECEIPTS OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS, SANATORIA, ETC., DURING THE  
YEARS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1953 AND 31ST MARCH, 1954.

Institution.	Receipts.													
	Maintenance Receipts.								Capital Receipts.				Total Receipts.	
	Government.		Contributions from In-patients and Out-patients.		Intermediate and Private Patients' Section.		Other.		Government.		Other.			
	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Special Hospitals	2,081,160	2,089,054	240,617	309,533	85,330	98,879	301,309	313,340	157,523	437,565	143,493	214,886	3,009,432	3,463,257
General Hospitals—														
Metropolitan ..	2,400,669	2,738,482	335,096	470,464	216,320	308,110	197,448	183,692	856,323	939,300	136,501	331,261	4,142,357	5,021,309
Country ..	2,091,933	2,118,917	262,466	375,829	794,422	880,501	297,998	273,351	956,561	1,289,007	170,838	243,616	4,574,218	5,181,221
Auxiliary Hospitals	255,951	285,463	38,950	62,168	..	..	16,103	12,189	13,240	8,120	4,204	10,023	328,448	377,963
Fairfield Hospital (Fever division and chest unit)*	129,047	135,989	..	..	..	..	66,330	76,134	..	..	..	..	195,377	212,123
Convalescent Homes	5,539	5,817	2,381	2,074	..	..	2,771	1,403	..	..	..	..	10,741	9,294
Sanatoria* ..	533,819	589,229	..	..	..	..	..	2,345	110,990	45,695	..	..	644,809	637,269
Mental Hospitals and Receiving Houses*	2,845,869	3,234,417	..	..	..	..	15,932	19,315	776,270	1,015,262	..	..	†3,638,071	†4,268,994
Total ..	10,344,037	11,197,368	879,510	1,220,063	1,096,072	1,287,490	897,891	881,769	2,870,907	3,784,949	455,036	799,786	16,543,453	19,171,430

\* Year ended 30th June. † Includes £170,908 for Mental Defectives' Branch in 1953-54 (£160,454 in 1952-53).

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS, SANATORIA, ETC., DURING THE  
YEARS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1953 AND 31ST MARCH, 1954.

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Institution.	Expenditure.													
	In-patients, Expenditure on—						Out-patients, Total Aggregate Cost.		Total Cost of All Patients.		Capital Expenditure.		Total Expenditure.	
	Salaries and Wages.		Other (including Extraordinary Expenditure).		Total.		1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.
	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.								
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Special Hospitals	1,392,545	1,552,219	865,071	887,054	2,257,616	2,439,273	421,490	457,764	2,679,106	2,897,037	511,823	484,028	3,190,929	3,381,065
General Hospi- tals—														
Metropolitan	1,592,117	1,858,158	1,005,621	1,224,343	2,597,738	3,082,501	536,323	598,761	3,134,061	3,681,262	1,267,617	1,379,953	4,401,678	5,061,215
Country ..	2,024,024	2,284,076	1,141,462	1,265,948	3,165,486	3,550,024	151,581	160,890	3,317,067	3,710,914	1,343,236	1,545,840	4,660,303	5,256,754
Auxiliary Hospitals ..	164,799	194,229	101,176	114,295	265,975	308,524	29,524	32,549	295,499	341,073	12,514	24,048	307,653	365,121
Fairfield Hospital (Fever division and chest unit)* ..	127,871	127,153	67,253	66,559	195,124	193,712	..	..	195,124	193,712	..	..	195,124	193,712
Convalescent Homes ..	7,856	6,899	5,122	3,105	12,978	10,004	..	..	12,978	10,004	..	..	12,978	10,004
Sanatoria* ..	305,848	348,291	227,971	243,283	533,819	591,574	..	..	533,819	591,574	110,990	45,695	644,809	637,269
Mental Hospitals and Receiving Houses* ..	1,399,481	1,633,554	1,462,320	1,620,178	2,861,801	3,253,732	..	..	2,861,801	3,253,732	776,270	1,015,262	†3,638,071	†4,268,994
Total ..	7,014,541	8,004,579	4,875,996	5,424,765	11,890,537	13,420,344	1,138,918	1,249,964	13,029,455	14,679,308	4,022,450	4,494,826	17,051,545	19,174,134

\* Year ended 30th June. † Includes £170,908 for Mental Defectives' Branch in 1953-54 (£160,454 in 1952-53).

**Income of  
Charitable  
Institutions.**

The receipts of public hospitals and charitable institutions in the State under various headings for the year ended 31st March, 1953, are shown hereunder:—

**VICTORIA—SOURCES OF INCOME OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS, CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS, ETC., 1952-53.**

Receipts.	Public Hospitals.	Convalescent Homes, Mental Hospitals* and Sanatoria.*	Infants' Homes.	Children's Homes.	Maternity and Rescue Homes.	Hostels for the Aged.	Benevolent Homes.	Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institutions.	Other Institutions.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Government Grants including Hospital Benefits Fund .. ..	8,942,407	4,266,959	31,452	91,697	11,223	43,142	735,624	8,230	267,558	14,398,292
Child Endowment .. ..	..	5,578	10,441	64,075	1,479	..	..	..	..	81,573
Municipal Grants and Contributions .. ..	93,083	80	246	484	60	13	998	521	118,164	213,640
Annual Subscriptions .. ..	104,238	204	2,935	24,577	916	2,535	4,990	31,097	45,226	216,718
Proceeds of Entertainments .. ..	108,200	..	5,628	7,996	101	..	6,472	28,119	9,867	166,383
Hospital Sunday and Lord Mayor's Fund .. ..	74,567	538	1,376	3,138	969	1,072	7,461	1,065	5,999	96,185
Collections, Donations, Legacies, and Bequests .. ..	775,561	1,361	21,139	71,390	7,137	23,221	42,617	68,817	149,514	1,160,757
Contributions of In-patients or Inmates .. ..	530,817	2,381	10,013	53,315	33,441	28,209	105,994	9,904	149,639	925,713
Contributions from Out-patients .. ..	346,312	..	..	49,618	77,905	..	..	31,449	2,006	348,318
Proceeds of Inmates' Labour .. ..	..	..	..	19,716	791	495	6,540	19,389	..	158,972
Income from Investments .. ..	57,342	283	3,105	..	..	..	..	..	967	108,628
Fees from Intermediate and Private Patients .. ..	1,096,072	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,096,072
Other Sources .. ..	121,233	16,237	2,731	22,456	1,163	738	7,055	15,435	166,999	354,047
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>12,249,832</b>	<b>4,293,621</b>	<b>89,066</b>	<b>410,462</b>	<b>135,185</b>	<b>99,425</b>	<b>917,751</b>	<b>214,026</b>	<b>915,939</b>	<b>19,325,307</b>

\* Year ended 30th June.

NOTE.—Children's Welfare Department is not included in above table.

The receipts of public hospitals and charitable institutions in the State under various headings for the year ended 31st March, 1954, are shown hereunder:—

VICTORIA—SOURCES OF INCOME OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS, CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS, ETC., 1953-54.

Receipts.	Public Hospitals.	Convalescent Homes, Mental Hospitals* and Sanatoria.*	Infants' Homes.	Children's Homes.	Maternity and Rescue Homes.	Hostels for the Aged.	Benevolent Homes.	Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institutions.	Other Institutions.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Government Grants including Hospital Benefits Fund .. ..	10,091,897	4,884,489	39,887	166,946	11,396	37,062	767,151	8,478	302,526	16,309,832
Child Endowment .. ..		5,931	9,602	62,445	1,408	..	..	..	..	79,386
Municipal Grants and Contributions .. ..	107,842	54	176	393	5	..	871	426	127,965	237,732
Annual Subscriptions .. ..	87,094	218	2,946	17,159	430	1,617	4,460	40,790	56,825	211,539
Proceeds of Entertainments .. ..	91,356	..	6,426	19,906	..	..	4,613	30,721	8,870	161,892
Hospital Sunday and Lord Mayor's Fund .. ..	71,720	450	1,637	4,336	901	..	7,700	1,228	2,740	90,712
Collections, Donations, Legacies, and Bequests .. ..	1,109,180	430	28,414	170,562	5,261	23,975	25,271	75,120	111,417	1,549,630
Contributions of In-patients or Inmates .. ..	813,952	2,074	9,499	67,098	36,634	34,938	136,913	10,124	148,048	1,259,280
Contributions from Out-patients .. ..	404,042	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,778	406,820
Proceeds of Inmates' Labour .. ..	..	..	..	57,247	75,185	..	..	11,922	..	144,354
Income from Investments .. ..	63,654	61	3,623	21,906	860	..	..	..	..	117,691
Fees from Intermediate and Private Patients .. ..	1,287,490	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,287,490
Other Sources .. ..	127,646	21,850	3,832	10,083	230	718	10,002	21,256	210,531	406,148
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>14,255,873</b>	<b>4,915,557</b>	<b>106,042</b>	<b>598,081</b>	<b>132,310</b>	<b>98,787</b>	<b>962,229</b>	<b>220,982</b>	<b>972,645</b>	<b>22,262,506</b>

\* Year ended 30th June.

NOTE.—Children's Welfare Department is not included in above table.



**Charitable  
Institutions—  
receipts and  
expenditure.**

Information relating to the receipts and expenditure of charitable institutions during each year of the period 1950–1954, is given in the following table. For the year ended 31st March, 1954, Government Grants and Child Endowment represented 73·6 (74·9 for the year ended 31st March, 1953) per cent. of the total receipts; municipal grants and payments 1·0 (1·1 for 1952–53) per cent.; contributions of in-patients, inmates, and out-patients 7·5 (6·6 for 1952–53) per cent.; charitable contributions (subscriptions, entertainments, collections, Lord Mayor's Fund, &c.) 9·1 (8·5 for the year ended 31st March, 1953) per cent.; and receipts from all other sources 8·8 (8·9 for 1952–53) per cent.

**VICTORIA—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS, CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS, ETC., 1949–50 TO 1953–54.**

Heading.	Year ended 31st March—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Receipts.</i>					
Government Grants .. .. .	6,495,973	8,868,148	11,616,562	14,398,292	16,309,832
Hospital Benefits Fund .. .. .		*	*	*	*
Child Endowment .. .. .	72,845	76,749	71,531	81,573	79,386
Municipal Grants and Contributions .. .. .	170,085	178,512	222,084	213,649	237,732
Annual Subscriptions .. .. .	163,695	174,746	186,367	216,718	211,539
Entertainments, &c. .. .. .	128,101	151,674	157,252	166,383	161,892
Hospital Sunday and Lord Mayor's Fund .. .. .	58,964	77,203	88,186	96,185	90,712
Collections, Donations, Legacies, and Bequests .. .. .	617,161	976,017	1,041,819	1,160,757	1,549,650
Patients' and Inmates Contributions .. .. .	441,022	618,321	790,392	1,274,031	1,666,100
Proceeds of Inmates' Labour .. .. .	79,810	100,642	166,721	158,972	144,354
Income from Investments .. .. .	100,228	99,954	103,505	108,628	117,691
Intermediate and Private Sections of Public Hospitals .. .. .	509,124	619,677	803,710	1,096,072	1,287,490
Other Sources .. .. .	362,051	189,397	216,500	354,047	406,148
<b>Total Receipts .. .. .</b>	<b>9,199,059</b>	<b>12,131,040</b>	<b>15,464,579</b>	<b>19,325,307</b>	<b>22,262,506</b>
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Maintenance (In-patients or Inmates) .. .. .	6,987,860	8,550,630	11,510,801	14,156,695	15,880,810
Out-patients (Public Hospitals) .. .. .	576,519	720,841	949,543	1,141,315	1,251,593
Extraordinary .. .. .	95,777	121,388	221,758	257,389	290,054
Capital (Building, &c.) .. .. .	1,907,743	2,983,750	4,238,492	4,505,470	4,918,414
<b>Total Expenditure .. .. .</b>	<b>9,657,904</b>	<b>12,376,609</b>	<b>16,920,594</b>	<b>20,060,869</b>	<b>22,340,871</b>

\* Included in Government Grants.

NOTE.—Children's Welfare Department is not included in above table.

Accommodation and Inmates.

The next table shows the bed provision and the actual number of inmates maintained in institutions during the years ended 31st March, 1953 and 31st March, 1954.

VICTORIA—PUBLIC HOSPITALS, CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS, ETC., ACCOMMODATION AND INMATES, 1952-53 AND 1953-54.

Institution.	Number of Beds in—				Daily Average of Occupied Beds in Public Section.		Total Treated in—				Out-patients (including Casualties) Persons Treated.	
	Public Section.		Intermediate and Private Section.				Public Section.		Intermediate and Private Section.			
	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.
Special Hospitals ..	1,920	2,148	144	144	1,473·0	1,624·5	38,884	43,505	4,159	4,394	130,319	133,081
General Hospitals—												
Metropolitan ..	1,790	2,380	384	516	1,549·4	1,979·2	33,037	49,122	10,221	13,974	177,407	193,891
Country ..	3,052	5,134	1,957	2,043	1,710·6	3,056·7	39,247	92,977	50,504	51,804	119,174	115,082
Auxiliary Hospitals ..	485	490	..	..	420·1	460·9	7,587	7,831	..	..	5,081	5,784
Fairfield Hospital (Fever division and Chest unit)† ..	424	424	..	..	120·9	116·0	2,658	2,188	..	..	..	..
Convalescent Homes ..	78	45	..	..	44·0	22·5	503	397	..	..	..	..
Sanatoria† ..	665	665	..	..	579·6	660·8	1,130	1,323	..	..	..	..
Mental Hospitals and Receiving Houses‡ ..	6,838	7,287	..	..	6,913·0	7,078·0	9,637	9,759	..	..	..	..
<b>Total Hospitals</b>	<b>15,247</b>	<b>18,573</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>12,810·6</b>	<b>14,998·6</b>	<b>132,683</b>	<b>207,102</b>	<b>64,884</b>	<b>70,172</b>	<b>431,981</b>	<b>447,838</b>

† Year ended 30th June, 1953 and 1954.

‡ Year ended 31st December, 1952 and 1953.

VICTORIA—PUBLIC HOSPITALS, CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS, ETC., ACCOMMODATION AND INMATES,  
1952-53 AND 1953-54—*continued.*

Institution.	Number of Beds.				Daily Average.		Accommodated during Year.			
	For Children.		For Adults.				Children.		Adults.	
	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.
Infants' Homes .. ..	414	420	76	95	480·8	457·5	1,016	1,080	247	254
Children's Homes .. ..	3,153	3,065	..	..	2,591·5	2,500·5	4,169	3,961	..	..
Maternity Homes .. ..	131	101	154	136	246·2	115·4	782	630	862	693
Rescue Homes* .. ..	..	..	..	..	409·0	403·4	..	..	..	..
Benevolent Homes .. ..	..	..	2,700	2,695	2,465·2	2,541·7	..	..	4,887	4,746
Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institutions* .. ..	..	..	..	..	233·7	235·9	..	..	..	..
Hostels for the Aged. .. ..	..	..	234	248	195·7	227·5	..	..	324	371

\* Details as to children and adults not available. Totals for 1953:—

	<i>Beds.</i>	<i>Accommodated.</i>
Rescue Homes .. .. .	.. 466	552
Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institutions	.. 188	344

Totals for 1954:—

	<i>Beds.</i>	<i>Accommodated.</i>
Rescue Homes .. .. .	.. 466	539
Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institutions	.. 208	361

## HOSPITAL BENEFITS SCHEME.

**Public Hospitals.** The existing agreement between the Commonwealth and the State, in relation to the provision of financial assistance by the Commonwealth to the State in respect of persons treated in public hospitals, was authorized by the *Commonwealth Hospital Benefits Act 1951* and the *Victorian Hospital Benefits Act 1952* (No. 5662).

For the year ended 30th June, 1954, total payments by the Commonwealth to the State amounted to £1,760,603 (£1,843,557 in 1952-53) of which £987,573 (£867,162 in 1952-53) was on account of public wards. Since 1st July, 1948, the Hospital Benefits Rate was increased from 6s. to 8s. per day.

**Private Hospitals.** The agreement above-mentioned related wholly to public hospitals but the Commonwealth Act also provided that "the regulations may make provision for and in relation to payments by the Commonwealth of hospital benefits, at such rates and subject to such conditions as are prescribed in respect of patients in private hospitals as defined by the regulations".

Such regulations, which are administered in Victoria by the Hospitals and Charities Commission, provide for hospital benefit at the rate of 8s. per day, to be allowed as a deduction from the hospital accounts of qualified patients in approved hospitals.

Payments made to private hospitals in Victoria under the scheme for the year ended 30th June, 1954, amounted to £464,128 (£458,398 in 1952-53).

The following table shows the Hospital Benefit payments by the Commonwealth Government to the State on account of Victorian Hospitals :—

## VICTORIA—HOSPITAL BENEFIT PAYMENTS, 1950 TO 1954.

Payments on Account of—	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Public Hospitals—</b>					
Capital Works ..	..	..	211,008	16,828	280
Public Beds ..	807,433	860,601	561,681	867,162	987,573
Non-public Beds ..	226,759	230,444	248,460	501,160	308,902
Total ..	1,034,192	1,091,045	1,021,149	1,385,159	1,296,755
<b>Private Hospitals ..</b>	461,156	461,150	470,133	458,398	464,128
<b>Grand Total ..</b>	1,495,348	1,552,195	1,491,282	1,843,557	1,760,883

**Additional Benefits.** Commonwealth Statutory Rules No. 119 of 11th October, 1951, introduced an Additional Benefit of 4s. per day (i.e., additional to the 8s. per day mentioned before) payable to "approved" private hospital patients who are "qualified" and are members of an "approved" Hospital Contributory Fund. The Additional Benefits are paid by the Hospital Contributory Funds which are reimbursed by the Commonwealth.

### PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS.

Under the provisions of the *Commonwealth National Health Act* 1953, the Commonwealth reimburses through the State, the cost of pharmaceutical benefits supplied free of charge to all patients in Public Hospitals.

Payments to hospitals to the 30th June, 1954, totalled £292,913.

### GENERAL HOSPITALS, ETC.

The principal general hospitals in the State are the Royal Melbourne, Alfred, St. Vincent's, and Prince Henry's Hospitals. Descriptive details of the Alfred, St. Vincent's and Prince Henry's Hospitals will be found on pages 277-279 of the *Year-Book* 1942-43 and of the Royal Melbourne Hospital on page 482 of the *Year-Book* 1943-44.

**Cancer Institute.** The *Cancer Institute Act* 1948 (No. 5341) incorporating the Cancer Institute was proclaimed on 29th March, 1949 and is described in the preamble as—

"an Act relating to the establishment and management of a Cancer Institute for the purposes of research into and treatment of cancer and allied conditions and for other purposes".

The objects for which the Institute is established are as follows:—

1. Provision of facilities for research.
2. Undertaking such research.
3. Special training of persons to undertake such research.
4. Provision of out-patient and in-patient treatment.
5. Provision of special clinics at any hospital within the meaning of the *Hospital and Charities Act* 1948.
6. Hostels for out-patients undergoing treatment at the Institute.
7. Provision of teaching facilities for medical students, post-graduate instruction for medical practitioners and instruction to nurses and technicians.

The title "Cancer Institute" is used for all official purposes, but that portion of the Institute in contact with patients uses the registered name "Peter MacCallum Clinic".

The Institute occupies premises at the corner of William and Little Lonsdale Streets, Melbourne, which have been temporarily reserved by the Government for the purposes of the Institute.

Since the Act came into operation on 29th March, 1949, extensive building works have been carried out to provide for the requirements of the Institute. At this date further construction is proceeding to provide additional hospital beds, hostel accommodation and the installation of a 4 M.E.V. Linear Accelerator.

Statistics of services in operation for the year ended 30th June, 1956, include the following:—

Centre.	Out-patient Attendances.	X-ray Treatments.
Melbourne .. .. .	14,158 (William-street)	50,794
Clinics at Country Hospitals ..	3,837	(Included above)
Visiting Nursing Service .. .	16,976 (Total visits paid)	..

At present there is accommodation for 32 in-patients with a daily average of 24 occupied beds. When the reconstruction of the buildings is completed this total will be increased to 110 beds, exclusive of 12 beds available in the hostel at Heidelberg for patients from the country centres.

Out-patients who are unable to use public transport are brought to the Clinic by an ambulance service organised and maintained by the Institute.

This institution, formerly known as The Queen's Memorial Infectious Diseases Hospital, dates from 1904 when the first patient was admitted. Its early history and later development are recorded in the *Year-Book* 1937-38, page 259.

During the year 1947-48 legislation was enacted enabling the Hospital to treat general medical and surgical patients. At 30th June, 1954, 228 (the same as 30th June, 1953), beds were available for patients in the General Division.

The Hospital is an approved training school for nurses in association with other major hospitals, and has a fully-equipped preliminary training school through which all probationer nurses pass before taking up ward duty.

**Fairfield  
Hospital.**

The following table outlines important details relative to the finance and inmates of the Fairfield Hospital during the five years ended 30th June, 1954 :—

Details.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Receipts .. ..	£162,061	£199,724	£284,024	£355,016	£373,947
Expenditure .. ..	£172,760	£201,093	£300,328	£343,785	£365,232
Total cases treated ..	4,071	3,840	4,148	4,647	4,268
Admissions .. ..	3,845	3,641	3,929	4,405	4,024
Daily average of occupied beds ..	202	189	245	251	249
Deaths .. ..	46	47	47	46	45

### BUSH NURSING CENTRES.

**Bush Nursing.** Bush nursing centres are distributed throughout the State in the rural areas. At 31st March, 1954, there were 56 (57 at 31st March, 1953) centres including 43 (44 at 31st March, 1953) hospitals supplying 451 (432 at 31st March, 1953) beds employing approximately 135 (147 at 31st March, 1953) trained nurses and 34 (29 at 31st March, 1953) partly-trained nurses. During the year ended 31st March, 1954, the total number of cases attended by Bush Nurses was 25,889 (24,414 at 31st March, 1953). The 43 (44 at 31st March, 1953) hospitals admitted 11,079 (9,620 at 31st March, 1953) in-patients and treated 8,958 (10,063 at 31st March, 1953) out-patients.

Details of the receipts and expenditure of bush nursing centres for the years ended 31st March, 1952, 1953 and 1954 are shown in the following table :—

### VICTORIA—BUSH NURSING CENTRES.

	Year ended 31st March—		
	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS.</b>			
Grants—			
Government .. ..	94,111*	111,273*	96,803*
Municipalities .. ..	619	1,131	744
Collections, Donations, &c. .. ..	36,063	63,256	52,849
Proceeds from entertainments .. ..	10,763	9,040	6,278
Patients' fees .. ..	118,587	144,012	146,204
Members' fees .. ..	17,457	18,410	18,215
Interest and rent .. ..	888	719	519
Miscellaneous .. ..	3,027	2,888	3,866
<b>Total receipts .. ..</b>	<b>281,515</b>	<b>350,729</b>	<b>325,478</b>

VICTORIA—BUSH NURSING CENTRES—*continued.*

	Year ended 31st March.		
	1952.	1953.	1954.
<b>EXPENDITURE.</b>			
Salaries—			
Nurses (paid to Central Council) ..	95,096	97,280	103,116
Other .. .. .	59,825	70,715	73,047
Provisions, fuel, lighting, &c. .. .. .	53,427	59,080	60,637
Surgery and medicine .. .. .	7,125	8,299	8,847
Repairs and Maintenance .. .. .	9,644	12,996	13,426
Furniture and equipment .. .. .	11,237	14,242	9,501
Printing, stationery, &c. .. .. .	9,431	7,655	7,925
Insurance, rent, bank charges, &c. ..	1,210	1,152	1,594
Miscellaneous .. .. .	3,348	7,717	6,694
Loan and interest repayments .. .. .	295	2,823	3,522
Land and buildings .. .. .	30,574	60,241	49,571
Alterations and additions .. .. .	3,153	3,072	8,015
<b>Total expenditure .. .. .</b>	<b>284,365</b>	<b>345,272</b>	<b>345,895</b>

\* Includes £37,376 received under the Hospital Benefits Scheme for 1952, £40, and £36,330 for 1954.

## RED CROSS SOCIETY, VICTORIAN DIVISION.

The Victorian Division of the Australian Red Cross Society is responsible for all Red Cross Service and activities throughout the State of Victoria.

Under the Royal Charter, the Society's objects (in addition to specific war-time activities) are: "the improvement of health, the mitigation of suffering and the prevention of disease".

A voluntary organisation, sustained by public subscription, the Division's primary function in war-time is to provide supplementary service to sick or wounded service personnel, prisoners of war and their dependants. Such services range from hospital services, the provision of convalescent homes, and various welfare services to assist the restoration of health and fitness of those suffering from their war service.

In peace-time the organisation's responsibilities continue in caring for the welfare of ex-service personnel discharged medically unfit, and their dependants. In addition, under the terms of its Charter, the Society undertakes many community services such as the Blood Transfusion Service, Handcrafts, Hospital Visiting and Library Services in civilian hospitals, transport for ex-service patients and civilian out-patients, and the maintenance of two homes—"Rockingham" for repatriation patients and "Lady Dugan Red Cross Home" for children and young women from the country who need after-care treatment for poliomyelitis or cerebral palsy.



Particular attention is given to the problems of the disabled ex-servicemen or women with a view to the utmost rehabilitation possible in each case.

The governing body of the Division is the Council, which is constituted as follows:—The President (the wife of the State Governor); the Deputy President (the wife of the Lieutenant-Governor); the wife of the Premier; a person nominated by the State Government; the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of the City of Melbourne; the principal medical officer in Victoria, R.A.N.; The Deputy Director Medical Service, Southern Command; the Principal Medical Officer, Southern Area; the Senior Medical Officer, Repatriation Commission; nominee of the Returned Sailors Soldiers and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia, Victorian Branch; 45 other members of the Division elected at the Annual Meeting, and 15 elected by the Divisional Council.

The following figures give some indication of the continuing nature and scope of the work:—

#### VICTORIA—RED CROSS SOCIETY, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Details.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Income .. .. .	£ 177,609	199,402	253,181	279,036	291,859
Expenditure .. .. .	£ 235,941	246,518	328,372	275,992	257,990
Gross Expenditure over Income	£ 58,332	47,116	75,191	..	..
Gross Income over Expenditure	£ ..	..	..	8,044	33,869
Accumulation Account ..	£ 822,432	777,522	705,695	540,191	596,398
Expenditure on—					
Blood Transfusion Service ..	£ 41,787	39,898	65,332	58,507	59,080
Convalescent Homes and Hostels*	£ 58,980	66,257	88,479	68,707	54,062
Handicraft and Curative Training	£ 13,953	13,905	15,754	9,325	9,002
Social Service and Welfare†	£ 15,003	12,704	14,892	15,138	13,182
Service and Repatriation Hospitals	£ ..	..	..	..	..
including Recreation Centres	£ 22,583	25,573	26,491	20,727	21,135
Civilian Hospitals and Civilian Relief	£ 8,196	7,251	8,009	8,150	8,816
Red Cross Branches and Companies	No. 383	468	451	458	463
Junior Red Cross Circles	No. 84	94	120	173	175
Blood Donations .. .. .	No. 27,962	33,587	38,500	39,131	41,152
Blood Distributed .. .. .	pints 17,288	18,604	24,023	28,195	33,791
Serum Distributed .. .. .	litres 2,288	1,904	2,336	2,164	2,310
Volumes in Red Cross Libraries	No. 33,858	35,680	34,360	33,083	34,061
Transport Mileage .. .. .	223,167	287,438	318,316	322,328	317,237
Admissions to Convalescent Homes	.. 2,354	2,043	2,097	..	814

\* Excluding buildings.

† In relation to ex-service personnel.

#### TUBERCULOSIS BUREAUX AND SANATORIA.

Nursing and Medical Services attached to metropolitan and country Tuberculosis Chest Clinics supervise patients in Melbourne, Bendigo, Ballarat, and Geelong. Country tuberculosis nurses (5) continue to visit notified cases of tuberculosis and contacts in the Health areas and arrange for Mantoux testing of children.

The following table shows the accommodation of, the number of admissions to, discharges from, and deaths of males and females in Sanatoria during the years ended 31st December, 1953 and 31st December, 1954:—

VICTORIA—TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIA—ACCOMMODATION, ETC.—YEARS ENDED  
31st DECEMBER, 1953 AND 31st DECEMBER, 1954.

Sanatorium.	Accommodation.				Admissions.				Discharges.				Deaths.			
	1953.		1954.		1953.		1954.		1953.		1954.		1953.		1954.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Metropolitan																
Greenvale .. .. .	..	236	..	236	70	127	71	117	24	149	66	130	2	4	3	4
Gresswell .. .. .	192	..	192	..	226	..	306	..	203	..	295	..	4	..	10	..
Stonnington (Annexe) .. .. .	48	..	48	..	133	345	87	160	132	391	81	189	16	1	10	4
Heatherton .. .. .	70	198	70	198												
Henry Watson House .. .. .	..	38	..	38												
Austin .. .. .	96	50	96	50	226	235	201	198	228	230	190	198	5	4	5	3
Fairfield Chest Unit .. .. .	25	25	25	25	15	189	..	131	16	154	..	113	..	..	..	3
Royal Park—Dunstan Chalet .. .. .	19	..	19	..	14	..	12	..	12	..	18	..	2	..	2	..
Country—																
Bendigo Chalet .. .. .	14	10	14	10	17	14	13	14	19	4	12	17	1	..	1	1
Ballarat Chalet .. .. .	10	10	10	10	21	19	19	12	18	22	17	10	3	2	1	2
Hamilton Chalet .. .. .	7	7	7	7	7	7	12	9	5	7	8	5	..	..	..	..
Horsham Chalet .. .. .	7	7	7	7	7	10	12	12	8	9	15	14	1	2	..	..
Wangaratta Chalet .. .. .	7	7	7	7	12	10	12	7	14	7	6	5	..	..	..	1
Mildura Chalet .. .. .	7	7	7	7	8	11	12	1	11	12	6	3	..	..	1	..
Sale Chalet .. .. .	20	20	20	20	17	34	22	15	27	26	20	28	..	2	1	..
Warrnambool Chalet .. .. .	7	13	7	13	5	15	14	12	13	12	9	..	..	2	1	..
Mooroopna Chalet .. .. .	15	14	15	14	32	6	23	11	15	19	18	24	..	3	..	..
Geelong Chalet .. .. .	15	15	15	15	18	16	18	22	23	19	15	21	..	1	1	2
Total .. .. .	559	657	559	657	831	1,008	834	721	768	1,061	779	766	34	19	37	21

In addition, nearly 400 beds are provided by the Commonwealth Repatriation Department for the accommodation of ex-service men and women at Heidelberg and Macleod.

X-ray Surveys of metropolitan and country populations are progressing, ten mobile units being in the field to date. Approximately 2,026,000 persons have been X-rayed.

The following table illustrates some of the work at the Central and Branch Tuberculosis Bureaux during the years ended 31st December, 1953 and 31st December, 1954 :—

VICTORIA—TUBERCULOSIS BUREAUX ACTIVITIES, 1953 AND 1954.

Type of Service.	Metropolitan.				Country—	
	Central.		Prahran.		Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong.	
	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.	1953.	1954.
New cases applying ..	3,635	6,508	2,205	2,257	1,137	1,174
Re-attendances (Old and New Cases) .. .. .	28,673	40,653	5,821	5,354	6,600	6,529
Visits to Patients' Homes by Nurses .. .. .	10,765	10,599	280	430	1,702	2,118
X-ray Examination—Films—						
Large .. .. .	15,189	22,327	5,644	4,684	4,524	4,945
Micro .. .. .	4,619	3,900	3,992	3,247	..	..
Screens .. .. .	2,331	1,567	..	..	340	227
A.P. Refills (Attendances) ..	4,260	1,604	..	..	406	164

The number of attendances of patients at the Central and Branch Bureaux during each of the years 1945 to 1954 is given in the following table :—

VICTORIA—ATTENDANCES OF PATIENTS AT TUBERCULOSIS BUREAUX.

Period.	Bureau.					Total.
	Central.	Prahran.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Ballarat.	
Year ended 30th June—						
1945 .. .. .	25,232	588	950	1,874	694	29,338
1946 .. .. .	25,400	783	1,230	1,765	775	29,953
1947 .. .. .	27,389	1,694	1,495	1,613	836	33,027
1948 .. .. .	29,187	4,398	1,911	1,159	870	37,525
1949 .. .. .	30,603	7,403	2,164	1,299	767	42,236
Year ended 31st December—						
1950 .. .. .	34,599	6,029	3,340	1,096	1,617	46,681
1951 .. .. .	31,792	5,003	3,215	1,842	1,471	43,323
1952 .. .. .	33,048	5,734	3,287	1,893	1,338	45,300
1953 .. .. .	28,673	5,821	3,117	2,098	1,176	40,885
1954 .. .. .	40,653	5,354	2,599	2,459	1,471	52,536

**MENTAL HYGIENE AUTHORITY.**

The subjoined table sets forth the numbers under the care of the Mental Hygiene Authority for the years 1952, 1953 and 1954:—

**VICTORIA—PERSONS ON THE REGISTERS OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE AUTHORITY, 31ST DECEMBER, 1952, 1953 AND 1954.**

Location.	On 31st December—		Increase (+). Decrease (—).	On 31st December—		Increase (+). Decrease (—).
	1952.	1953.		1953.	1954.	
In State Hospitals .. ..	6,539	6,725	+ 186	6,725	6,758	+ 33
On Trial Leave from State Hospitals .. ..	903	900	— 3	900	709	— 191
Boarded Out .. ..	254	297	+ 43	297	309	+ 12
Absent Without Leave .. ..	11	14	+ 3	14	19	+ 5
In licensed Private Mental Homes	17	11	— 6	11	..	— 11
On Trial Leave from licensed Private Mental Homes ..	4	2	— 2	2	..	— 2
Total Number of Certified Insane .. ..	7,728	7,949	+ 221	7,949	7,795	— 154
In Receiving Institutions .. ..	105	112	+ 7	112	86	— 26
Total .. ..	7,833	8,061	+ 228	8,061	7,881	— 180
Voluntary Boarders .. ..	323	383	+ 60	383	494	+ 111
Military mental cases, Bundoora (not included in other statistics)	244	273	+ 29	273	263	— 10

There was a net decrease of 190 in the number of patients on the registers at the end of 1954, compared with 1953, made up of decreases of 154 certified insane, 26 in Receiving Institutions and 10 military mental cases, with an increase of 111 in voluntary boarders.

(There was a net increase of 317 in the number of patients on the registers at the end of 1953, compared with 1952, made up of increases of 221 certified insane, 60 voluntary boarders, 7 in Receiving Institutions and 29 military mental cases.)

The number of admissions to State Mental Hospitals for each of the years 1950 to 1954 was as follows:—

**VICTORIA—MENTAL HOSPITALS—ADMISSIONS, 1953 AND 1954.**

Year.	Direct Admissions.			From Receiving Houses.			Total Admissions.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
1953 .. ..	119	82	201	611	606	1,217	1,418
1954 .. ..	104	86	190	480	483	963	1,153

The number of discharges from, and the deaths in, State Mental Hospitals for each of the years 1950 to 1954 are given below :—

VICTORIA—MENTAL HOSPITALS—DISCHARGES AND DEATHS, 1950 TO 1954.

Year.	Discharges.			Deaths.			Total of Discharges and Deaths.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
1950 .. ..	217	220	437	235	251	486	923
1951 .. ..	260	310	570	269	294	563	1,133
1952 .. ..	272	340	612	274	290	564	1,176
1953 .. ..	374	300	674	257	258	515	1,189
1954 .. ..	372	389	761	254	279	533	1,294

**CHILDREN'S WELFARE DEPARTMENT.**

Wards of Children's Welfare Department and Department for Reformatory schools.

This Department is responsible for the supervision of (a) children committed as wards of the Children's Welfare Department pursuant to the provisions of the Children's Welfare Act, and (b) those committed as wards of the Department for Reformatory Schools under the provisions of Part II., Division 2, Crimes Act (Juvenile Offenders).

Wards of the Children's Welfare Department.

In the main these represent children who have been committed through the Children's Courts under one or other of the several definitions of a "neglected child" (section 18), children committed to the Department on the application of relatives, &c., on the grounds that they are without means of support (section 24), and children who *ipso facto* become wards on default in payment by their parents under the Infant Life Protection provisions of the Act (section 103).

According to the circumstances existing at the time of committal, the children are boarded out for payment in private foster homes or with relatives, or are placed in institutions. Only one institution is governmentally controlled, viz., the Department's Receiving Depot at Royal Park, which is used as a clearing house. The remaining institutions are conducted by the various religious denominations or private charitable committees, and a capitation fee is paid for wards maintained therein.

With children in private foster homes or with relatives, boarding out payments do not continue beyond school leaving age (14 years). The children are then placed "on probation", i.e., without cost with their foster parents or relatives, or are placed in employment in service situations. Children in institutions are in due course either returned to their relatives or friends "on probation," transferred to private foster homes, or placed in service situations or other employment.

To provide ex-institutional inmates and wards of the Children's Welfare Department with suitable accommodation and guidance until they reach the self-supporting stage, several institutions are now conducting hostels for boys and girls under the Government Subsidy scheme agreed on in 1945. Under this plan the Children's Welfare Department subsidises each hostel to the extent of the difference between an inmate's contributions for board (i.e., the balance of his earnings after liberal deduction therefrom for pocket money, clothing reserve, &c) and the ascertained average weekly cost per head over all hostels of maintaining an inmate. An initial outfit allowance of £15 for boys and £12 10s. for girls is granted and fares to work, school fees, &c., are also met by the State. Expenditure on renovations and additions to premises is shared by the Government on the basis of a £2 for £1 grant.

The following hostels are at present operating under the plan:—

Name of Hostel.	Location.	Sex.	Management.
Lyndon Lodge .. ..	Auburn .. ..	Boys	Salvation Army
The Palms .. ..	Hawthorn .. ..	Boys	Burwood Boys' Home
St. Vincent de Paul's .. ..	South Melbourne	Boys	St. Vincent de Paul's Boys' Orphanage
Ballarat Orphanage .. ..	Ballarat .. ..	Boys	Ballarat Orphanage
Y.C.W. .. ..	Albert Park .. ..	Boys	Young Christian Workers' Association
Padua Hall .. ..	Kew .. ..	Boys	Franciscan Fathers
Church of England Girls' .. ..	Brighton .. ..	Girls	Church of England Girls' Home
McAuley House .. ..	South Melbourne	Girls	St. Vincent de Paul's Girls' Orphanage
St. Martin's House .. ..	Canterbury .. ..	Boys	St. John's Home for Boys
Homecrafts .. ..	East Melbourne	Girls	Mission of St. James and St. John

The following table shows the number and location of wards of the Children's Welfare Department at the end of each of the five years, 1950-1954:—

**VICTORIA—CHILDREN'S WELFARE DEPARTMENT—  
LOCATION OF WARDS.**

Year.	Boarded Out in Foster Homes.	On Probation with Friends or Relatives.	With Employers on Service Conditions.	At Royal Park Depot.	In Government Subsidized Hostels	In Other Institutions.	Total.
1950 ..	457	788	210	131	95	1,565	3,246
1951 ..	419	559	182	176	74	1,567	2,977
1952 ..	392	554	169	197	38	1,645	2,995
1953 ..	381	571	159	147	98	1,651	3,007
1954 ..	391	718	143	165	100	1,463	2,980

Boys committed as wards of the Department for Reformatory Schools are transferred for training as early as possible to the private reformatory school appropriate to their religion. They then come under the legal guardianship of the superintendent of the school who, in due course, may return them to their friends or relatives (who are required to enter into a good behaviour bond) or place them at service or in other employment. The following table shows the number and location of wards of the Department for Reformatory Schools at the end of each of the five years 1950-54.

VICTORIA—DEPARTMENT OF REFORMATORY SCHOOLS—  
LOCATION OF WARDS.

Year.	At Royal Park Reformatory School.	In Other Reformatory Schools.	On Probation with Friends or Relatives.	With Employers on Service Conditions.	In Government Subsidized Hostels.	Total.
1950 ..	2	71	60	4	5	142
1951 ..	9	86	71	2	3	171
1952 ..	1	78	69	3	13	164
1953 ..	..	72	71	2	14	159
1954 ..	..	48	87	4	2	141

Part II. of the Children's Welfare Act (Infant Life Protection) provides that no person shall, for payment or reward, retain or receive into her care or charge in any home any infant under the age of five years for the purpose of nursing or maintaining such infant apart from its parents for more than three consecutive days, or for the purpose of adopting such infant, unless such person and such home are registered by the Department (section 95). Exemptions from the operation of this section in the case of a relative or for other special reasons may be granted by the Minister (section 107). Payments are to be made through the Secretary and in no other way (section 103). If payments fall into arrears for four weeks the child *ipso facto* becomes a ward of the Children's Welfare

Infant Life Protection.

Department (section 103). The following is a statement of the operations of this part for the years ended 31st December, 1953 and 1954 :—

	1953.	1954.
Children already placed at 1st January .. .. .	303	235
Children placed during year .. .. .	532	485
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>720</b>
Discharged from operations of Part II. during year—		
Custody resumed by parent .. .. .	465	352
Made wards through arrears .. .. .	49	58
Deaths .. .. .	3	1
Attained five years of age .. .. .	43	31
Adopted .. .. .	40	37
Under supervision at 31st December .. .. .	235	241

Part III. of the *Maintenance Act* 1928 enables a mother whose child is without sufficient means of support, and who is unable to provide or to obtain by any available legal proceedings sufficient means of support for such child, to apply in the prescribed form to the Secretary of the Children's Welfare Department for assistance for or towards the child's maintenance. "Child" means any person under the maximum age provided under the Education Acts at which attendance at school ceases to be compulsory.

The number of children in respect of whom assistance under the Maintenance Act was being afforded at the 31st December in the years 1950 to 1954, and the total amount of such assistance paid in each year, together with the average payments per child per week are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—MOTHERS RECEIVING ASSISTANCE UNDER THE MAINTENANCE ACT, 1950-1954.

Year.	Number of Children Assisted.	Total Amount of Assistance Payments.	Average Payment per Child per Week.
		£	s. d.
1950 .. .. .	2,119	62,457	10 9
1951 .. .. .	1,919	58,997	11 11
1952 .. .. .	2,048	70,193	14 10
1953 .. .. .	2,238	86,789	15 10
1954 .. .. .	2,478	105,181	17 10



## CHILD MIGRATION.

In implementation of the migration policy of the Commonwealth and State Governments, the Commonwealth Government in 1946 passed the Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act which lays down the procedure to be adopted with respect to migrant children. The Act defines an immigrant child as any person under the age of 21 years who enters Australia unaccompanied by a relative and not for the purpose of living with a relative. Legal guardianship of such children is vested in the Minister for Immigration, who may delegate his powers under the Act to a State Authority. In so far as concerns immigrant children received into Victoria, such delegation has been conferred on the Secretary of the Children's Welfare Department.

To further develop the flow of immigrant children to Australia, the Act referred to authorizes the Minister for Immigration to approve of organizations who are willing to act as custodians of such children. The intention is that organizations so approved will recruit suitable children in the United Kingdom and be responsible, under the supervision of the Minister and the State Authority, for their accommodation, care, education, and training. To avoid the utilization by migrant children of accommodation already established for Australian children, the State and Commonwealth Governments have each agreed to contribute to approved organizations one-third of the capital cost of the additional premises essential for United Kingdom children. In addition, an approved organization will receive the following *per capita* grants for the maintenance of migrant children:—

United Kingdom Government	10s. per week (sterling).
Commonwealth Government	10s. per week (Child Endowment).
State Government .. .. .	6s. per week.

The United Kingdom and State Government contributions are payable to age 14 years, or to any higher age not exceeding 16 years provided the children are still in the care of the organization and at school.

The following have applied to become approved organizations to receive child migrants and are now in active operation:—

- Northcote Training Farm, Bacchus Marsh.
- Nazareth House, Camberwell.
- Presbyterian Social Service Committee, "Durringhile", Tatura.
- Methodist Homes for Children, Cheltenham.
- St. John's Home for Boys, Canterbury.

The financial operations of the Children's Welfare Department for the years ended 31st December, 1952, 1953 and 1954, are shown hereunder :—

VICTORIA—CHILDREN'S WELFARE DEPARTMENT—  
FINANCIAL OPERATIONS, YEARS ENDED 31st  
DECEMBER, 1952, 1953 AND 1954.

	1952.	1953.	1954.
EXPENDITURE.	£	£	£
Children's Welfare Department—			
Boarded-out children .. .. .	83,006	104,011	140,347
Royal Park Depot .. .. .	127,537	134,947	144,748
Subsidies to Hostels .. .. .	4,139	3,437	1,262
Service Outfits .. .. .	5,094	3,589	4,440
Department for Reformatory Schools ..	6,457	8,209	10,741
Maintenance Act—			
Children .. .. .	70,194	86,789	105,181
Widows .. .. .	337	320	338
Migrant Children—			
Payments to Approved Organizations	2,395	2,099	2,336
General Maintenance Items (Medical attention, School requisities, &c.)	6,913	13,136	7,672
Administration .. .. .	52,081	53,995	60,048
Gross Expenditure .. .. .	358,153	410,532	477,113
RECEIPTS.			
Maintenance Collections .. .. .	21,604	21,697	21,099
Child Endowment .. .. .	5,346	4,097	3,877
Miscellaneous Receipts .. .. .	4,203	9,682	8,769
Net Expenditure .. .. .	327,000	375,056	443,368

**THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.**

The Society, dating back to 1896, is the only welfare agency in Victoria which exists specifically for the purpose of befriending children who are suffering from ill-treatment or gross neglect of their parents or guardians.

The objects of the Society are—

- (1) to protect children from cruelty and neglect;
- (2) to assist in the enforcing of laws for the protection of neglected and ill-treated children;
- (3) to befriend any child who, for any reason, stands in need of friendly service.

The methods adopted by the S.P.C.C. are—

- (1) cases of suspected ill-treatment or neglect of children are promptly investigated by experienced and sympathetic officers;
- (2) subsequent action is designed to secure the welfare of the children concerned. Prosecution of parents is a last resort. Every effort is made to hold families together. Constant inspectorial visitation achieves splendid results in many homes;
- (3) All complaints are treated with strict confidence.

The Society brightens the homes of many children in ways such as these—(1) Improving home environment; (2) Rebuilding broken homes; (3) Securing maintenance from defaulting parents; (4) Removal of children where necessary to better homes; (5) Arranging adoptions, and (6) Preventing child exploitation.

The number of cases investigated during the year ended 30th June, 1954, was 469 (506 during the year ended 30th June, 1953). Of these cases neglect alleged represented 60 per cent. (65); cruelty alleged 8 per cent. (6); behaviour problems 8 per cent. (9); miscellaneous cases involving welfare of children 24 per cent. (20). The corresponding percentages for the 506 cases dealt with in the year ended 30th June, 1953, appear in brackets.

The following table shows the Receipts, Expenditure, and number of cases dealt with during the five years ended 30th June, 1954:—

Details.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts .. .. .	3,579	3,439	3,125	2,625	2,873
Expenditure .. .. .	1,944	1,972	2,264	2,455	2,594
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Cases investigated .. .. .	590	486	472	506	469

**MATERNAL AND INFANT WELFARE.**

The Maternal and Infant Welfare Movement commenced in Victoria with the establishment of Infant Welfare Centres in 1917.

These Centres are maintained by municipalities and subsidized by the Government. They are staffed by specially qualified sisters.

On the 31st December, 1954, there were 202 (200 in 1953) municipalities maintaining 515 (503 in 1953) centres, 134 (135 in 1953), of which were in the metropolitan area. During the twelve months prior to that date, 117,631 (114,450 in 1953) individual infants and children attended the centres. A service is now being provided for Migrant Hostels and Camps in the metropolitan and rural areas.

Vans have been provided for seven mobile services so that with the Victorian Baby Health Centres Association Travelling Baby Health Centre in the Mallee, a mobile service is provided for eight sparsely populated areas. An additional service for mothers in the "outback" is provided by the Department's Correspondence Scheme with its enrolments during the past year of 66 expectant mothers and 845 new babies.

**Ante Natal.** Ante Natal medical supervision centres, subsidized by the Government, were established in 1945, and now operate in 21 municipalities. During the year ended 31st December, 1954, 6,515 (6406 in 1953) individual expectant mothers paid 34,082 (35,534 in 1953), visits to these centres. Advice on pre-natal hygiene is also available in all Infant Welfare Centres.

**Pre-School.** At the 31st December, 1954, 207 (197 in 1953) Free Kindergartens, with an enrolment of approximately 10,977 (10,252 in 1953) children of pre-school age, were in receipt of subsidies from the Department of Health. In addition to £125,698 (£107,448 in 1953) paid to individual kindergartens and play centres the Kindergarten Training College received a grant of £10,000 (£10,000 in 1953). This College provides tuition for 184 (165 in 1953) students.

Pre-School Play Centres are now subsidized by the Government and function under the supervision of the Department of Health. Ninety-nine of these centres had been established by 31st December, 1954.

**Crèches.** There are fourteen day nurseries supported by Government subsidies, voluntary effort and money derived from Trust funds. The children are admitted as a rule from the age of six weeks to six years. The total attendances for the year ended 31st December, 1954, were 94,999 (105,567 in 1953).

The total Government subsidy paid to Crèches and Day Nurseries amounted to £24,178 (£21,831 in 1953).

A child care course of one year's duration for students on nursing bursaries who are too young to commence nursing training is conducted by this Department. Students work in crèches and kindergartens and attend a weekly course of lectures arranged by this Department.

**Capital Grants.** Capital grants are available for Infant Welfare and Pre-School buildings on a £2 for £1 basis with a maximum grant of £2,250. Where a combined centre is erected a separate grant is given for each service.

Particulars of Infant Welfare Centres for the five years 1950-1954, are given in the following table:—

**VICTORIA—INFANT WELFARE CENTRES.**

	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Municipalities .. ..	187	191	192	200	202
Centres .. .. .	443	466	479	503	515
Nurses in centres ..	205	214	220	227	234
Home visits .. ..	91,969	99,553	106,327	105,086	105,459
Total individual children ..	102,254	104,893	110,766	114,450	107,631
Total attendances ..	1,005,996	999,336	1,052,117	1,098,189	1,096,907

**Infant Welfare and Mothercraft Nurses.** There are nine Infant Welfare and Mothercraft training schools for nurses. Of these schools which are supported by voluntary organizations and church bodies, four only train Infant Welfare nurses.

Since the inauguration of the Department of Health Mothercraft Nurses' examinations in 1930, 2,057 trainees had satisfactorily passed to the end of December, 1954. The number of Mothercraft nurses who passed the examination during the year ended 31st December, 1954, was 136 (127 in 1953). Since the coming into force of the Mothercraft Nurses Act in February, 1951, 816 nurses have been registered.

During the year 1954, seven (8 in 1953) Mothercraft nurses received Department of Health certificates for pre-school Mothercraft nursing. One hundred and sixteen (109 in 1953) nurses have received certificates since the course was inaugurated in 1942.

There were 1,771 Infant Welfare nurses registered with the Nurses' Board in Victoria at 31st December, 1954.

### SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES.

**School  
Medical  
Services.**

Medical inspection of school children was established in 1909, one of the objectives being to examine medically each child in the State, three times during its school life.

At the routine inspection each child is weighed and measured, eyesight and hearing tested, and defects of teeth, throat, skin and posture noted. The child is undressed and examined as for life assurance, advised *re* general hygiene, cleanliness, &c. A school nurse assists each medical officer at the examination and is also responsible for the sending of defect notices to the parent. In many cases she also interviews the mother either at the school or in the home, thus acting as liaison between medical officer, parent, and teacher. School nurses also visit metropolitan schools at regular intervals to examine for pediculosis, cleanliness, and infectious skin conditions.

Special classes or schools are provided by the Education Department for physically and mentally handicapped children, such as the partially sighted, partially deaf, under-nourished, those with minor postural defects, speech handicaps, mentally retarded, &c. Children attending these classes are referred by the School Medical Officers and kept under regular medical supervision during their school career. Many children are given special appointments at headquarters on account of behaviour problems, truancy, &c. These cases are also investigated by a school nurse and, if necessary, sent on to the appropriate psychiatric clinic.

Visits to State Schools within the metropolitan area are maintained regularly. Extension of the service to children attending Registered Primary Schools in metropolitan districts and country areas, as medical staff became available, was agreed upon, in April, 1950, and these schools are now included in the regular itineraries.

**School Dental  
Service.** The School Dental Service was instituted as a section of the School Medical Service with the appointment of two dentists in 1921, increasing to nine in 1925, when dental treatment was afforded to children attending schools in the inner industrial suburbs of Melbourne and certain country districts.

Treatment was commenced in the first year of the child's school life and repeated regularly until 12 years of age, i.e. over the transition period during which the deciduous teeth are lost and the permanent teeth (except the "wisdom" teeth) are erupted.

In Melbourne, the children were brought to the School Dental Centre. In provincial districts, a convenient school was used as a temporary centre for the district, while rural areas were served by three dental vans, each equipped as a dental surgery.

Loss of staff during the World War II. period curtailed activities until 1951 when the dental service was established as a separate Division in the Health Department, and expansion of the service, with resumption and extension of previous activities was commenced.

The Central School Dental Centre was transferred to larger premises in 1951, and a second centre opened in North Fitzroy in 1953. Children are transported from schools to these centres by a contract bus service, for dental treatment which includes general anaesthetics administered by a medical officer of the School Health Service.

Three dental vans and three semi-trailer (two surgery) units were added to the mobile service by 1953, and the country service with these units extended through the Mallee, Gippsland and East Gippsland Regions, and parts of the Goulburn, Upper Goulburn, and Port Phillip Regions. A further two semi-trailers added in 1954 enabled extensions to be made into the Loddon and Corangamite Regions.

Dental care is also provided for homes, orphanages, and other institutions, and special groups of physically handicapped and mentally retarded children.

The Staff of the Dental Division comprised:—

	December 1953,	December 1954,
Dentists .. .. .	30	32
Dental Attendants .. .. .	30	37
Nursing Sisters .. .. .	1	2
Others .. .. .	4	6

The dental treatment was provided for 44,000 children in 1953, and for 48,000 in 1954.

#### MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS.

The Lord Mayor's Fund was inaugurated on 4th April, 1923, for the purpose of assisting in the maintenance of the Metropolitan Hospitals and Charities, and was incorporated by Act of Parliament on 24th December, 1930. The Hospital Saturday and Sunday Fund was formed in 1873 and remained in operation until the year 1923, when the Hospital Saturday section was merged with the Lord Mayor's Fund, the Hospital Sunday section remaining a separate fund, but being carried on in close co-operation with the Lord Mayor's Fund. Since the date of the inauguration of the latter fund, subscriptions and donations amounting to £2,908,357 have been received, and the collections for the Hospital Sunday Fund have amounted to £515,529.

The total annual receipts of the two funds during the period 1944-45 to 1953-54 were as follows:—

Year ended 30th June—	Lord Mayor's Fund.	Hospital Sunday Fund.	Total.
	£	£	£
1945 .. .. .	141,340	26,725	168,065
1946 .. .. .	112,716	22,910	135,626
1947 .. .. .	112,181	22,605	134,786
1948 .. .. .	110,298	21,291	131,589
1949 .. .. .	103,763	24,468	128,231
1950 .. .. .	148,354	23,091	171,445
1951 .. .. .	142,588	27,535	170,123
1952 .. .. .	147,841	28,595	176,436
1953 .. .. .	175,795	31,318	207,113
1954 .. .. .	172,195	32,027	204,222

**St. John Ambulance Association.**

The work carried on by this Association is described in the *Year-Book* for 1916-17, page 582. Its objects are to instruct all classes of people in the preliminary treatment of the sick and of the injured. During the year ended 31st December, 1954, 3,766 (3,858 in 1953) students were instructed in first aid and nursing and of these 2,865 (2,803 in 1953) received certificates. Since the formation of the Victorian Centre of the Association in 1883, 166,369 (163,244 to 1953) persons have received awards. The Association medallion has been awarded to 14,917 (14,799 to 1953) students.

The following table shows various particulars relating to the Association's activities during each of the five years 1950 to 1954:—

Details.	Year ended 30th September—	Year ended 31st December—			
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts .. .. .	5,651	3,949	5,240	4,995	6,009
Expenditure .. .. .	5,271	2,885	4,505	3,815	4,782
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Students Instructed .. .. .	4,551	3,792	3,500	3,858	3,766
Certificates Issued .. .. .	3,386	2,718	2,632	2,803	2,865



**Victorian Civil  
Ambulance  
Service.**

The St. John Ambulance Association established the first ambulance transport service in the State of Victoria in the year 1886, and continued to operate it until the year 1916. The Council of St. John Ambulance Association then decided that much better results could be obtained if they separated the main object "That of teaching First Aid to the Injured" from the transport of sick or injured persons. They, therefore, formed a Company with its title "Victorian Civil Ambulance Service". This Company was registered under the "Companies Acts" as a Company "Not for Profit". This action completely separated the control, finance, and operation of the transport service from the St. John Ambulance Association.

The Victorian Civil Ambulance Service Council applied to the State Government for a subsidy, and when this was granted they then became responsible to the Charities Board of Victoria for the conduct of the Service.

This Company's registration continued until the year 1936, when at the request of the Charities Board of Victoria, the Service, without suspending operations, went into voluntary liquidation and by order of the Governor in Council became an incorporated body under the Hospitals and Charities Act.

The objects of the Society as outlined in the Constitution are:—

- (a) To organize, conduct, and control the work of rendering First Aid to, and the transport of, sick and injured persons within the State of Victoria, and to assist other persons, societies and institutions engaged in the same or similar work, and in particular the St. John Ambulance Association (Victoria Centre) and the St. John Ambulance Brigade (Victoria District).
- (b) To establish, conduct, and control ambulance centres and/or divisions or branches of the Society's service in any part of the State of Victoria.

The Society is managed by an Honorary Committee and Honorary Officers. The Committee is representative of the contributors:— St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade; Victorian Civil Ambulance Service (Country Division); Melbourne City Council; and Metropolitan Municipalities.

The registered Office and Headquarters is at 217 Lonsdale-street, Melbourne, from which point, all ambulance calls are dealt with. Sub-stations are situated in Prahran, Mordialloc, Footscray, Fairfield, Dandenong, and Camberwell. The forty-three ambulances attached to the Metropolitan Division are fitted with two-way wireless, thus greatly increasing the efficiency of the Service.

The Country Division of the Ambulance Service was established in the year 1923, by the opening of Country Branches at Yarram, Beechworth and Yarra Junction. Funds for this purpose were made

available from the "Edward Wilson Trust". As further grants were made available from the same source, more branches were opened and during the year ended 31st March, 1954, 42 branches, possessing 42 ambulances, operated throughout the State.

The locations of the Country Branches are shown hereunder:—

Alexandra	Flinders	Orbost
Apollo Bay	Goroke	Robinvale
Ararat	Heyfield	Rushworth
Beechworth	Kerang	St. Arnaud
Benalla	Korumburra	Seymour
Bright	Kyabram	Stawell
Camperdown and Heytesbury	Lakes Entrance	Tallangatta
Castlemaine	Leongatha	Terang
Chelsea	Lorne	Upper Yarra
Cobram	Maffra	Warracknabeal
Daylesford	Mansfield	Woodend
Echuca	Mornington	Wood's Point
Erica	Nhill	Yarram
Euroa	Noojee	
	Omeo	

During the year 1954, District Ambulance Services were formed at Horsham, Mildura, Sale, Swan Hill, Wangaratta and Warragul. These branches now cease to be part of the Victorian Civil Ambulance Service.

The following table furnishes information relating to the activities of the Victorian Civil Ambulance Service from 1st April, 1949, to 31st March, 1954:—

#### VICTORIAN CIVIL AMBULANCE SERVICE.

Details.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>Metropolitan—</b>					
Stations .. .. .	5	5	7	7	7
Officers .. .. .	80	90	104	132	150
Ambulances .. .. .	27	33	35	38	43
Calls .. .. .	47,529	51,044	58,071	62,740	73,624
Accidents attended .. .. .	8,741	9,787	10,106	9,913	8,845
Mileage .. .. .	499,397	552,739	570,355	588,524	746,216
Patients conveyed without pay- ment .. .. .	10,518	18,380	23,355	26,099	26,588
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts* .. .. .	49,042	61,030	94,775	122,876	165,895
Government Grant (Main- tenance) .. .. .	1,500	2,625	9,625	10,500	11,628
Expenditure .. .. .	50,163	66,170	97,298	124,137	171,330
<b>Country—</b>					
Stations .. .. .	47	48	46	46	42
Ambulances .. .. .	48	52	47	47	42
Calls .. .. .	7,383	5,199	3,394	3,046	2,694
Mileage .. .. .	211,538	168,304	155,401	157,295	137,235

\* Includes Government Grant.

**Royal Humane Society.**

The objects of the Royal Humane Society of Australasia were published in the *Year-Book* for 1942-43, page 295.

During the year ended 30th June, 1954, 84 (115 in 1952-53) applications for awards were investigated, with the result that 23 (33 in 1952-53) certificates of merit, 35 (29 in 1952-53) bronze medals, and 8 (10 in 1952-53) silver medals were granted.

**Royal Life Saving Society.**

With the object of minimizing the loss of life from drowning, a branch of the Royal Life Saving Society was established in Melbourne in 1904. A statement of the aims of the society was published in the *Year-Book* for 1929-30 on page 237.

During the year ended 31st May, 1954, the number of awards granted by the Victorian Head Centre was 7,148 (8,702 in 1952-53); the total income was £3,210 (£2,714 in 1952-53) and the expenditure £2,939 (£2,186 in 1952-53).

**Society for the Protection of Animals.**

The objects of this society are given in the *Year-Book* for 1916-17, page 589. During the year ended 30th June, 1954, 1,480 (1,283 in 1952-53) cases were dealt with, of which 315 (382 in 1952-53) were connected with cruelty to horses and 628 (519 in 1952-53) to dogs. There were 36 (26 in 1952-53) prosecutions in cases of deliberate cruelty, and fines were imposed in 30 (24 in 1952-53) instances. The receipts for the year ended 30th June, 1954, amounted to £13,934 (£9,115 in 1952-53) and the expenditure to £14,243 (£14,228 in 1952-53).

**COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICES.**

The Social Services Consolidation Act (No. 26 of 1947) which came into operation on 1st July, 1947, and which has since been amended by Nos. 38 and 69 of 1948, No. 16 of 1949, Nos. 6 and 26 of 1950, No. 22 of 1951, Nos. 41 and 107 of 1952 and No. 51 of 1953, repealed the various legislative enactments relating to Age (previously Old-age), Invalid and Widows' Pensions, Maternity Allowances, Child Endowment, and Unemployment and Sickness Benefits and, while following in general the Acts repealed, considerably liberalized many of their provisions.

The history and details of the legislation relating to the pensions and allowances covered by the Consolidation Act will be found in previous issues of the *Year-Book*.

All benefits are paid out of the National Welfare Fund. This is financed by annual appropriations from Consolidated Revenue of amounts equal to the expenditure from the Fund. Total expenditure in Victoria on payment of benefits provided under the Social Services Consolidation Act for the year ended 30th June, 1954, was £36,863,003 (£35,551,051 in 1952-53).

## AGE PENSIONS.

**Eligibility and Rate of Pension.**

*Persons Eligible.*—Men, 65 years of age and over, and women, 60 years of age and over, who have resided in Australia for a continuous period of twenty years. Any periods of absence during which a person's home remained in Australia, and absences in certain other circumstances, are counted as residence. Absence in a Territory of the Commonwealth does not break continuity of residence.

*Persons Disqualified.*—

- (a) Aliens (except women who, prior to marriage, were British subjects).
- (b) Any person who has deprived himself of property or income in order to qualify for a pension.
- (c) Any person, except a blind person, in receipt of income of £5 10s. per week or more, or £11 per week for a married couple. See "Effect of Income" below as to income disregarded. See "Blind Persons" below for provisions relating to the blind.
- (d) Any person who owns property, including cash or money in bank, to the value of more than £1,250 (£2,500 for married persons). The value of a home, furniture and personal effects is disregarded, also surrender values of life assurance policies up to £750, the capital value of any contingent interest, the present value of any reversionary interests, certain interests in the estates of deceased persons, and the amount of any Commonwealth war gratuity.
- (e) Any person who is not of good character, is not deserving of a pension, who has deserted his wife (or her husband) or children for six months or upwards immediately preceding the date of the claim.

*Aboriginal Natives.*—Pensions may be granted only to those aboriginal natives of Australia who have been granted exemption from State control laws or who, in any State where exemption is not provided for, are considered suitable persons to receive pensions by virtue of character, standard of intelligence, and social development.

*Maximum Rate of Pension.*—£182 per annum (£3 10s. per week).

**Effect of Income.**

Permissible income is £104 per annum (£2 per week). Any income in excess of this amount is deducted from the pension. The income of a married person is deemed to be half the total income of husband and wife. A special income provision applies to married couples where one member is not a pensioner. In the case of a married couple, only one of whom is a pensioner,

permissible income is now £5 per week thus making the total of income plus pension £8 10s. per week. Where the joint income from other sources exceeds £5 per week, the pension is reduced by half the amount of the excess income, but the total amount which may be received by way of pension and other income cannot exceed £11 per week.

“Income” does not include gifts or allowances from children or parents, benefits from friendly societies, payments in respect of illness, infirmity or old-age from any trade union, the value of State food relief, child endowment or other payments for or in respect of children, benefits under the Hospital Benefits, Pharmaceutical Benefits, and Tuberculosis Acts and interest on Commonwealth war gratuities.

Additional income of £26 per annum (10s. per week) is allowed in respect of each dependent child under 16 years of age, less the amount of any payment (apart from child endowment and child's allowance) received for the child.

The annual rate of pension is reduced by £1 for every complete £10 of the net value of property (excluding the home, &c.) above £150 up to £450, and by £2 for every complete £11 of the remainder (if any) of the value of the property. The value of property of a married person is deemed to be half the total value of property of husband and wife.

*Blind Persons.*—Blind persons are eligible to receive, free of means test, a pension of £3 per week provided other conditions of eligibility are satisfied. Additional pension up to 10s. per week may be paid subject to the income means test applicable to blind persons which allows income of £10 per week before pension is reduced. The property means test is the same as for age and invalid pensions.

## INVALID PENSIONS.

*Persons Eligible.*—Persons 16 years of age and over, who have resided in Australia for a continuous period of five years, and who are permanently incapacitated for work or permanently blind. For the purposes of the residential qualification, the position in regard to absences is the same as for age pensions.

A person is deemed to be permanently incapacitated for work if the degree of his permanent incapacity is not less than 85 per cent. The claimant must have become permanently incapacitated or permanently blind while in Australia or during a temporary absence from Australia, but this condition is waived if he has resided in Australia continuously or otherwise for not less than twenty years.

*Persons Disqualified.*—

- (a) The same as in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) for age pensions.
- (b) A person who is not deserving of a pension.
- (c) A person who has an enforceable claim against any person under any law or contract, for adequate compensation in respect of his permanent incapacity or blindness.

*Aboriginal Natives.*—The same as for age pensions.

*Maximum Rate of Pension.*—The same as for age pensions.

*Effect of Income and property.*—The same as for age pensions.

*Blind Persons.*—See details of means test under Age Pensions.

**Wife's Allowance.** An allowance, not exceeding £91 per annum (£1 15s. per week), may be granted to the wife of an invalid pensioner (or age pensioner who is permanently incapacitated for work or permanently blind) if she is living with her husband and is not receiving an invalid or age pension or a service pension. The rate of the allowance is affected by income and property on the same basis as an age or invalid pension.

**Child's Allowance.** An allowance of £29 18s. per annum (11s. 6d. per week) in respect of one child under the age of sixteen years may be granted to the wife of an invalid pensioner, or age pensioner who is permanently incapacitated for work or permanently blind, if she is living with her husband and has the custody, care and control of the child and is not receiving a service pension. This allowance may be granted where the wife is ineligible on account of income or property for a wife's allowance.

A child's allowance may also be granted to any invalid pensioner who has the custody, care and control of a child under the age of sixteen years, but where both husband and wife are invalid pensioners (living together) the child's allowance is payable only to the wife.

**Funeral Benefits.** A funeral benefit of £10, or the actual cost of the funeral if less than £10, is payable to the person who has paid, or is liable to pay, the cost of the funeral of an age or invalid pensioner or a claimant who, but for his death, would have been granted an age or invalid pension.

Where the cost of the funeral has been partly met by a payment from a contributory funeral benefit fund (other than a contributory funeral benefit fund of a friendly society), funeral benefit is payable to the extent of the amount by which the cost of the funeral exceeded the amount paid from the fund, but not exceeding £10. Funeral benefit is not payable to a person administering a contributory funeral benefit fund.

The number of funeral benefits paid during the twelve months ended 30th June, 1954, was 8,269 (7,537 in 1952-53), the total cost being £82,317 (£70,483 in 1952-53).

**Pensioners, 1944-45 to 1953-54.** The numbers of age and invalid pensioners in Victoria on 30th June, 1954, were as follows:—Age pensioners—men, 29,799 (28,493 in 1952-53); women, 68,411 (64,860 in 1952-53); total, 98,210 (93,353 in 1952-53). Invalid pensioners—men, 8,977 (8,281 in 1952-53); women, 6,905 (6,738 in 1952-53); total, 15,882 (15,019 in 1952-53).

The numbers of age and invalid pensioners and the amount expended as at 30th June, for each year during the ten years ended 30th June, 1954, are shown in the following statement:—

## VICTORIA—AGE AND INVALID PENSIONERS,

1944-45 TO 1953-54.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Pensioners at End of Period.			Actual Amount Paid in Pensions.*
	Age.	Invalid.	Total.	
				£
1945 .. .. .	67,240	12,598	79,838	5,604,739
1946 .. .. .	69,308	13,599	82,907	6,822,535
1947 .. .. .	74,770	14,673	89,443	7,350,132
1948 .. .. .	78,057	15,165	93,222	9,144,961
1949 .. .. .	81,753	15,575	97,328	10,244,132
1950 .. .. .	84,831	14,328	99,159	10,783,587
1951 .. .. .	86,210	13,977	100,187	11,958,534
1952 .. .. .	87,845	13,973	101,818	14,448,996
1953 .. .. .	93,353	15,019	108,372	17,475,838
1954 .. .. .	98,210	15,882	114,092	19,978,458

\* Includes payments to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners, and to pensioner inmates of these institutions and from 1943-44 includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners.

## REHABILITATION.

Treatment and training are provided for suitable persons receiving, or qualified for, invalid pensions, unemployment or sickness benefits or tuberculosis allowances.

The pension, benefit, or allowance continues during treatment. When training is commenced a rehabilitation allowance is paid (on the same scale as invalid pension, with allowances for wife and child), together with a training allowance of £1 5s. per week.

Fares and living away from home allowances may also be paid.

A person undergoing treatment or training may be provided with artificial replacements, surgical aids and appliances, also with books, equipment and tools of trade costing not more than £30. He is, however, required to pay the cost of any such article which he retains for his own use, but payment may be made by small instalments after he has commenced employment.

Expenditure on Community Rehabilitation during the year ended 30th June, 1954, was £155,675 (£167,424 in 1952-53).

### WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

Eligibility and  
Rates of  
Pension.

*Persons Eligible.*—A widow's pension is payable to a woman according to the following qualifications:—

Class A.—A Widow who has the custody, care and control of one or more children under the age of 16 years. Maximum pension £3 15s. 0d. per week.

Class B.—A Widow, not less than 50 years of age, who has not the custody, care and control of a child under the age of 16 years. Maximum pension £2 17s. 6d. per week.

Class C.—A Widow, under 50 years of age, who has not the custody, care and control of a child under 16 years, but is in necessitous circumstances within 26 weeks after the death of her husband. Maximum pension £2 17s. 6d. per week (payable for not more than 26 weeks immediately after death of husband).

Class D.—A Woman whose husband has been serving a term of imprisonment for at least six months, and who has the custody, care and control of one or more children under the age of 16 years, or is not less than 50 years of age. Maximum pension £2 17s. 6d. per week.

The term "widow" includes, in appropriate cases, a deserted wife, a divorcee, a woman whose husband is an inmate of a hospital for the insane, and certain dependent females under conditions specified by the Act.

No woman may receive at the same time both a widow's pension and an age pension or an invalid pension.

The residential qualification is five years' continuous residence in Australia immediately prior to the date of lodgment of the claim. This period is reduced to one year where the claimant and her husband were residing in Australia when the husband died. Absences in certain circumstances may be regarded as periods of residence.



Widows' pensions are payable subject to a means test which operates on both income and property.

A widow in Class A, B, or D may have income (from all sources) amounting to £104 per annum, and still receive a full pension. Where the income exceeds £104 per annum the pension is reduced by the amount of the excess.

Additional income of £26 per annum (10s. per week) is allowed in respect of each dependent child under 16 years of age, less the amount of any payment (apart from child endowment) received for the child.

A Class B or Class D widow may have property (excluding her home, &c.) to the value of £159 and receive a full pension subject to any deduction on account of excess income. The annual rate of pension is reduced on a sliding scale where the value of such property exceeds £159 but is less than £1,250. If a woman in Class B or D has property (excluding her home, &c.) valued at more than £1,250 she is disqualified for a pension.

There is no sliding scale for reduction of pension in respect of the value of the property owned by a widow in Class A, but she is ineligible for a pension if she owns property (excluding her home, &c.) worth more than £1,500. A widow in Class A may thus have property valued at any amount up to £1,500 in addition to her home, &c., and receive a pension of £195 per annum, subject to any deduction on account of excess income.

The above provisions do not apply to a Class C widow who is entitled to a pension only if she is in necessitous circumstances.

The definitions of "income" and "property" for widows' pensions purposes are the same as those for age pensions.

*Persons Disqualified.*—In addition to disqualifications arising from certain income and property, the following persons are also disqualified from receiving widows' pensions :—

- (a) Aliens (except women who, prior to marriage, were British subjects).
- (b) Any claimant who has deprived herself of property or income in order to qualify for a pension.
- (c) A deserted wife or a divorcee who has not taken reasonable action to obtain maintenance from her husband or former husband.
- (d) A woman who is in receipt of an age or invalid pension or a war widow's pension.
- (e) A woman who is not of good character or deserving of a pension.

The number of widow pensioners and the amount expended as at 30th June, for each year during the ten years ended 30th June 1954, are shown in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—WIDOWS' PENSIONS, 1944-45 TO 1953-54.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Widow Pensioners.	Amount Paid in Pensions.
		£
1945 .. .. .	12,614	799,652
1946 .. .. .	12,748	899,747
1947 .. .. .	12,311	941,734
1948 .. .. .	11,259	1,022,432
1949 .. .. .	11,164	1,120,589
1950 .. .. .	11,060	1,099,158
1951 .. .. .	10,631	1,195,631
1952 .. .. .	10,222	1,390,309
1953 .. .. .	10,173	1,534,582
1954 .. .. .	9,827	1,567,098

RECIPROCITY WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM.

An agreement between the Governments of the United Kingdom and Australia came into operation on 7th January, 1954.

Former residents of the United Kingdom living in Australia and receiving United Kingdom retirement or contributory old-age pensions are entitled generally, subject to the means test and other conditions apart from residence, to have their United Kingdom pension supplemented by an Australian pension to bring the total up to the rate for Australian citizens.

The requirement of twenty years' continuous residence is waived in all cases.

Widows' pensions, invalid pensions, child endowment, and unemployment and sickness benefits are also covered by the agreement.

In return, the United Kingdom grants insurance credits based on residence in Australia to all persons who become permanently resident in the United Kingdom, thus giving them eligibility for the various United Kingdom benefits.

There is also provision to enable Australian age and widow pensioners or recipients of child endowment to receive their pensions or endowment while temporarily absent in the United Kingdom.

RECIPROCITY WITH NEW ZEALAND.

A reciprocal scheme exists between the Commonwealth and New Zealand with regard to age, invalid, and widows' pensions, child endowment and unemployment and sickness benefits, covering both permanent and temporary change of residence.

Residence in one country counts as residence in the other in relation to entitlement to benefits in which a residential qualification applies.

### MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

**Persons Eligible.** A maternity allowance is payable to a woman who, at the date of giving birth to a child is residing in Australia, or is in Australia and satisfies the Director-General of Social Services that she intends to remain in Australia.

The allowance is payable in respect of a birth which occurred on board a ship proceeding from a port in Australia or a Territory of the Commonwealth to another port in Australia or a Territory of the Commonwealth. The allowance is also payable in respect of a birth which occurred on board a ship proceeding to Australia, provided the mother has not received and is not entitled to receive a maternity benefit in respect of the birth under the law of any other country.

Payment may be made in respect of the birth of a stillborn child, or a child which lived for less than twelve hours, if the period of intra-uterine life of the child was not less than five and a half calendar months.

(Payment may be made to qualified Australians temporarily abroad who fulfil particular requirements.)

There is no means test.

*Alien Mothers.*—Payment may be made to an alien mother if—

- (a) she was a British subject prior to her marriage, or
- (b) she or her husband resided in Australia for at least twelve months immediately prior to the birth of the child. Payment in respect of a birth which occurs within twelve months after the mother's arrival in Australia may be made at the end of that twelve months, unless the Director-General is satisfied that the woman is likely to remain in Australia, in which case it may be paid immediately.

*Aboriginal Natives.*—Payment may be made only to those aboriginal natives of Australia who have been granted exemption from State control laws or who, in any State where exemption is not provided for, are considered suitable persons to receive the allowance by virtue of character, standard of intelligence, and social development.

Allowances which may be paid are as follows:—

- (a) Where there are no other children—£15.
- (b) Where there are one or two other children—£16.
- (c) Where there are three or more other children—£17 10s.

**Amount of Allowances.**

“Other children” means children born prior to the birth which is the subject of the claim, who, on the date of that birth, are under the age of sixteen years and of whom the claimant has the custody, care and control.

An extra £5 is paid for each additional child in multiple births.

An advance payment of £5 on account of a maternity allowance may be made, upon application, four weeks prior to the expected date of the birth. The balance is payable immediately after the birth.

Details of allowances granted during the ten years ended 30th June, 1954, are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—MATERNITY ALLOWANCES GRANTED, 1944-45  
TO 1953-54.

Year ended 30th June—	Number Granted During Year.	Amount Paid in Allowances During Year.	Total Claims Granted.	Total Amount Paid in Allowances.
		£		£
1945 .. ..	40,582	647,970	960,323	5,580,375
1946 .. ..	40,991	649,648	1,001,314	6,230,023
1947 .. ..	50,730	787,843	1,052,044	7,017,866
1948 .. ..	46,027	744,232	1,098,071	7,762,098
1949 .. ..	46,309	732,621	1,144,380	8,494,719
1950 .. ..	49,035	777,920	1,193,415	9,272,639
1951 .. ..	50,210	807,030	1,243,625	10,079,669
1952 .. ..	52,144	835,643	1,295,769	10,915,312
1953 .. ..	55,297	872,085	1,351,066	11,787,397
1954 .. ..	54,219	874,376	1,405,285	12,661,773

Maternity allowances became payable from 10th October, 1912. A survey of the legislative enactments affecting maternity allowances during the period 1912-1944 appeared in the *Year-Book* for 1944-1945, page 456.

### CHILD ENDOWMENT.

The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay child endowment in July, 1941, at the rate of 5s. per week for each dependant child in excess of one under the age of 16 years in each family. From 26th June, 1945, the weekly amount was increased to 7s. 6d., and, from 9th November, 1948, to 10s. Amending legislation passed in June, 1950, provided endowment for the first child under 16 years of age at the rate of 5s. per week from 20th June, 1950. The rate for each additional child under that age is 10s. per week. Endowment of 10s. per week is paid in respect of all children under 16 years of age in approved institutions. The total amount paid in Victoria for the year ended 30th June, 1954, was £13,164,984 (£13,995,987 in 1952-53).

## VICTORIA—CHILD ENDOWMENT.

AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1952, 1953, AND 1954.

Rate per Endowment Period (Four Weeks).	Number of Claims.		
	1952.	1953.	1954.
£1 (one child family) .. ..	124,933	125,601	127,261
£3 (two child family) .. ..	110,806	115,622	120,031
£5 (three child family) .. ..	50,446	53,767	56,232
£7 (four child family) .. ..	19,730	21,206	22,404
£9 (five child family) .. ..	7,169	7,696	8,261
£11 (six child family) .. ..	2,771	2,888	2,908
£13 (seven child family) .. ..	955	1,001	1,075
£15 (eight child family) .. ..	474	469	537
£17 (nine child family) .. ..	193	183	179
£19 (ten child family) .. ..	75	91	100
£21 (eleven child family) .. ..	21	20	15
£23 (twelve child family) .. ..	12	12	14
£25 (thirteen child family) .. ..	4	3	3
£27 (fourteen child family) .. ..	2	2	2
Total claims current .. ..	317,591	328,561	339,022
Number of endowed children .. ..	642,693	672,525	699,220
Average number of endowed children per claim .. ..	2.02	2.047	2.062
Average annual liability per claim .. ..	£ s. d. 39 12 4	£ s. d. 40 4 4	£ s. d. 40 12 6

NOTE.—Figures in the above table exclude endowment in respect of children in institutions who numbered 4,795 in 1952, 4,710 in 1953 and 4,734 in 1954.

## UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Males, over 16 and under 65 years of age, and females, over 16 and under 60 years of age, who have been resident in Australia for the twelve months immediately preceding a claim for benefit or satisfy the Director-General of Social Services that they intend to remain permanently in Australia, are eligible to receive benefits. A person in receipt of an age, invalid, or widow's pension or a service pension (as distinct from a war pension) under the Australian Soldier's Repatriation Act, is ineligible for benefit.

*Unemployment Benefit.*—In order to qualify for an unemployment benefit a person must establish that he—

- (a) is unemployed and that his unemployment is not due to his being a direct participant in a strike ;
- (b) is capable and willing to undertake suitable work ; and
- (c) has taken reasonable steps to obtain such work (registration with the local Commonwealth District Employment Officer is necessary).

*Sickness Benefit.*—In order to qualify for a sickness benefit a person must establish that he—

- (a) is temporarily incapacitated for work by reason of sickness or accident ; and
- (b) has thereby suffered a loss of salary, wages, or other income.

*Married Women.*—A married woman is not qualified to receive a sickness benefit if it is reasonably possible for her husband to maintain her. Where her husband is able to maintain her only partially, benefit may be paid at such rate as the Director-General considers reasonable in the circumstances.

*Aboriginal Natives.*—Benefit may be paid only to those aboriginal natives of Australia who are considered suitable by reason of character, standard of intelligence and social development.

**Rates of Benefit.**

The weekly rates of benefit and limits of other permissible income are shown in the following table:—

**AUSTRALIA—UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.**

Age and Conjugal Condition.	Maximum Weekly Benefit.				Permissible Weekly Income.
	Claimant.	Dependent Spouse.	One Child.	Total.	
Unmarried—	s.	s.	s.	s.	s.
16 years and under	}	30	..	30	}
17 years ..					
17 years and under	}	..	..	40	}
18 years ..					
18 years and under	}	..	..	50	}
21 years ..					
21 years and over	}	40	5	95	}
Married .. ..					

NOTE.—When an unmarried or widowed person has the custody, care, and control of, or maintains a child under the age of sixteen years, the total benefit may be increased by 5s. per week.

Additional benefit (not exceeding £2 per week) may be paid in respect of a claimant's housekeeper where no such benefit is payable in respect of his wife, provided there are one or more children under sixteen years of age in the home and the woman is substantially dependent on the claimant but is not employed by him.

**Effect of Income.** Any income in excess of the permissible income shown in the preceding table is deducted from the rate of benefit.

For unemployment benefit purposes, the income of the claimant and his spouse and the unearned income of any children under the age of sixteen years living with them are taken into account but where the claimant and his spouse are permanently separated any income received by the spouse may be disregarded.

"Income" does not include child endowment or other payments for or in respect of children, or benefits under the Hospital Benefits, Pharmaceutical Benefits, and Tuberculosis Acts.

For sickness benefit purposes, there is disregarded £2 per week of any payment received from an approved friendly society or other similar approved body in respect of the incapacity for which sickness benefit is payable.

**Compensation.** For sickness benefit purposes, any amount received, or which a claimant is entitled to receive, in respect of the incapacity for which sickness benefit is payable, by way of compensation (including Workers' Compensation), damages, or payments under any law (except those for which a claimant has made contributions) is not taken into account as income but is deducted from the rate of sickness benefit otherwise payable. Pending the determination of a claim for compensation, damages, &c., sickness benefit may be paid subject to the condition that the whole or any part of the benefit shall be repaid to the Commonwealth out of any compensation, damages, &c., recovered.

**Payment of Benefit.** Unemployment benefit is payable from and including the seventh day after the day on which the claimant became unemployed or lodged his claim, whichever is the later, and continues only so long as he is able and willing to undertake suitable work and is otherwise qualified.

Sickness benefit is payable from and including the seventh day after the day on which the claimant became incapacitated, provided a claim is lodged within six weeks after that day. If the claim is not lodged within six weeks, payment commences from the date of lodgment of the claim except where the Director-General determines otherwise.

**Vocational Training.**

A claimant for unemployment or sickness benefit or a person receiving benefit may be required to undergo a course of vocational training as a condition to the grant of benefit or continuance of payment.

**Special Benefit.**

A special benefit may, at the discretion of the Director-General, be granted to a person not qualified for unemployment or sickness benefit and who is not in receipt of any age, invalid, or widow's pension, or a service pension, if by reason of age, physical or mental disability, or domestic circumstances, or for any other reason, he is unable to earn a sufficient livelihood for himself and his dependants, if any.

The following table gives particulars of claims, amounts paid, &c., during the years ended 30th June, 1953 and 1954:—

**VICTORIA—UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS  
DURING THE YEARS ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1953 AND  
1954.**

	1953.		1954.	
	Claims Granted.	Benefits Paid.	Claims Granted.	Benefits Paid.
Unemployment ..	39,245	£ 923,732	9,590	£ 507,676
Sickness .. ..	11,046	370,354	12,843	405,414
Special .. ..	8,123	140,566	8,313	127,041
Total .. ..	58,414	1,434,652	30,746	1,040,131

### REPATRIATION.

An outline of the activities leading up to the formation of the Commonwealth Repatriation Commission appears in *Commonwealth Year-Books* Nos. 15 page 931 and 17 page 598. The main activities of the Commission in 1951-52 were confined to the grant, review and assessment of war and service pensions, the provision of medical treatment, payment of re-employment allowances, vocational training, renewal and repair of artificial replacements and surgical appliances, the grant and review of sustenance and living allowances and the administration of the Soldiers' Children Education Scheme.



Particulars of war and service pensions in Victoria are shown below :—

VICTORIA—WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS,  
1944-45 TO 1953-54.

Year ended June—	Members of Forces.	Dependants.		Total.	Amount Paid during Year.
		Of Incapacitated Members.	Of Deceased Members.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	£
<i>War Pensions.</i>					
1945 .. ..	30,138	37,334	10,755	78,227	3,245,026
1946 .. ..	36,020	43,849	13,157	93,026	3,640,063
1947 .. ..	39,711	48,101	13,167	100,979	4,081,324
1948 .. ..	41,931	51,648	13,285	106,864	4,436,021
1949 .. ..	44,025	55,737	13,486	113,248	5,249,295
1950 .. ..	46,553	61,297	13,743	121,593	5,857,536
1951 .. ..	49,115	69,054	13,730	131,899	7,303,282
1952 .. ..	51,045	75,486	13,735	140,266	9,184,196
1953 .. ..	52,785	81,464	13,817	148,066	9,918,742
1954 .. ..	54,213	86,456	13,941	154,610	10,600,721
<i>Service Pensions.</i>					
1945 .. ..	2,145	770	378	3,293	163,715
1946 .. ..	2,296	713	393	3,402	206,275
1947 .. ..	2,589	751	383	3,723	239,649
1948 .. ..	2,793	822	370	3,985	288,084
1949 .. ..	2,736	781	373	3,890	322,659
1950 .. ..	2,784	735	364	3,883	347,274
1951 .. ..	2,696	715	356	3,767	332,924
1952 .. ..	2,661	757	368	3,786	382,584
1953 .. ..	3,029	846	398	4,273	503,946
1954 .. ..	3,308	909	409	4,626	601,579

Further statistical details relating to repatriation for the years 1951-52, 1952-53 and 1953-54 are as follows:—

—	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.
	No.	No.	No.
Medical Treatment—			
Repatriation In-patients at end of year ..	1,774	1,664	1,468
In-patients treated in Institutions operated by the Repatriation Department—*			
Repatriation cases .. .. .	8,837	9,364	9,377
Service Personnel, &c. .. .	2,315	2,081	1,864
Admissions of Repatriation cases to insti- tutions operated by other authorities ..	888	1,162	1,287
Attendances of Out-patients* .. .	108,495	86,117	87,252
	£	£	£
Medical treatment expenditure .. .	2,343,731	2,591,779	2,759,758
Soldiers' children education expenditure ..	57,936	71,175	90,711

\* Due to a change in the basis of compilation, these figures are not strictly comparable with figures for previous years.

## PART VII.

### VITAL STATISTICS.

**Registration  
of Births,  
Deaths, and  
Marriages.**

The system of compulsory registration of births, deaths, and marriages in Victoria has been in force since 1853, and the registers contain all necessary information bearing on the family history of the people. The statutory duties under the Registration Acts are performed by the Government Statist, who has supervision over the registrars of births and deaths, the registrars of marriages, and (so far as regards their registration duties) the clergymen who celebrate marriages. Copies of entries certified by the Government Statist or by an Assistant Government Statist are *prima facie* evidence in the Courts of Australia of the facts to which they relate. At the Government Statist's Office there is kept for reference a complete collection of all registrations effected since 1st July, 1853, as well as originals or certified copies of all existing church records relating to earlier periods, as far back as 1837.

**Law Relating  
to Marriages  
Births, and  
Deaths.**

The various Acts relating to the registration of marriages, births and deaths in Victoria were consolidated in 1928, since when the Marriage Act was amended by Acts No. 4561, 4839 and 5846 of 1938, 1941 and 1954 respectively, and the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act by Acts No. 4553 of 1938, 4858 of 1941, 5623 of 1952 and 5846 of 1954.

Marriages may be celebrated by any minister of religion who ordinarily officiates as such in one of the religious denominations, and whose name is registered in the office of the Government Statist; also by the Government Statist, an Assistant Government Statist, or a duly appointed Registrar of Marriages. The Governor in Council may prohibit from celebrating marriages any minister who is proved guilty of any indictable offence, misconduct or impropriety in the celebration of any marriage, or who makes a business of celebrating marriages for the purpose of profit or gain. At least three clear days before the performance of any marriage, written notice of such marriage must be given to the proposed celebrant by the parties about to be married, but such notice may, in respect of a marriage by a minister of religion, be dispensed with in the case of emergency by written permission of any Justice of the Peace. Marriage of minors is permissible only with the written consent of parents or guardian or, in certain circumstances, by permission of a Guardian of Minors; should a parent refuse consent, appeal may be made to a Stipendiary Magistrate. Marriage with a deceased wife's sister is

valid. Marriages of Jews and Quakers are exempted in part from the law relating to marriages, and are deemed legal and valid if celebrated according to their respective usages. Certificates of such marriages must, however, be lodged with the Government Statist for record purposes. No marriage is invalid by reason of its having been celebrated by an unqualified person if either of the parties believed at the time that such person was qualified, or by reason of any formal defect or irregularity where the identity of the parties to the marriage is not in question.

A person whose husband or wife has been continually absent from such person for the space of seven years or over, and has not been known by such person to be living within that time, may marry without being liable to prosecution for bigamy (*see* sec. 61 of the Crimes Act); but such a marriage would be void, and the issue thereof illegitimate, if it should be subsequently discovered that the former wife (or husband) was alive at the date of the marriage.

Births of live children must, under a penalty not exceeding £10 for default without reasonable cause, be registered within 60 days. After 60 days and within twelve months, registration may be effected, after declaration, on the payment of a fee of 5s.; after twelve months and under seven years, only by authority of the Government Statist (fee 20s.); and after seven years by order of a Judge of a County Court or the Supreme Court (fee 30s.). The occupier of any house or place in which an illegitimate child is born, or in which an illegitimate child under the age of five years dies, is required to give notice of such birth or death to the district registrar within three to seven days, according to the locality of the event. If the mother is the occupier, the period of notification is extended to three weeks.

Act No. 5623 of 1952 amended the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Acts by providing for the compulsory registration of still-born children; the Act defined a still-born child as any child born of its mother after the twenty-eighth week of pregnancy which did not at any time after being born breathe or show any other sign of life, and where the duration of pregnancy is not reliably ascertainable includes any foetus weighing not less than two pounds twelve ounces.

Deaths must, under a penalty not exceeding £10, be notified to the local registrar by the occupier of the house or tenement in which the death occurred. Registration of death must be effected within 21 days by a person present at the death or in attendance during the last illness of the deceased or, in the case of illness, inability or default of such person, by the occupier of the house or tenement in which the death occurred. The medical practitioner in attendance during the last illness is also required, under a penalty not exceeding £5, to report the death to the registrar, unless the death has been reported to the Coroner.

Summary of Vital Statistics, 1952 and 1953. The principal numbers and rates relating to Vital Statistics are given in the following tables:—

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS, 1952.

Division.	Number of—				Rate per 1,000 of Population.			Infantile Mortality.
	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Deaths under One Year.	Marriage.	Birth.	Death.	Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births.
Melbourne—Metropolitan Area ..	..	27,933	14,189	612	..	20·77	10·55	20·27
Remainder of the State	..	25,805	9,133	586	..	25·84	9·15	24·88
Victoria .. ..	20,220	53,738	23,322	1,198	8·63	22·93	9·95	22·29

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS, 1953.

Division.	Number of—				Rate per 1,000 of Population.			Infantile Mortality.
	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Deaths under One Year.	Marriage.	Birth.	Death.	Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births.
Melbourne—Metropolitan Area ..	..	27,560	13,731	544	..	20·06	9·99	19·74
Remainder of the State	..	26,001	8,919	589	..	25·44	8·73	22·65
Victoria .. ..	19,238	53,561	22,650	1,133	8·03	22·36	9·45	21·15

MARRIAGES.

Marriages—Numbers and Rates. Marriages in Victoria in 1953 numbered 19,238, a decrease of 982 as compared with the number registered in 1952. The rate per 1,000 of population in 1953 was 8·03 as compared with rates of 8·63 in 1952, 9·31 in 1951, 9·22 in 1950 and 9·38 in 1949. The highest rate recorded in Victoria was 12·06 in 1942; the lowest rate was 5·66 in 1931—a year of acute economic depression. From that year to 1942 there was a marked increase, the rate in 1942 being 113 per cent. higher than in 1931.

The record number of marriages (23,636) in 1942 can be attributed to war-time conditions. The pronounced fall in the number celebrated in 1943 indicated that the influence of those conditions had passed its peak. In the years 1944 and 1945 further falls were recorded, the rate, (8·22) in 1945 being the lowest recorded since 1934. In 1946 there was a large increase in the number of marriages, the rate (10·57) being 29 per cent. higher than the rate in 1945. The increase in the number in 1946 reflected the postponement of marriages during the latter years of the war. In 1947 there was an appreciable decline in the number of marriages, the rate falling to 9·95 per 1,000 of population. During the following three years there was little fluctuation in the number, the rate, however, continued to decline, and in 1950 was 9·22 per 1,000 of population. The rate increased temporarily in 1951 to 9·31 but declined again in 1952 and 1953 to 8·63 and 8·03 respectively per 1,000 of population.

The following table shows the number of marriages, the quarters in which they were registered, and the proportion per 1,000 of the population since 1854:—

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES IN EACH QUARTER, 1855 TO 1953.

Period.	Average Annual Number of Marriages.	Quarter of Registration				Rate per 1,000 of Mean Population.
		March.	June.	September.	December.	
1855-59 ..	4,362	*	*	*	*	10·24
1860-64 ..	4,418	1,068	1,166	1,079	1,105	8·16
1865-69 ..	4,533	1,123	1,144	1,113	1,153	6·94
1870-74 ..	4,823	1,168	1,299	1,131	1,225	6·40
1875-79 ..	5,023	1,239	1,307	1,207	1,270	6·21
1880-84 ..	6,296	1,528	1,611	1,483	1,674	7·07
1885-89 ..	8,208	1,899	2,196	1,915	2,198	8·04
1890-94 ..	7,945	1,995	2,100	1,838	2,012	6·88
1895-99 ..	7,627	1,816	2,074	1,778	1,959	6·44
1900-04 ..	8,201	2,000	2,252	1,930	2,019	6·78
1905-09 ..	9,209	2,185	2,548	2,182	2,294	7·36
1910-14 ..	11,244	2,664	3,000	2,644	2,936	8·29
1915-19 ..	10,908	2,437	2,754	2,815	2,902	7·62
1920-24 ..	13,598	3,252	3,578	3,152	3,616	8·64
1925-29 ..	13,301	3,136	3,603	3,047	3,515	7·72
1930-34 ..	12,019	2,929	3,123	2,727	3,240	6·64
1935-39 ..	16,406	3,699	4,484	3,414	4,809	8·84
1940-44 ..	20,609	5,089	5,383	4,812	5,325	10·56
1945-49 ..	19,689	4,995	5,057	4,205	5,432	9·54
1950 ..	20,320	4,982	5,296	4,472	5,570	9·20
1951 ..	21,117	5,731	5,041	4,426	5,919	9·28
1952 ..	20,220	5,194	5,208	4,042	5,776	8·63
1953 ..	19,238	4,639	4,845	3,999	5,755	8·03

\*Not Available.

The ordinary marriage rate—per 1,000 of the total population—like birth and death rates similarly estimated, is apt to be misleading in the early settlement stages of countries like Australia, but it affords a ready and approximate comparison between years not widely separated.

**Marriage Rates** The following statement shows the marriage rate per 1,000 of the population in the Australian States and in New Zealand, for each of the five years 1949 to 1953:—

**MARRIAGE RATES—AUSTRALIAN STATES AND NEW ZEALAND**

Year.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.	New Zealand.
1949	9.37	9.30	8.86	9.18	9.30	8.96	9.23	9.53
1950	9.20	9.41	8.65	9.28	9.74	9.18	9.24	9.19
1951	9.28	9.25	8.84	9.07	9.29	9.04	9.18	8.93
1952	8.63	8.78	8.01	8.27	8.97	8.56	8.59	8.55*
1953	8.03	8.14	7.66	7.92	8.10	7.91	8.01	8.41*

\* Includes Maoris

The marriage rate in England and Wales in 1953 was 7.8.

**Ages of Bridegrooms and Brides.** The ages of bridegrooms and brides who were married in 1952 and 1953 are shown in combination for various groups in the tables which follow:—

**VICTORIA—AGES OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES IN COMBINATION, 1952.**

Ages of Bridegrooms.	Ages of Brides.														Total Bridegrooms.				
	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 to 44	45 to 49.	50 to 54		55 to 59.	60 to 64.	65 to 69.	70 and over.
16	..	..	3	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
17	..	1	5	10	9	4	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35
18	..	5	31	43	36	12	7	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	150
19	..	2	27	56	72	68	43	48	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	317
20	..	4	26	76	128	129	111	162	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	646
21 to 24	2	11	82	257	592	1,037	1,132	3,817	550	60	14	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,555
25 to 29	2	6	24	79	186	361	486	2,759	1,571	281	66	11	3	..	..	..	..	..	5,835
30 to 34	..	..	6	1	25	48	72	663	791	452	149	50	8	1	..	..	..	..	2,276
35 to 39	..	..	..	14	6	8	24	152	317	325	238	90	26	7	2	1	..	..	1,200
40 to 44	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	34	94	156	207	133	65	12	6	1	..	..	711
45 to 49	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	14	33	76	99	123	87	38	9	..	..	..	483
50 to 54	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	8	15	26	58	84	84	63	22	3	3	..	367
55 to 59	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	11	16	36	58	44	41	14	6	..	230
60 to 64	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	10	24	32	43	46	34	7	3	202
65 to 69	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	3	10	30	12	30	24	4	117
70 to 74	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	4	..	4	9	9	13	8	52
75 and over	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	6	9	7	37
<b>Total Brides</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>1,057</b>	<b>1,668</b>	<b>1,883</b>	<b>7,679</b>	<b>3,386</b>	<b>1,391</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20,220</b>

## VICTORIA—AGES OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES IN COMBINATION, 1953.

Ages of Bridegrooms.	Ages of Brides.														Total Bridegrooms.				
	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21 to 24.	25 to 29.	30 to 34.	35 to 39.	40 to 44.	45 to 49.	50 to 54.		55 to 59.	60 to 64.	65 to 69.	70 and over.
16 ..	..	..	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
17 ..	2	5	5	17	4	5	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42
18 ..	1	7	24	29	26	19	14	8	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	130
19 ..	..	2	30	60	60	62	30	44	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	295
20 ..	..	4	29	71	119	151	116	152	12	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	656
21 to 24	1	15	86	244	570	989	1,063	3,386	553	47	9	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,965
25 to 29	..	8	29	75	208	352	503	2,656	1,538	301	74	16	3	2	1	..	..	..	5,766
30 to 34	..	2	2	9	21	62	77	575	750	445	136	34	9	..	..	..	..	..	2,122
35 to 39	..	..	2	2	2	4	14	125	300	295	207	92	34	7	..	..	..	..	1,084
40 to 44	..	..	..	..	3	3	3	34	108	161	180	139	53	11	2	..	..	..	697
45 to 49	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	8	30	63	95	107	92	35	8	2	..	..	442
50 to 54	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	28	44	97	71	57	33	8	2	..	356
55 to 59	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	7	19	36	54	45	44	16	3	..	228
60 to 64	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	4	6	17	27	53	34	35	8	2	191
65 to 69	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	6	13	24	26	45	25	9	154
70 to 74	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	12	16	13	9	..	62
75 and over	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	5	5	15	13	42
Total Brides	4	43	210	510	1,015	1,648	1,823	6,993	3,320	1,353	777	551	362	238	165	127	66	33	19,238

Of every 1,000 men married during 1952, 746 were older and 161 younger than their brides, and 93 were of the same age, whilst of every 1,000 men married during 1953, 742 were older, 165 younger than their brides, and 93 were of the same age.

In 1952 the oldest bridegroom was aged 90 years and the oldest bride 79 years; the youngest bridegroom was aged 16 years, and the youngest bride 14 years. In 1953 the oldest bridegroom was aged 95 years and the oldest bride 87 years; the youngest bridegroom was aged 16 years and the youngest bride 14 years.

The proportions of both sexes marrying in 1952 and 1953 are shown in varying age groups, in the following tables:—

**Proportion of Marriages at Various Ages.**



VICTORIA—PROPORTION OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES IN AGE GROUPS, 1952.

Age Group.	Proportion per 1,000 of total—		Age Group.	Proportion per 1,000 of total—	
	Bridegrooms.	Brides.		Bridegrooms.	Brides.
Under 16 ..	..	1·63	35 to 39 ..	59·35	42·63
16 ..	0·35	10·09	40 to 44 ..	35·16	27·65
17 ..	1·73	26·66	45 to 49 ..	23·89	18·69
18 ..	7·42	52·27	50 to 54 ..	18·15	12·07
19 ..	15·68	82·49	55 to 59 ..	11·37	7·57
20 ..	31·95	93·13	60 and over..	20·18	9·10
21 to 24 ..	373·64	379·77			
25 to 29 ..	288·57	167·46		1,000·00	1,000·00
30 to 34 ..	112·56	68·79			

VICTORIA—PROPORTION OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES IN AGE GROUPS, 1953.

Age Group.	Proportion per 1,000 of total—		Age Group.	Proportion per 1,000 of total—	
	Bridegrooms.	Brides.		Bridegrooms.	Brides.
Under 16 ..	..	2·44	35 to 39 ..	56·35	40·39
16 ..	0·31	10·92	40 to 44 ..	36·23	28·64
17 ..	2·18	26·51	45 to 49 ..	22·98	18·82
18 ..	6·76	52·76	50 to 54 ..	18·51	12·37
19 ..	15·33	85·66	55 to 59 ..	11·85	8·58
20 ..	34·10	94·76	60 and over..	23·34	11·75
21 to 24 ..	362·04	363·50			
25 to 29 ..	299·72	172·57		1,000·00	1,000·00
30 to 34 ..	110·30	70·33			

The number of minors marrying at each age and the proportion of each sex to the total marriages are given in the following table for each of the five years 1949 to 1953 :—

**Marriages of Minors.**

## VICTORIA—MARRIAGES OF MINORS.

Year.	Age in years.								Total.		
	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	Number.	Percentage of Total Marriages.	
Bridegrooms.											
1949	..	..	..	..	..	29	126	296	647	1,098	5.47
1950	..	..	1	..	7	33	124	317	685	1,167	5.74
1951	..	..	..	..	4	25	110	357	718	1,214	5.75
1952	..	..	..	..	7	35	150	317	646	1,155	5.71
1953	..	..	..	..	6	42	130	295	656	1,129	5.87
Brides.											
1949	..	..	2	19	133	381	1,010	1,554	1,795	4,894	24.39
1950	..	..	1	28	142	460	940	1,545	1,828	4,944	24.33
1951	..	..	1	4	27	202	521	1,016	1,649	1,973	5.393
1952	..	..	..	4	29	204	539	1,057	1,668	1,883	5.384
1953	..	..	..	4	43	210	510	1,015	1,648	1,823	5.253

The proportion of minors marrying steadily decreased from 1931 to 1936. There was little fluctuation during the following three years, but in 1940 there was an increase, mainly due to the number of brides who were under 21 years of age. A further increase was recorded during each year of the period 1941-44, the proportion of minors marrying in 1944 being 14.35 per cent. of the persons married in that year. There was little variation in the next four years, but in 1949 the proportion increased to 14.93 per cent. This was followed by a slight increase in 1950, the proportion of minors marrying being 15.04 per cent. and further increases in 1951, 1952 and 1953, when the proportions reached 15.64 per cent., 16.17 per cent. and 16.59 per cent. respectively.

Of every 1,000 bridegrooms in 1952, 57 were under 21 years of age; of every 1,000 brides, 266 were under 21 years of age. In 1953, 59 out of every 1,000 bridegrooms and 273 out of every 1,000 brides were under 21 years of age.

**Age at Marriage.**

The mean ages at marriage, according to conjugal condition, are shown in the following table for each of the five years 1949 to 1953:—

VICTORIA—MEAN AGE AT MARRIAGE, 1949 TO 1953.

Year.	Bridegrooms.				Brides.			
	Bachelors.	Divorced.	Widowers.	All Bridegrooms.	Spinsters.	Divorced.	Widows.	All Brides.
1949 ..	27.1	39.0	51.9	29.0	24.2	34.4	44.8	25.8
1950 ..	27.1	39.3	52.9	29.1	24.3	35.7	44.6	25.9
1951 ..	27.0	39.8	53.1	29.1	24.2	35.8	44.5	25.9
1952 ..	26.9	40.0	53.3	29.0	24.1	36.1	45.3	25.8
1953 ..	26.9	40.5	54.7	29.2	24.1	36.1	47.0	26.0

In 1952 the mean age at marriage of bridegrooms whose brides were under 45 was 28.1 years, while for brides under 45 the age was 24.4 years. In 1953 the mean age at marriage of bridegrooms whose brides were under 45 was 27.6 years, while for brides under 45 the age was 24.4 years.

The most popular age at marriage for bridegrooms in 1952 was 23 years, and for brides 21 years. They were also the most popular ages in 1953.

**Conjugal Condition of Persons Marrying.**

In the following tables are given the number of persons in each conjugal condition marrying during each of the five years 1949 to 1953, and the proportions in each condition for periods since 1920 :—

VICTORIA—CONJUGAL CONDITION OF PERSONS MARRYING, 1949 TO 1953.

Period.	Bridegrooms.			Brides.			Total Marriages.
	Bachelors.	Widowers.	Divorced.	Spinsters.	Widows.	Divorced.	
1949 ..	17,817	985	1,264	17,905	909	1,252	20,066
1950 ..	18,023	1,001	1,296	18,083	932	1,305	20,320
1951 ..	18,719	1,016	1,382	18,780	998	1,339	21,117
1952 ..	18,009	930	1,281	18,000	870	1,350	20,220
1953 ..	17,034	930	1,274	17,033	859	1,346	19,238

VICTORIA—TOTAL MARRIAGES IN 1952 AND 1953 AND PERCENTAGE OF PERSONS MARRYING IN EACH CONJUGAL CONDITION, 1920 TO 1953.

Marriages Between—	1952.		1953.		Conjugal Condition.	Percentage of Total—			
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.		1920-29.	1930-39.	1940-49.	1953.
						Bridegrooms.			
Bachelors and Spinsters .. ..	16,807	83·12	15,857	82·42	Bachelors	92·1	92·3	90·5	88·6
Bachelors and Widows .. ..	396	1·96	365	1·90	Widowers	6·3	5·5	4·9	4·8
Bachelors and Divorced Women .. ..	806	3·98	812	4·22	Divorced	1·6	2·2	4·6	6·6
Widowers and Spinsters .. ..	439	2·17	421	2·19					
Widowers and Widows .. ..	325	1·61	342	1·78	Total ..	100·0	100·0	100·0	100·0
Widowers and Divorced Women .. ..	166	0·82	167	0·87					
Divorced Men and Spinsters .. ..	754	3·73	755	3·92		Brides.			
Divorced Men and Widows .. ..	149	0·74	152	0·79	Spinsters	93·6	94·4	91·4	88·5
Divorced Men and Divorced Women	378	1·87	367	1·91	Widows ..	4·9	3·4	3·9	4·5
					Divorced	1·5	2·2	4·7	7·0
Total Marriages .. ..	20,220	100·00	19,238	100·00	Total ..	100·0	100·0	100·0	100·0

The proportions of widowers and widows remarrying per 100 marriages declined from 6·5 and 4·7 respectively in 1910-14 to 4·8 and 4·5 in 1949-53. During the same period the proportion of remarriages of divorced men increased from 0·7 to 6·4 and of divorced women from 0·9 to 6·5. The increased proportion of divorced persons remarrying reflects the higher number of decrees for dissolution of marriage granted in recent years. The numbers of such decrees and of remarriages of divorced men and of divorced women for certain periods since 1900 are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—DIVORCED PERSONS REMARRYING SINCE 1900.

Period.	Decrees Granted.	Remarriages.	
		Divorced Men.	Divorced Women.
1900-09 .. ..	1,208	418	554
1910-19 .. ..	2,258	867	1,096
1920-29 .. ..	4,392	2,125	2,116
1930-39 .. ..	6,059	3,172	3,099
1940 .. ..	817	591	623
1941 .. ..	833	585	648
1942 .. ..	953	696	675
1943 .. ..	1,375	696	696
1944 .. ..	1,670	734	788
1945 .. ..	1,727	990	964
1946 .. ..	1,619	1,150	1,137
1947 .. ..	2,266	1,321	1,270
1948 .. ..	1,660	1,270	1,257
1949 .. ..	1,766	1,264	1,252
1950 .. ..	1,591	1,296	1,305
1951 .. ..	1,714	1,382	1,339
1952 .. ..	1,596	1,281	1,350
1953 .. ..	2,096	1,274	1,346

In 1952 the number of marriages celebrated by ministers of religion was 18,663 representing 92 per cent. of the total marriages. Civil marriages numbered 1,557, or 8 per cent. of the total. In 1953 the numbers were 17,685 and 1,553 respectively, the percentages being the same as in 1952.

The numbers and proportions of civil marriages and of marriages solemnized according to the rites of the principal religious denominations for the years 1932, 1952, and 1953, are shown in the following table:—

## VICTORIA—MARRIAGES, RELIGIOUS AND CIVIL.

	1932.		1952.		1953.	
	Number.	Per-centage of Total Marriages.	Number.	Per-centage of Total Marriages.	Number.	Per-centage of Total Marriages.
Church of England ..	3,096	26·36	5,695	28·17	5,140	26·72
Roman Catholic Church ..	2,158	18·38	4,410	21·81	4,380	22·77
Presbyterian Church ..	2,008	17·10	3,902	19·30	3,691	19·18
Methodist Church ..	1,680	14·30	2,869	14·19	2,682	13·94
Baptist Church ..	516	4·39	353	1·74	306	1·59
Church of Christ ..	279	2·38	324	1·60	319	1·66
Congregational Church ..	205	1·75	346	1·71	315	1·64
Lutheran Church ..	73	·62	197	·97	212	1·10
Hebrew ..	56	·48	213	1·05	212	1·10
Salvation Army ..	86	·73	88	·44	107	·56
Other Sects ..	72	·61	266	1·32	321	1·67
Civil Marriages ..	1,515	12·90	1,557	7·70	1,553	8·07
Total ..	11,744	100·00	20,220	100·00	19,238	100·00

The following statement shows the numbers and proportions of civil marriages to total marriages performed for each of the ten years 1944 to 1953:—

Civil marriages

## VICTORIA—CIVIL MARRIAGES, 1944 TO 1953.

Year.	Number.	Percentage of total Marriages.	Year.	Number.	Percentage of Total Marriages.
1944 ..	939	5·26	1949 ..	1,431	7·13
1945 ..	1,089	6·60	1950 ..	1,547	7·61
1946 ..	1,406	6·57	1951 ..	1,654	7·83
1947 ..	1,418	6·94	1952 ..	1,557	7·70
1948 ..	1,411	7·04	1953 ..	1,553	8·07

The succeeding statement gives the numbers and proportions of civil marriages performed in the office of the Government Statist during each of the ten years 1944 to 1953:—

CIVIL MARRIAGES PERFORMED IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT STATIST, 1944 TO 1953.

Year.	Number.	Percentage of Total Civil Marriages.
1944 .. .. .	895	95·31
1945 .. .. .	1,045	95·96
1946 .. .. .	1,310	93·17
1947 .. .. .	1,341	94·57
1948 .. .. .	1,351	95·75
1949 .. .. .	1,378	96·30
1950 .. .. .	1,501	97·03
1951 .. .. .	1,589	96·07
1952 .. .. .	1,503	96·53
1953 .. .. .	1,480	95·30

**Registered clergymen.** The ministers qualified by registration to celebrate marriages numbered 2,419 on 31st December, 1953. The number of ministers in each denomination (excepting Jews and Quakers) was as follows:—

VICTORIA—REGISTERED MINISTERS IN EACH DENOMINATION, 1953.

Denomination.	Number of Registered Ministers.	Denomination.	Number of Registered Ministers.
Church of England .. .. .	460	Reformed Presbyterian .. .. .	2
Roman Catholic .. .. .	826	Church of Ireland .. .. .	..
Presbyterian .. .. .	334	Catholic and Apostolic .. .. .	..
Methodist .. .. .	302	Ballarat Town and City .. .. .	..
Baptist .. .. .	127	Mission .. .. .	1
Churches of Christ .. .. .	89	Unitarian .. .. .	2
Salvation Army .. .. .	83	New Church .. .. .	2
Congregational .. .. .	46	International Bible Students .. .. .	5
Seventh Day Adventists .. .. .	40	Greek Orthodox Church .. .. .	2
Evangelical Lutheran .. .. .	..	Apostolic Church (Australia) .. .. .	4
Church of Australia .. .. .	27	Christian Israelites .. .. .	2
United Evangelical Lutheran .. .. .	15	Syrian Orthodox Church .. .. .	1
German Evangelical .. .. .	..	Wesleyan Methodist .. .. .	4
Lutheran .. .. .	1	Russian Orthodox Church .. .. .	..
Swedish Evangelical .. .. .	..	(Abroad) .. .. .	3
Lutheran .. .. .	2	Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox .. .. .	..
Re-organized Church of .. .. .	..	Church .. .. .	1
Jesus Christ of Latter .. .. .	..	Ukrainian Autocephal .. .. .	..
Day Saints .. .. .	8	Orthodox Church .. .. .	2
Church of Jesus Christ of .. .. .	..	Church of the Holy Spirit .. .. .	..
Latter Day Saints .. .. .	2	Liberal Catholic .. .. .	1
Assemblies of God in Aus- .. .. .	..	Latvian Evangelical .. .. .	..
tralia .. .. .	8	Lutheran .. .. .	1
Welsh Calvinistic Methodists .. .. .	3	Serbian Orthodox .. .. .	1
Open Brethren .. .. .	3	Assembly of Believers .. .. .	4
Particular Baptist .. .. .	3		
Free Presbyterian Church of .. .. .	..		
Victoria .. .. .	2	Total .. .. .	2,419

The number of civil registrars of marriages in Victoria in 1953 was 7.

### DIVORCE.

The present law in regard to divorce is contained in the *Marriage Act 1928*, as amended by the *Marriage (Divorce) Act 1933*.

The following table gives the number of petitions filed by husbands and wives respectively, and the number of decrees granted for dissolution of marriage, judicial separation, and nullity of marriage during the year 1953. Every decree of dissolution of marriage is in the first instance a decree *nisi* and is not made absolute till the expiration of not less than three months thereafter.

#### VICTORIA—DIVORCES, 1953.

	Petitions Filed by—			Decrees Granted to—		
	Husbands.	Wives.	Total.	Husbands.	Wives.	Total.
Dissolution of marriage	841	1,025	1,866	942	1,154	2,096
Judicial separation ..	..	2	2	..	1	1
Nullity of marriage ..	10	18	28	16	15	31
Total .. ..	851	1,045	1,896	958	1,170	2,128

The grounds upon which divorces were granted during the year 1953 were as set out in the following table :—

#### VICTORIA—DIVORCES, GROUNDS OF, 1953.

Grounds on which Granted.	Dissolution of Marriage.		Judicial Separation.		Nullity of Marriage	
	Husbands' Petitions.	Wives' Petitions.	Husbands' Petitions.	Wives' Petitions.	Husbands' Petitions.	Wives' Petitions.
Adultery .. ..	308	249	..	1	..	..
Bigamy with adultery ..	..	3	..	..	..	..
Cruelty and assault ..	..	9	..	..	..	..
Desertion .. ..	598	839	..	..	..	..
Desertion and adultery ..	24	19	..	..	..	..
Drunkenness (habitual)	2	5	..	..	..	..
Drunkenness and cruelty .. ..	1	23	..	..	..	..
Impotence .. ..	..	..	..	..	12	10
Insanity .. ..	9	3	..	..	..	..
Prior marriage .. ..	..	..	..	..	4	5
Sentences for crime ..	..	3	..	..	..	..
Other .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Total .. ..	942	1,154	..	1	16	15



**Divorce.** The following table shows the number of petitioners to whom decrees were granted in 1953, the ages of such petitioners and the number of their issue as at date of decree:—

VICTORIA—DIVORCE PETITIONS GRANTED, AGES OF PETITIONERS AND ISSUE TO EXISTING MARRIAGE, 1953.

Ages of Petitioners (Years).	Dissolution of Marriage.		Judicial Separation.		Nullity of Marriage.		Number of Children.*	
	Husbands' Petitions.	Wives' Petitions.	Husbands' Petitions	Wives' Petitions.	Husbands' Petitions.	Wives' Petitions.	Husband's Petitions.	Wives' Petitions.
17 .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
19 .. .. .	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
20 .. .. .	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	1
21 .. .. .	4	8	..	..	..	..	..	8
22-25 .. .	42	127	..	..	..	3	3	111
26-29 .. .	149	197	..	..	2	2	126	200
30-34 .. .	196	247	..	..	6	2	172	285
35-39 .. .	183	209	..	..	2	3	215	287
40-44 .. .	156	165	..	..	2	2	161	240
45-49 .. .	91	90	..	1	1	..	118	154
50-54 .. .	57	61	..	..	2	2	80	122
55-59 .. .	32	27	..	..	1	..	55	33
60 .. .. .	4	2	..	..	..	..	11	3
61 .. .. .	5	1	..	..	..	..	13	3
62 .. .. .	5	2	..	..	..	..	10	2
63 .. .. .	2	2	..	..	..	..	9	1
64 .. .. .	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
65 .. .. .	6	..	..	..	..	..	7	..
66 .. .. .	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	3
67 .. .. .	3	..	..	..	..	..	8	..
69 .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
70 .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
74 .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not Stated ..	2	6	..	..	..	..	1	7
Total .. ..	942	1,154	..	1	16	15	1,022	1,466

\* Of the total of 2,488, 2,478 relate to decrees for dissolution of marriage, 3 to decrees for judicial separation and 7 to decrees for nullity of marriage.

**Dissolution of Marriage—Duration and Issue** In the following table particulars are given of the duration of marriage and the issue in respect of the petitions granted for dissolution of marriage during 1953 :—

**VICTORIA—DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, PETITIONS GRANTED; DURATION OF MARRIAGE AND ISSUE, 1953.**

Duration of Marriage in Years.	Number of Children.											Total Dissolutions of Marriage	Total Children	
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11			
Under 1 year ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
1 year ..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..
2 ..	13	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	6
3 ..	23	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	8
4 ..	58	29	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	92	40
5 ..	76	42	10	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	130	68
6 ..	77	53	10	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	145	88
7 ..	77	67	23	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	171	127
8 ..	50	72	20	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	148	130
9 ..	43	29	25	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	105	106
10 ..	42	41	25	10	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	119	125
11 ..	51	47	29	13	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	142	153
12 ..	37	38	26	10	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	116	142
13 ..	37	44	17	9	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	109	115
14 ..	25	16	22	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70	85
15 ..	15	23	16	9	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	68	102
16 ..	21	27	24	9	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	83	110
17 ..	20	8	9	12	4	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	56	95
18 ..	18	16	22	6	3	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	67	108
19 ..	11	12	8	5	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	41	67
20 ..	7	9	11	8	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	38	71
21 ..	11	8	15	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	40	68
22 ..	6	8	8	5	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	52
23 ..	2	6	9	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	55
24 ..	4	7	14	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	30	56
25 ..	3	9	4	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	42
26 ..	3	5	8	3	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	23	51
27 ..	3	2	5	3	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	19	47
28 ..	5	2	3	4	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	20	44
29 ..	2	7	1	4	5	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	19	43
30 ..	2	7	4	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	19	43
31 ..	2	3	4	3	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	15	37
32 ..	2	4	5	3	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	19	45
33 ..	3	4	2	4	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	41
34 ..	1	2	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	10
35 ..	1	1	1	4	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	18
36 ..	..	2	2	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	8	26
37 ..	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	9
38 ..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	8
39 ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	8
40 ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	6
41 ..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	11
42 ..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3
44 ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5
48 ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4
Total Dissolution of Marriage ..	760	665	388	175	69	19	10	6	1	1	2	2,096	..	..
Total Children ..	..	665	776	525	276	95	60	42	8	9	22	..	2,478	..

**Dissolution of marriage—Ages of Parties** The following table shows the ages of the parties concerned in the decrees for dissolution of marriage, petitions for which had been granted during 1953:—

**VICTORIA—DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, PETITIONS GRANTED—AGES OF PARTIES, 1953.**

Ages of Husbands in Years.	Ages of Wives in Years.										Total Husbands.	
	Under 21.	21-25.	26-29.	30-34.	35-39.	40-44.	45-49.	50-54.	55-59.	60 and Over.		Not Stated.
Under 21 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
21-25 ..	12	81	14	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	109
26-29 ..	4	121	151	22	4	1	..	..	..	..	1	304
30-34 ..	2	43	155	186	25	6	2	..	..	..	3	422
35-39 ..	..	9	50	171	155	32	3	..	..	..	1	421
40-44 ..	..	3	11	48	145	119	14	2	1	..	..	343
45-49 ..	..	1	5	24	35	80	46	12	2	..	..	205
50-54 ..	..	..	1	3	11	32	50	39	12	..	..	148
55-59 ..	..	..	..	2	1	6	14	35	16	5	..	79
60 and over ..	..	..	..	2	1	2	4	10	17	19	1	56
Not stated ..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	3	9
Total Wives ..	18	259	388	459	378	279	134	98	50	24	9	2,096

**Divorces, 1861 to 1953** In 1861 jurisdiction was conferred on the Supreme Court of Victoria in matrimonial matters. The *Divorce Act*, 1889, which received the Royal Assent on 13th May, 1890, considerably extended the grounds upon which divorce might be granted.

The following is a statement of the number of decrees granted in Victoria for dissolution of marriage and for judicial separation during the period 1861 to 1890, for the decennial periods 1891-1900 to 1941-50, and for the years 1951, 1952 and 1953.

### VICTORIA—DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL SEPARATIONS, 1861 TO 1953.

Years Ended 31st December.	Decrees Granted for—	
	Dissolution of Marriage.	Judicial Separation.
1861-1890 .. .. .	348	71
1891-1900 .. .. .	949	14
1901-1910 .. .. .	1,255	6
1911-1920 .. .. .	2,499	14
1921-1930 .. .. .	4,403	16
1931-1940 .. .. .	6,495	16
1941-1950 .. .. .	15,460	22
1951 .. .. .	1,714	1
1952 .. .. .	1,596	3
1953 .. .. .	2,096	1
Total—1891 to 1953 .. .. .	36,467	93
Total—1861 to 1953 .. .. .	36,815	164

NOTE.—For decrees granted for Dissolution of Marriage during each year since 1921, see *Statistical Summary of this Year-Book*.

### BIRTHS.

**Births—**  
**Numbers and**  
**Rates**

The number of births registered in Victoria during the year 1953 was 53,561 as compared with 53,738 in 1952, which was the highest number registered in Victoria. The rate per 1,000 of population in 1953 was 22·36, as compared with 22·93 in 1952, 22·21 in 1951, 22·56 in 1950 and 21·88 in 1949. The year 1928 was the first year in which the birth rate per 1,000 of population in Victoria was under 20. After 1928 it declined steadily until 1935, when the record low rate of 15·17 was experienced. The rate slowly increased during the next five years. In 1941 it rose to 17·80, in 1942 to 18·33, and in 1943 to 19·82. There was little fluctuation in 1944, but in 1945 the rate increased to 20·53. This was followed by an exceptional rise in 1946, the rate (23·05) being the highest recorded for twenty-four years. The increase in the birth rate followed the rise in the marriage rate which began in 1932 and continued until 1942. There was little change in 1947, but in each of the years 1948 and 1949 the birth rate declined. An increase was recorded in 1950, the rate being 22·56, but in 1951, the rate declined to 22·21. The rate increased to 22·93 in 1952 but declined again to 22·36 in 1953. Stillbirths, which are excluded from both births and deaths, numbered 919 and corresponded to a ratio of 17·10 per 1,000 infants born alive in 1952. The compulsory registration of still-born children became effective in 1953, during which there were

817 registrations corresponding to a ratio of 15·25 per 1,000 infants born alive. There were 1,045 male to every 1,000 female births in 1953, as compared with 1,046 in 1952, 1,061 in 1951, 1,053 in 1950 and 1,052 in 1949.

In young communities, birth rates calculated per 1,000 of the population are to some extent misleading. In the earlier periods when, owing to immigration, the population consists for the most part of men and women at the reproductive period of life, such rates are naturally high. As time proceeds, notwithstanding that immigration of reproductive adults may be maintained, the proportion of such adults to the total population must diminish, and, with it, consequently the birth rate.

The following table shows the number of births—male and female—the quarters in which they were registered, and the proportion per 1,000 of the population since 1854 :—

VICTORIA—BIRTHS IN EACH QUARTER, 1855 TO 1953.

Period.	Average Annual Number of Births.	Sex.		Quarter of Registration.				Rate per 1,000 of Mean Population.
		Males.	Females.	March.	June.	Sep-tem-ber.	Decem-ber.	
1855-59 ..	17,154	8,742	8,412	*	*	*	*	39·49
1860-64 ..	24,060	12,379	11,681	5,614	5,991	6,534	5,921	43·29
1865-69 ..	25,963	13,219	12,744	6,027	6,543	7,105	6,288	39·77
1870-74 ..	27,359	13,944	13,415	6,478	6,769	7,467	6,645	36·35
1875-79 ..	26,584	13,639	12,945	6,333	6,686	7,211	6,354	32·85
1880-84 ..	27,286	13,965	13,321	6,374	7,025	7,300	6,587	30·64
1885-89 ..	32,941	16,883	16,058	7,824	8,289	8,814	8,014	32·27
1890-94 ..	36,945	18,901	18,044	8,669	9,604	9,735	8,937	31·99
1895-99 ..	31,675	16,213	15,462	7,746	8,078	8,323	7,528	26·76
1900-04 ..	30,316	15,544	14,772	7,384	7,682	7,880	7,370	25·08
1905-09 ..	30,994	15,879	15,115	7,489	7,832	8,076	7,597	24·76
1910-14 ..	34,500	17,717	16,783	8,329	8,619	8,850	8,702	25·42
1915-19 ..	33,101	17,014	16,087	8,228	8,336	8,514	8,023	23·13
1920-24 ..	36,022	18,549	17,473	8,729	8,970	9,367	8,956	22·89
1925-29 ..	34,892	18,013	16,879	8,732	8,728	8,856	8,576	20·24
1930-34 ..	29,429	15,075	14,354	7,383	7,409	7,361	7,276	16·27
1935-39 ..	29,467	15,113	14,354	7,285	7,154	7,466	7,562	15·87
1940-44 ..	36,154	18,539	17,615	8,873	8,611	9,211	9,459	18·53
1945-49 ..	45,646	23,453	22,193	11,185	10,919	11,366	12,176	22·11
1950 ..	49,830	25,554	24,276	12,426	12,083	12,591	12,730	22·56
1951 ..	50,553	26,019	24,534	12,477	12,497	13,190	12,389	22·21
1952 ..	53,738	27,472	26,266	13,325	12,853	13,404	14,156	22·93
1953 ..	53,561	27,368	26,193	13,824	12,724	13,376	13,637	22·36

\* Not available.

**Birth rates—** The following statement shows the birth rate per 1,000 of the population in the Australian States and in New Zealand for each of the five years 1949 to 1953:—

**BIRTH RATES—AUSTRALIAN STATES AND NEW ZEALAND, 1949 TO 1953.**

Year.	Victoria	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.	New Zealand.*
1949 .. ..	21.88	22.25	24.01	23.58	25.37	26.30	22.92	24.98
1950 .. ..	22.56	22.42	24.37	24.39	25.50	25.98	23.31	24.67
1951 .. ..	22.21	21.98	24.23	23.84	25.49	25.52	22.96	24.39
1952 .. ..	22.93	22.20	24.65	23.69	25.66	26.53	23.35	24.77
1953 .. ..	22.36	22.11	23.91	23.39	25.54	25.25	22.94	24.12

\* Excludes Maoris.

The birth rate in England and Wales in 1953 was 15.5.

The average ages of fathers and of mothers of nuptial children whose births were recorded in 1953 were 31.6 and 28.3 years respectively. These averages were 4.0 and 3.9 years respectively above the average ages of bridegrooms marrying brides under 45 years of age, and of such brides, for the year 1953. The proportions of both parents in various age groups are shown in the following table for the year mentioned:—

**VICTORIA—PERCENTAGE OF PARENTS OF NUPTIAL CHILDREN IN AGE GROUPS, 1952 AND 1953.**

Father.			Mother.		
Age Group.	Percentage of Total Parents.		Age Group.	Percentage of Total Parents.	
	1952.	1953.		1952.	1953.
Under 20 .. ..	4.43	5.50	Under 20 .. ..	3.98	4.05
20 to 24 .. ..	13.63	13.55	20 to 24 .. ..	27.11	27.22
25 to 29 .. ..	32.81	32.84	25 to 29 .. ..	34.26	33.77
30 to 34 .. ..	25.71	26.26	30 to 34 .. ..	21.17	21.47
35 to 39 .. ..	15.59	15.16	35 to 39 .. ..	10.38	10.28
40 to 44 .. ..	7.85	7.79	40 to 44 .. ..	2.90	3.02
45 to 49 .. ..	2.84	2.79	45 and over ..	2.20	1.10
50 and over ..	1.14	1.11			
Total .. ..	100.00	100.00	Total .. ..	100.00	100.00

It will be seen that, on the experience of 1953, 60.99 per cent of the mothers were between the ages 20 and 30 and 31.75 per cent. between ages 30 and 40. The proportions of fathers at these ages were 46.39 and 41.42 per cent. respectively. Of every 1,000 nuptial births, about 41 were to mothers under 20 years and about 2 to mothers aged 45 years and upwards.

The following table shows the number of births (allotted to the place of usual residence of the mother) and the birth rates in municipalities, births per 1,000 of the mean population in Melbourne Metropolitan Area, in cities and principal towns outside Melbourne Metropolitan Area, and in the remainder of the State for the five-year periods 1928 to 1932, 1938 to 1942, and for the years 1952 and 1953.

**BIRTHS IN MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA, CITIES AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS OUTSIDE MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA, AND REMAINDER OF STATE.**

Municipality.	Average Annual Number of Births.				Births per 1,000 of Mean Population.			
	1928-1932.	1938-1942.	1952.	1953.	1928-1932.	1938-1942.	1952.	1953.
<b>Melbourne Metropolitan Area</b>								
Melbourne	1,348	1,264	1,636	1,595	14.29	13.43	16.68	16.28
Box Hill	259	305	762	796	18.81	17.60	24.58	24.38
Brighton	304	534	722	657	13.37	15.47	16.77	15.10
Broadmeadows (Part)	†	†	586	682	..	..	40.27	41.21
Erunswick	974	939	967	955	17.52	16.92	16.40	16.19
Camberwell	865	1,210	1,613	1,587	17.85	19.01	18.01	17.36
Caulfield	941	1,091	1,263	1,110	14.87	15.21	15.09	13.22
Chelsea	127	156	432	430	18.66	20.94	28.99	27.83
Coburg	742	776	1,296	1,278	20.80	18.34	21.60	20.68
Collingwood	532	507	605	568	16.63	16.76	21.04	20.00
Essendon	766	799	1,132	1,152	16.59	16.36	19.17	19.18
Witzroy	517	519	660	606	15.96	16.77	20.75	19.12
Footscray	875	862	1,186	1,170	19.13	16.36	20.73	20.12
Hawthorn	424	568	633	642	12.70	15.28	15.46	15.66
Heidelberg (Part)	413	465	1,146	1,133	16.93	16.84	25.58	24.21
Keilor (Part)	†	†	143	151	..	..	40.86	35.53
Kew	339	380	465	466	13.97	13.84	14.60	14.47
Malvern	499	578	776	709	11.46	12.49	15.32	13.92
Moorabbin	398	446	1,501	1,558	23.14	20.50	30.42	28.96
Mordialloc	148	199	475	538	15.37	18.74	25.54	27.73
Mulgrave	†	†	450	608	..	..	43.69	44.22
Northcote	727	680	841	754	17.27	15.56	18.01	16.06
Nunawading	†	†	623	630	..	..	38.70	34.62
Oakleigh	264	270	638	592	22.72	20.59	30.82	27.09
Port Melbourne	230	204	275	261	17.24	15.16	19.64	18.71

† Included in Remainder of State.

BIRTHS IN MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA, CITIES AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS OUTSIDE MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA, AND REMAINDER OF STATE—*continued.*

Municipality.	Average Annual Number of Births.				Births per 1,000 of Mean Population.			
	1928-1932.	1938-1942.	1952.	1953.	1928-1932.	1938-1942.	1952.	1953.
<b>Melbourne Metropolitan Area—<i>continued.</i></b>								
Prahran .. ..	696	828	971	932	13.26	14.75	16.01	15.34
Preston .. ..	703	716	1,314	1,341	23.87	19.30	23.93	23.24
Richmond .. ..	693	650	760	732	16.71	16.24	20.16	19.73
Ringwood .. ..	†	†	322	329	..	..	37.01	31.33
Sandringham ..	272	327	623	607	15.33	16.20	19.78	18.79
South Melbourne ..	660	594	747	684	15.06	13.61	17.23	15.80
St. Kilda .. ..	533	712	929	837	11.61	13.62	15.81	14.21
Sunshine (Part)* ..	187	198	879	846	22.28	19.16	35.52	31.63
Williamstown ..	423	398	562	624	19.28	16.94	19.72	21.48
<b>Cities and Principal Towns outside Melbourne Metropolitan Area—</b>								
Ballaarat .. ..	664	621	988	1,001	17.14	16.01	23.04	23.13
Bendigo .. ..	550	566	747	815	17.10	18.71	22.91	24.46
Geelong .. ..	844	726	1,088	971	19.26	17.85	22.44	19.72
Ararat .. ..	†	104	170	162	..	19.82	24.05	22.50
Benalla .. ..	†	†	183	166	..	..	32.39	28.62
Camperdown ..	†	†	†	97	..	..	..	31.04
Castlemaine ..	105	104	138	153	15.16	19.40	22.12	23.81
Colac .. ..	†	125	213	219	..	21.22	28.40	28.53
Echuca .. ..	†	88	116	150	..	19.73	22.63	28.44
Hamilton .. ..	138	139	224	257	24.47	21.79	27.83	31.15
Horsham .. ..	†	125	169	160	..	21.76	23.15	21.48
Maryborough ..	118	108	142	146	21.35	18.61	20.88	21.01
Mildura .. ..	184	247	313	339	28.23	31.35	28.58	30.07
Sale .. ..	†	99	198	225	..	21.85	33.28	36.59
Shepparton ..	151	188	297	311	27.51	29.38	28.98	29.34
Stawell .. ..	92	85	140	125	19.46	17.52	26.54	23.47
Swan Hill .. ..	†	†	156	174	..	..	32.16	35.15
Wangaratta ..	†	123	287	261	..	22.36	31.18	26.77
Warrnambool ..	176	195	283	303	20.17	20.70	25.96	27.30
Wonthaggi .. ..	141	89	106	72	22.44	17.80	24.51	16.36
<b>Summary</b>								
Melbourne Metropolitan Area ..	15,949	17,175	27,933	27,560	16.03	16.00	20.77	20.06
Cities and Principal Towns outside Melbourne Metropolitan Area ..	3,163	3,732	5,958	6,107	19.22	19.42	24.89	24.67
Remainder of State ..	12,693	11,719	19,847	19,894	20.40	18.27	27.82	25.69
Victoria .. ..	31,805	32,626	53,738	53,561	17.85	17.11	22.93	22.36

\* Shire of Braybrook declared City of Sunshine on 16th May, 1951.  
† Included in remainder of State.



Multiple  
births

The number of cases of multiple births and the proportion per 1,000 of the total cases of births in each of the five years 1949 to 1953 were as follows:—

## VICTORIA—MULTIPLE BIRTHS.

Year.	Cases of Twins.	Cases of Triplets	Cases of Quadruplets.	Total Multiple Cases.	Multiple Cases per 1,000 of Total Cases.
1949 .. ..	526	3	1	530	11.43
1950 .. ..	598	10	..	608	12.35
1951 .. ..	606	5	1	612	12.25
1952 .. ..	679	5	..	684	12.89
1953 .. ..	700	5	..	705	13.33

There was one case of quadruplets in 1949 and one case in 1951.

On the average of the five years 1949-53, the proportion of mothers of twins was one in 81, of mothers of triplets, one in 8,982, of mothers of quadruplets, one in 125,744, and of mothers of all multiple births, one in 80 mothers.

The first Victorian provision for the legal adoption of children who have never married and for the registration of each adoption by the Government Statist was contained in the *Adoption of Children Act 1928* (No. 3605). An amending Act of 1942 (No. 4903) authorizes the transmission of copies of adoption orders made in another State or Territory of the Commonwealth concerning children born in Victoria, or made in Victoria concerning children born in such other State or Territory, and makes further provision for dealing with adoption orders so transmitted to Victoria in the same manner as adoption orders made in Victoria. An amending Act of 1954 (No. 5851) made provision for the adoption of children irrespective of their conjugal condition.

The first registration was effected on 14th October, 1929, and between that date and the end of the year 1953, the adoptions of 8,418 male and 9,251 female children were registered. During the five-year period 1949-1953 there were 98 female for every 100 male adoptions.

The following table shows the number of adoptions—male and female—from 1929:—

## VICTORIA—CHILDREN ADOPTED, 1929 TO 1953.

Period.	Number of Children Adopted.	
	Males.	Females.
1929 .. ..	31	56
1930-1934 .. ..	492	833
1935-1939 .. ..	843	1,156
1940-1944 .. ..	1,958	2,125
1945-1949 .. ..	2,662	2,699
1950 .. ..	518	524
1951 .. ..	607	588
1952 .. ..	656	620
1953 .. ..	651	650

**Children legitimated.** The first Victorian provision for the legitimation of children was contained in the *Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act 1903* (No. 1835). Up to the end of 1953 legitimations numbered 6,072.

The table below shows the number of legitimations and the proportion per 100 ex-nuptial births from 1903 :—

VICTORIA—LEGITIMATIONS, 1903 TO 1953.

Period.	Number of Legitimations.	Proportion per 100 Ex-Nuptial Births.
1903-1909 .. .. .	279	2·3
1910-1919 .. .. .	1,347	7·0
1920-1929 .. .. .	1,374	8·5
1930-1939 .. .. .	1,019	8·0
1940-1949 .. .. .	1,641	11·3
1950 .. .. .	83	5·1
1951 .. .. .	109	6·5
1952 .. .. .	107	5·9
1953 .. .. .	113	6·1

Legitimation Acts are in force in all the Australian States and in New Zealand, but there are marked differences in the numbers of legitimations resulting therefrom. In proportion to every 100 children born out of wedlock in 1953 the numbers of legitimations in the several States and in New Zealand during that year were as follows :— Victoria, 6·1; New South Wales, 8·7; Queensland, 18·0; South Australia, 10·8; Western Australia, 25·0; Tasmania, 23·4; and New Zealand, 22·5

**Ex-nuptial births in Victoria.** The following table shows the number of ex-nuptial births and their percentage to total births since 1909 :—

VICTORIA—EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS, 1910 TO 1953.

Period.	Average Annual Number of Births.	Average Annual Number of Ex-nuptial Births.			Percentage of Total Births.
		Male.	Female.	Total.	
1910-14 .. .. .	34,500	1,013	979	1,992	5·77
1915-19 .. .. .	33,101	941	912	1,853	5·60
1920-24 .. .. .	36,022	869	821	1,690	4·69
1925-29 .. .. .	34,892	806	752	1,558	4·47
1930-34 .. .. .	29,429	685	620	1,305	4·43
1935-39 .. .. .	29,467	613	615	1,228	4·17
1940-44 .. .. .	36,154	701	638	1,339	3·70
1945-49 .. .. .	45,646	801	777	1,578	3·46
1950 .. .. .	49,830	816	801	1,617	3·25
1951 .. .. .	50,553	845	830	1,675	3·31
1952 .. .. .	53,783	895	913	1,808	3·36
1953 .. .. .	53,561	930	913	1,843	3·44

The proportion of ex-nuptial to total births declined in each quinquennial period from 1910 to 1949.

In 1913 the percentage of ex-nuptial to total births was 6.03: in 1953 the percentage was 3.44.

The percentages in the various States and in New Zealand in 1953 were as follows:—Victoria, 3.44; New South Wales, 4.02; Queensland, 4.92; South Australia, 3.34; Western Australia, 4.47; Tasmania, 3.70; Australia, 3.97, and New Zealand, 4.30.

### DEATHS.

The following table shows the number of deaths—male and female—the quarters in which they were registered, and the proportion per 1,000 of the population since 1854:—

#### VICTORIA—DEATHS IN EACH QUARTER, 1855 TO 1953.

Period.	Average Annual Number of Deaths.	Sex.		Quarter of Registration.				Rate per 1,000 of Mean Population.
		Males.	Females.	March.	June.	September.	December.	
1855-59 ..	7,653	4,768	2,885	*	*	*	*	17.78
1860-64 ..	10,210	6,001	4,209	3,257	2,658	2,093	2,202	18.44
1865-69 ..	11,035	6,374	4,661	3,385	2,938	2,243	2,469	16.93
1870-74 ..	10,978	6,365	4,613	3,232	2,744	2,461	2,541	14.56
1875-79 ..	13,289	7,567	5,722	4,016	3,567	2,831	2,875	16.45
1880-84 ..	12,820	7,324	5,496	3,512	3,167	3,013	3,128	14.40
1885-89 ..	16,200	9,307	6,893	4,591	3,912	3,689	4,008	15.87
1890-94 ..	16,886	9,716	7,170	4,643	4,108	3,977	4,158	14.62
1895-99 ..	16,350	9,227	7,123	4,324	3,957	3,808	4,261	13.81
1900-04 ..	15,457	8,686	6,771	3,921	3,750	3,992	3,794	12.84
1905-09 ..	14,932	8,296	6,636	3,805	3,539	3,917	3,671	11.93
1910-14 ..	15,705	8,616	7,089	3,873	3,875	4,137	3,820	11.57
1915-19 ..	16,283	8,860	7,423	3,781	4,172	4,467	3,863	11.38
1920-24 ..	16,375	8,781	7,594	3,846	4,166	4,503	3,860	10.40
1925-29 ..	16,674	8,969	7,705	3,770	4,213	4,602	4,089	9.67
1930-34 ..	17,180	9,175	8,005	3,814	4,214	4,822	4,330	9.50
1935-39† ..	18,994	10,109	8,885	4,043	4,780	5,630	4,541	10.23
1940-44† ..	20,904	11,009	9,895	4,389	5,142	6,338	5,035	10.71
1945-49† ..	21,458	11,299	10,159	4,558	5,262	6,300	5,338	10.40
1950 ..	22,341	11,781	10,560	4,977	5,393	6,581	5,390	10.11
1951 ..	23,446	12,662	10,784	4,654	5,811	6,774	6,207	10.30
1952 ..	23,322	12,590	10,732	5,256	5,802	6,662	5,602	9.95
1953 ..	22,650	12,168	10,482	4,764	5,486	6,640	5,760	9.45

\* Not available. † Excludes deaths of defence personnel from September, 1939 to June, 1947.

The death rate gradually declined from 18·44 in 1860-64 to 9·50 in 1930-34 but, during the quinquennium 1935-39, it rose to 10·23. This was followed by a further rise to 10·71 during the quinquennium 1940-44, but during the quinquennium 1945-49, the rate declined to 10·40. There was little fluctuation in the death rate from 1949 to 1951 when the death rate was 10·30. However, the rate reduced during 1952 and 1953 to 9·95 and 9·45 respectively.

The lowest death rate (8·93) in the history of the State was recorded in 1930.

The number of deaths (23,446) in 1951 was the highest on record for the State, and was 1,619 more than the average of the preceding five years. In spite of increasing population the number of deaths decreased during 1952 and 1953 to 23,322 and 22,650 respectively.

In 1953 there were 1,161 male to every 1,000 female deaths, the average for the preceding five years being 1,122. The corresponding proportion of male to female births in the quinquennium was 1,051.

**Death rates—** The following statement shows the death rate per 1,000 of the population in each of the Australian States and in New Zealand. New Zealand for each of the five years 1949 to 1953 :—

**DEATH RATES—AUSTRALIAN STATES AND NEW ZEALAND, 1949 TO 1953.**

Year.	Victoria	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.	New Zealand.*
1949	10·26	9·49	8·79	9·37	8·99	8·84	9·52	9·09
1950	10·11	9·70	8·73	9·50	9·07	8·85	9·56	9·31
1951	10·30	9·74	9·07	9·81	9·11	8·90	9·71	9·56
1952	9·95	9·59	8·89	9·34	8·67	8·64	9·45	9·28
1953	9·45	9·36	8·55	8·97	8·17	8·33	9·09	8·84

\* Excludes Maoris.

In 1953 the death rate in England and Wales was 11·4.

**Death rates in municipalities.** Compiled on the basis of allotment of all deaths to the place of usual residence, the following table shows the number of deaths, and the deaths per 1,000 of the mean population in Melbourne Metropolitan Area, in cities and principal towns outside Melbourne Metropolitan Area, and in the remainder of the State, for the five-year periods 1928 to 1932, 1938 to 1942, and for the years 1952 and 1953 :—

DEATHS IN MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA, CITIES AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS OUTSIDE MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA, AND REMAINDER OF STATE.

Municipality.	Average Annual Number of Deaths.				Deaths per 1,000 of Mean Population.			
	1928-1932.	1933-1942.	1952.	1953.	1928-1932.	1933-1942.	1952.	1953.
<b>Melbourne Metropolitan Area—</b>								
Melbourne .. ..	1,091	1,204	1,156	1,095	11·57	12·79	11·78	11·17
Box Hill .. ..	125	179	256	275	8·81	10·33	8·26	8·42
Brighton ... ..	272	366	448	395	9·22	10·61	10·41	9·08
Broadmeadows (Part) ..	†	†	91	93	..	..	6·25	5·62
Brunswick .. ..	532	601	612	570	9·57	10·83	10·38	9·66
Camberwell ... ..	430	641	875	881	8·87	10·07	9·77	9·64
Caulfield .. ..	552	767	918	900	8·72	10·69	10·97	10·72
Chelsea .. ..	63	93	128	146	9·24	12·48	8·59	9·46
Coburg .. ..	287	367	490	455	8·06	8·68	8·17	7·36
Collingwood .. ..	363	399	333	328	11·36	13·19	11·58	11·55
Essendon .. ..	429	543	694	665	9·30	11·12	11·75	11·07
Fitzroy .. ..	446	502	440	368	13·77	16·22	13·84	11·61
Footscray .. ..	402	487	543	502	8·79	9·24	9·49	8·63
Hawthorn .. ..	357	467	465	485	10·67	12·56	11·36	11·83
Heidelberg (Part) ..	193	257	376	324	7·91	9·31	8·39	6·92
Keilor (Part) .. ..	†	†	20	27	..	..	5·71	6·35
Kew.. ..	220	276	365	352	9·08	10·05	11·46	10·93
Malvern .. ..	404	562	632	576	9·28	12·15	12·48	11·31
Moorabbin .. ..	130	178	354	391	7·55	8·18	7·17	7·27
Mordialloc .. ..	85	126	167	181	8·86	11·87	8·98	9·33
Mulgrave .. ..	†	†	53	79	..	..	5·15	5·75
Northcote .. ..	369	450	498	440	8·77	10·30	10·66	9·37
Nunawading .. ..	†	†	151	152	..	..	9·38	8·35
Oakleigh .. ..	101	130	190	206	8·72	9·91	9·18	9·43
Port Melbourne .. ..	137	152	165	148	10·26	11·30	11·79	10·61
Prahran .. ..	628	757	745	705	11·96	13·49	12·28	11·60
Preston .. ..	242	306	418	449	8·20	8·25	7·61	7·78
Richmond .. ..	464	490	476	492	11·20	12·24	12·63	13·26

† Included in remainder of State.

DEATHS IN MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA, CITIES AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS OUTSIDE MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA, AND REMAINDER OF STATE—*continued.*

Municipality.	Average Annual Number of Deaths.				Deaths per 1,000 of Mean Population.			
	1923-1932.	1938-1942.	1952.	1953.	1923-1932.	1938-1942.	1952.	1953.
<b>Melbourne Metropolitan Area—<i>continued.</i></b>								
Ringwood ..	†	†	86	78	..	..	9.89	7.43
Sandringham ..	161	224	319	272	9.08	11.10	10.13	8.42
South Melbourne ..	486	548	560	530	11.09	12.55	12.92	12.24
St. Kilda ..	452	660	709	692	9.84	12.62	12.07	11.75
Sunshine (Part)* ..	56	75	172	181	6.70	7.26	6.95	6.77
Williamstown ..	211	262	284	298	9.63	11.15	9.96	10.26
<b>Cities and Principal Towns outside Melbourne Metropolitan Area—</b>								
Ballaarat ..	475	565	573	529	12.28	14.56	13.36	12.22
Bendigo ..	421	463	440	436	13.08	15.30	13.50	13.08
Geelong ..	455	484	500	490	10.40	11.90	10.31	9.95
Ararat ..	†	60	52	79	..	11.44	7.36	10.97
Benalla ..	†	†	83	61	..	..	14.69	10.52
Camperdown ..	†	†	†	51	..	..	..	16.32
Castlemaine ..	73	69	52	62	10.61	12.87	8.33	9.65
Colac ..	†	63	81	90	..	10.70	10.80	11.73
Echuca ..	†	54	61	57	..	12.11	11.90	10.81
Hamilton ..	59	66	85	84	10.35	10.34	10.56	10.18
Horsham ..	†	60	87	77	..	10.45	11.92	10.34
Maryborough ..	59	74	72	76	10.66	12.75	10.59	10.94
Mildura ..	59	88	82	97	9.05	11.17	7.49	8.60
Sale ..	†	54	61	61	..	11.92	10.25	9.92
Shepparton ..	55	78	106	89	9.96	12.19	10.34	8.40
Stawell ..	51	64	69	64	10.87	13.19	13.08	12.02
Swan Hill ..	†	†	58	51	..	..	11.96	10.30
Wangaratta ..	†	62	117	76	..	11.27	12.71	7.79
Warrnambool ..	91	97	145	130	10.46	10.30	13.30	11.71
Wonthaggi ..	47	52	43	44	7.45	10.40	9.94	10.00
<b>Summary—</b>								
Melbourne Metropolitan Area ..	9,688	12,069	14,189	13,731	9.74	11.24	10.55	9.39
Cities and Principal Towns outside Melbourne Metropolitan Area ..	1,845	2,453	2,767	2,704	11.22	12.76	11.56	10.92
Remainder of State ..	5,311	5,841	6,366	6,215	8.53	9.11	8.38	8.03
Victoria ..	16,844	20,363	23,322	22,650	9.45	10.68	9.95	9.45

\* Shire of Braybrook declared City of Sunshine on 16th May, 1951.

† Included in remainder of State.

Particulars of the residence of persons who died in the public institutions of Victoria give a definite indication of the assistance rendered by such institutions to people in the various divisions of the State. The numbers and proportions of such deaths in the various municipalities are given for the years 1952 and 1953 in the following tables:—

**VICTORIA—PROPORTION OF DEATHS OF RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN AREAS OCCURRING IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, 1952.**

Area.	Number of Deaths of Residents occurring in—		Percentage of Deaths of Residents occurring in—			Deaths of Residents occurring in Public Institutions per 1,000 of Population.
	Public Hospitals.	Other Public Institutions.	Public Hospitals.	Other Public Institutions.	Total Public Institutions.	
<b>Melbourne Metropolitan Area—</b>						
Melbourne .. .. .	408	91	35·29	7·87	43·16	5·09
Box Hill .. .. .	49	13	19·14	5·08	24·22	2·00
Brighton .. .. .	73	22	16·29	4·91	21·20	2·21
Broadmeadows (Part) ..	15	4	16·48	4·40	20·88	1·31
Brunswick .. .. .	135	48	22·06	7·84	29·90	3·10
Camberwell .. .. .	132	19	15·09	2·17	17·26	1·69
Caulfield .. .. .	145	39	15·80	4·25	20·05	2·20
Chelsea .. .. .	25	9	19·53	7·03	26·56	2·28
Coburg .. .. .	118	30	24·08	6·12	30·20	2·47
Collingwood .. .. .	127	22	41·47	6·61	48·08	5·18
Essendon .. .. .	154	48	22·19	6·92	29·11	3·42
Fitzroy .. .. .	157	48	35·68	10·91	46·59	6·45
Footscray .. .. .	155	40	28·55	7·37	35·92	3·41
Hawthorn .. .. .	73	21	15·70	4·52	20·22	2·30
Heidelberg (Part) ..	89	16	23·67	4·26	27·93	2·34
Keilor (Part) .. .. .	5	..	25·00	..	25·00	1·43
Kew .. .. .	69	21	18·90	5·75	24·65	2·83
Malvern .. .. .	114	28	18·04	4·43	22·47	2·80
Moorabbin .. .. .	86	21	24·29	5·93	30·22	2·17
Mordialloc .. .. .	30	3	17·96	1·80	19·76	1·77
Mulgrave .. .. .	16	..	30·19	..	30·19	1·55
Northcote .. .. .	124	21	24·90	4·22	29·12	3·10
Nunawading .. .. .	39	3	25·83	1·99	27·82	2·61
Oakleigh .. .. .	44	12	23·16	6·32	29·48	2·71
Port Melbourne .. .. .	54	16	32·73	9·70	42·43	5·00
Prahran .. .. .	151	46	20·27	6·17	26·44	3·25
Preston .. .. .	94	33	22·49	7·89	30·38	2·31
Richmond .. .. .	140	30	29·41	6·30	35·71	4·51
Ringwood .. .. .	12	6	13·95	6·98	20·93	2·07
Sandringham .. .. .	49	19	15·36	5·96	21·32	2·16
South Melbourne .. .. .	173	47	30·89	8·39	39·28	5·07
St. Kilda .. .. .	155	39	21·86	5·50	27·36	3·30
Sunshine (Part)* .. .. .	50	9	29·07	5·23	34·30	2·38
Williamstown .. .. .	100	10	35·21	3·52	38·73	3·86

\* Shire of Braybrook declared City of Sunshine on 16th May, 1951.

VICTORIA—PROPORTION OF DEATHS OF RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN AREAS  
OCCURRING IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, 1952—*continued.*

Area.	Number of Deaths of Residents occurring in—		Percentage of Deaths of Residents occurring in—			Deaths of Residents occurring in Public Institutions per 1,000 of Population.
	Public Hospitals.	Other Public Institutions.	Public Hospitals.	Other Public Institutions.	Total Public Institutions.	
<b>Cities and Principal Towns Melbourne Metropolitan Area—</b>						
Ballaarat .. ..	179	95	31.24	16.58	47.82	6.39
Bendigo .. ..	138	36	31.36	8.18	39.54	5.34
Geelong .. ..	161	30	32.20	6.00	38.20	3.94
Ararat .. ..	28	1	53.85	1.92	55.77	4.10
Benalla .. ..	15	1	18.07	1.20	19.27	2.83
Castlemaine .. ..	24	10	46.15	19.23	65.38	5.45
Colac .. ..	35	3	43.21	3.70	46.91	5.07
Echuca .. ..	40	3	65.57	4.92	70.49	8.39
Hamilton .. ..	59	..	69.41	..	69.41	7.33
Horsham .. ..	59	3	67.82	3.45	71.27	8.49
Maryborough .. ..	44	4	61.11	5.56	66.67	7.06
Mildura .. ..	54	3	65.85	3.66	69.51	5.21
Sale .. ..	34	3	55.74	4.92	60.66	6.22
Shepparton .. ..	43	3	40.57	2.83	43.40	4.49
Stawell .. ..	41	1	59.42	1.45	60.87	7.96
Wangaratta .. ..	61	5	52.14	4.27	56.41	7.17
Warrnambool .. ..	64	5	44.14	3.45	47.59	6.33
Wonthaggi .. ..	25	1	58.14	2.33	60.47	6.01
<b>Summary—</b>						
Melbourne Metropolitan Area .. ..	3,360	834	23.68	5.88	29.56	3.04
Cities and Principal Towns outside Melbourne Metropolitan Area .. ..	1,104	207	39.93	7.63	47.56	5.50
Remainder of State .. ..	2,047	367	32.14	5.70	37.84	3.38
Victoria .. ..	6,511	1,408	27.92	6.04	33.96	3.39



VICTORIA—PROPORTION OF DEATHS OF RESIDENTS  
OF CERTAIN AREAS OCCURRING IN PUBLIC  
INSTITUTIONS, 1953.

Area.	Number of Deaths of Residents occurring in—		Percentage of Deaths of Residents occurring in—			Deaths of Residents occurring in Public Institutions per 1,000 of Population.
	Public Hospitals.	Other Public Institutions.	Public Hospitals.	Other Public Institutions.	Total Public Institutions.	
<b>Melbourne Metropolitan Area—</b>						
Melbourne .. .. .	381	103	34.79	9.41	44.20	5.15
Box Hill .. .. .	63	14	22.91	5.09	28.00	2.27
Brighton .. .. .	92	14	23.29	3.54	26.83	2.61
Broadmeadows (Part)	27	10	29.03	10.75	39.78	1.94
Brunswick .. .. .	136	35	23.86	6.14	30.00	3.14
Camberwell .. .. .	133	42	15.10	4.77	19.87	1.96
Caulfield .. .. .	173	24	19.22	2.67	21.89	2.58
Chelsea .. .. .	38	6	26.03	4.11	30.14	2.73
Coburg .. .. .	116	30	25.49	6.59	32.08	2.40
Collingwood .. .. .	95	21	28.96	6.40	35.36	4.25
Essendon .. .. .	171	35	25.72	5.26	30.98	3.59
Fitzroy .. .. .	139	20	37.77	5.43	43.20	5.21
Footscray .. .. .	136	31	27.09	6.18	33.27	2.90
Hawthorn .. .. .	84	32	17.32	6.60	23.92	3.08
Heidleberg (Part)	94	20	29.01	6.17	35.18	2.22
Keilor (Part) .. .. .	6		23.08	..	23.08	1.08
Kew .. .. .	70	16	19.89	4.55	24.44	2.72
Malvern .. .. .	92	13	15.97	2.26	18.23	2.22
Moorabbin .. .. .	88	14	22.51	3.58	26.09	1.71
Mordialloc .. .. .	34	6	18.78	3.32	22.10	1.98
Mulgrave .. .. .	18	2	22.79	2.53	25.32	1.23
Northcote .. .. .	116	21	26.36	4.78	31.14	3.12
Nunawading .. .. .	40	6	26.32	3.94	30.26	2.22
Oakleigh .. .. .	55	10	26.70	4.85	31.55	2.86
Port Melbourne .. .. .	47	10	31.76	6.75	38.51	4.30
Prahran .. .. .	157	40	22.27	5.67	27.94	3.59
Preston .. .. .	141	29	31.40	6.46	37.86	2.80
Richmond .. .. .	141	32	28.66	6.50	35.16	4.85
Ringwood .. .. .	15	3	19.23	3.85	23.08	1.66
Sandringham .. .. .	60	8	22.06	2.94	25.00	2.18
South Melbourne .. .. .	151	37	28.49	6.98	35.47	4.86
St. Kilda .. .. .	169	24	24.42	3.47	27.89	3.57
Sunshine (Part) .. .. .	54	10	29.84	5.52	35.36	2.02
Williamstown .. .. .	99	10	33.22	3.36	36.58	3.77

VICTORIA—PROPORTION OF DEATHS OF RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN AREAS  
OCCURRING IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, 1953—*continued.*

Area.	Number of Deaths of Residents occurring in—		Percentage of Deaths of Residents occurring in—			Deaths of Residents occurring in Public Institutions per 1,000 of Population.
	Public Hospitals.	Other Public Institutions.	Public Hospitals.	Other Public Institutions.	Total Public Institutions.	
<b>Cities and Principal Towns Outside Melbourne Metropolitan Area—</b>						
Ballaarat .. .. .	146	55	27·60	10·40	38·00	4·64
Bendigo .. .. .	151	50	34·63	11·47	46·10	6·03
Geelong .. .. .	198	12	40·41	2·45	42·86	4·27
Ararat .. .. .	37	7	46·84	8·86	55·70	6·11
Benalla .. .. .	7	3	11·48	4·91	16·39	2·01
Camperdown .. .. .	14	3	27·45	5·88	33·33	5·44
Castlemaine .. .. .	29	4	46·77	6·46	53·23	5·14
Colac .. .. .	42	1	46·67	1·11	47·78	5·60
Echuca .. .. .	35	..	61·40	..	61·40	6·64
Hamilton .. .. .	42	1	50·00	1·19	51·19	5·21
Horsham .. .. .	44	1	57·14	1·30	58·44	6·04
Maryborough .. .. .	44	..	57·89	..	57·89	6·33
Mildura .. .. .	54	1	55·67	1·03	56·70	4·88
Sale .. .. .	33	1	54·10	1·64	55·74	5·53
Shepparton .. .. .	34	3	38·20	3·37	41·57	3·49
Stawell .. .. .	42	4	65·63	6·25	71·88	8·64
Wangaratta .. .. .	44	4	57·89	5·27	63·16	4·92
Warrnambool .. .. .	53	4	40·77	3·08	43·85	5·14
Wonthaggi .. .. .	21	..	47·73	..	47·73	4·77
<b>Summary—</b>						
Melbourne Metropolitan Area .. .. .	3,431	728	24·99	5·30	30·29	3·03
Cities and Principal Towns outside Melbourne Metropolitan Area .. .. .	1,070	154	39·64	5·70	45·34	5·06
Remainder of State .. .. .	1,994	324	32·05	5·21	37·26	2·97
Victoria .. .. .	6,495	1,206	28·68	5·32	34·00	3·21

PERCENTAGE OF DEATHS OF RESIDENTS OF MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA, OF REMAINDER OF STATE AND OF VICTORIA, OCCURRING IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS IN CERTAIN PERIODS FROM 1910.

	1910-14.	1920-24.	1930-34.	1940-44.	1952.	1953.
Melbourne Metropolitan Area .. .. .	24·3	27·0	27·7	25·1	23·7	25·0
Remainder of State .. .. .	17·0	21·2	26·3	29·3	34·5	34·4
Victoria .. .. .	20·4	24·3	27·1	26·8	27·9	28·7

In 1953 the number of deaths in all public institutions was 7,701 of which 4,159 were of residents of Melbourne Metropolitan Area.

The number of deaths in certain metropolitan public institutions in 1952 and 1953 are given in the subjoined table :—

VICTORIA—DEATHS IN CERTAIN METROPOLITAN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, 1952 AND 1953.

Institutions.	Number of Deaths.		Institutions.	Number of Deaths.	
	1952.	1953.		1952.	1953.
<b>HOSPITALS—GENERAL—</b>			<b>SANATORIA—</b>		
Royal Melbourne ..	1,000	1,041	Heatherton ..	12	20
Alfred .. .. .	740	700	Greenvale ..	4	6
Hamilton Russell Com- munity .. .. .	19	20	Gresswell ..	7	4
Children's .. ..	245	268	Health Department Annexe .. .. .	..	..
St. Vincent's ..	600	654	Total Sanatoria	23	30
St. Vincent's Inter- mediate .. .. .	2	10			
Austin .. .. .	223	230	<b>BENEVOLENT INSTI- TUTIONS—</b>		
Heidelberg House ..	32	39	Melbourne (Chelten- ham) Asylum ..	275	297
Women's .. .. .	200	190	Mount Royal ..	150	118
Prince Henry's ..	363	382	Convent of Little Sisters of the Poor	55	70
Fairfield .. .. .	52	39	Old Colonists' Homes .. .. .	3	3
Queen Victoria ..	183	156	Total Benevo- lent Insti- tutions ..	483	488
Jessie McPherson Com- munity .. .. .	3	4			
Williamstown ..	55	68	<b>FOUNDLING HOMES, REFUGES—</b>		
Caulfield Convalescent	57	115	Broadmeadows ..	..	1
Eye and Ear .. ..	6	13	Carlton .. .. .	..	..
Police .. .. .	..	3	East Melbourne ..	..	1
After Care Home ..	..	..	The Haven, Fitzroy	1	..
Total General Hospitals .. .. .	3,780	3,932	Berwick .. .. .	..	..
<b>HOSPITALS—MENTAL</b>			Total Refuges, &c. .. .. .	1	2
Janefield .. .. .	2	1			
Kew .. .. .	112	111	Total Hospitals and other Institutions	4,653	4,770
Mont Park .. .. .	178	134			
Mental Hospital and Receiving House, Royal Park .. ..	74	72			
Larundel .. .. .	..	..			
Total Mental Hospitals .. .. .	366	318			

In 1952 there were 2,582 male and 2,071 female deaths in public institutions; in 1953 the numbers were 2,668 and 2,102 respectively.

In Melbourne Metropolitan Area, in the decade 1944-53, there was an average of 10.63 deaths per 1,000 of the population, as compared with 15.76 in the decennium 1892-1901.

A comparison of the death rates from tubercular and certain other diseases for the period 1944-53 with those for the decennium 1892-1901 is shown in the following table:—

**DEATH RATES—MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA.**

Cause of Death.	Average Annual Deaths per 1,000,000 of Population.		
	1892-1901.	1944-53.	Decrease.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ..	1,654	268	1,386
Other Tubercular Diseases ..	446	26	420
Typhoid Fever .. ..	293	1	292
Scarlet Fever .. ..	33	1	32
Measles .. .. .	215	3	212
Diphtheria .. .. .	196	8	188
Total .. .. .	2,837	307	2,530

The figures show that the mortality from the six diseases mentioned declined by 89 per cent.—the decline representing a rate of 2,530 per million of the population.

The mortality from all causes showed a net decline of 5,130 per million of the population.

The mortality of children under one year, in proportion to births, reveals a remarkable decline since 1890—the deaths per 1,000 children born having fallen from 133 in 1885-89 to 22 in 1949-53—a reduction of 83 per cent. In other words, where 100 infants died in the earlier period, only seventeen died in the latter.

The reduction has been contributed to by various health acts and educative measures, including the notification of infectious diseases, the regulation of the manufacture, sale, and distribution of foodstuffs and patent medicines, and the ensuring of a pure water supply. The passing of the Midwives Act in 1915 and the inauguration of the Infant Welfare movement in 1917 coincide with and, in a large degree, account for the reduction of the rate in latter years.

The infantile death rates for Melbourne Metropolitan Area, for the remainder of the State, and for the whole State, for certain periods since 1879, are shown in the following table:—

## VICTORIA—INFANTILE MORTALITY, 1880 TO 1953.

Period.	Melbourne Metropolitan Area.		Remainder of State.		Victoria.	
	Average Annual Number of Deaths under One Year.	Rate per 1,000 Births.	Average Annual Number of Deaths under One Year.	Rate per 1,000 Births.	Average Annual Number of Deaths under One Year.	Rate per 1,000 Births
1880-84 ..	1,649	170·1	1,626	92·3	3,275	120·0
1885-89 ..	2,576	178·5	1,812	97·9	4,388	133·3
1890-94 ..	2,311	140·4	1,926	94·9	4,237	114·7
1895-99 ..	1,650	131·5	1,913	100·0	3,563	112·5
1900-04 ..	1,417	116·5	1,565	86·2	2,982	98·2
1905-09 ..	1,209	96·5	1,307	71·5	2,516	81·2
1910-14 ..	1,345	84·2	1,201	64·9	2,546	73·8
1915-19 ..	1,302	76·2	886	55·4	2,188	66·1
1920-24 ..	1,328	71·6	1,024	58·6	2,352	65·3
1925-29 ..	1,034	58·4	863	50·2	1,897	54·4
1930-34 ..	674	47·3	618	40·7	1,292	43·9
1935-39 ..	543	37·9	574	37·9	1,117	37·9
1940-44 ..	738	36·4	594	37·5	1,332	36·8
1945-49 ..	643	25·0	516	25·9	1,159	25·4
1950 ..	512	19·4	489	20·9	1,001	20·1
1951 ..	549	20·8	594	24·6	1,143	22·6
1952 ..	612	21·9	586	22·7	1,198	22·3
1953 ..	544	19·7	589	22·7	1,133	21·2

The practice was introduced in 1923 of allotting all births and deaths to the place of usual residence of the parties. In the cases of births and infantile deaths the mother's residence is considered to be that of the child. This accounts for the slight increase in the rate for the remainder of the State in the period 1920-24, and the corresponding decrease in the rate for the metropolis.

During the period 1937-53 the infantile death rate was subject to considerable fluctuation. In 1937 it fell below 40 per 1,000 births for the first time on record. The rate in 1937 was 36·7; in 1942, the highest rate (41·7) for the period was experienced. Each year from 1942 to 1950 a decrease was recorded, and new low records were established in each year of the period 1944-50, the rate in 1950 being 20·1. This was

followed by an increase in 1951, the rate being 22·6; the rate decreased in each of the next two years and in 1953 was 21·2.

**Infantile deaths in municipalities.** Deaths of infants under one year of age, and the deaths per 1,000 births in Melbourne Metropolitan Area, in cities and principal towns outside Melbourne Metropolitan Area, and in the remainder of the State for the five year periods 1933-37, 1938-42, and for the years 1952 and 1953 were as follows:—

**INFANTILE DEATHS IN MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA, IN CITIES AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS OUTSIDE MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA, AND IN REMAINDER OF STATE.**

Municipality.		Average Annual Number of Deaths under One Year.				Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births.			
		1933-1937.	1938-1942.	1952.	1953.	1933-1937.	1938-1942.	1952.	1953.
<b>Melbourne Area—</b>	<b>Metropolitan</b>								
Melbourne	..	55	53	45	37	48·45	42·25	27·51	23·20
Box Hill	..	8	10	14	17	38·25	32·77	18·37	21·36
Brighton	..	11	16	10	11	30·15	29·57	13·85	16·74
Broadmeadows (Part)	..	†	†	9	11	..	..	15·36	16·13
Brunswick	..	32	37	25	19	40·23	39·61	25·85	19·90
Camberwell	..	26	39	29	24	33·74	31·90	17·98	15·12
Caulfield	..	27	37	25	16	33·47	33·55	19·79	14·41
Chelsea	..	5	4	6	11	43·12	26·96	13·89	25·58
Coburg	..	26	27	29	23	40·38	34·80	22·38	18·00
Collingwood	..	28	22	19	14	57·27	43·75	31·40	24·65
Essendon	..	23	30	25	24	40·51	37·29	22·08	20·83
Fitzroy	..	26	27	19	10	56·98	52·04	28·79	16·50
Footscray	..	29	34	19	24	40·90	39·66	16·02	20·51
Hawthorn	..	18	22	7	18	44·31	38·76	11·06	28·04
Heidelberg (Part)	..	11	18	28	18	32·37	37·83	24·43	15·89
Keilor (Part)	..	†	†	3	3	..	..	20·98	19·87
Kew	..	9	13	15	11	30·32	33·14	32·26	23·60
Malvern	..	17	19	21	15	35·71	32·55	27·06	21·16
Moorabbin	..	14	16	41	38	37·93	35·86	27·32	24·39
Mordialloc	..	7	8	8	7	54·55	39·27	16·84	13·01
Mulgrave	..	†	†	11	11	..	..	24·44	18·09
Northcote	..	24	24	13	10	41·65	35·87	15·46	13·26
Nunawading	..	†	†	9	14	..	..	14·45	22·22
Oakleigh	..	9	6	8	9	43·36	23·00	12·54	15·20
Port Melbourne	..	11	7	8	9	56·91	36·24	29·09	34·48
Prahran	..	29	27	16	15	46·44	33·08	16·48	16·09
Preston	..	23	28	28	26	40·29	39·66	21·31	19·39
Richmond	..	29	25	27	21	49·27	38·79	35·53	28·69
Ringwood	..	†	†	11	5	..	..	34·16	15·20
Sandringham	..	9	10	12	8	37·04	30·62	19·26	13·18
South Melbourne	..	30	28	16	17	54·77	46·46	21·42	24·85
St. Kilda	..	22	31	18	20	43·78	43·27	19·37	23·89
Sunshine (Part) *	..	8	7	20	14	49·68	36·36	22·75	16·55
Williamstown	..	13	14	18	14	38·63	35·64	32·03	22·45

\* Shire of Braybrook declared City of Sunshine on 16th May, 1951.

† Included in remainder of State.

INFANTILE DEATHS IN MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA, IN CITIES AND PRINCIPAL TOWNS OUTSIDE MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA, AND IN REMAINDER OF STATE—*continued.*

Municipality.	Average Annual Number of Deaths under One Year.				Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births.			
	1933-1937.	1938-1942.	1952.	1953.	1933-1937.	1938-1942.	1952.	1953.
<b>Cities and Principal Towns outside Melbourne Metropolitan Area—</b>								
Ballaarat .. .. .	25	29	21	25	41·62	46·05	21·26	24·98
Bendigo .. .. .	22	24	15	13	40·32	42·73	20·08	15·95
Geelong .. .. .	34	30	26	29	48·77	41·32	23·90	29·87
Ararat .. .. .	4	2	5	3	40·85	21·15	29·41	18·52
Benalla .. .. .	†	†	8	5	..	..	43·72	30·12
Camperdown .. .. .	†	†	†	2	..	..	..	20·62
Castlemaine .. .. .	4	3	1	3	38·62	32·69	7·25	29·13
Colac .. .. .	5	4	4	3	45·63	28·71	18·78	13·70
Echuca .. .. .	6	3	1	5	62·50	31·89	8·62	33·33
Hamilton .. .. .	4	5	8	5	37·61	34·68	35·71	19·46
Horsham .. .. .	5	4	3	1	40·95	31·90	17·75	6·25
Maryborough .. .. .	5	4	2	4	41·59	35·12	14·08	27·40
Mildura .. .. .	8	8	4	5	37·68	30·72	12·78	14·75
Sale .. .. .	2	3	3	7	27·97	30·36	15·15	31·11
Shepparton .. .. .	8	8	8	10	54·50	45·65	26·94	32·15
Stawell .. .. .	4	3	4	6	47·06	30·52	28·57	48·00
Swan Hill .. .. .	†	†	1	4	..	..	6·41	22·99
Wangaratta .. .. .	7	8	11	3	63·91	66·56	38·33	11·49
Warrnambool .. .. .	6	7	5	8	34·32	35·97	17·67	26·40
Wonthaggi .. .. .	5	3	2	..	50·66	40·72	18·86	..
<b>Summary—</b>								
Melbourne Metropolitan Area .. .. .	579	639	612	544	42·55	37·24	21·91	19·74
Cities and Principal Towns outside Melbourne Metropolitan Area .. .. .	154	148	132	141	43·95	39·65	22·16	23·09
Remainder of State .. .. .	437	438	454	448	38·24	37·38	22·87	22·52
Victoria .. .. .	1,170	1,225	1,198	1,133	41·00	37·55	22·29	21·15

† Included in remainder of State.

infantile  
mortality at  
certain  
ages.

The decrease in the infantile death rate, since the earlier periods, has been shared proportionally by each age-group except that of "under one week". The rate per 1,000 births for infants "under one week" has varied from 21.5 in the quinquennium 1910-14 to 22.7 in 1925-29 and 13.6 in 1949-53. The rate for infants "one week and under one month" declined from 11.1 in 1910-14 to 2.2 in 1949-53, a decrease of 80 per cent., and that for infants "one month and under one year" from 41.2 to 5.8, a decrease of 86 per cent. Between the ages of one month and one year Victoria lost 64 out of every 1,000 children born in 1900-04, 33 in 1915-19, and 6 in 1949-53. In 1953 the mortality of infants "under one week" comprised 62 per cent. of the total infantile mortality.

The rate for male infants is consistently higher than that for females, and in 1949-53 exceeded the female rate by 26.1 per cent.

The tables which follow show the proportion of deaths of infants at various ages under one year for certain periods since 1899,

VICTORIA—INFANTILE MORTALITY AT CERTAIN  
AGES, 1900 TO 1953.

Period.	Deaths Under One Year per 1,000 Births.							Males.	Females.
	Under One Week.	One Week and under One Month.	One Month and under Three Months.	Three Months and under Six Months.	Six Months and under Twelve Months.	Total under One Year.			
1900-04 ..	34.4		16.9	21.0	25.9	98.2	105.7	90.4	
1905-09 ..	33.0		13.8	15.1	19.3	81.2	89.3	72.6	
1910-14 ..	21.5	11.1	12.1	12.4	16.7	73.8	81.8	65.3	
1915-19 ..	23.3	10.1	10.5	9.4	12.8	66.1	73.0	58.7	
1920-24 ..	23.7	9.3	9.8	10.0	12.5	65.3	71.8	58.5	
1925-29 ..	22.7	7.7	6.9	6.7	10.4	54.4	60.7	47.6	
1930-34 ..	22.3	5.5	4.8	4.6	6.7	43.9	49.2	38.4	
1935-39 ..	21.1	5.1	3.7	2.9	5.1	37.9	42.0	33.6	
1940-44 ..	19.8	5.6	4.0	3.2	4.2	36.8	41.0	32.5	
1945-49 ..	15.9	2.9	2.3	1.9	2.4	25.4	28.4	22.3	
1950 ..	12.6	2.1	1.6	1.7	2.1	20.1	21.9	18.2	
1951 ..	13.9	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.5	22.6	25.3	19.8	
1952 ..	14.2	2.2	1.9	1.9	2.1	22.3	25.4	19.1	
1953 ..	13.1	2.6	1.8	1.6	2.1	21.2	23.0	19.2	



VICTORIA—INFANTILE MORTALITY AT CERTAIN AGES,  
MALES AND FEMALES, 1952.

Age.	Males.			Females.		
	Number.	Rate per 1,000 Births.	Percentage at each Age.	Number.	Rate per 1,000 Births.	Percentage at each Age.
Under 1 week ..	448	16.31	64.28	315	11.99	62.87
1 week and under						
1 month ..	68	2.48	9.75	50	1.90	9.98
1 month and under						
3 months ..	58	2.11	8.32	46	1.75	9.18
3 months and under						
6 months ..	63	2.29	9.04	37	1.41	7.39
6 months and under						
12 months ..	60	2.18	8.61	53	2.02	10.58
Total under one year ..	697	25.37	100.00	501	19.07	100.00

VICTORIA—INFANTILE MORALITY AT AT CERTAIN AGES,  
MALES AND FEMALES, 1953.

Age.	Males.			Females.		
	Number.	Rate per 1,000 Births.	Percentage at each Age.	Number.	Rate per 1,000 Births.	Percentage at each Age.
Under 1 week ..	375	13.70	59.52	327	12.48	65.01
1 week and under						
1 month ..	92	3.36	14.60	47	1.79	9.34
1 month and under						
3 months ..	56	2.05	8.89	38	1.45	7.56
3 months and under						
6 months ..	49	1.79	7.78	34	1.30	6.76
6 months and under						
12 months ..	58	2.12	9.21	57	2.18	11.33
Total under one year ..	630	23.02	100.00	503	19.20	100.00

**Infantile death rates from certain causes.**

An examination of the principal causes of infantile mortality over a period of years and at various ages reveals the direction in which improvement has been achieved, and discloses those causes and factors to which future investigations need to be directed if the decline in the rate is to be maintained. Since 1950 infant deaths have been classified according to the Sixth (1948) Revision of the International Classification of Diseases. Owing to the change in classifications, figures since 1950 are not exactly comparable with figures for previous years.

The next three tables show the infant mortality rates from the principal causes for certain periods from 1891 to 1949, and for the years 1952 and 1953.

### VICTORIA—INFANTILE DEATH RATES FROM CERTAIN CAUSES.

Cause of Death.	Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births in—					
	1891-93.	1901-10.	1911-20.	1921-30.	1931-40.	1941-49.
Epidemic, Endemic, and Infectious Diseases ..	12·41	7·31	4·87	3·57	2·51	1·23
Bronchitis, Broncho-pneumonia Pneumonia ..	11·37	8·13	6·86	6·08	5·58	3·84
Diarrhoea and Enteritis ..	29·66	24·62	16·13	9·85	1·98	1·31
Congenital Malformations (157)	3·45	4·86	4·38	4·43	4·29	3·75
Congenital Debility (158) ..	22·24	12·74	13·09	6·77	2·30	0·73
Prematurity (159) ..	13·13	14·99	15·17	15·34	12·40	9·69
Injury at Birth (160) ..	} 21·51	12·77	7·98	2·57	3·25	3·32
Other Diseases of Early Infancy (161) ..				3·42	4·39	3·30
Other Diseases ..				4·42	2·58	1·77
Violence ..	3·16	2·47	1·07	0·80	0·83	0·75
Total, all Causes ..	116·93	87·89	69·55	57·25	40·11	29·69

The mortality from epidemic, endemic and infectious diseases, the main respiratory diseases, and diarrhoea and enteritis declined from 40·1 per 1,000 births in 1901-10 to 6·4 in 1941-49, a decrease of 84 per cent.

VICTORIA—INFANTILE DEATH RATES, AT VARIOUS AGES,  
FROM CERTAIN CAUSES, 1952.

Cause of Death. (Detailed List Numbers in Parentheses).	Deaths under One year per 1,000 Births.									
	Age Period.							Total.	Males.	Females.
	Under 1 Week.	1 Week and under 1 Month.	1 Month and under 3 Months.	3 Months and under 6 Months.	6 Months and under 12 Months.					
Infective and Parasitic Diseases (1-138)	..	.06	.09	.17	.33	.65	.73	.57		
Pneumonia and Bronchitis (490-493, 500-502)	..	..	.39	.50	.30	1.19	1.38	.99		
Gastro-enteritis and Colitis, except Ulcerative, age four weeks and over (571)	..	..	.09	.07	.04	.20	.18	.23		
Congenital Malformations (750-759)	1.81	.76	.71	.50	.50	4.28	4.41	4.15		
Certain Diseases of Early Infancy— Birth Injuries (760, 761)—										
(a) Without mention of Imma- turity ..	1.58	.17	.07	.02	..	1.84	2.26	1.41		
(b) With Immatu- rity ..	.89	.02	..	..	..	.91	1.20	.61		
Postnatal Asphyxia and Ate- lectasis (762)—										
(a) Without mention of Imma- turity ..	1.14	.09	.04	..	..	1.27	1.42	1.10		
(b) With Immatu- rity ..	2.59	.07	..	..	..	2.66	3.17	2.13		
Infections of the Newborn (763-768)—										
Pneumonia of Newborn—										
(a) Without mention of Imma- turity ..	.30	.26	..	..	..	.56	.76	.34		
(b) With Immatu- rity ..	.15	.15	..	..	..	.30	.36	.23		
Diarrhoea of Newborn—										
(a) Without mention of Imma- turity ..	..	.02	..	..	..	.02	..	.04		
(b) With Immatu- rity ..	..	.07	..	..	..	.07	.07	.08		
Ophthalmia Neonatorum—										
(a) Without mention of Imma- turity ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
(b) With Immatu- rity ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Pemphigus Neonatorum—										
(a) Without mention of Imma- turity ..	..	.02	..	..	..	.02	.04	..		
(b) With Immatu- rity ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Umbilical Sepsis—										
(a) Without mention of Imma- turity ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
(b) With Immatu- rity ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Other Sepsis of Newborn—										
(a) Without mention of Imma- turity ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
(b) With Immatu- rity ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Other Diseases peculiar to Early Infancy (769-775)—										
(a) Without mention of Imma- turity ..	.76	.13	..	..	.06	.95	1.06	.84		
(b) With Immatu- rity ..	.80	.07	.04	..	..	.91	.98	.84		
Immaturity unqualified (776)	3.92	.13	.04	..	..	4.09	4.55	3.61		
All other diseases ..	.13	.15	.41	.52	.71	1.92	2.40	1.41		
Accidents, Poisonings, and Violence	.13	.02	.06	.07	.17	.45	.40	.49		
<b>Total, All Causes</b> ..	<b>14.20</b>	<b>2.19</b>	<b>1.94</b>	<b>1.85</b>	<b>2.11</b>	<b>22.29</b>	<b>25.37</b>	<b>19.07</b>		

VICTORIA—INFANTILE DEATH RATES, AT VARIOUS AGES,  
FROM CERTAIN CAUSES, 1953.

Cause of Death. (Detailed List Numbers in Parentheses).	Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births.								
	Age Period.						Total.	Males.	Females.
	Under 1 Week.	1 Week and under 1 Month.	1 Month and under 3 Months.	3 Months and under 6 Months.	6 Months and under 12 Months.				
Infective and Parasitic Diseases (1-138)	..	·02	·07	·07	·28	·44	·37	·53	
Pneumonia and Bronchitis (490-493, 500-502)	..	..	·35	·28	·54	1·17	1·24	1·10	
Gastro-enteritis and Colitis, except Ulcerative, age four weeks and over (571)	..	..	·11	·09	·11	·31	·40	·23	
Congenital Malformations (750-759)	1·58	·65	·60	·53	·49	3·85	4·09	3·59	
Certain Diseases of Early Infancy—									
Birth Injuries (760, 761)—									
(a) Without mention of Immaturity	1·12	·13	·04	·06	..	1·35	1·57	1·10	
(b) With Immaturity	·64	·07	..	..	..	·71	·95	·46	
Postnatal Asphyxia and Atelectasis (762)—									
(a) Without mention of Immaturity	·93	·04	·02	..	..	·99	·88	1·10	
(b) With Immaturity	2·89	·21	..	..	..	3·10	3·22	2·98	
Infections of the Newborn (763-768)—									
Pneumonia of Newborn—									
(a) Without mention of Immaturity	·52	·49	..	..	..	1·01	1·32	·69	
(b) With Immaturity	·17	·11	..	..	..	·28	·40	·15	
Diarrhoea of Newborn—									
(a) Without mention of Immaturity	·04	..	..	..	..	·04	·07	..	
(b) With Immaturity	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum—									
(a) Without mention of Immaturity	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
(b) With Immaturity	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Pemphigus Neonatorum—									
(a) Without mention of Immaturity	..	·02	..	..	..	·02	..	·04	
(b) With Immaturity	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Umbilical Sepsis—									
(a) Without mention of Immaturity	..	·02	..	..	..	·02	·04	..	
(b) With Immaturity	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Other Sepsis of Newborn—									
(a) Without mention of Immaturity	..	·02	..	..	..	·02	·04	..	
(b) With Immaturity	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Other Diseases peculiar to Early Infancy (769-775)—									
(a) Without mention of Immaturity	·85	·13	·06	·04	·02	1·10	1·46	·73	
(b) With Immaturity	·68	·26	·07	..	..	1·01	1·13	·88	
Immaturity unqualified (776)	3·33	·20	..	..	..	3·53	3·47	3·59	
All Other Diseases	·26	·22	·38	·43	·56	1·85	1·97	1·72	
Accidents, Poisonings, and Violence	·10	..	·05	·05	·15	·35	·40	·31	
Total, All Causes	13·11	2·59	1·75	1·55	2·15	21·15	23·02	19·20	

In 1953, 465 deaths were connected with immaturity, either directly or in association with other causes, and all except four of these deaths were of children under one month of age. The deaths connected with immaturity represented 41 per cent. of the total infant deaths. Congenital malformations were responsible for 206, or 18 per cent., of the infant deaths. It will thus be seen that 59 per cent. of the total infant mortality in 1953 was related to immaturity and congenital malformations.

The following table shows the number of deaths from the principal causes, and the death rate of infants under one month, for Melbourne Metropolitan Area and Victoria for the years 1952 and 1953:—

VICTORIA—DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE MONTH,  
1952 AND 1953—MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA  
AND VICTORIA.

Cause of Death (Detailed List Numbers in Parentheses).	Melbourne Metropolitan Area.		Victoria.	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
Infective and Parasitic Diseases (1-138).. ..	2	..	3	1
Pneumonia and Bronchitis (490-493, 500-502) .. ..	..	..	..	..
Congenital Malformations (750-759) .. ..	78	58	138	120
Certain Diseases of Early Infancy—				
Birth Injuries (760,761)—				
(a) Without mention of Immaturity .. ..	42	28	94	67
(b) With Immaturity .. ..	32	22	49	38
Postnatal Asphyxia and Atelectasis (762)—				
(a) Without mention of Immaturity .. ..	34	20	66	52
(b) With Immaturity .. ..	98	115	143	166
Infections of the Newborn (763-768)—				
Pneumonia of Newborn—				
(a) Without mention of Immaturity .. ..	11	28	30	54
(b) With Immaturity .. ..	7	6	16	15
Diarrhoea of Newborn—				
(a) Without mention of Immaturity .. ..	..	..	1	..
(b) With Immaturity .. ..	2	2	4	2
Other Infections of Newborn—				
(a) Without mention of Immaturity .. ..	..	1	1	2
(b) With Immaturity .. ..	..	1	..	1
Other Diseases peculiar to Early Infancy (769-775)—				
(a) Without mention of Immaturity .. ..	22	17	48	53
(b) With Immaturity .. ..	21	30	47	50
Immaturity unqualified (776) .. ..	92	63	218	189
All Other Diseases .. ..	6	14	15	26
Accidents, Poisonings, and Violence .. ..	5	1	8	5
Total, All Causes .. ..	452	406	881	841
Deaths per 1,000 Births .. ..	16.2	14.7	16.4	15.7

**Nuptial and ex-nuptial infantile death rates.** On the average of the last ten years, 33 in every 1,000 ex-nuptial infants died within a year, as against 24 in every 1,000 nuptial children. The proportion of ex-nuptial children who died before the age of one year is, therefore, 1.4 times that of nuptial children. In the year 1953 the mortality rate of nuptial infants was 21.0 per 1,000 births. Births and deaths of ex-nuptial children numbered 1,843 and 42 respectively, the death rate being thus 22.8 per 1,000 births. The mortality rates of the two classes for the years 1952 and 1953 are shown in the following table:—

**VICTORIA—DEATH RATES OF NUPTIAL AND EX-NUPTIAL INFANTS FROM CERTAIN CAUSES, 1952 AND 1953.**

Cause of Death (Detailed List Numbers in Parentheses).	Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births.			
	Nuptial.		Ex-nuptial.	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
Infective and Parasitic Diseases (1-138) ..	0.67	0.41	..	1.63
Pneumonia and Bronchitis (490-493, 500-502)	1.14	1.16	2.77	1.09
Gastro-enteritis and Colitis, except Ulcerative, age four weeks and over (571) .. ..	0.15	0.29	0.55	1.09
Congenital Malformations (750-759) .. ..	4.27	3.85	3.87	3.80
Certain Diseases of Early Infancy—				
Birth Injuries (760, 761)—				
(a) Without mention of Immaturity ..	1.85	1.39	1.66	..
(b) With Immaturity .. ..	0.91	0.68	1.11	1.63
Postnatal Asphyxia and Atelectasis (762)—				
(a) Without mention of Immaturity ..	1.23	0.93	2.21	2.71
(b) With Immaturity .. ..	2.58	3.09	4.98	3.26
Infections of the Newborn (763-768)—				
Pneumonia of Newborn—				
(a) Without mention of Immaturity ..	0.56	1.02	0.55	0.54
(b) With Immaturity .. ..	0.31	0.27	..	0.54
Diarrhoea of Newborn—				
(a) Without mention of Immaturity ..	0.02	..	..	..
(b) With Immaturity .. ..	0.08	0.04	..	..
Other Infections of Newborn—				
(a) Without mention of Immaturity ..	0.02	0.04	..	..
(b) With Immaturity .. ..	..	0.02	..	..
Other Diseases peculiar to Early Infancy (769-775)—				
(a) Without mention of Immaturity ..	0.96	1.12	0.55	0.54
(b) With Immaturity .. ..	0.91	1.02	1.11	0.54
Immaturity Unqualified (776) .. ..	4.16	3.62	2.21	1.09
All other Diseases .. ..	1.89	1.82	1.66	1.63
Accidents, Poisonings, and Violence ..	0.38	0.27	2.21	2.71
<b>Total, All Causes .. ..</b>	<b>22.09</b>	<b>21.04</b>	<b>25.44</b>	<b>22.80</b>

**Infantile mortality Australian States and New Zealand.** The following statement shows the infantile death rate per 1,000 births in each of the Australian States and in New Zealand for the years 1949 to 1953:—

INFANTILE DEATH RATE—AUSTRALIAN STATES AND NEW ZEALAND, 1949 TO 1953.

Year.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.	New Zealand.*
1949..	21·89	27·29	24·72	27·68	26·42	23·91	25·31	23·78
1950..	20·09	27·04	24·77	24·04	27·13	23·75	24·47	22·75
1951..	22·61	26·29	25·66	24·51	28·73	26·64	25·24	22·78
1952..	22·29	24·50	24·94	23·09	24·91	21·73	23·79	21·82
1953..	21·15	24·65	24·98	20·65	23·83	22·88	23·30	20·06

\* Excludes Maoris

In the year 1953 the infantile mortality rates recorded for the Australian States showed that South Australia had the lowest rate and Queensland the highest.

**Stillbirths and infantile mortality.** Registration of stillbirths did not come into operation in Victoria until 1953. Prior to this date, however, in accordance with the provisions of the Cemeteries Act and of the (Commonwealth) *Social Services Consolidation Act* 1947, cases were notified to registrars.

The following table contains information relating to stillbirths and infantile mortality in Victoria:—

**VICTORIA—STILLBIRTHS AND INFANT MORTALITY,  
1944 TO 1953.**

Year.	Stillbirths.		Deaths under One Month.		Deaths under One Month plus Stillbirths.		Deaths under One Year plus Stillbirths.	
	Number Notified.	Rate per 1,000 Births (live and still.)	Number.	Rate per 1,000 Births (live and still.)	Number.	Rate per 1,000 Births (live and still.)	Number.	Rate per 1,000 Births (live and still.)
1944	924	22·94	911	22·61	1,835	45·55	2,182	54·17
1945	981	23·26	870	20·62	1,851	43·88	2,136	50·64
1946	1,021	21·40	943	19·76	1,964	41·16	2,289	47·97
1947	951	19·68	928	19·21	1,879	38·89	2,196	45·45
1948	902	19·19	790	16·81	1,692	36·00	2,005	42·66
1949	907	18·98	763	15·97	1,670	34·95	1,933	40·46
1950	963	18·96	733	14·43	1,696	33·39	1,964	38·67
1951	929	18·05	812	15·77	1,741	33·82	2,072	40·25
1952	919	16·81	881	16·12	1,800	32·93	2,117	38·73
1953	Number Registered.							
	817	15·02	841	15·47	1,658	30·49	1,950	35·86

The causes of the 817 stillbirths in Victoria in 1953, classified according to the International Statistical classification, are given in the following table:—

**VICTORIA—CAUSES OF STILLBIRTHS, 1953.**

Classification Number.	Cause of Stillbirth.	Number of Stillbirths.
Y 30 ..	Chronic disease in mother .. .. .	14
Y 31 ..	Acute disease in mother .. .. .	5
Y 32 ..	Diseases and conditions of pregnancy and childbirth .. .. .	52
Y 33 ..	Absorption of toxic substance from mother .. .. .	..
Y 34 ..	Difficulties in labour .. .. .	71
Y 35 ..	Other causes in mother .. .. .	2
Y 36 ..	Placental and cord conditions .. .. .	279
Y 37 ..	Birth injury .. .. .	12
Y 38 ..	Congenital malformation of foetus .. .. .	70
Y 39 ..	Diseases of foetus, and ill-defined causes .. .. .	312
	Total .. .. .	817

**Deaths of children under 5 years.** In 1953 the deaths of male and of female children in Victoria under 5 years of age numbered 791 and 630 respectively.

**Ages at death.** The ages of males and of females who died in each of the years 1951 to 1953 are shown in the following table:—



## VICTORIA—AGES AT DEATH, 1951 TO 1953.

Ages.	1951.			1952.			1953.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 1 year	657	486	1,143	697	501	1,198	630	503	1,133
1 year ..	78	60	138	57	63	120	70	56	126
2 years ..	37	32	69	37	32	69	42	31	73
3 ..	41	20	61	34	17	51	30	25	55
4 ..	28	22	50	23	17	40	19	15	34
5 to 9 years	63	57	120	74	66	140	89	51	140
10 .. 14 ..	48	31	79	51	27	78	45	31	76
15 .. 19 ..	101	38	139	102	35	137	83	37	120
20 .. 24 ..	191	71	262	161	57	218	156	63	219
25 .. 29 ..	165	91	256	166	72	238	159	67	226
30 .. 34 ..	147	132	279	169	118	287	136	75	211
35 .. 39 ..	218	147	365	209	140	349	194	144	338
40 .. 44 ..	307	192	499	290	208	498	272	173	445
45 .. 49 ..	443	294	737	472	319	791	435	257	692
50 .. 54 ..	686	433	1,119	710	479	1,189	675	445	1,120
55 .. 59 ..	1,051	603	1,654	1,027	608	1,635	917	585	1,502
60 .. 64 ..	1,345	838	2,183	1,392	961	2,353	1,316	869	2,185
65 .. 69 ..	1,489	1,071	2,560	1,529	1,118	2,647	1,526	1,076	2,602
70 .. 74 ..	1,554	1,396	2,950	1,584	1,360	2,944	1,622	1,359	2,981
75 .. 79 ..	1,592	1,603	3,195	1,529	1,526	3,055	1,463	1,512	2,975
80 .. 84 ..	1,317	1,587	2,904	1,236	1,487	2,723	1,172	1,484	2,656
85 .. 89 ..	813	1,087	1,900	772	1,049	1,821	816	1,109	1,925
90 .. 94 ..	237	408	645	228	388	616	248	431	679
95 years ..	12	37	49	18	33	51	16	26	42
96 ..	19	18	37	10	20	30	11	24	35
97 ..	10	10	20	3	13	16	11	8	19
98 ..	5	7	12	3	8	11	3	10	13
99 ..	1	3	4	1	5	6	1	5	6
100 ..	1	7	8	..	2	2	..	3	3
101 ..	1	1	2	..	2	2	..	..	..
102 ..	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	1	1
103 ..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	2	3
104 ..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	1
Unknown ..	5	1	6	3	1	4	10	4	14
Total ..	12,662	10,784	23,446	12,590	10,732	23,322	12,168	10,482	22,650

Of the 69,418 persons who died in Victoria during the above three years 16,246 (or approximately 23 per cent.) were aged 80 years and upwards, and 26—six males and twenty females—were stated as having attained or passed the age of 100 years. In 1900 deaths of persons aged 80 years and over represented about 7 per cent. of the total deaths in that year.

The changes that have occurred in the age distribution of the population over the last 50 years are reflected in the above figures.

The Sixth (1948) Revision of the International List of Causes of Death was adopted for use in 1950.

The Revision introduced international rules for a uniform method of selecting the main cause of death to be tabulated if more than one cause is stated on the death certificate.

The comparability of statistics for years subsequent to 1950 with those for years prior to 1950 will be affected by the adoption of the new method.

The causes of death in Victoria and in Melbourne Metropolitan Area for 1952 and 1953 according to the abbreviated List of the Sixth (1948) Revision of the International List of Causes of Death and the rate per million of population are shown in the following tables:—

## VICTORIA—CAUSES OF DEATH, NUMBERS AND RATES, 1952.

Cause of Death. (Abbreviated International List, 1948 Revision.) (Detailed List Numbers in Parentheses.)	Deaths—1952.			
	Victoria.		Melbourne Metropolitan Area.	
	Number.	Rate per 1,000,000 of Mean Popu- lation.	Number.	Rate per 1,000,000 of Mean Popu- lation.
1. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System (1—8) ..	303	129.3	201	149.4
2. Tuberculosis, other forms (10-19) ..	43	18.4	17	12.6
3. Syphilis and its sequelae (20-29) ..	64	27.3	43	32.0
4. Typhoid Fever (40) ..	1	4	..	..
5. Cholera (43) ..	..	..	..	..
6. Dysentery, all forms (45-48) ..	20	8.5	14	10.4
7. Scarlet fever and streptococcal sore throat (50, 51) ..	..	..	..	..
8. Diphtheria (55) ..	10	4.3	9	6.7
9. Whooping cough (56) ..	5	2.1	1	7
10. Meningococcal infections (57) ..	39	16.7	23	17.1
11. Plague (58) ..	..	..	..	..
12. Acute poliomyelitis (80) ..	20	8.5	13	9.7
13. Smallpox (84) ..	..	..	..	..
14. Measles (85) ..	1	4	..	..
15. Typhus and other rickettsial diseases (100-108) ..	..	..	..	..
16. Malaria (110-117) ..	1	4	1	7
17. All other diseases classed as infective and parasitic ..	73	31.2	33	24.5
18. Malignant neoplasms, including neoplasms of lymphatic and haematopoietic tissues (140- 205) ..	3,323	1,417.9	2,118	1,574.8
19. Benign and unspecified neoplasms (210-239) ..	61	26.0	45	33.5
20. Diabetes mellitus (260) ..	410	175.0	271	201.5
21. Anaemias (290-293) ..	91	38.8	57	42.4
22. Vascular lesions affecting central nervous system (330-334) ..	3,241	1,382.9	2,104	1,564.4
23. Nonmeningococcal meningitis (340) ..	35	14.9	23	17.1
24. Rheumatic fever (400-402) ..	33	14.1	17	12.6
25. Chronic rheumatic heart disease (410-416) ..	243	103.7	155	115.2
26. Arteriosclerotic and degenerative heart disease (420-422) ..	6,409	2,734.7	4,024	2,991.9
27. Other diseases of heart (430-434) ..	477	203.5	233	173.2
28. Hypertension with heart disease (440-443) ..	567	241.9	383	284.8
29. Hypertension without mention of heart (444-447) ..	410	175.0	269	200.0
30. Influenza (480-483) ..	35	14.9	13	9.7
31. Pneumonia (490-493) ..	732	312.3	377	280.3
32. Bronchitis (500-502) ..	271	115.6	173	128.6
33. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum (540, 541) ..	162	69.1	107	79.6
34. Appendicitis (550-553) ..	35	14.9	21	15.6
35. Intestinal obstruction and hernia (560, 561, 570) ..	116	49.5	56	41.6
36. Gastritis, duodenitis, enteritis and colitis, except diarrhoea of the Newborn (543, 571, 572) ..	98	41.8	47	35.0
37. Cirrhosis of liver (581) ..	131	55.9	92	68.4
38. Nephritis and nephrosis (590-594) ..	426	181.8	249	185.1
39. Hyperplasia of prostate (610) ..	212	90.5	119	88.5
40. Complications of pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium (640-652, 660, 670-689) ..	37	15.8	16	11.9
41. Congenital malformations (750-759) ..	296	126.3	162	120.5
42. Birth injuries, postnatal asphyxia and atelec- tasis (760-762) ..	359	153.2	210	156.1
43. Infections of the Newborn (763-768) ..	52	22.2	20	14.9
44. Other diseases peculiar to early infancy, and immaturity unqualified (769-776) ..	320	136.6	136	101.1
45. Senility without mention of psychosis, ill- defined and unknown causes (780-795) ..	415	177.1	190	141.3
46. All other diseases ..	2,240	955.8	1,404	1,043.9
47. Motor vehicle accidents (E810-E835) ..	630	268.8	333	247.6
48. All other accidents (E800-E802, E840-E962) ..	657	280.3	282	209.7
49. Suicide and self-inflicted injury (E963, E970- E979) ..	189	80.6	105	78.1
50. Homicide and operations of war (E964, E965, E980-E999) ..	29	12.4	23	17.1
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>23,322</b>	<b>9,951.3</b>	<b>14,189</b>	<b>10,549.8</b>

## VICTORIA—CAUSES OF DEATH, NUMBERS AND RATES, 1953.

Cause of Death. (Abbreviated International List, 1948 Revision.) (Detailed List Numbers in Parentheses.)	Deaths—1953.			
	Victoria.		Melbourne Metropolitan Area.	
	Number.	Rate per 1,000,000 of Mean Population.	Number.	Rate per 1,000,000 of Mean Population.
1. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System (1-8) ..	241	100·6	150	109·2
2. Tuberculosis, other forms (10-19) ..	38	15·9	21	15·3
3. Syphilis and its sequelae (20-29) ..	65	27·1	47	34·2
4. Typhoid Fever (40) ..	1	·4	..	..
5. Cholera (43) ..	..	..	..	..
6. Dysentery, all forms (45-48) ..	10	4·2	8	5·8
7. Scarlet fever and streptococcal sore throat (50, 51) ..	1	·4	1	·7
8. Diphtheria (55) ..	3	1·3	3	2·2
9. Whooping cough (56) ..	3	1·3	2	1·5
10. Meningococcal infections (57) ..	28	11·7	19	13·8
11. Plague (58) ..	..	..	..	..
12. Acute poliomyelitis (80) ..	14	5·8	6	4·4
13. Smallpox (84) ..	..	..	..	..
14. Measles (85) ..	10	4·2	4	2·9
15. Typhus and other rickettsial diseases (100-108) ..	..	..	..	..
16. Malaria (110-117) ..	..	..	..	..
17. All other diseases classed as infective and parasitic ..	67	28·0	29	21·1
18. Malignant neoplasms, including neoplasms of lymphatic and haematopoietic tissues (140-205) ..	3,366	1,404·9	2,175	1,583·0
19. Benign and unspecified neoplasms (210-239) ..	75	31·3	49	35·7
20. Diabetes mellitus (260) ..	413	172·4	273	198·7
21. Anaemias (290-293) ..	97	40·5	59	42·9
22. Vascular lesions affecting central nervous system (330-334) ..	3,071	1,281·8	1,940	1,412·0
23. Nonmeningococcal meningitis (340) ..	41	17·1	22	16·0
24. Rheumatic fever (400-402) ..	24	10·0	17	12·4
25. Chronic rheumatic heart disease (410-416) ..	242	101·0	154	112·1
26. Arteriosclerotic and degenerative heart disease (420-422) ..	6,095	2,544·0	3,794	2,761·4
27. Other diseases of heart (430-434) ..	508	212·0	238	173·2
28. Hypertension with heart disease (440-443) ..	564	235·4	360	262·0
29. Hypertension without mention of heart (444-447) ..	370	154·4	247	179·8
30. Influenza (480-483) ..	47	19·6	25	18·2
31. Pneumonia (490-493) ..	659	275·1	352	256·2
32. Bronchitis (500-502) ..	270	112·7	180	131·0
33. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum (540, 541) ..	168	70·1	105	76·4
34. Appendicitis (550-553) ..	21	8·8	6	4·4
35. Intestinal obstruction and hernia (560, 561, 570) ..	140	58·4	76	55·3
36. Gastritis, duodenitis, enteritis and colitis, except diarrhoea of the Newborn (543, 571, 572) ..	102	42·6	61	44·4
37. Cirrhosis of liver (581) ..	112	46·7	79	57·5
38. Nephritis and nephrosis (590-594) ..	415	173·2	250	182·0
39. Hyperplasia of prostate (610) ..	215	89·7	114	83·0
40. Complications of pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium (640-652, 660, 670-689) ..	27	11·3	15	10·9
41. Congenital malformations (750-759) ..	308	128·6	168	122·3
42. Birth injuries, postnatal asphyxia and atelectasis (760-762) ..	329	137·3	187	136·1
43. Infections of the Newborn (763-765) ..	74	30·9	38	27·6
44. Other diseases peculiar to early infancy, and immaturity unqualified (769-776) ..	302	126·0	115	83·7
45. Senility without mention of psychosis, ill-defined and unknown causes (780-795) ..	440	183·6	207	150·7
46. All other diseases ..	2,259	942·9	1,388	1,010·2
47. Motor vehicle accidents (E810-E835) ..	533	222·5	290	211·1
48. All other accidents (E800-E802, E840-E962) ..	641	267·5	301	219·0
49. Suicide and self-inflicted injury (E963, E970-E979) ..	216	90·2	145	105·5
50. Homicide and operations of war E964, E965, E980-E999) ..	25	10·4	11	8·0
<b>Total</b> ..	<b>22,650</b>	<b>9,453·8</b>	<b>13,731</b>	<b>9,993·8</b>

**Tuberculosis (all forms).** The number of deaths ascribed to tuberculosis during 1953 was 279, the rate per million of population being 116. This is the lowest rate recorded for Victoria.

**Death rates from tuberculosis of the respiratory system** The deaths from tuberculosis of the respiratory system in 1953 numbered 241—174 being of males and 67 of females—and equalled a rate of 101 per million of the population. Rates for previous periods were 178 in 1950, 294 in 1945-49, 660 in 1918-22, 855 in 1908-12, and 1,365 in 1890-92. In 1952 tuberculosis of the respiratory system was responsible for 88 per cent. of the total deaths from tuberculosis. The corresponding figure in 1953 was 86 per cent.

The rates of mortality for Victoria at the last eight census periods per 10,000 of each sex, in age groups, are shown in the following table:—

**VICTORIA—DEATH RATES FROM TUBERCULOSIS OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM IN AGE GROUPS.**

Age Group.	Annual Mortality from Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System per 10,000 of each Sex.							
	1880-82.	1890-92.	1900-02.	1910-12.	1920-22.	1932-34.	1946-48.	1953-55.
<i>Males.</i>								
Under 15 ..	1.74	0.90	0.38	0.46	0.42	0.24	0.13	0.02
15 to 19 ..	6.88	5.41	5.06	3.71	2.67	1.07	0.35	..
20 to 24 ..	21.19	18.29	14.35	8.45	7.88	3.59	1.66	0.01
25 to 34 ..	30.33	23.70	20.31	13.11	9.70	5.44	2.20	0.30
35 to 44 ..	25.11	28.28	22.07	15.63	12.43	7.46	3.66	0.74
45 to 54 ..	28.65	31.17	25.05	18.07	13.94	9.05	7.13	2.24
55 to 64 ..	31.41	36.48	35.75	18.88	13.03	10.56	9.83	4.15
65 and upwards	18.08	25.40	31.07	13.55	8.65	7.80	11.89	7.75
All Ages ..	15.33	15.73	13.51	8.98	7.11	4.74	3.82	1.35
<i>Females.</i>								
Under 15 ..	1.76	1.43	0.93	0.97	0.38	0.23	0.15	0.01
15 to 19 ..	12.50	9.51	8.18	7.62	4.84	2.92	1.02	..
20 to 24 ..	21.00	18.49	12.79	12.68	10.20	6.60	2.79	0.01
25 to 34 ..	26.56	21.77	18.15	14.03	10.00	7.08	3.62	0.41
35 to 44 ..	24.06	22.53	17.74	11.51	9.15	5.26	3.02	0.78
45 to 54 ..	20.72	16.13	14.41	8.18	5.91	3.82	2.78	0.61
55 to 64 ..	14.26	12.35	12.52	7.47	4.95	3.78	2.19	0.59
65 and upwards	13.12	8.25	8.18	5.29	3.94	2.88	3.04	1.39
All Ages ..	12.75	11.51	9.72	7.61	5.55	3.70	2.18	0.44

A comparison of the mortality from tuberculosis of the respiratory system for the census periods 1946-48 and 1953-55 shows that lower death rates obtained in each age group in 1953-55 than in 1946-48.

The number of deaths from tuberculosis of the respiratory system in each of the years 1952 and 1953, the respiratory system at various ages, is given in the following table :—

VICTORIA—DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM AT VARIOUS AGES, 1952 AND 1953.

Age Group.	1952.		1953.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
0-9 .. .. .	..	..	..	..
10-14 .. .. .	..	..	..	1
15-19 .. .. .	..	1	..	..
20-24 .. .. .	2	3	1	..
25-29 .. .. .	5	3	3	3
30-34 .. .. .	4	12	4	5
35-39 .. .. .	9	9	9	9
40-44 .. .. .	13	13	9	5
45-49 .. .. .	16	2	18	8
50-54 .. .. .	25	7	20	5
55-59 .. .. .	38	8	22	5
60-64 .. .. .	26	3	28	3
65-69 .. .. .	28	10	22	9
70 and over .. .. .	50	16	37	14
Age unknown .. .. .	..	..	1	..
Total .. .. .	216	87	174	67

For the year 1952, the average age of those who died from tuberculosis of the respiratory system was 58.6 years for males and 51.1 years for females. The corresponding ages for the year 1953 were 58.4 years and 53.8 years respectively.

**Tubercular diseases (tuberculosis of the respiratory system excepted).**

In 1952 and 1953 there occurred in Victoria 43 and 38 deaths respectively from tubercular diseases (excluding tuberculosis of the respiratory system). These numbers represented rates of 18 per million and 16 per million of the population respectively. Rates for previous periods were 21 in 1951, 26 in 1946-50, 134 in 1918-22, 182 in 1908-12, and 379 in 1890-92.

**Typhoid Fever.**

There was one death from typhoid fever in each of the years 1952 and 1953, the last previous death from this disease having occurred in 1948. Rates per million of population were 0.4 in 1952, 0.4 in 1953, 2.4 in 1948, 1.5 in 1947, 1.0 in 1946, 3.0 in 1945, 31 in 1920-24, 108 in 1905-09, and 301 in 1895-99. Cases of typhoid fever reported in 1952 and 1953 numbered 29 and 54 respectively, or 12 and 23 per million of population respectively, as against 4 per million in 1951, 8 in 1950, 7 in 1949, 15 in 1948, 10 in 1947, 11 in 1946, 11 in 1945, 8 in 1944, 238 in 1943, 8 in 1942, 259 in 1920-24, 1,254 in 1905-09, and 2,884 in 1895-99.

The Moorabbin outbreak accounted for 433 of the typhoid fever cases in 1943, and was responsible for 23 deaths.

**Scarlet Fever and Streptococcal Sore Throat.**

There were no deaths from these diseases in 1952, and one death from streptococcal sore throat occurred in 1953.

In Victoria, in the last ten years, scarlet fever reached its highest incidence in 1944, when 7,824 cases were reported. Since that year it has declined considerably, and in 1950 a new low level of incidence was reported. During each of the years 1952 and 1953 the incidence increased, the number of cases reported in 1953 was 2,470. Both the case fatality, and the mortality per million of population are very low.

**Diphtheria.**

A very great reduction has taken place since 1890 in the proportion of diphtheria cases which ended fatally. On the average of the five years 1949-53, 51 per cent. of those who died were under 5 years, and 82 per cent. were under 10 years of age.

The appended table shows for Victoria and Melbourne Metropolitan Area the reported cases of and deaths from diphtheria, their proportions to the population, and the ratios of deaths to cases for certain periods since 1894 :-

**DIPHThERIA IN VICTORIA AND IN MELBOURNE  
METROPOLITAN AREA, 1895 TO 1953.**

Period.	Average Annual cases Reported.		Average Annual Deaths.		Deaths per 100 Cases Reported.
	Number.	Per 100,000 of Population.	Number.	Per 100,000 of Population.	
<b>VICTORIA.</b>					
1895-99 .. ..	1,584	134.6	221	18.8	13.9
1900-04 .. ..	1,680	139.0	159	13.2	9.5
1905-09 .. ..	1,410	112.6	89	7.1	6.3
1910-14 .. ..	4,612	339.1	212	15.6	4.6
1915-19 .. ..	4,901	342.5	209	14.6	4.3
1920-24 .. ..	5,739	364.6	179	11.4	3.1
1925-29 .. ..	3,176	183.8	93	5.4	2.9
1930-34 .. ..	5,645	312.1	124	6.8	2.2
1935-39 .. ..	3,202	171.5	65	3.5	2.0
1940-44 .. ..	1,590	81.4	45	2.3	2.8
1945-49 .. ..	520	25.2	19	0.9	3.7
1950 .. ..	326	14.8	12	0.5	3.7
1951 .. ..	190	8.4	7	0.3	3.7
1952 .. ..	245	10.5	10	0.4	4.1
1953 .. ..	201	8.4	3	0.1	1.5
<b>MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA.</b>					
1895-99 .. ..	748	162.1	113	24.6	15.1
1900-04 .. ..	686	136.9	58	11.6	8.5
1905-09 .. ..	758	140.8	46	8.5	6.1
1910-14 .. ..	2,343	374.3	114	18.3	4.9
1915-19 .. ..	2,864	402.6	127	17.9	4.4
1920-24 .. ..	2,555	314.6	78	9.7	3.1
1925-29 .. ..	1,843	191.1	52	5.4	2.8
1930-34 .. ..	3,151	315.9	68	6.8	2.1
1935-39 .. ..	1,864	182.4	36	3.5	1.9
1940-44 .. ..	914	80.9	25	2.2	2.8
1945-49 .. ..	347	28.4	14	1.1	4.0
1950 .. ..	171	13.1	6	0.5	3.5
1951 .. ..	118	8.8	..	..	..
1952 .. ..	168	12.5	9	0.7	5.4
1953 .. ..	122	8.9	3	0.2	2.5

The incidence rate of 8.4 per 100,000 of population is the lowest on record in Victoria.

**Whooping Cough.** Whooping cough was responsible for 5 deaths in 1952 and 3 deaths in 1953, which equalled rates of 2 per million and 1 per million of population respectively. Rates for previous years were 5 in 1951, 0.5 in 1950, and 4 in 1949. The infantile death rate is more affected than the general rate by this ailment as it is practically confined to children.

**Meningococcal Infections.** In 1952 and 1953 deaths from meningococcal infections numbered 39 and 28 respectively, the corresponding rates per million of population being 17 and 12.

**Acute Poliomyelitis.** The incidence of poliomyelitis in Victoria has been recorded since the year 1916, when the disease was added to the list of compulsorily notifiable diseases. The highest incidence (until the 1937-38 epidemic) was 303 cases in 1918. Seven years later, in 1925, 140 were reported. In the 1937-38 epidemic there were 2,096 cases, the number of deaths being 113. In the period 1940-48 the cases reported were 20 in 1940, 51 in 1941, 23 in 1942, 9 in 1943, 9 in 1944, 238 in 1945, 247 in 1946, 124 in 1947, and 55 in 1948. An epidemic of poliomyelitis occurred in the year 1949. Seven hundred and sixty cases were reported during the year, the incidence rate being 35.5 per 100,000 of population. Since that year the cases reported were 202 in 1950, 420 in 1951, 309 in 1952 and 283 in 1953, the incidence per 100,000 of population being 9.2 in 1950, 18.5 in 1951, 13.2 in 1952 and 11.8 in 1953.

There were 20 deaths from poliomyelitis in 1952, and 14 deaths in 1953, which represented rates of 8.5 and 5.8 per million of population, respectively.

Poliomyelitis was responsible for 30 deaths in 1951, 21 in 1950, 48 in 1949, 5 in 1948, 9 in 1947, and 16 in 1946.

**Small-pox—Deaths from.** During the years 1853 to 1953, only 31 deaths occurred from this cause. The last death from small-pox in Victoria occurred in 1921.

**Measles.** Although the mortality from measles has varied very considerably from period to period, there has been no very severe epidemic since 1898, when 671 deaths resulted from the disease. There was 1 death from measles in 1952 and 10 deaths in 1953 which equalled rates of 0.4 and 4 per million of population respectively. Rates per million of population were 5 in 1951, 4 in 1950, and 6 in 1949. The disease chiefly affects children. For the five years 1949-1953, 49 per cent. of those who died from the disease were under 2 years and 70 per cent. were under 5 years of age.



**Malignant Neoplasms, including neoplasms of lymphatic and haematopoietic tissues—Death rates.** Deaths classified under this heading since 1950 include deaths from Hodgkins' disease and Leukaemia and Aleukaemia, which were not formerly included with neoplasms. Deaths from malignant neoplasms numbered 3,323 in 1952 and 3,366 in 1953 and represented death rates of 1,418 and 1,405 per million of the whole population respectively. Rates for previous periods were 1,397 in 1951 and 1,456 in 1950.

**Malignant Neoplasms—Death rates at different ages.** Death rates relating to malignant neoplasms, computed in relation to the general population in earlier and in later periods, are not comparable owing to the changed age distribution of the people. Satisfactory comparisons are obtained by relating the deaths with the number of persons in the community of the same sex, in age groups. This has been done for six census periods, when the numbers of the people in age groups were accurately known, and the results are given in the appended table :—

VICTORIA—DEATH RATES FROM MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS IN AGE GROUPS.

Age Group.	Annual Deaths from Cancer per 10,000 of each Sex.					
	1900-02.	1910-12.	1920-22.	1932-34.	1946-48.	1953-55.
<i>Males.</i>						
Under 5 .. ..	0.30	0.73	0.46	0.27	0.60	1.11
5 to 9 .. ..	0.42	0.25	0.13	0.20	0.34	0.98
10 to 14 .. ..	0.20	0.16	0.14	0.24	0.24	0.69
15 to 19 .. ..	0.22	0.15	0.30	0.37	0.61	0.93
20 to 24 .. ..	0.33	0.71	0.64	0.73	0.69	1.27
25 to 34 .. ..	1.26	0.96	0.76	0.93	1.20	1.32
35 to 44 .. ..	3.69	3.16	3.31	3.04	3.00	4.01
45 to 54 .. ..	14.14	16.03	13.94	10.13	11.65	13.25
55 to 64 .. ..	36.00	36.36	40.46	37.25	32.73	36.99
65 to 74 .. ..	59.04	74.15	78.21	85.19	80.46	82.41
75 and over ..	74.04	88.40	110.12	133.78	148.20	163.06
All Ages .. ..	7.52	8.50	9.52	11.63	13.51	13.76
<i>Females.</i>						
Under 5 .. ..	0.26	0.19	0.39	0.38	0.48	1.37
5 to 9 .. ..	0.04	0.10	0.17	0.17	0.18	0.60
10 to 14 .. ..	..	0.27	0.05	0.08	0.40	0.71
15 to 19 .. ..	0.28	0.44	0.15	0.17	0.04	0.49
20 to 24 .. ..	0.23	0.41	0.30	0.39	0.60	0.56
25 to 34 .. ..	1.61	1.39	1.28	1.57	1.75	1.81
35 to 44 .. ..	6.05	7.26	6.61	6.00	6.23	6.14
45 to 54 .. ..	18.13	17.87	19.14	17.31	16.47	16.46
55 to 64 .. ..	33.05	38.03	34.48	35.82	33.40	30.93
65 to 74 .. ..	51.18	61.66	63.05	61.17	61.44	59.38
75 and over ..	62.70	86.19	92.86	106.19	111.49	117.02
All Ages .. ..	6.64	8.76	9.63	12.00	14.50	14.16

Deaths from malignant neoplasms occur at all age periods, but the rates in the foregoing table show that it is essentially a disease of later life, increasing rapidly in the groups past middle age and reaching a maximum mortality rate in the oldest age group.

**Malignant Neoplasms, including neoplasms of lymphatic and haematopoietic tissues—Deaths at certain ages.**

The number of deaths from malignant neoplasms in each of the years 1952 and 1953, classified according to sex and age groups, is given in the following table:—

**VICTORIA—DEATHS FROM MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS AT CERTAIN AGES, 1952 AND 1953.**

Age Group.	1952.		1953.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
0-4 .. .. .	16	16	12	13
5-9 .. .. .	10	7	15	7
10-14 .. .. .	4	2	5	4
15-19 .. .. .	5	2	10	5
20-24 .. .. .	12	10	15	6
25-29 .. .. .	13	12	19	10
30-34 .. .. .	12	28	17	20
35-39 .. .. .	20	36	26	37
40-44 .. .. .	38	62	35	52
45-49 .. .. .	73	98	69	80
50-54 .. .. .	110	135	107	133
55-59 .. .. .	175	147	147	171
60-64 .. .. .	234	212	245	220
65-69 .. .. .	262	220	273	200
70-74 .. .. .	241	228	269	241
75-79 .. .. .	245	186	207	220
80-84 .. .. .	133	152	122	159
85 and over .. .. .	69	96	81	114
Age Unknown .. .. .	1	1	..	..
Total .. .. .	1,673	1,650	1,674	1,692

Ninety-one per cent. of the deaths from malignant neoplasms in each of the years 1952 and 1953 were at ages 45 years and upwards.

For the year 1952, the average age of those who died from malignant neoplasms was 64·6 years for males and 63·7 years for females. Corresponding ages for the year 1953 were 64·1 for males and 64·8 for females.

**Malignant Neoplasms, including neoplasms of lymphatic and haematopoietic tissues.**

The following table shows the site of the disease in persons who died from malignant neoplasms in 1952 and 1953:—

## VICTORIA—MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS, 1952 AND 1953.

Site of Disease.	1952.		1953.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Buccal Cavity and Pharynx ..	55	21	48	22
Oesophagus .. .. .	48	26	57	28
Stomach .. .. .	351	234	312	249
Intestine, except Rectum ..	174	234	178	220
Rectum .. .. .	100	83	89	59
Larynx .. .. .	14	1	24	6
Trachea, and Bronchus and Lung not specified as secondary ..	244	51	240	75
Breast .. .. .	4	338	1	349
Cervix Uteri .. .. .	..	85	..	75
Other and Unspecified Parts of Uterus .. .. .	..	87	..	72
Prostate .. .. .	179	..	177	..
Skin .. .. .	31	29	35	18
Bone and Connective Tissue ..	15	17	27	15
All Other and Unspecified Sites ..	349	366	357	405
Leukaemia and Aleukaemia ..	65	51	67	56
Lymphosarcoma and Other Neo- plasms of Lymphatic and Haematopoietic System ..	44	27	62	43
Total .. .. .	1,673	1,650	1,674	1,692

**Diabetes Mellitus** During 1952 diabetes was responsible for 150 male and 260 female deaths, representing a rate of 175 per million of the population. In 1953, this disease was responsible for 129 male and 284 female deaths, representing a rate of 172 per million of population. Rates for previous periods were 156 in 1951, 167 in 1950, 213 in 1945-49, 130 in 1918-22, and 107 in 1908-12.

The sudden fall in the rate for 1950 was due to the change in the method of selecting the underlying cause of death.

**Vascular Lesions affecting Central Nervous System** In 1952, 1,300 male and 1,941 female deaths were ascribed to these causes, the total—3,241—corresponding to a rate of 1,383 per million of the population. In 1953, deaths numbered 1,272 males and 1,799 females, the rate per million of population for the total of 3,071 deaths being 128. Of the 3,241 deaths in 1952, 120 were due to subarachnoid

haemorrhage, 1,699 to cerebral haemorrhage, 1,166 to cerebral embolism and thrombosis, and 256 to other vascular lesions. Of the 3,071 deaths in 1953, 94 were due to subarachnoid haemorrhage, 1,638 to cerebral haemorrhage, 1,073 to cerebral embolism and thrombosis, and 266 to other vascular lesions.

**Nonmeningococcal Meningitis.**

In 1952 deaths from nonmeningococcal meningitis numbered 35, the rate per million of population being 15. In 1953, the number of deaths from this cause was 41, the rate per million of population being 17.

**Diseases of the Heart.**

During 1952 there were 7,696 deaths ascribed to diseases of the heart including 243 due to chronic rheumatic heart disease, 6,409 to arteriosclerotic and degenerative heart disease, 477 to other diseases of the heart, and 567 to hypertension with heart disease. The total causes in 1952 represented a rate of 3,284 per million of the population. During 1953, there were 7,409 deaths ascribed to diseases of the heart including 242 due to chronic rheumatic heart disease, 6,095 to arteriosclerotic and degenerative heart disease, 508 to other diseases of the heart, and 564 to hypertension with heart disease. The total causes in 1953 represented a rate of 3,092 per million of population.

**Diseases of the Respiratory System.**

In 1952 and 1953 the deaths from respiratory diseases numbered 1,307 and 1,259 which represented rates of 558 and 525 per million of the population respectively. Of the deaths in 1952, 35 were due to influenza, 154 to lobar pneumonia, 451 to broncho-pneumonia, 127 to pneumonia, other and unspecified, 271 to bronchitis, 10 to empyema and abscess of lung, 6 to pleurisy, 48 to pulmonary congestion and hypostasis, 33 to bronchiectasis, and 172 to other diseases. Of the deaths in 1953, 47 were due to influenza, 169 to lobar pneumonia, 406 to broncho-pneumonia, 84 to pneumonia, other and unspecified, 270 to bronchitis, 10 to empyema and abscess of the lung, 5 to pleurisy, 50 to pulmonary congestion and hypostasis, 39 to bronchiectasis, and 179 to other diseases.

The 35 deaths in 1952 and the 47 deaths in 1953 from influenza corresponded to rates of 15 and 20 per million of the population respectively as compared with rates of 58 in 1951, 38 in 1950, 10 in 1949, 31 in 1948, 18 in 1947, 2,407 in 1919, 71 in 1913-17, 109 in 1908-12, and 381 in 1890-92.

Influenza has generally proved more fatal to elderly people than to those at middle or young ages. In the epidemic of 1919, however, 72 per cent. of the deaths were of persons between 20 and 50 years of age. In 1952, 20 per cent. of the deaths were of persons under 50 years of age, the corresponding proportion in 1953 being 13 per cent.

**Diseases of  
the Digestive  
System.**

In 1952 there were 441 male and 304 female deaths from digestive ailments, representing a proportion of 318 per million of the population. In 1953 there were 411 male and 315 female deaths from these diseases representing a rate of 303 per million of population. Rates for previous periods were 398 in 1951, 377 in 1950, 398 in 1949, 807 in 1922-26, and 2,382 in 1890-92. Deaths from these causes in 1952 were:—162 from ulcers of the stomach and duodenum, 3 from gastritis and duodenitis, 35 from appendicitis, 116 from intestinal obstruction and hernia, 95 from gastro-enteritis and colitis, except diarrhoea of the newborn, 131 from cirrhosis of the liver, 84 from cholelithiasis and cholecystitis, and 119 from other diseases. Deaths from these causes in 1953 were:—168 from ulcers of the stomach and duodenum, 3 from gastritis and duodenitis, 21 from appendicitis, 140 from intestinal obstruction and hernia, 99 from gastro-enteritis and colitis, except diarrhoea of the newborn, 112 from cirrhosis of the liver, 74 from cholelithiasis and cholecystitis, and 109 from other diseases.

**Diseases of the  
Genito-urinary  
System.**

In 1952 there were 772 deaths and in 1953 there were also 772 deaths attributed to diseases of the genito-urinary system. This number represented a rate of 323 per million of the population in 1952 and 322 per million in 1953. In 1952 nephritis and nephrosis were responsible for 423 deaths, infections of the kidney for 55, calculi of urinary system for 15, hyperplasia of prostate for 212 and other diseases of genito-urinary system for 64. In 1953, nephritis and nephrosis were responsible for 415 deaths, infections of the kidney for 69, calculi of the urinary system for 15, hyperplasia of prostate for 215, and other diseases of the genito-urinary system for 58.

**Maternal  
deaths.**

The death rate of women in childbirth is usually ascertained by comparing the number of deaths of parturient women with the total number of live births. In the following table are given the number of maternal deaths and the proportion per 10,000 live births for the years 1950 to 1953, and the averages of previous periods back to 1871.

VICTORIA—DEATHS FROM DELIVERIES AND COMPLICATIONS  
OF PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH, AND THE PUERPERIUM,  
1871 TO 1953.

Period.	Average Annual Number of Deaths from—						Total.	Rate per 10,000 Live Births from—						Total.
	Sepsis of Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium (640, 641, 681, 682, 684).	Toxaemias of Pregnancy and the Puerperium (642, 652, 685, 686).	Haemorrhage of Pregnancy and Childbirth (643, 644, 670-672).	Abortion without mention of Sepsis or Toxaemia (650).	Abortion with Sepsis (651).	Other Complications of Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium (645-649, 673-680, 683, 687-689).		Sepsis of Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium (640, 641, 681, 682, 684).	Toxaemias of Pregnancy and the Puerperium (642, 652, 685, 686).	Haemorrhage of Pregnancy and Childbirth (643, 644, 670-672).	Abortion without mention of Sepsis or Toxaemia (650).	Abortion with Sepsis (651).	Other Complications of Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium (645-649, 673-680, 683, 687-689).	
1871-1880	173						173	64.38						64.38
1881-1890	185						185	59.19						59.19
1891-1900	183						183	56.01						56.01
1901-1910	166						166	54.05						54.05
1911-1920	147						147	42.77						42.77
1921-1925	145						145	40.33						40.33
1926-1929	198						198	57.02						57.02
1930-1934	160						160	54.37						54.37
1935-1939	139						139	47.17						47.17
1940-1944	120						120	33.14						33.14
1945-1949	69						69	15.12						15.12
1950 ..	4	15	3	3	8	10	43	0.80	3.01	0.60	0.60	1.61	2.01	8.63
1951 ..	3	19	8	2	10	8	50	0.59	3.76	1.58	0.40	1.98	1.58	9.89
1952 ..	4	13	4	3	6	7	37	0.74	2.42	0.74	0.56	1.12	1.30	6.88
1953 ..	1	8	6	2	6	4	27	0.19	1.49	1.12	0.37	1.12	0.75	5.04

The following tables give information, in age groups, relating to the causes of death of women in childbirth in Victoria for the years 1952 and 1953:—

VICTORIA—DEATHS FROM DELIVERIES AND COMPLICATIONS OF PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH AND THE PUERPERIUM, 1952.

Detailed List. No.	Cause of Death.	Ages at Death.						Total.	Number of married Mothers.	Number of Un-Married Mothers.
		Under 20.	20 to 24.	25 to 29.	30 to 34.	35 to 39.	40 and Over.			
<b>640-649</b>	<b>Complications of Pregnancy—</b>									
640, 641	Infections of genito-urinary tract during pregnancy	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
642	Toxaemias of pregnancy	..	5	1	1	3	1	11	11	
643, 644	Haemorrhage of pregnancy	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	
645	Ectopic pregnancy	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	
646-649	All other complications of pregnancy	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	2	
<b>650-652</b>	<b>Abortion—</b>									
650	Abortion without mention of sepsis or toxaemia—									
	0—Spontaneous or unspecified	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	
	1—Induced for medical or legal indications	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	2—Induced for other reasons	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	2	
	3—Other	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
651	Abortion with sepsis—									
	0—Spontaneous or unspecified	..	..	2	..	1	..	3	2	
	1—Induced for medical or legal indications	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	2—Induced for other reasons	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	3	
	3—Other	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
652	Abortion with toxaemia but without mention of sepsis—									
	0—Spontaneous or unspecified	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	1—Induced for medical or legal indications	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	2—Induced for other reasons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	3—Other	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
660	Delivery without complication	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
<b>670-678</b>	<b>Delivery with specified complication—</b>									
670	Delivery complicated by placenta praevia or antepartum haemorrhage	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	
671	Delivery complicated by retained placenta	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
672	Delivery complicated by other postpartum haemorrhage	..	1	1	..	1	..	3	3	
674	Delivery complicated by disproportion or malposition of foetus	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
673, 675-678	Delivery with all other complications of childbirth	..	..	2	..	1	..	3	3	

VICTORIA—DEATHS FROM DELIVERIES AND COMPLICATIONS OF PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH AND THE PUERPERIUM, 1952—*continued.*

Detailed List. No.	Cause of Death.	Ages at Death.						Total.	Number of married Mothers.	Number of Un-Married Mothers.
		Under 20.	20 to 24.	25 to 29.	30 to 34.	35 to 39.	40 and Over.			
<b>680-689</b>	<b>Complication of the Puerperium—</b>									
680	Puerperal urinary infection without other sepsis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
681	Sepsis of childbirth and the puerperium .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	
682	Puerperal phlebitis and thrombosis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
683	Pyrexia of unknown origin during the puerperium .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
684	Puerperal pulmonary embolism .. .. .	..	..	2	..	1	..	3	3	
685	Puerperal eclampsia .. .. .	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	2	
686	Other forms of puerperal toxæmia .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
687	Cerebral hæmorrhage in the puerperium .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
688	Other and unspecified complications of the puerperium .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
689	Mastitis and other disorders of lactation .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	Total .. .. .	..	6	13	5	10	3	37	35	2
	Number of married mothers .. .. .	..	6	12	4	10	3	35	..	..
	Number of unmarried mothers .. .. .	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..

Of the 90 children born to the 35 married women who died 83 were living at the time of their mothers' deaths, or an average of 2.4 children per mother.



VICTORIA—DEATHS FROM DELIVERIES AND COMPLICATIONS OF PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH AND THE PUERPERIUM, 1953.

Detailed List No.	Cause of Death.	Ages at Death.						Total.	Number of Married Mothers.	Number of Un-Married Mothers.
		Under 20.	20 to 24.	25 to 29.	30 to 34.	35 to 39.	40 and Over.			
<b>640-649</b>	<b>Complications of Pregnancy—</b>									
640, 641	Infections of genito-urinary tract during pregnancy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
642	Toxaemias of pregnancy .. .. .	..	1	2	1	2	..	6	6	
643, 644	Haemorrhage of pregnancy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
645	Ectopic pregnancy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
646-649	All other complications of pregnancy .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	
<b>650-652</b>	<b>Abortion—</b>									
650	Abortion without mention of sepsis or toxæmia—									
	0—Spontaneous or unspecified .. .. .	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	1	
	1—Induced for medical or legal indications .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	2—Induced for other reasons .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	3—Other .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
651	Abortion with sepsis—									
	0—Spontaneous or unspecified .. .. .	..	1	..	2	..	..	3	3	
	1—Induced for medical or legal indications .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	2—Induced for other reasons .. .. .	..	2	..	1	..	..	3	2	
	3—Other .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	
652	Abortion with toxæmia but without mention of sepsis—									
	0—Spontaneous or unspecified .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	1—Induced for medical or legal indications .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	2—Induced for other reasons .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	3—Other .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
660	<b>Delivery without complication</b> .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
<b>670-678</b>	<b>Delivery with specified complication—</b>									
670	Delivery complicated by placenta prævia or antepartum hæmorrhage .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
671	Delivery complicated by retained placenta .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
672	Delivery complicated by other postpartum hæmorrhage .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
674	Delivery complicated by disproportion or malposition of foetus .. .. .	..	4	..	..	2	..	6	5	
673, 675-678	Delivery with all other complications of childbirth .. .. .	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	3	

VICTORIA—DEATHS FROM DELIVERIES AND COMPLICATIONS OF PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH AND THE PUERPERIUM, 1953.

Detailed List No.	Cause of Death.	Ages at Death.						Total.	Number of Married Mothers.	Number of Un-Married Mothers.
		Under 20.	20 to 24.	25 to 29.	30 to 34.	35 to 39.	40 and Over.			
<b>680-689</b>	<b>Complications of the Puerperium—</b>									
680	Puerperal urinary infection without other sepsis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
681	Sepsis of childbirth and the puerperium .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
682	Puerperal phlebitis and thrombosis .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
683	Pyrexia of unknown origin during the puerperium .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
684	Puerperal pulmonary embolism .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	
685	Puerperal eclampsia .. .. .	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	2	
686	Other forms of puerperal toxæmia .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
687	Cerebral hæmorrhage in the puerperium .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
688	Other and unspecified complications of the puerperium .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
689	Mastitis and other disorders of lactation .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	Total .. .. .	..	9	4	5	9	..	27	24	3
	Number of married mothers .. .. .	..	7	4	5	8	..	24	..	..
	Number of unmarried mothers .. .. .	..	2	..	..	1	..	3	..	..

Of the 53 children born to the 24 married women who died, 48 were living at the time of their mothers' deaths, or an average of 2.0 children per mother.

The death rate of women in childbirth varies considerably at different ages, and is higher at older than at younger ages. The number of deaths of women in childbirth and the death rates in various age groups in Victoria for the period 1926-30 and the years 1951, 1952, and 1953 are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—MATERNAL DEATHS, 1926 TO 1953.

Age Group.	Mothers.							
	Deaths.				Deaths per 10,000 children born alive to mothers in each age group.			
	1926-30.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1926-30.	1951.	1952.	1953.
Under 20 years ..	41	..	..	..	47.1	..	..	..
20 to 24 years ..	150	11	6	9	39.1	7.9	4.1	6.2
25 to 29 „ ..	231	14	13	4	46.5	8.3	7.2	2.2
30 to 34 „ ..	226	17	5	5	56.8	16.4	4.4	4.4
35 to 39 „ ..	226	3	10	9	88.1	5.5	18.1	16.4
40 years and over	111	5	3	..	117.8	31.1	18.1	..
Total ..	985	50	37	27	57.4	9.9	6.9	5.0

The experience of the years 1926-30 showed that, for the age period 35 years and upwards, the deaths of mothers in childbirth were 96 per 10,000 live births, as compared with 47 per 10,000 for those under that age. Corresponding figures for 1952 were 5 per 10,000 live births and 18 per 10,000 live births respectively. Corresponding figures for 1953 were 4 per 10,000 live births and 13 per 10,000 live births respectively.

**Accidental Deaths Involving Motor Vehicles.**

The number of motor vehicles (including motor cycles) registered in Victoria and the deaths in which they were involved, for the years 1944 to 1953, were as follows:—

VICTORIA—DEATHS INVOLVING MOTOR VEHICLES, 1944 TO 1953.

Year.	Number of Motor Vehicles (30th June).	Deaths Involving Motor Vehicles.		
		Number.	Per 10,000 Motor Vehicles.	Per 1,000,000 of Population
1944 .. ..	243,450	216	8.9	108
1945 .. ..	255,147	190	7.4	95
1946 .. ..	272,050	347	12.8	171
1947 .. ..	294,927	412	14.0	201
1948 .. ..	321,443	392	12.2	188
1949 .. ..	351,428	461	13.1	216
1950 .. ..	403,965	563	13.9	255
1951 .. ..	444,400	629	14.2	277
1952 .. ..	533,226	630	11.8	263
1953 .. ..	539,828	533	9.9	222

The mortality per 10,000 vehicles was 12·4 for the period 1949-53, as compared with a rate of 11·2 in 1944-48. The mortality rate (277) in 1951 was the highest on record.

On the average of the five years, 1949 to 1953, motor cars, &c., were involved in 11·8 deaths per 10,000 cars registered, and motor cycles in 37·4 deaths per 10,000 motor cycles registered.

In 1952 and 1953 deaths from transport accidents numbered 703 and 603 respectively, as against 692 in 1951, 640 in 1950, 539 in 1949, 454 in 1948, 484 in 1947, 420 in 1946, 273 in 1945 and 292 in 1944.

During the year 1952 deaths connected with transport represented 55 per cent. of the total deaths from accidents. The corresponding percentage in 1953 was 51.

In the following tables details are given of deaths due to collisions between various types of transport, and to other fatal accidents in which transport was concerned, for the years 1952 and 1953 :—

### VICTORIA—DEATHS FROM TRANSPORT ACCIDENTS, 1952.

	Collisions.										Total Deaths from Collisions.	Other Transport Accidents.	Total Deaths from Transport Accidents.		Males.	Females.
	Railway Vehicle.	Tramcar.	Motor Car.	Motor Omnibus.	Other Motor Vehicle (except motor cycle).	Motor Cycle.	Horse-drawn Vehicle, &c.	Bicycle.	Animal.	Fixed Object.			Other Object.			
Railway vehicle	1	..	11	9	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	30	56*	43	13
Tramcar ..	..	..	6	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	8	12	20	16	4
Motor car ..	..	..	24	3	53	28	1	27	..	1	..	136	231	367	280	87
Motor omnibus	..	..	..	..	6	1	..	4	..	..	..	11	10	21	14	7
Other motor Vehicles (except motor cycle)	..	..	..	..	9	24	2	12	1	2	..	50	98	148	130	18
Motor cycle	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	6	10	..	20	42	62	57	5
Horse-drawn vehicle	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	2
Bicycle ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	6	7	6	1
Aeroplane ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	3	4	4	..
Water Transport	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	13	14	13	1
Animal ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	..
Other vehicle	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	1	..	41	11	74	55	4	45	7	15	1	254	449	703	567	136

\* Includes rail accidents to nine railway employees.

VICTORIA—DEATHS FROM TRANSPORT ACCIDENTS 1953.

	Collisions.											Total Deaths from Transport Accidents.	Males.	Females.		
	Railway Vehicle.	Tramcar.	Motor Car.	Motor Omnibus.	Other Motor Vehicle except motor cycle.	Motor Cycle.	Horse-drawn Vehicle, &c.	Bicycle.	Animal.	Fixed Object.	Other Object.				Total Deaths from Collisions.	Other Transport Accidents.
Railway vehicle ..	..	..	9	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	16	31	47*	38	9
Tramcar ..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	7	15	22	20	2
Motor car ..	..	..	27	7	35	36	1	16	..	1	..	123	204	327	249	78
Motor omnibus ..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	5	4	9	7	2
Other motor Vehicle (except motor cycle) ..	..	..	..	..	10	23	..	10	..	2	..	45	80	125	115	10
Motor cycle ..	..	..	..	..	..	7	2	1	2	..	..	12	38	50	46	4
Horse-drawn vehicle ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..
Bicycle ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	6	7	5	2
Aeroplane ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	3	..
Water Transport ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	8	8	..
Animal ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	2	2
Total ..	..	..	40	7	54	69	3	30	2	4	..	209	394	603	494	109

\* Includes rail accidents to eight railway employees.

**Accidental deaths** In 1952 there were 1,287 accidental deaths (952 male, 335 female), and in 1953 there were 1,174 accidental deaths (901 male and 273 female). These represented rates of 549 and 490 per million of population respectively. The rate for the period 1947 to 1951 was 489. The number of deaths from various accidental causes are given in the appended table :—

## VICTORIA—ACCIDENTAL DEATHS, 1952.

Detailed List No.	Cause of Death.	Males.	Females.	Total.
E800-E802 ..	Railway accidents .. .. .	27	4	31
E810-E835 ..	Motor vehicle accidents .. .. .	504	126	630
E840-E845 ..	Other road vehicle accidents .. .. .	19	5	24
E850-E858 ..	Water transport accidents .. .. .	13	1	14
E860-E866 ..	Aircraft accidents .. .. .	4	..	4
E870-E888 ..	Accidental poisoning by solid and liquid substances .. .. .	17	7	24
E890-E895 ..	Accidental poisoning by gases and vapours .. .. .	2	2	4
E900-E904 ..	Accidental falls .. .. .	80	90	170
E912 .. .. .	Accident caused by machinery .. .. .	12	..	12
E914 .. .. .	Accident caused by electric current .. .. .	11	7	18
E916 .. .. .	Accident caused by fire and explosion of combustible material .. .. .	35	22	57
E917, E918 ..	Accident caused by hot substance, corrosive liquid, steam, and radiation .. .. .	8	3	11
E919 .. .. .	Accident caused by firearm .. .. .	28	2	30
E924, E925 ..	Accidental mechanical suffocation .. .. .	6	3	9
E927 .. .. .	Accidents caused by bites and stings of venomous animals and insects .. .. .	..	..	..
E928 .. .. .	Other accidents caused by animals .. .. .	5	..	5
E929 .. .. .	Accidental drowning and submersion .. .. .	126	41	167
E935 .. .. .	Lightning .. .. .	1	..	1
E910, E911, E913, E915, E920-E923, E926, E930-E934, E936, E940-E946, E950-E959, E960-E962 .. .. .	All other accidental causes .. .. .	54	22	76
	Total .. .. .	952	335	1,287

## VICTORIA—ACCIDENTAL DEATHS, 1953.

Detailed List No.	Cause of Death.	Males.	Females.	Total.
E800-E802 ..	Railway accidents .. .. .	26	5	31
E810-E835 ..	Motor vehicle accidents .. .. .	434	99	533
E840-E845 ..	Other road vehicle accidents .. .. .	23	5	28
E850-E858 ..	Water transport accidents .. .. .	8	..	8
E860-E866 ..	Aircraft accidents .. .. .	3	..	3
E870-E888 ..	Accidental poisoning by solid and liquid substances .. .. .	22	15	37
E890-E895 ..	Accidental poisoning by gases and vapours .. .. .	9	8	17
E900-E904 ..	Accidental falls .. .. .	112	73	185
E912 .. .. .	Accident caused by machinery .. .. .	16	..	16
E914 .. .. .	Accident caused by electric current .. .. .	10	2	12
E916 .. .. .	Accident caused by fire and explosion of combustible material .. .. .	27	16	43
E917, E918 ..	Accident caused by hot substance, corrosive liquid, steam, and radiation .. .. .	4	4	8
E919 .. .. .	Accident caused by firearm .. .. .	34	3	37
E924, E925 ..	Accidental mechanical suffocation .. .. .	3	2	5
E927 .. .. .	Accidents caused by bites and stings of venomous animals and insects .. .. .	2	1	3
E928 .. .. .	Other accidents caused by animals .. .. .	3	..	3
E929 .. .. .	Accidental drowning and submersion .. .. .	106	23	129
E935 .. .. .	Lightning .. .. .	1	..	1
E910, E911, E913, E915, E920-E923, E926, E930-E934, E936, E940-E946, E950-E959, E960-E962 .. .. .	All other accidental causes .. .. .	58	17	75
	Total .. .. .	901	273	1,174

For the five years 1949-53 the female mortality rate from accidents was 31 per cent. of the rate for males.

**Suicide.** In the year 1952, 136 males and 53 females and in 1953, 157 males and 59 females, took their lives. The deaths represented rates of 81 and 90 per million of the population in 1952 and 1953 respectively, as compared with rates of 79 in 1951, 84 in 1950, 74 in 1949, 87 in 1918-22, 102 in 1908-12, and 109 in 1890-92. Of the 136 male deaths in 1952 from suicide, 55 (40 per cent.) were connected with firearms and explosives. The corresponding figures relating to the 157 male deaths in 1953 were 46 (29 per cent.) A much lower rate from suicide occurs among females than among males, the rate for the former, for the five-year period 1949-53, being 40 per cent. of that of the latter.

**Homicide.** The deaths ascribed to homicide in 1952 numbered 28, (18 males and 10 females). In 1953, deaths numbered 24 (14 males and 10 females). These represented rates of 12 and 10 per million of the population in 1952 and 1953 respectively, as against rates of 16 in 1951, 9 in 1950, 3 in 1949, 9 in 1948, 14 in 1918-22, and 19 in 1908-12. Since 1930, deaths from criminal abortion have been excluded from this category and included with deaths from maternal causes.

#### NATURAL INCREASE.

The average annual natural increase, i.e., the excess of births over deaths, per 1,000 of the mean population, in each Australian State, the Commonwealth of Australia, and in New Zealand, for certain periods since 1909, as well as detailed particulars for Victoria since 1879, are shown in the following tables:—

#### NATURAL INCREASE PER 1,000 OF THE MEAN POPULATION. AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

Period.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.	New Zealand.
1910-14	13·85	18·38	18·51	17·68	18·61	19·35	17·03	16·80
1915-19	11·75	15·98	17·06	14·84	15·47	17·83	14·99	16·80
1920-24	12·49	15·73	16·13	13·75	13·96	16·66	14·60	14·01
1925-29	10·57	12·99	13·35	11·18	12·71	13·27	12·18	11·65
1930-34	6·77	9·52	10·56	6·89	10·26	11·05	8·78	9·19
1935-39*	5·64	7·91	10·06	6·12	9·85	10·36	7·67	8·37
1940-44*	7·80	9·36	12·01	9·05	11·37	11·47	9·52	11·49
1945-49*	11·77	12·77	15·70	14·31	15·30	16·82	13·41	15·65
1950 ..	12·44	12·72	15·64	14·89	16·40	17·13	13·75	15·36
1951 ..	11·91	12·24	15·16	14·03	16·38	16·61	13·24	14·83
1952 ..	12·98	12·62	15·75	14·35	16·99	17·89	13·90	15·49
1953 ..	12·90	12·75	15·36	14·42	17·37	16·93	13·84	15·28

\* Excess of births over civilian deaths in the Australian States from September, 1939, to June, 1947.

## VICTORIA.

Period.	Average Annual Excess of Births over Deaths.	Annual Rates per 1,000 of Mean Population.			Period.	Average Annual Excess of Births over Deaths.	Annual Rates per 1,000 of Mean Population		
		Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.			Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.
1880-84	14,466	30·64	14·40	16·24	1925-29	18,218	20·24	9·67	10·57
1885-89	16,741	32·27	15·87	16·40	1930-34	12,249	16·27	9·50	6·77
1890-94	20,059	31·99	14·62	17·37	1935-39	10,473	15·87	10·23	5·64*
1895-99	15,625	26·76	13·81	12·95	1940-44	15,250	18·53	10·71	7·82*
1900-04	14,859	25·08	12·84	12·24	1945-49	24,188	22·11	10·40	11·71*
1905-09	16,062	24·76	11·93	12·83	1950..	27,489	22·56	10·11	12·44
1910-14	18,795	25·42	11·57	13·85	1951..	27,107	22·21	10·30	11·91
1915-19	16,818	23·13	11·38	11·75	1952..	30,416	22·93	9·95	12·98
1920-24	19,647	22·89	10·40	12·49	1953..	30,911	22·36	9·45	12·90

\* Excess of births over civilian deaths in the Australian States from September, 1939, to June, 1947.

## CREMATION.

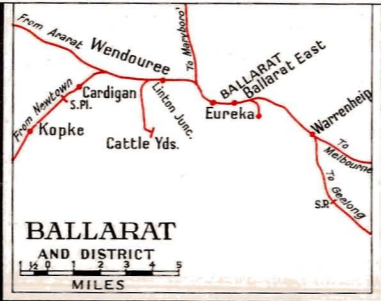
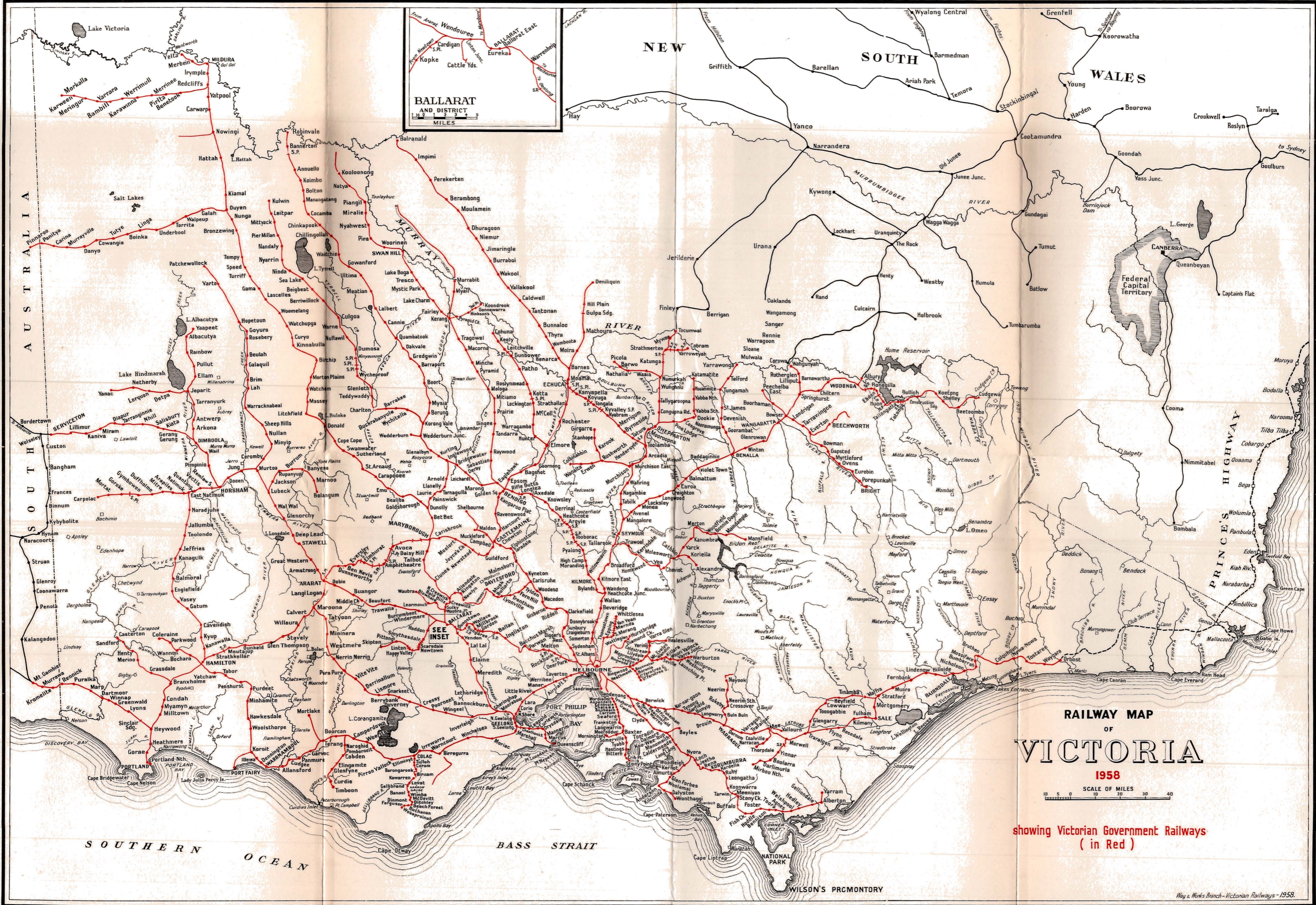
There are two crematoria in Victoria—one at Springvale and the other at the New Melbourne General Cemetery, Fawkner. The history of their establishment is contained in an article published in the *Year-Book* 1942-43, page 307.

The numbers of cremations in relation to total deaths are shown in the following table:—

## CREMATION IN VICTORIA.

Year.	Cremations at Fawkner.	Cremations at Springvale.	Total Cremations.	Total Deaths.	Percentage of Cremations to Deaths.
1927	32	..	32	16,773	·19
1928	84	..	84	17,708	·47
1929	151	..	151	16,717	·90
1930	162	..	162	15,959	1·02
1931	201	..	201	17,033	1·18
1932	199	..	199	16,805	1·18
1933	369	..	369	17,456	2·11
1934	499	..	499	18,648	2·68
1935	596	..	596	18,456	3·23
1936	358	400	758	18,778	4·04
1937	387	596	983	18,613	5·28
1938	415	752	1,167	18,955	6·16
1939	436	873	1,309	20,169	6·49
1940	571	1,053	1,624	20,293	8·00
1941	662	1,164	1,826	20,425	8·94
1942	753	1,246	1,999	21,973	9·09
1943	850	1,348	2,198	21,327	10·31
1944	892	1,502	2,394	20,502	11·68
1945	965	1,639	2,604	20,496	12·70
1946	1,030	1,920	2,950	21,534	13·69
1947	1,159	2,003	3,162	21,442	14·75
1948	1,293	2,349	3,642	21,825	16·69
1949	1,515	2,642	4,157	21,991	18·90
1950	1,568	2,857	4,425	22,341	19·81
1951	1,739	3,069	4,808	23,446	20·51
1952	1,975	3,363	5,338	23,322	22·89
1953	1,879	3,634	5,513	22,650	24·34





# RAILWAY MAP OF VICTORIA 1958

SCALE OF MILES  
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showing Victorian Government Railways (in Red)

Way & Works Branch - Victorian Railways - 1958.

## PART VIII.

### TRADE, TRANSPORT, ETC.

#### TRADE.

**Constitutional Powers.** By the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (section 51) (1) the power to make laws with respect to trade and commerce with other countries was conferred on the Federal Parliament, and by the same Act (section 86) the collection and control of duties of Customs and Excise passed to the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on the 1st January, 1901.

**The Customs Tariff.** The first Commonwealth Customs Tariff was introduced by Resolution on the 8th October, 1901, from which date the uniform duties came into effect throughout Australia. The Tariff Act was assented to on the 16th September, 1902. Since that date the Tariff has been extensively altered. The Tariff at present in operation is the Customs Tariff 1933-1956.

The Australian Customs Tariff has been developed in conformity with the policy of protecting economic and efficient Australian industries and of granting preferential treatment to imports from certain countries of the British Commonwealth. Duties are also imposed on some goods, generally of a luxury nature for revenue purposes. Customs collections are a major source of revenue, but in its protective character the tariff has an important influence on the Australian economy.

Australia has a three column tariff—the British Preferential Tariff, Intermediate Tariff and General Tariff.

**British Preferential Tariff.** British Preferential Tariff rates of duty apply to goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, provided such goods comply with the laws and statutory regulations in force effecting the grant of Preference and that the goods have been shipped in the United Kingdom to Australia and have not been transhipped or, if transhipped, then only if it is proved satisfactorily that the intended destination of the goods, when originally shipped from the United Kingdom, was Australia. In certain instances, British Preferential Tariff rates of duty have also been extended by separate Trade Agreements to Canada and New Zealand and by tariff legislation to Territory of Papua-New Guinea. The benefits of the British Preferential Tariff are also accorded to Ceylon, in respect of specified Tariff items, and to most of the British non-self-governing Colonies, Protectorates, and Trust Territories.

**Intermediate Tariff.** The Intermediate Tariff has been a feature of the Australian Customs Tariff for a considerable number of years, although its effective application dates only from 1st January, 1937, consequent upon the conclusion of trade agreements with Belgium, Czechoslovakia, and France in 1936.

The countries to which the benefits of the Intermediate Tariff applies include countries with which Australia has negotiated trade agreements (including negotiations pursuant to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) and countries which accord Australia reciprocal most-favoured-nation tariff treatment by reason of agreements between those countries and the United Kingdom. The Intermediate Tariff has also been extended to some countries to which Australia has no formal obligation to accord most-favoured-nation treatment.

The countries to which the Intermediate Tariff applies are specified by Customs proclamation.

**General Tariff.** The General Tariff applies to all goods other than those to which the benefits of the British Preferential Tariff or Intermediate Tariff have been extended or special rates under trade agreements apply.

**Primage Duty.** In addition to duties imposed by the Customs Tariff 1933-1956, *ad valorem* primage duties at rates of 4 per cent., 5 per cent., or 10 per cent. are charged on some goods according to the type of goods and origin thereof. Other goods are exempt from Primage Duty. Goods, the produce or manufacture of New Zealand, Norfolk Island, Fiji, and the territory of Papua-New Guinea, are exempt from primage duty.

**The Tariff Board.** The *Tariff Board Act* 1921-1953 provides for the appointment of a Tariff Board consisting of seven members, two of whom shall be administrative officers of the Department of Trade. Members of the Board are appointed for terms of not less than one year nor more than five years. The purpose of the Tariff Board is to assist the Minister in the administration of matters relating to trade and customs. The more important matters which the Minister shall refer to the Board for inquiry and report include disputes arising out of the interpretation of any Customs or Excise Tariff; the necessity for new, increased or reduced duties; the necessity for granting bounties; any proposal for the application of the British Preferential Tariff to any part of the British Dominions or any foreign country; and any complaint that a manufacturer is taking undue advantage of the protection afforded him by the Tariff by charging unnecessarily high prices for his goods or acting in restraint of trade. The Minister may refer to the Board for inquiry and report the following matters:—the classification of goods under the items of Tariff that provide for admission under By-laws; the determination of the value of goods for duty; the general effect of the working of

the Customs Tariff and the Excise Tariff; the fiscal and industrial effects of the Customs laws of the Commonwealth; the incidence between the rates of duty on raw materials and on finished or partly finished products; and any other matter affecting the encouragement of primary or secondary industries in relation to the Tariff.

Inquiries conducted by the Board relating to any revision of the Tariff, any proposal for a bounty, or any complaint that a manufacturer is taking advantage of the protection afforded him by the Tariff, shall be held in public and evidence in such inquiries shall be taken on oath, unless any witness objects to giving any evidence which the Board is satisfied is of a confidential nature when the Board may take such evidence in private. Evidence taken by the Board in connexion with any inquiry under the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921-1956* shall be taken in public and on oath.

**Industries Preservation.** The *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921-36* provides that, after inquiry and report by the Tariff Board, special duties shall be collected in the following cases when the importation of the goods referred to might be detrimental to an Australian industry. In the case of goods sold to Australia at a price less than the fair market value for home consumption or for a price which is less than a reasonable price, a special dumping duty shall be collected. This duty shall be equal to the difference between the price at which the goods were sold and the fair market value or the difference between the price at which the goods were sold and a reasonable price. Similar provision is made for goods consigned to Australia for sale. With regard to goods exported to Australia at rates of freight less than the normal rate of freight the dumping duty shall be—on goods carried free—the amount payable as freight at the normal rate; and in the case of any other goods—the amount equal to the difference between the freight paid and the freight which would have been payable at the normal rate.

The Act provides that the Minister for Trade and Customs, after inquiry and report by the Tariff Board, may publish a notice in the *Commonwealth Gazette* specifying the goods upon which the special rates of duty under this Act shall thereupon be charged and collected.

**Trade Descriptions.** The *Commerce (Trade Description) Act 1905-1950* gives power to require the application of a proper trade description on certain prescribed goods imported into or exported from the Commonwealth. Goods which must bear a prescribed trade description upon importation into Australia are specified in the *Commerce (Imports) Regulations*. As regards exports from Australia, marking requirements are prescribed in regulations issued under the Act and relating to specified export commodities.

**Trade Agreements.** (i) United Kingdom.—A reciprocal trade agreement between the United Kingdom and Australia, which came into force in 1932, was superseded by a new agreement signed on 9th November, 1956. The new agreement secured for Australia preferences in the United Kingdom market for a wide range of Australian export commodities as well as assurances for the sale each year of 750,000 tons of Australian wheat and flour in the United Kingdom. In return Australia agreed to grant specified tariff preferences in favour of United Kingdom goods and to continue to accord reasonable tariff protection for domestic industries through the system of inquiry and report by the Tariff Board. The new agreement is to be reviewed in five years.

(ii) Dominion of Canada.—A reciprocal trade agreement between Canada and Australia which came into force on 1st October, 1925, was superseded by a new agreement operating from 3rd August, 1931. The basis of the new agreement was, generally, the mutual accord of British Preferential Tariff treatment. Exceptions to this general rule are listed in the schedules to the agreement.

The *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Act 1931* and the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Act 1934-1956* give effect to the agreement so far as Australia is concerned.

(iii) Dominion of New Zealand.—A reciprocal trade agreement between New Zealand and Australia came into force on 1st December, 1933, superseding an earlier agreement of 1922. The basis of the new agreement was, generally, the mutual accord of British Preferential Tariff treatment. The exceptions to this general rule are listed in the schedules to the agreement.

The *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Act 1933-1954* gives legislative effect to the provisions of the agreement.

(iv) Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.—A trade agreement between Australia and the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland was signed on 30th June, 1955. Under the agreement the principal Australian exports to the Federation—wheat, processed milks, xanthates and tallow—are admitted free of duty with a preference over "most favoured nation" countries and free entry was also granted in respect of a number of other items including butter, cheese, fresh mutton and agricultural machinery. On many commodities such as canned fruits and vegetables, canned meat and fish and dried fruits Australia was guaranteed rates of duty no higher than those accorded to any other country. Concessions were also granted to cover 70 manufactured items of potential interest to Australia.

In return for these concessions, Australia extended to the whole Federation the existing concession of the British Preferential rate, less 9d. per lb. on manufactured tobacco. In addition, the following goods from the whole Federation were admitted at the British Preferential Tariff rate of duty: asbestos, chrome ore, fruit juices, tung oil, essential oils (citrus) and beeswax. The tariff treatment now accorded those products merely continues that previously granted to one or more of the territories of the Federation.

The agreement is for a period of three years and unless notice of termination is given by either party six months after the expiry of this period, it shall thereafter remain in force until six months after a notice of termination is given. Provision is made for consultation at intervals of not more than two years for the purpose of reviewing the Agreement.

(v) Other Countries.—Australia has entered into bilateral trade agreements with the Union of South Africa, Belgium, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, and Switzerland. Summaries of the texts of these agreements have been given in previous issues of the *Victorian Year-Book*. Simple reciprocal most-favoured-nation trade agreements were concluded with Israel in 1951 and Iceland in 1952.

(vi) The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade is an international trade agreement which has been in operation since 1st January, 1948, Australia was an original signatory of the Protocol of Provisional Application by which Parts I. and III. of the Agreement are being provisionally applied. Part II. is being applied to the fullest extent not inconsistent with existing legislation at the date of signature of the Protocol.

There are now thirty-four contracting parties to the Agreement, comprising most of the world's larger trading nations.

Many of the articles in Part II. of the General Agreement are similar to articles which were included in the Havana Charter for an International Trade Organization. Had the Charter come into force, Part II. of the General Agreement, containing general commercial policy provisions to prevent tariff concessions being circumvented by other measures, would have been suspended.

Three series of tariff negotiations have been conducted under the provisions of the General Agreement. As a result of these negotiations, Australia has obtained tariff concessions on almost all the principal products of which Australia is an actual or potential exporter to the

individual countries concerned. These concessions were a result both of direct negotiation by Australia and of negotiation by other countries—in the latter case, the benefits occur through the operation under the Agreement of the most-favoured-nation principle.

The contracting parties periodically hold plenary sessions to deal with questions arising out of the administration of the Agreement. The eighth session was held at Geneva in September-October, 1953. The ninth session was scheduled for Geneva in October, 1954.

**Recorded  
Value of  
Imports and  
Exports.**

The recorded value of goods imported represents the amount on which duty is payable or would be payable if the duty were charged *ad valorem*. Such amount is—

- (a) (i) The actual money price paid or to be paid for the goods by the Australian importer plus any special deduction, or
- (ii) the current domestic value of the goods—whichever is the higher—and
- (b) all charges payable or ordinarily payable for placing the goods free on board at the port of export.

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

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

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

The Excise Tariff in operation is the Excise Tariff **Excise Tariff.** 1921-1953. The articles on which excise duty is payable can only be manufactured under licence and subject to compliance with certain conditions.

This tariff relates to beer, spirits, saccharin, liqueurs, flavoured spirituous liquors, tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, snuff, certain petroleum or shale distillates, playing cards, cigarette papers, matches, wine (certain types), wireless valves, coal and cathode ray tubes (picture tubes) as used in television receiving sets.

(1) *Customs (Import Licensing) Regulations.*—The Customs **Import Controls.** (Import Licensing) Regulations were first promulgated in December, 1939, and were made pursuant to the *Customs Act* 1901-1936, Sections 52 (g) and 56. These regulations provide, *inter alia*, that the importation into the Commonwealth of any goods shall be prohibited, unless :—

- (a) a licence to import the goods is in force and the terms and conditions (if any) to which the licence is subject are complied with; or
- (b) the goods are excepted from the application of the Regulations.

The purpose of these regulations is to protect Australia's overseas balance of payments position. The level of licensing has varied from time to time being dictated by the state of Australia's overseas exchange reserves.

During the financial year 1951-52, following a fall in the price of wool and a large increase in the volume of imports (the product, in turn, of the wool boom of 1950-51), Australia incurred a substantial deficit in over-all payments on current account. Overseas reserves fell rapidly in the latter part of 1951 and early 1952 endangering Australia's external financial position to such a degree that it became necessary on 8th March, 1952, to apply the Customs (Import Licensing) Regulations to imports from all sources with the exception of goods originating in Papua, New Guinea, and Norfolk Island. By March, 1953, Australia's balance of payments had shown sufficient improvement to justify a general relaxation in the quantitative restrictions applying to goods from sources other than the Dollar Area and Japan, and further progressive relaxations were made as from 1st July, 1953, 1st October, 1953, and 1st April, 1954, respectively.



Australia's balance of payments position deteriorated rapidly as from June, 1954, necessitating a series of intensifications in import licensing restrictions on 1st October, 1954, 1st April, 1955 and 1st October, 1955.

As these restrictions proved inadequate in stemming the decline in overseas funds, new measures were introduced on 1st July, 1956, involving considerable variations in import licensing and aimed at creating a balance between receipts and payments in foreign currency. Up to 22nd November, 1954, goods of Japanese origin were licensed on a basis quite separate from other non-dollar licensing. From that date onwards import licences for goods of Japanese origin have, with certain exceptions, been licensed for importation on the same basis as like goods originating in other non-dollar countries.

Restrictions on imports from the Dollar Area have been maintained in varying degrees since their imposition in December, 1939, and, in general, the issue of the licences for the importation of goods from the Dollar Area is restricted to goods of a high degree of essentiality, unavailable in adequate quantities from other countries. The goods imported from the Dollar Area are mainly capital goods, raw materials, semi-manufactures and other producer goods. All applications for licences are treated on the merits of each individual case.

*Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations.*—In addition to the Import Licensing Regulations which are imposed for balance of payments reasons, section 52 of the Customs Act provides for the prohibition of the importation of specified types of commodities and also provides for the making of Regulations prohibiting the importation of other types of commodities.

Prohibition by Regulation may be exercised by—

- (a) prohibiting the importation of goods completely;
- (b) prohibiting the importation of goods except with the consent of the Minister;
- (c) prohibiting the importation of goods except subject to conditions.

Lists of products subject to prohibition are set out in the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations.

Commodities, the importation of which has been prohibited under the Regulations include dangerous drugs, firearms, undesirable publications and articles deleterious to public health.

**Export Controls.** (1) *Commodity Control*.—Section 112 of the Customs Act provides that the Governor General may, by regulation, prohibit the exportation of goods from Australia and that this power may be exercised by—

- (a) prohibiting the exportation of goods absolutely ;
- (b) prohibiting the exportation of goods to a specified place ;
- (c) prohibiting the exportation of goods unless prescribed conditions or restrictions are complied with.

Goods subject to this export control are listed in the Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations.

(2) *Monetary Control—Banking Act 1945*.—As an integral part of the framework of Exchange Control, a control over goods exported from Australia is maintained under the provisions of Part III. of the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations to ensure that the full proceeds of such goods are received into the Australian banking system, and that these proceeds are received in the currency, and in the manner prescribed by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. This action is complementary to that taken under other parts of the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations to control the movement out of Australia of capital in the form of securities, gold, and currency.

Provision is made in the regulations for the granting of export licences subject to such terms and conditions as are imposed. On the receipt in Australia by the Commonwealth Bank, or by a bank acting as agent for that Bank, of advice that the foreign currency has been paid to the Commonwealth Bank, or to an agent of the Bank, for goods exported in accordance with a licence granted under the regulations, the Bank, or an agent of the Bank, pays the licensee,

or such person as is entitled to receive it, an amount, in Australian currency, equivalent to the foreign currency received. In addition to commercial transactions, exports by private individuals are controlled. Persons leaving Australia for overseas are required to obtain licences to cover their bona fide baggage, personal effects, and household effects in any individual case where the gold content thereof exceeds £A50, or the value of jewellery and other articles of high intrinsic value exceeds £A1,000 unless such articles have been the personal property of the passenger for at least twelve months.

**Alteration  
in Values  
of Imports.**

Prior to the year 1947-48, the values of overseas imports are shown in British currency, but for 1947-48 and subsequent years values are recorded in Australian currency. It is necessary, therefore, when comparing the values of imports for 1947-48 and subsequent years with previous years, to take into account differences in currency. This also applies when estimating the balance of trade between Victoria and other countries for years prior to 1947-48.

A reasonably accurate method of converting the values of imports (except gold) from British to Australian currency is to add 14 per cent. to British currency values. Imports of gold up to the year 1946-47 were recorded in sterling. The value of gold imported subsequent to that year was ascertained by multiplying the number of fine ounces imported by the average export price for the year (Australian currency).

**Variation in  
External  
Exchange  
Position.**

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

**Overseas  
Trade of  
Victoria.**

The total values of overseas trade to and from Victorian ports for each of the five years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are set forth in the following table. Exports do not include the value of stores shipped at Victorian ports on board overseas ships, particulars of which are shown on page 471.

OVERSEA TRADE—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO  
AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1949-50 TO  
1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Year ended 30th June.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.*	Total.
IMPORTS.			
	£A.	£A.	£A.
1950 .. .. .	182,900,006	1,356,742	184,256,748
1951 .. .. .	262,847,971	218,374	263,066,345
1952 .. .. .	361,806,782	1,386,497	363,193,279
1953 .. .. .	173,200,770	574,038	173,774,808
1954 .. .. .	237,283,425	399,448	237,682,873
EXPORTS.			
1950 .. .. .	165,851,180	345,393	166,196,573
1951 .. .. .	265,012,508	31,505	265,044,013
1952 .. .. .	185,953,661	40,276	185,993,937
1953 .. .. .	228,004,471	113,829	228,118,300
1954 .. .. .	203,528,015	53,060	203,581,075

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

That portion of the value of Commonwealth trade handled at Victorian ports for each of the five years 1949-50 to 1953-54 is shown in the following table. Prior to the year 1947-48 the values of imports were recorded in British currency:—

(Australian Currency Values.)

Year ended 30th June.	Commonwealth Trade—			Portion of Commonwealth Trade Handled at Victorian Ports—		
	Imports.	Exports.	Total.	Imports.	Exports.	Total.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	%	%	%
1950 ..	538,068,843	613,696,619	1,151,765,462	34·2	27·1	30·4
1951 ..	743,870,587	981,796,187	1,725,666,774	35·4	27·0	30·6
1952 ..	1,053,423,055	675,007,709	1,728,430,764	34·5	27·6	31·8
1953 ..	514,109,416	871,271,909	1,385,381,325	33·8	26·2	29·1
1954 ..	681,539,459	828,297,023	1,509,836,482	34·9	24·6	29·2

Recorded  
Values of  
Principal  
Imports.

In the following table the recorded values of the principal articles imported into Victorian ports are shown in the order in which they appear in the statistical classification of 21 categories. Up to and including the year 1946-47 values were recorded in British Currency but since that year they have been shown in Australian currency:—

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Cheese .. .. .	5,593	18,085	29,348	15,367	75,053
Fish—					
Preserved in Tins .. .. .	663,789	657,593	977,741	196,343	757,368
All other .. .. .	259,435	290,276	485,901	324,842	530,490
Meats .. .. .	74,464	117,442	245,476	150,666	109,956
All other Animal Foodstuffs ..	66,284	126,186	214,688	102,043	145,935
<b>Total, Class I. .. .. .</b>	<b>1,069,565</b>	<b>1,209,582</b>	<b>1,953,154</b>	<b>789,261</b>	<b>1,618,802</b>
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN: NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.					
Cocoa and Chocolate .. .. .	1,460,622	855,656	1,348,612	728,636	1,220,397
Coffee and Chicory .. .. .	477,814	466,276	771,071	581,259	1,170,164
Confectionery .. .. .	67,415	82,603	103,018	20,037	57,424
Fruits, Dried .. .. .	62,758	98,013	80,288	36,410	78,437
Grain and Pulse—					
Peas .. .. .	47,180	22,510	74,689	68,961	92,879
All other .. .. .	334,046	134,490	260,274	59,383	93,818
Hops .. .. .	74,035	160,834	156,312	87,549	8,963
Nuts, Edible .. .. .	438,772	563,177	449,586	394,628	568,969
Pickles and Sauces .. .. .	19,709	34,496	57,194	5,290	25,922
Sago and Tapioca .. .. .	34,062	50,075	78,109	39,835	33,390
Spices, n.e.i. .. .. .	322,017	413,906	445,284	270,672	270,149
Tea .. .. .	4,452,411	5,498,489	3,838,301	4,211,172	4,726,943
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs ..	169,151	179,993	501,722	100,499	163,695
<b>Total, Class II. .. .. .</b>	<b>7,959,992</b>	<b>8,560,518</b>	<b>8,164,460</b>	<b>6,604,331</b>	<b>8,511,150</b>

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES  
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—*continued.*  
(*Australian Currency Values.*)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<b>CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.</b>	<b>£A.</b>	<b>£A.</b>	<b>£A.</b>	<b>£A.</b>	<b>£A.</b>
Ale, Beer, Porter, &c. . . . .	23,619	39,808	89,703	10,664	13,653
Spirits (Beverages)—					
Brandy . . . . .	13,829	26,307	44,772	4,090	13,146
Gin . . . . .	4,896	7,469	7,335	911	3,730
Whisky . . . . .	115,000	140,212	205,349	167,346	176,665
Other . . . . .	20,673	46,093	86,748	1,625	24,418
Wine (Fermented)—					
Sparkling . . . . .	10,117	18,056	25,545	2,472	8,884
Other . . . . .	11,649	20,983	49,099	6,750	19,969
<b>Total, Class III. . . . .</b>	<b>199,783</b>	<b>298,928</b>	<b>508,601</b>	<b>193,858</b>	<b>260,465</b>
<b>CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.</b>					
Tobacco—					
Manufactured . . . . .	80,876	59,788	64,288	16,295	26,566
Unmanufactured . . . . .	2,487,400	3,248,368	3,499,068	4,279,050	4,974,457
Cigars . . . . .	17,582	67,723	15,280	3,255	27,639
Cigarettes . . . . .	1,523,649	2,374,062	2,620,879	916,951	1,190,082
Snuff . . . . .	431	935	30	272	782
<b>Total, Class IV. . . . .</b>	<b>4,109,938</b>	<b>5,750,876</b>	<b>6,199,545</b>	<b>5,215,823</b>	<b>6,219,526</b>
<b>CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS</b>	<b>111,170</b>	<b>148,633</b>	<b>123,647</b>	<b>116,066</b>	<b>97,165</b>
<b>CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.</b>					
Hides and Skins—					
Hides (Calf, Cattle, and Horse)	24,714	22,342	224,468	8,055	16,182
Skins (Goat) . . . . .	1,442	23,865	1,373	4,105	815
Other . . . . .	349,511	423,728	397,829	175,754	491,025
Silk, Raw . . . . .	89,633	269,631	122,921	29,048	56,117
Wool . . . . .	536,293	726,935	979,375	593,547	1,295,739
All other Animal Substances . . . . .	296,826	389,072	761,341	182,130	494,597
<b>Total, Class VI. . . . .</b>	<b>1,298,419</b>	<b>1,855,573</b>	<b>2,487,807</b>	<b>992,549</b>	<b>2,354,475</b>
<b>CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.</b>					
Fibres—					
Cotton, Raw . . . . .	1,938,719	3,362,948	1,977,209	1,363,074	2,855,986
Flax and Hemp . . . . .	26,194	60,405	233,604	229,184	100,626
Jute . . . . .	287,689	590,209	726,707	76,779	600,910
Kapok . . . . .	136,024	154,598	136,080	82,307	91,651
Other . . . . .	808,411	2,143,906	5,014,413	1,575,319	1,425,809
Grass or Straw, for hatmaking, furniture, mats, &c. . . . .	47,737	34,521	24,051	6,929	8,993
Gums, Resins, and Balsams . . . . .	143,573	387,225	545,768	193,283	296,686
Plastic Moulding Materials . . . . .	910,358	1,375,791	2,120,672	1,209,466	2,510,991
Seeds . . . . .	521,131	486,634	391,337	283,537	491,501
Tanning Substances . . . . .	124,083	238,416	169,616	159,833	192,864
Cork and Cork Manufactures . . . . .	115,333	149,483	338,022	116,066	190,242
All other Vegetable Substances . . . . .	172,459	214,464	265,659	484,272	432,320
<b>Total, Class VII. . . . .</b>	<b>4,331,711</b>	<b>9,198,600</b>	<b>11,943,138</b>	<b>5,760,051</b>	<b>9,198,579</b>

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES  
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—continued.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
CLASS VIII.—(a) YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) APPAREL.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres.</i>					
Bags and Sacks—					
Bran, Chaff, and Compressed Fodder .. .. .	2,509	191,976	463,341	.. .. .	27
Corn and Flour .. .. .	2,419,455	2,118,554	4,581,059	24,734	638,440
Other .. .. .	833,106	747,974	1,334,244	843,812	407,392
Cordage and Twines (excluding Metal Cordage) .. .. .	145,156	322,898	457,650	40,228	107,635
Yarns—					
Artificial Silk .. .. .	2,170,723	4,076,748	4,337,755	3,083,580	5,588,876
Cotton .. .. .	1,264,785	2,985,556	4,293,238	1,062,657	2,280,330
Sewing and other Cotton Threads, &c. .. .. .	661,775	924,353	1,141,498	585,055	948,652
Wool .. .. .	303,686	306,749	287,989	175,185	214,563
Other .. .. .	19,606	46,114	63,876	41,911	54,155
<i>(b) Textiles.</i>					
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck .. .. .	469,453	713,697	1,632,837	842,337	603,770
Cotton and Linen .. .. .	9,378,895	14,219,294	21,997,825	5,238,646	15,193,936
Hessians and other Jute Piece Goods .. .. .	511,161	1,070,666	1,466,112	521,878	624,393
Silk and Artificial Silk .. .. .	6,115,745	7,908,571	10,729,735	2,456,639	6,042,642
Velvets, Velveteens, Plushes, &c. .. .. .	659,015	1,592,325	1,449,113	315,530	552,922
Woolen .. .. .	2,358,251	1,938,605	1,535,902	171,740	646,286
Other .. .. .	983,268	1,683,405	2,432,601	328,306	741,380
Floor Coverings—Carpets, Linoleums, Mats, &c. .. .. .	3,944,566	5,409,924	6,107,251	870,515	4,110,778
Handkerchiefs, Tablecloths and Serviettes of Cotton and Linen .. .. .	441,196	561,214	661,969	229,492	340,859
Towels and Towelling .. .. .	561,273	401,138	763,938	86,151	346,433
All other Textiles .. .. .	540,838	790,444	932,263	47,174	477,285
<i>(c) Apparel.</i>					
Boots and Shoes .. .. .	356,168	585,513	1,125,869	80,392	213,998
Corsets .. .. .	19,025	23,994	32,941	619	6,590
Furs and other Skins—Dressed .. .. .	57,929	145,484	72,154	6,609	26,731
Gloves .. .. .	361,398	547,205	741,982	242,866	707,439
Hats and Caps .. .. .	178,178	332,259	350,929	80,392	297,945
Hosiery and Knitted Apparel (including Socks and Stockings) .. .. .	842,547	600,585	1,014,692	66,051	318,016
Lace for Attire, Lace Flouncings, &c. .. .. .	992,136	1,238,022	1,846,440	573,418	1,668,746
Shirts, Pyjamas .. .. .	77,247	78,019	141,682	9,995	32,798
Men's and Boys' Outer Garments .. .. .	610,617	876,277	1,276,706	92,692	267,707
Trimnings .. .. .	594,540	899,120	984,190	277,177	806,236
Other .. .. .	1,000,500	1,351,740	1,648,415	257,783	749,536
<b>Total, Class VIII.</b> .. .. .	<b>39,075,047</b>	<b>54,688,423</b>	<b>75,906,196</b>	<b>18,653,644</b>	<b>45,016,496</b>

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES  
 INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—*continued.*  
 (Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<b>CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.</b>					
<b>Oils—</b>					
Kerosene, &c. . . . .	1,134,109	1,584,107	1,742,444	1,837,813	1,999,223
Lubricating (Mineral) . . . . .	1,227,212	1,301,088	3,135,385	1,138,504	1,159,057
Petroleum, Crude . . . . .	1,009,282	1,321,314	1,262,117	1,531,550	3,399,642
Petroleum and Shale Spirit . . . . .	7,684,376	11,164,121	12,336,403	12,725,312	2,750,920
Residual and Solar . . . . .	3,004,459	3,320,261	4,923,263	3,731,617	4,848,330
Linsced . . . . .	184,952	162,862	735,077	165,239	206,499
Castor . . . . .	6	307,215	408,011	49,572	102,808
Turpentine and Substitutes therefor . . . . .	155,091	292,286	284,881	258,523	308,080
Paraffin Wax . . . . .	84,341	171,652	254,383	41,675	127,283
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes . . . . .	504,796	887,146	1,411,045	590,539	1,068,175
<b>Total, Class IX. . . . .</b>	<b>14,988,624</b>	<b>20,512,052</b>	<b>26,493,009</b>	<b>22,070,344</b>	<b>25,970,017</b>
<b>CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES</b>	<b>606,387</b>	<b>902,472</b>	<b>1,418,941</b>	<b>426,835</b>	<b>1,188,588</b>
<b>CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES, AND HYDRO-CARBONS.</b>					
Sulphur (Brimstone) . . . . .	1,317,903	1,830,496	400,732	1,355,309	1,031,098
All other Rocks, Minerals, &c. . . . .	1,947,189	2,124,950	1,443,071	1,377,699	751,566
<b>Total, Class XI. . . . .</b>	<b>3,265,092</b>	<b>3,955,446</b>	<b>1,843,803</b>	<b>2,733,008</b>	<b>1,782,664</b>
<b>CLASS XII.—(a) METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, (b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND MACHINERY, AND (c) MACHINERY.</b>					
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures, (except Electric Appliances and Machinery).</i>					
Aluminium . . . . .	289,539	364,884	619,222	373,752	346,343
Copper and Copper Manufactures (except Wire) . . . . .	636,057	1,942,675	1,030,439	863,366	694,552
Heating and Cooking Appliances Iron and Steel—	281,797	599,374	1,032,788	345,199	451,947
Bar, Rod, Hoop, Ingots, Blooms, &c. . . . .	2,212,260	2,043,230	3,961,321	1,210,223	704,066
Pipes and Tubes . . . . .	515,603	821,110	1,123,876	546,692	508,359
Plate and Sheet . . . . .	6,114,657	11,607,766	15,601,504	8,781,784	6,149,101
Other . . . . .	1,320,856	2,338,114	3,238,221	1,314,144	947,582
Lamps and Lampware . . . . .	123,933	184,254	270,498	59,774	95,828
Nickel . . . . .	37,962	23,964	53,806	52,151	44,845
Plated Ware and Cutlery . . . . .	616,080	735,646	1,028,720	316,837	725,477
Tools of Trade (not being Machines) Vehicles—	849,168	1,090,617	1,658,750	502,518	1,003,364
Motor Cycles, Tricycles, &c. . . . .	765,987	618,845	690,319	96,413	251,461
Bodies for Motor Cars, &c. . . . .	6,453,131	5,472,352	6,639,285	1,011,998	3,062,303
Chassis for Motor Cars, &c.* . . . .	18,139,551	19,854,165	22,321,154	10,899,363	17,066,112
Aircraft and parts . . . . .	899,786	1,034,130	2,324,424	5,732,044	3,086,463
Other Vehicles and Parts . . . . .	2,166,734	3,912,263	5,034,438	2,335,028	3,724,183
Wire . . . . .	2,466,210	3,228,147	4,081,756	737,667	1,131,940
All other Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery	3,245,850	5,745,960	8,540,165	4,042,862	5,930,614

\* Including complete motor vehicles.



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Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, (b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND MACHINERY, AND (c) MACHINERY— <i>continued.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
(b) <i>Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment.</i>					
Cable and Wire, Covered ..	1,472,471	1,344,047	735,979	642,535	424,410
Dynamo Machines .. ..	1,270,292	1,488,743	2,916,374	2,287,498	1,675,916
Telephones and Switchboards ..	531,014	442,127	515,553	191,180	233,620
Wireless and Parts .. ..	81,234	137,942	183,323	273,784	336,561
Other .. ..	2,975,207	5,384,870	6,097,044	3,543,531	4,205,471
(c) <i>Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical).</i>					
Implements and Machinery (Agricultural, Horticultural, and Viticultural) .. ..	556,286	1,006,469	2,019,842	1,412,430	1,466,260
Refrigerating Appliances and Parts ..	556,456	485,458	995,676	121,956	289,577
Clothes Washing Machines .. ..	407,722	741,199	1,482,162	80,763	150,806
Vacuum Cleaners and Parts .. ..	212,278	362,290	552,312	10,499	138,909
Dredging and Excavating Machinery ..	452,055	477,318	718,162	590,916	884,643
Metal Working Machinery .. ..	1,683,483	2,096,740	2,848,346	3,571,028	3,217,290
Motive Power Machinery—					
Aircraft Engines and Parts .. ..	382,150	559,421	729,894	1,302,739	2,841,739
Motor Car Engines .. ..	62,780	101,083	264,457	106,564	196,982
Tractors and Parts .. ..	5,524,808	7,099,003	7,885,702	3,256,273	5,161,294
Locomotives and Parts thereof .. ..	139,055	1,707,511	2,692,226	1,039,603	1,879,622
Other .. ..	1,681,163	3,796,203	4,617,000	4,648,124	4,009,510
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings ..	960,205	823,582	1,599,260	1,490,462	1,250,287
Textile Industry Machinery and Appliances .. ..	2,717,366	2,573,208	2,687,297	1,861,842	3,618,797
Office and Accounting Machinery ..	624,666	1,096,664	1,587,853	889,062	994,696
All other Machines and Machinery ..	5,278,691	7,958,551	11,279,023	11,190,249	9,386,530
<b>Total, Class XII.</b> .. ..	<b>74,706,543</b>	<b>101,299,925</b>	<b>131,663,171</b>	<b>77,732,833</b>	<b>88,287,460</b>
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREOF (EXCEPT APPAREL).					
(a) <i>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures</i>					
Rubber, Crude, Powdered or Reclaimed .. ..	1,990,444	9,917,694	10,135,709	2,190,831	3,668,167
Rubber Manufactures .. ..	1,935,240	2,276,110	4,550,306	824,200	1,225,068
(b) <i>Leather and Manufactures of Leather and Substitutes therefor.</i>					
Glace Kid .. ..	15,219	13,229	14,791	7,562	23,413
All other .. ..	224,724	325,793	422,749	135,210	213,962
<b>Total, Class XIII.</b> .. ..	<b>4,165,627</b>	<b>12,532,826</b>	<b>15,123,555</b>	<b>3,157,803</b>	<b>5,130,550</b>

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(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<b>CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED.</b>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Timber—					
Dressed .. .. .	1,190,983	2,379,824	5,578,441	529,045	854,989
Undressed .. .. .	1,409,565	2,320,885	4,738,589	583,858	1,035,972
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture .. .	365,396	428,153	725,787	121,778	372,668
Total, Class XIV. .. .	2,965,944	5,128,862	11,042,817	1,234,681	2,263,629
<b>CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONEWARE.</b>					
Cement (Portland) .. .	283,539	371,885	1,745,383	469,115	346,345
Earthenware, China, &c. .. .	1,217,539	1,110,153	1,663,074	389,380	1,398,001
Glass and Glassware .. .	1,046,728	1,284,162	2,093,208	777,930	1,566,038
All other Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass, and Stoneware .. .	467,480	874,477	1,425,027	329,734	598,579
Total, Class XV. .. .	3,015,286	3,640,677	6,926,692	1,966,159	3,908,963
<b>CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.</b>					
(a) <i>Pulp, Paper, and Board.</i>					
Cardboard and other Paper Boards	400,754	1,006,126	2,459,678	231,947	401,802
Printing .. .. .	2,305,575	3,272,299	7,447,743	2,547,202	4,086,545
Pulp and Papermaking .. .	348,898	1,104,085	3,649,403	961,581	1,396,805
Wrapping of all Colours .. .	358,012	1,119,463	2,539,385	534,744	1,114,768
Writing and Typewriting Paper .. .	205,530	537,264	1,753,158	481,735	538,528
All other .. .. .	730,715	1,540,105	1,998,892	546,126	860,566
(b) <i>Paper Manufactures and Stationery.</i>					
Books (Printed), Directories, &c. .. .	1,142,392	1,234,046	1,627,814	1,809,535	1,890,753
Cigarette Tubes and Papers .. .	7,047	28,495	31,881	10,609	5,232
Price Lists, Catalogues, &c. .. .	8,185	9,829	12,717	9,126	13,869
Pens and Pencils .. .. .	469,478	431,085	386,781	259,719	567,134
All other .. .. .	510,176	681,118	1,113,759	313,992	743,396
Total, Class XVI. .. .	6,486,762	10,963,915	23,021,211	7,706,316	11,619,398
<b>CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES.</b>					
Sporting Material .. .. .	131,137	213,598	264,879	39,386	152,810
Fancy Goods, Toys, &c. .. .	790,524	1,146,697	1,226,028	163,178	776,184
Jewellery, including Cameos, &c. .. .	567,407	964,420	643,171	335,251	791,246
Watches, Clocks, Chronometers, &c. .. .	908,006	935,316	1,128,304	321,198	881,921
Total, Class XVII .. .	2,397,074	3,260,031	3,262,382	859,013	2,602,161

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Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES, AND PHOTO- GRAPHIC GOODS, n.e.i.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Optical and Meteorological Instru- ments, &c. . . . .	123,199	179,983	262,763	54,236	124,772
Cinematograph Films . . . . .	92,136	115,896	112,486	123,256	186,955
Photographic Goods, n.e.i. . . . .	79,008	86,378	123,411	87,596	135,946
Surgical and Dental Instruments, &c. . . . .	412,173	594,792	820,606	416,895	549,434
Scientific instruments, &c. . . . .	388,605	402,339	572,043	646,389	732,856
All other Optical and Scientific Instruments . . . . .	378,136	457,652	529,708	152,814	513,782
Total, Class XVIII. . . . .	1,473,257	1,837,340	2,421,017	1,481,186	2,243,745
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS.					
Acids . . . . .	157,665	208,130	744,559	105,326	185,362
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations . . . . .	587,663	1,323,501	1,651,376	330,730	1,023,188
Dyes . . . . .	475,979	636,572	1,104,256	347,131	940,268
Fertilizers . . . . .	932,856	763,977	844,115	804,968	1,390,132
Oils, Essential (Non-spirituous) . . . . .	91,153	226,114	246,036	120,465	108,353
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations . . . . .	109,697	164,146	122,801	36,029	90,003
Soap and soap substitutes . . . . .	21,969	84,092	80,857	27,964	128,171
Sodium Salts . . . . .	199,047	418,934	730,510	160,881	200,223
Spirits and Spirituous Preparations . . . . .	48,963	105,764	536,363	93,318	191,391
All other Drugs and Chemicals . . . . .	1,205,000	1,842,307	3,967,285	1,743,887	2,311,469
Total, Class XIX. . . . .	3,829,992	5,773,237	10,028,158	3,770,699	6,568,560
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.					
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives . . . . .	514,659	761,373	5,931,715	1,640,349	1,828,838
Bags, Baskets, Trunks, &c. . . . .	196,456	285,482	248,276	34,231	152,532
Brushware . . . . .	111,444	143,154	166,826	25,816	91,438
Fire Brigade and Life-saving Appliances, n.e.i. . . . .	5,645	14,846	17,672	43,766	56,930
Outside Packages . . . . .	3,607,432	4,399,964	6,823,051	3,213,677	4,657,273
Vessels (Ships) . . . . .	13,378	252,571	71,709	442,460	793,531
Wall and Ceiling Boards . . . . .	1,102,477	3,594,538	1,205,219	71,654	110,243
Houses and Buildings, Prefabricated . . . . .	1,292,301	1,878,127	3,847,126	4,608,610	2,963,222
All other Articles . . . . .	1,292,301	1,878,127	2,963,884	1,655,747	1,787,025
Total, Class XX. . . . .	6,843,792	11,330,055	21,275,478	11,736,310	12,441,032
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.					
Gold . . . . .	1,355,169	215,797	1,158,112	537,234	389,986
Silver . . . . .	1,573	2,571	197,010	36,804	9,392
Bronze Specie . . . . .	..	6	31,375	..	70
Total, Class XXI. . . . .	1,356,742	218,374	1,386,497	574,038	399,448
Total Imports . . . . .	184,256,748	263,066,345	363,193,279	173,774,808	237,682,873

\* Not recorded separately.

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

The percentage which the value of each of the more important classes bore to the total value of merchandise imported during 1953-54 was as follows:—Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel 19 per cent.; machinery and metal manufactures 37 per cent.; oils, &c., 11 per cent.; paper manufactures and stationery 5 per cent.

The recorded values of the principal articles exported to oversea countries from Victorian ports during each of the five years 1950-54 are shown in 21 divisions, in accordance with the statistical classification.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(Austrian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Butter .. .. .	11,224,357	7,803,626	3,165,679	7,673,702	6,985,888
Cheese .. .. .	2,492,614	2,640,112	2,994,755	4,113,700	4,092,542
Eggs .. .. .	1,435,407	974,294	666,378	1,646,352	1,510,989
Infants' and Invalids' Food, n.e.i.	304,350	236,669	333,718	386,398	349,748
Meats—					
Bacon and Hams .. .. .	84,736	67,735	137,294	54,664	11,513
Preserved by Cold Process—					
Beef .. .. .	59,173	99,247	248,881	314,713	641,070
Lamb .. .. .	3,787,556	1,574,490	1,205,040	3,493,835	1,782,060
Mutton .. .. .	1,121,897	125,877	211,374	1,426,465	835,907
Pork .. .. .	168,571	141,804	87,016	71,458	53,823
Poultry .. .. .	753,052	1,111,893	904,864	522,652	140,068
Rabbits and Hares* .. .. .	2,287,253	1,790,048	2,594,094	1,986,232	1,104,993
Other .. .. .	396,584	251,228	283,285	420,576	358,548
Preserved in Tins .. .. .	3,336,400	3,643,134	6,426,183	11,495,279	7,821,270
Sausage Casings .. .. .	880,314	875,991	1,015,397	1,177,144	957,699
Other .. .. .	116,434	97,619	80,259	160,120	269,476
Milk and Cream .. .. .	4,052,643	3,939,472	5,488,704	7,043,008	6,670,388
Honey .. .. .	191,992	44,682	171,804	216,899	127,292
All other Animal Foodstuffs .. .. .	635,740	699,356	392,183	1,315,620	481,414
Total, Class I. .. .. .	33,329,073	26,117,277	26,406,908	43,518,817	34,194,688

\* Including rabbit and hare meat.

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FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—*continued.*

(*Australian Currency Values.*)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Biscuits .. .. .	1,907	3,795	6,213	27,413	6,989
Confectionery .. .. .	1,027,529	383,321	229,350	89,530	42,008
Fruits, Dried .. .. .	1,969,259	2,635,040	3,787,827	5,315,217	4,857,115
" Fresh .. .. .	779,931	1,390,174	1,651,792	1,887,849	2,355,417
" Preserved in liquid .. .. .	2,066,766	2,577,353	4,030,093	6,148,644	7,515,316
" Pulped .. .. .	35,466	6,535	8,313	364,117	909,324
Grain and Pulse—					
Unprepared—					
Wheat .. .. .	13,278,364	22,506,610	13,589,998	10,235,702	5,918,774
Oats .. .. .	1,602,982	2,126,908	3,905,306	2,306,422	333,537
Barley .. .. .	1,054,464	1,549,135	1,369,641	1,964,079	2,132,645
Other .. .. .	129,573	223,302	146,386	140,764	11,334
Prepared—					
Flour (Wheaten) .. .. .	9,535,345	8,675,409	13,214,469	15,328,705	10,039,719
Barley—Pearl and Scotch .. .. .	9,591	6,921	4,362	107	2,566
Rice—Cleaned .. .. .	200,831	241,951	115,904	139,779	235,902
Oatmeal, Wheatmeal and Rolled Oats .. .. .	172,862	194,922	160,438	454,163	194,389
Macaroni and Vermicelli .. .. .	82,352	23,237	23,493	7,360	7,727
Other .. .. .	119,537	208,136	168,915	105,955	427,368
James and Jellies .. .. .	1,008,761	764,610	446,795	269,837	231,534
Tea .. .. .	20,454	18,940	6,961	33,899	6,952
Vegetables (including Tomatoes) .. .. .	893,111	317,329	470,640	837,944	377,838
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs .. .. .	775,132	468,506	589,880	948,880	1,713,715
Total, Class II. .. .. .	34,764,217	44,322,134	43,925,174	46,606,166	37,320,169
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS..	254,375	340,588	352,255	487,772	463,605
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF ..	25,010	13,758	18,474	6,141	16,107
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	23,817	51,109	123,626	70,722	46,250
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Hides and Skins—					
Hides (Calf, Cattle, Horse) .. .. .	266,893	285,206	248,654	360,375	380,124
Fox .. .. .	5,176	10,413	4,733	461	410
Opossum .. .. .	43,487	4,159	25,527	30,725	102,508
Rabbit and Hare .. .. .	598,594	1,152,272	484,596	476,323	475,485
Sheep .. .. .	5,023,036	9,501,115	6,133,669	7,683,943	6,673,687
Other .. .. .	11,674	40,934	17,186	10,876	3,206
Wool—					
Greasy .. .. .	65,602,743	143,722,594	73,952,216	92,007,475	87,935,572
Scoured and Washed .. .. .	11,995,200	21,340,856	14,018,548	13,172,739	12,673,059
Tops, Noils and Waste .. .. .	1,547,306	2,733,179	2,204,451	3,022,917	2,506,801
Other Animal Substances .. .. .	56,284	80,825	119,725	132,866	86,182
Total, Class VI. .. .. .	85,150,393	178,871,553	97,209,305	116,898,700	110,837,034

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(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES, PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES .. ..	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
	298,319	456,121	456,047	223,442	172,167
CLASS VIII.—(a) YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) APPAREL.					
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres—					
Yarns (Woolen) .. ..	303,807	402,931	441,295	27,291	76,817
(Silk) .. ..	84,853	25,702	3,824	6,169	18,526
Other .. ..	81,295	139,886	134,436	81,539	82,910
Textiles .. ..	638,691	587,678	642,218	251,857	473,803
Apparel—					
Outer Garments .. ..	48,466	9,655	8,037	6,992	8,017
Underwear .. ..	17,390	11,885	2,673	3,297	2,777
Boots and Shoes .. ..	6,444	15,301	16,823	35,786	6,429
Other .. ..	188,032	118,096	107,565	77,899	74,728
Total, Class VIII. .. ..	1,368,978	1,311,224	1,356,871	490,830	744,007
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.					
Tallow—Unrefined .. ..	725,447	601,330	327,214	627,146	675,288
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes ..	579,123	484,822	436,349	502,692	497,047
Total, Class IX. .. ..	1,304,570	1,086,152	763,563	1,129,838	1,172,335
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES .. ..	101,291	239,987	369,347	145,144	187,524
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES, AND HYDRO-CARBONS .. ..	435,874	1,366,500	2,372,940	2,146,000	2,279,331
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, (b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND MACHINERY, AND (c) MACHINERY.					
(a) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures (except Electrical Appliances and Machinery).</i>					
Bolts, and Nuts, Rivets and Washers, n.e.i. .. ..	24,457	17,483	27,933	47,890	110,187
Iron and Steel .. ..	75,647	117,728	130,733	600,545	1,094,575
Cadmium—Blocks, Bars, &c. .. ..	9,328	16,855	4,532	21,283	52,915
Lead (Pig) .. ..	231,203	4,187	26,526	88,921	90,209
Motor Cars, Lorries, &c., and Parts .. ..	190,271	121,189	543,939	560,512	692,352
Zinc—Bars, Blocks, &c. .. ..	197,578	218,990	328,976	59,465	67,507
All other Metals and Manufactures thereof .. ..	961,954	936,553	1,409,949	1,347,622	2,157,288

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FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—*continued.*

(*Australian Currency Values.*)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<b>CLASS XII.—(a) METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, (b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND MACHINERY, AND (c) MACHINERY —<i>continued.</i></b>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
(b) <i>Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment</i> .. .. .	232,718	273,567	269,086	290,639	305,461
(c) <i>Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical).</i>					
Agricultural Implements .. .. .	429,702	316,105	677,409	816,864	1,020,620
Other .. .. .	1,234,908	1,859,567	1,916,484	2,086,274	2,530,049
<b>Total, Class XII.</b> .. .. .	<b>3,587,766</b>	<b>3,882,224</b>	<b>5,335,567</b>	<b>5,920,015</b>	<b>8,121,163</b>
<b>CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR (EXCEPT APPAREL).</b>					
Rubber and Manufactures .. .. .	48,179	50,540	100,239	86,765	182,262
Leather and Manufactures .. .. .	1,049,637	1,484,176	870,595	1,279,062	1,223,831
<b>Total, Class XIII.</b> .. .. .	<b>1,097,816</b>	<b>1,534,716</b>	<b>970,834</b>	<b>1,365,827</b>	<b>1,406,093</b>
<b>CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED</b> .. .. .	72,079	94,348	167,646	126,452	128,395
<b>CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONWARE</b> .. .. .	86,575	58,781	49,927	71,331	134,801
<b>CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.</b>					
Paper .. .. .	58,542	52,867	87,200	160,006	78,808
Stationery .. .. .	212,829	210,959	276,982	301,416	319,160
<b>Total, Class XVI.</b> .. .. .	<b>271,371</b>	<b>263,826</b>	<b>364,182</b>	<b>461,422</b>	<b>397,968</b>
<b>CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES.</b>					
Precious, Stones, Unset, Pearls, Cameos, &c. .. .. .	50,375	5,051	11,593	94,581	54,243
Sporting Material .. .. .	60,623	63,374	93,424	78,053	96,222
All other Jewellery, Time-pieces, &c.	65,821	118,911	111,844	57,335	57,286
<b>Total, Class XVII.</b> .. .. .	<b>176,819</b>	<b>187,336</b>	<b>216,861</b>	<b>229,969</b>	<b>207,751</b>

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FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—*continued.*

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<b>CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES, AND PHOTO- GRAPHIC GOODS, n.e.l.</b>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
	340,599	300,013	471,565	456,633	519,332
<b>CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS.</b>					
Bacteriological Products and Sera	6,983	13,101	13,840	7,634	4,747
Casein .. .. .	74,576	484,022	156,086	108,020	288,071
Fertilizers .. .. .	7,725	36,076	39,990	1,191	9,570
Medicines .. .. .	323,870	563,142	483,780	366,666	342,643
Oil—Eucalyptus .. .. .	98,193	233,549	247,999	174,927	131,123
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations, n.e.l. .. .. .	24,044	32,869	35,937	14,889	22,274
Soap .. .. .	105,259	147,206	163,587	106,411	69,348
Yeast .. .. .	9,593	17,299	7,105	2,484	3,081
Other Drugs and Chemicals .. .. .	456,974	583,467	871,291	868,218	598,216
<b>Total, Class XIX.</b>	<b>1,107,217</b>	<b>2,110,731</b>	<b>2,019,615</b>	<b>1,650,440</b>	<b>1,469,073</b>
<b>CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.</b>					
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	807,205	1,150,821	1,527,691	2,892,000	2,351,471
Matches and Vestas .. .. .	45,631	53,973	60,575	51,306	83,597
Patriotic Gifts .. .. .	318,669	256,746	384,473	298,635	84,368
Other .. .. .	883,516	942,590	1,030,215	2,756,869	1,190,786
<b>Total, Class XX.</b>	<b>2,055,021</b>	<b>2,404,130</b>	<b>3,002,954</b>	<b>5,998,810</b>	<b>3,710,222</b>
<b>CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.</b>					
Gold .. .. .				8,321	13,022
Silver .. .. .	345,393	31,432	40,245	101,976	40,023
Bronze Specie .. .. .		73	31	3,532	15
<b>Total, Class XXI.</b>	<b>345,393</b>	<b>31,505</b>	<b>40,276</b>	<b>113,829</b>	<b>53,060</b>
<b>Australian produce</b> .. .. .	<b>164,907,436</b>	<b>263,711,056</b>	<b>184,723,863</b>	<b>226,392,252</b>	<b>201,431,999</b>
<b>Other produce</b> .. .. .	<b>1,289,137</b>	<b>1,332,957</b>	<b>1,270,074</b>	<b>1,726,043</b>	<b>2,149,076</b>
<b>Total Exports</b> .. .. .	<b>166,196,573</b>	<b>265,044,013</b>	<b>185,993,937</b>	<b>228,118,300</b>	<b>203,581,075</b>



The export trade consists largely of agricultural, dairying, and pastoral products. The value of wool, wheat, oats, flour, butter, fruits (all kinds), meats, hides and skins, milk and cream, cheese and eggs exported during 1953-54, amounted to 87 per cent. of the total merchandise (Australian produce) exported—wool alone represented nearly 51 per cent. The total value of exports decreased by £24,537,225 during 1953-54 as compared with the previous year.

The value of the trade with various countries of the world in each of the five years 1950-54 was as specified in the following table:—

**IMPORTS (ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) INTO VICTORIAN PORTS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT THERETO FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.**

(Australian Currency Values.)

Imports from—	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
United Kingdom ..	97,855,645	126,057,551	161,879,489	71,429,278	113,158,522
Africa, British East	795,369	1,937,121	2,753,501	1,507,204	1,270,693
"    West	795,163	328,961	559,381	418,962	306,259
Canada ..	3,540,706	4,687,540	6,534,757	6,328,620	5,073,551
Hong Kong ..	181,113	377,257	733,316	101,487	383,768
India and Ceylon ..	11,584,020	15,007,707	15,913,672	7,085,660	9,261,924
Malaya (British) and Singapore	2,962,207	11,156,662	12,106,668	3,626,699	6,374,021
New Zealand ..	2,569,388	1,205,518	3,403,357	1,682,990	2,401,261
Pacific Islands (British)	163,022	106,966	199,013	197,966	169,111
South African Union	1,454,572	2,243,669	1,534,657	1,080,740	917,218
West Indies (British)	49,145	71,442	104,625	72,645	62,743
Other British Possessions	2,304,599	4,338,265	4,243,408	3,796,602	7,357,310
Bahrein Islands ..	1,937,798	3,003,432	4,094,118	4,689,019	5,493,827
Belgium ..	1,287,112	4,030,356	7,198,874	1,627,902	2,432,239
China ..	361,734	728,546	1,079,986	317,552	576,064
Czecho-Slovakia ..	1,905,612	2,364,578	2,268,954	370,963	746,853
Egypt ..	117,333	1,122,378	1,176,172	420,667	548,295
Finland ..	620,363	1,511,574	3,637,448	353,994	810,221
France ..	3,475,675	5,222,950	6,858,850	4,543,836	5,766,267
Germany ..	2,524,608	5,629,505	12,445,293	5,093,784	9,606,551
Indonesia ..	4,381,499	6,939,648	7,397,414	5,161,627	6,499,989
Italy ..	3,667,497	7,024,180	10,925,781	1,730,834	4,321,877
Japan ..	2,747,618	5,857,821	15,595,331	2,345,551	2,633,981
Netherlands ..	1,231,010	2,971,032	4,921,548	2,269,024	3,340,624
Norway ..	1,207,241	1,681,740	3,588,988	503,892	1,180,898
Persia (Iran) ..	4,745,055	5,423,262	747,651	73,095	10,693
Peru ..	26,692	42,414	59,895	..	54,832
Philippines Republic	30,778	19,190	43,935	35,750	46,028
Spain ..	132,054	341,738	383,176	107,395	239,086
Sweden ..	2,855,171	6,172,878	11,037,766	2,518,742	3,556,870
Switzerland ..	986,424	2,517,652	2,779,491	1,253,672	3,356,405
Soviet Russia (U.S.S.R.)	182,748	230,370	395,428	157,892	337,188
United States of America	18,666,465	22,492,473	36,973,515	33,031,459	27,565,383
Other Foreign Countries	3,303,510	5,820,005	12,799,770	6,625,638	7,105,048
Total (excluding Outside Packages*)	180,648,946	258,666,381	356,370,228	170,561,141	233,025,600

\* "Outside Packages." 1949-50, £3,607,802; 1950-51, £4,399,964; 1951-52, £6,823,051; 1952-53, £3,213,667 and 1953-54, £4,657,273.

† Eastern and Western Zones.

IMPORTS (ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) INTO VICTORIAN PORTS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT THERETO FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—*continued.*

(Australian Currency Values.)

Exports to—	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
United Kingdom .. .. .	60,363,601	77,815,699	55,561,835	86,008,996	68,437,040
Africa, British East .. ..	136,300	176,510	201,978	276,604	381,318
"    "    West .. .. .	144,680	251,813	145,931	135,730	125,500
Canada .. .. .	3,210,111	5,854,442	3,850,018	4,014,726	3,037,981
Hong Kong .. .. .	2,849,520	2,473,273	1,400,208	2,194,422	1,568,677
India and Ceylon .. .. .	10,983,474	8,572,164	10,989,352	13,195,981	7,623,944
Malaya (British) and Singapore	5,199,066	5,629,280	7,514,469	8,114,672	6,897,829
New Zealand .. .. .	6,233,410	5,746,016	12,574,064	7,953,447	8,821,683
Pacific Islands (British) .. .	381,621	384,931	499,620	679,831	687,854
South African Union .. .. .	998,155	1,948,536	1,327,795	1,654,844	1,405,555
West Indies (British) .. .. .	697,051	667,621	612,192	538,647	316,941
Other British Possessions .. .	3,420,470	3,505,301	4,870,343	7,699,212	5,679,899
Bahrain Islands .. .. .	86,471	83,266	94,527	137,575	146,105
Belgium .. .. .	2,712,739	5,930,923	4,355,658	6,028,654	5,067,183
China .. .. .	228,455	237,155	79,636	471,029	312,823
Czecho-Slovakia .. .. .	1,781,160	1,428,260	460,444	1,292,238	695,551
Egypt .. .. .	2,218,249	9,178,596	2,644,229	1,120,088	1,007,400
Finland .. .. .	344,519	120,949	152,711	32,081	25,154
France .. .. .	9,775,950	26,181,385	16,119,704	23,450,566	21,329,772
Germany* .. .. .	3,874,089	5,316,715	6,231,987	4,778,947	6,420,309
Indonesia .. .. .	190,807	1,137,618	1,681,245	2,403,830	2,026,270
Italy .. .. .	4,920,902	14,989,085	10,363,185	13,266,538	13,832,372
Japan .. .. .	6,311,704	16,660,930	9,180,280	17,828,606	11,381,280
Netherlands .. .. .	2,751,331	2,683,463	2,619,534	1,240,204	1,744,474
Norway .. .. .	457,271	938,165	60,424	200,109	28,554
Persia (Iran) .. .. .	561,947	312,584	119,528	162,282	76,791
Philippines Republic .. .. .	181,962	150,758	228,761	304,385	472,491
Poland .. .. .	3,215,986	4,339,154	958,599	1,175,428	841,609
Spain .. .. .	1,037,136	43	162,928	3,304	10,948
Sweden .. .. .	2,155,485	5,949,313	2,758,561	1,040,528	1,509,656
Switzerland .. .. .	515,407	657,252	454,841	353,412	898,053
Soviet Russia (U.S.S.R.) .. .	7,458,991	4,704,724	13	444,232	10,496,954
United States of America .. .	14,564,498	40,973,694	20,573,842	13,950,752	12,947,012
Other Foreign Countries .. .	6,264,055	10,044,395	7,145,495	5,966,400	7,326,093
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>166,196,573</b>	<b>265,044,013</b>	<b>185,993,937</b>	<b>228,118,300</b>	<b>203,581,075</b>

\* Eastern and Western Zones.

Imports from and exports to the United Kingdom during 1953-54 represented 49 per cent. and 34 per cent. respectively of the total value of the oversea imports into and exports from Victorian ports during that year. Details of the principal articles interchanged are shown in the following statement for each of the five years, 1950-54.

Trade with  
United  
Kingdom.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH  
THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Imports—Articles of United Kingdom origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Whisky .. .. .	112,763	136,229	202,293	166,324	175,429
Cigarettes .. .. .	1,376,687	1,357,519	1,823,107	650,535	965,321
Apparel .. .. .	3,895,407	4,651,540	6,749,030	860,439	2,752,817
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck .. .. .	277,250	345,939	597,223	366,232	354,039
Cotton and Linen .. .. .	5,800,554	7,846,927	11,883,298	3,591,082	8,549,266
Silk and Artificial Silk .. .. .	4,471,712	4,953,265	5,850,860	1,361,914	3,310,644
Woolen .. .. .	2,520,068	1,886,722	1,481,381	161,213	613,700
Velvets .. .. .	396,529	605,950	601,698	60,899	164,252
Other .. .. .	966,450	1,640,327	2,350,477	359,888	730,958
Floor Coverings .. .. .	3,800,829	5,103,817	5,753,509	742,951	3,773,796
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c.	621,839	904,348	1,140,349	585,057	947,418
Yarns, other .. .. .	3,164,768	5,944,536	6,595,095	3,611,325	6,005,759
Dynamo Electrical Machinery, &c.	5,315,963	7,514,134	8,608,339	4,779,148	5,084,212
Machines and Machinery .. .. .	12,557,899	17,875,062	24,521,841	15,994,396	20,329,554
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel .. .. .	4,604,581	7,237,285	6,111,857	6,597,273	5,196,735
Pipes and Tubes .. .. .	182,990	346,872	286,723	345,634	380,588
Platedware and Cutlery .. .. .	591,527	672,817	902,574	296,375	686,795
Motor Cars (bodies, chassis, and parts) .. .. .	20,551,108	20,076,696	22,105,714	7,410,695	15,284,886
Other Vehicles and parts, n.e.i. .. .. .	2,720,233	3,743,819	5,443,997	3,103,100	4,364,699
Other Metals and Manufactures .. .. .	5,009,824	7,099,145	8,766,052	4,041,057	6,221,683
Rubber and Rubber Goods .. .. .	1,620,117	1,932,890	3,757,178	506,233	822,662
Crockery and Household Ware .. .. .	1,191,851	1,079,705	1,562,903	359,299	1,287,643
Glass and Glassware .. .. .	587,713	661,402	1,050,511	363,167	805,028
Paper .. .. .	1,812,823	3,193,345	5,311,358	2,072,548	4,143,753
Books .. .. .	941,842	1,029,025	1,431,658	1,563,400	1,622,643
Sporting Material, Fancy Goods, &c.	773,240	1,036,204	1,090,714	128,212	556,025
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations .. .. .	504,136	944,636	1,048,914	378,401	611,741
Sodium Salts .. .. .	144,035	219,849	358,989	79,921	141,570
Dyes .. .. .	412,679	493,176	798,967	227,156	567,563
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives .. .. .	380,109	543,718	4,407,432	1,474,005	1,327,629
Houses, &c. (Prefabricated) .. .. .	864,040	3,162,493	2,753,691	1,632,796	629,036
All other Articles .. .. .	9,684,079	11,818,219	16,531,757	7,559,113	14,750,678
Total (excluding Outside Packages) .. .. .	97,855,645	126,057,551	161,870,480	71,429,278	113,158,522
<i>Exports from Victorian Ports to United Kingdom.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Butter .. .. .	9,263,845	5,833,938	1,036,752	3,713,324	3,444,565
Cheese .. .. .	1,736,465	1,681,148	1,893,570	2,452,818	2,765,853
Eggs .. .. .	1,121,649	937,923	623,573	1,541,853	1,490,427
Meats—					
Beef, Mutton and Lamb .. .. .	4,481,000	959,801	553,063	4,025,761	2,016,994
Pork .. .. .	141,941	93,241	23,093	3,188	11,167
Preserved in tins .. .. .	2,687,060	2,823,706	5,442,262	11,068,594	7,092,500
Rabbits and Hares .. .. .	2,055,829	1,659,455	2,318,398	1,802,597	1,002,007
Other .. .. .	1,353,167	1,416,275	1,201,798	1,222,206	861,545
Milk and Cream .. .. .	585,641	102,828	595,237	1,713,620	1,509,243
Honey .. .. .	175,100	28,539	184,981	181,940	68,263
Fruits—all kinds .. .. .	2,142,309	3,471,975	5,085,924	10,029,112	12,077,539

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—*continued.*

(*Australian Currency Values.*)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Exports from Victorian Ports to United Kingdom—continued.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Wheat and Flour .. .. .	1,679,841	5,779,360	5,511,420	3,896,917	2,646,063
Oats .. .. .	8,343	334,855	475,832	171,211	178,450
Jams and Jellies .. .. .	910,042	531,781	247,001	83,547	75,629
Wine, fermented .. .. .	25,542	16,641	20,539	30,631	20,771
Hides and Skins .. .. .	1,490,189	2,565,265	1,252,679	1,221,140	1,207,541
Flax .. .. .			3,864		
Wool .. .. .	24,437,538	44,826,959	24,981,831	37,134,517	27,236,087
Tallow, unrefined .. .. .	547,290	284,307	93,861	44,184	126,446
Lead (Pig) .. .. .	194,916			32,630	77,634
Zinc (Bars, Blocks, &c.) .. .. .	7,425	18,250			
Implements and Machinery—Agricultural, &c. .. .. .	41,838	8,302	9,183	7,879	12,132
Leather, &c. .. .. .	321,868	484,256	319,621	639,800	629,909
Soap .. .. .	21,944	7,477	2,280	405	1,814
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives .. .. .	25,604	95,368	106,570	56,875	387,513
Bullion and Specie .. .. .	345,393	30,361	37,220	103,932	38,451
All other Articles .. .. .	4,561,822	3,823,688	3,621,303	4,780,315	3,458,497
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>60,363,601</b>	<b>77,815,699</b>	<b>55,561,835</b>	<b>86,008,996</b>	<b>68,437,040</b>

**Trade with Canada.**

The values of the principal articles interchanged with Canada during each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are shown in the following table:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH CANADA, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(*Australian Currency Values.*)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Imports—Articles of Canadian origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Fish, preserved in tins .. .. .	501	75	57	64	7
Yarns .. .. .			54,278	54,826	126,729
Apparel .. .. .	5		3	41	40
Piece Goods—					
Silk, etc. .. .. .	67,877	15,445	2,390	107,081	
Other .. .. .	63,640	292,152	158,689	27,472	7,643
Asbestos, Crude .. .. .	93,501	138,550	141,115	270,216	311,636

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH  
CANADA, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—*continued.*

(*Australian Currency Values.*)

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Imports—Articles of Canadian origin imported into Victorian ports—continued.</i>					
Machines and Machinery—					
Electrical Machinery and appliances .. .. .	260,431	395,958	510,565	422,463	89,592
Other .. .. .	206,059	233,804	266,210	546,017	1,013,905
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel .. .. .	140,456	167,083	394,475	408,208	395,909
Nickel .. .. .	1,803	2,014	10,136	2,642	4,598
Vehicles—					
Motor Car Chassis and Parts	1,525,429	2,256,944	2,087,598	2,082,714	1,378,512
Other .. .. .	66,360	103,764	108,416	165,833	91,120
Other Metals, &c. .. .. .	206,806	198,866	493,831	852,298	305,515
Timber .. .. .	292,182	482,467	1,122,512	92,249	293,274
Paper—					
Pulp .. .. .	..	49,592	357,028	247,692	63,816
Newsprint .. .. .	457,333	40,554	184,419	796,540	561,444
Other .. .. .	550	3,886	130,581	10,854	27,419
Drugs and Chemicals .. .. .	56,062	52,987	55,577	1,971	12,759
All other Articles .. .. .	101,711	253,399	456,877	239,433	389,633
<b>Total (excluding Outside Packages) .. .. .</b>	<b>3,540,706</b>	<b>4,687,540</b>	<b>6,534,757</b>	<b>6,328,620</b>	<b>5,073,551</b>
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to Canada</i>					
Butter .. .. .	1,122	..	..	..	..
Sausage Casings .. .. .	162,513	151,210	154,098	137,528	152,683
Fruits—					
Dried .. .. .	1,015,526	1,192,309	1,235,796	1,446,188	918,348
Preserved in Liquid .. .. .	150,795	97,862	134,210	47,609	37,691
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	9,255	14,506	18,484	18,473	8,375
Hides and Skins—					
Rabbit and Hare .. .. .	3,946	11,415	7,287	5,800	..
Other .. .. .	14,791	67,406	49,071	1,857	..
Wool .. .. .	1,719,495	3,653,868	1,520,792	1,823,603	1,246,019
Vegetable Substances and Fibres	1,041	1,801	3,266	202	..
All other Articles .. .. .	131,627	664,065	727,014	533,466	674,865
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>3,210,111</b>	<b>5,854,442</b>	<b>3,850,018</b>	<b>4,014,726</b>	<b>3,037,981</b>

Trade between Victoria and France virtually ceased when that country was occupied by Germany in 1940 and did not resume to any extent until the year 1945-46. Particulars of the value of the principal articles interchanged during each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH FRANCE, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Imports—Articles of French origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Textiles—					
Piece Goods .. .. .	381,131	709,593	1,118,892	184,080	601,327
Floor Coverings .. .. .	350	7,683	15,938	..	446
Apparel—					
Trimmings and Ornaments .. .. .	458,396	668,524	855,777	305,085	819,725
Other .. .. .	93,955	157,211	163,979	47,748	134,001
Yarns .. .. .	54,168	158,026	144,990	21,461	76,674
Metals and Metal Manufactures .. .. .	1,141,400	1,998,048	2,427,387	417,575	1,179,173
Machines and Machinery .. .. .	104,449	230,823	471,863	128,485	82,725
Pulp, Paper, and Board .. .. .	90,244	78,941	164,229	34,643	29,264
Drugs and Chemicals .. .. .	147,056	264,040	282,905	66,991	137,868
Stationery and Books .. .. .	3,483	3,751	5,109	2,328	6,935
Wine and Spirits .. .. .	37,109	68,503	113,096	7,437	33,903
All other Articles .. .. .	963,934	877,807	1,094,685	3,328,003	2,664,226
Totals (excluding Outside Packages) .. .. .	3,475,675	5,222,950	6,858,850	4,543,836	5,766,267
<i>Exports—From Victorian Ports to France.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Butter .. .. .	6,246	..	1,742	744,521	840
Hides and Skins .. .. .	1,803,607	5,228,439	3,742,608	5,350,876	4,317,866
Wool .. .. .	7,919,835	20,899,830	12,303,132	17,209,343	16,915,895
Eucalyptus Oil .. .. .	15,864	23,333	12,527	23,597	18,565
All other Articles .. .. .	30,398	29,783	59,695	122,229	76,606
Total .. .. .	9,775,950	26,181,385	16,119,704	23,450,566	21,329,772

The following table shows the values of the principal articles interchanged between Victoria and Italy during each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH ITALY 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Imports—Articles of Italian origin imported into Victorian Ports.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Yarns .. .. .	190,547	286,490	696,895	81,930	191,708
Textiles—					
Piece Goods .. .. .	1,443,859	2,911,209	4,899,105	729,779	1,733,589
Other .. .. .	67,786	132,642	121,390	42,146	72,495
Apparel .. .. .	306,345	591,388	660,387	245,961	568,074
Sulphur (including Brimstone) ..	718,155	1,547,931	3	683	104
Nuts (edible) .. .. .	79,631	84,139	56,154	39,567	150,438
Motor Vehicles—Bodies, Chassis, &c.	292,498	196,778	276,543	6,397	183,142
Machines and Machinery .. .. .	184,032	321,636	730,230	216,881	202,729
Jewellery and Timepieces .. .. .	23,650	27,752	19,465	12,209	30,706
Musical Instruments .. .. .	46,042	61,222	65,117	10,415	33,355
All other Articles .. .. .	314,952	862,993	3,400,492	344,866	1,155,537
<b>Total (excluding Outside Packages) .. .. .</b>	<b>3,667,497</b>	<b>7,024,180</b>	<b>10,925,781</b>	<b>1,730,834</b>	<b>4,321,877</b>
<i>Exports—From Victorian Ports to Italy.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Meats .. .. .	93,048	11,196	7,781	48,510	19,380
Wheat .. .. .	..	3,356,352	404,613	269,029	..
Flour .. .. .	169,593	8,217	337,054	31,260	3,794
Prepared Breakfast Foods—Oatmeal, &c. .. .. .	1,050	58,489	77,961	8,163	46
Hides and Skins .. .. .	131,544	141,356	214,927	204,275	358,903
Wool .. .. .	4,418,668	11,245,473	9,156,557	11,499,310	12,882,741
All other Articles .. .. .	106,999	168,002	164,292	1,205,991	567,508
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>4,920,902</b>	<b>14,989,085</b>	<b>10,363,185</b>	<b>13,266,538</b>	<b>13,832,372</b>

The value of the principal articles interchanged with Belgium during each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 is shown in the following table:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH BELGIUM, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Imports—Articles of Belgian origin imported into Victorian Ports.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Textiles—					
Piece Goods .. .. .	32,193	538,889	1,049,779	271,134	671,172
Other .. .. .	22	71,232	135,045	15,823	65,264
Yarns .. .. .	96,101	363,713	448,776	55,620	120,180
Iron and Steel .. .. .	475,205	1,089,533	2,448,358	215,692	162,864
Wire .. .. .	354,202	519,251	1,027,733	59,986	174,020
Glass and Glassware .. .. .	203,015	246,082	476,634	213,389	439,593
Pulp, Paper, and Board .. .. .	305	57,697	120,200	2,062	19,807
Stationery and Books .. .. .	1,853	2,908	5,725	7,426	9,052
Jewellery and Timepieces .. .. .	17,804	89,568	51,794	38,998	92,714
All other Articles .. .. .	106,412	1,051,483	1,434,230	747,772	677,573
Total (excluding Outside Packages) .. .. .	1,287,112	4,030,356	7,198,874	1,627,902	2,432,239
<i>Exports—From Victorian Ports to Belgium.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Milk and Cream .. .. .	18,819	22,397	..	..	..
Barley .. .. .	36,890	106,200	..	..	..
Hides and Skins .. .. .	366,827	454,920	256,947	216,993	327,804
Wool .. .. .	2,065,596	4,877,170	3,960,024	4,725,051	4,581,109
Meats .. .. .	44,914	239	16,234	54,972	75,753
Metals, &c.—					
Lead .. .. .	625	37	..	9,348	3,236
Other .. .. .	17,053	5,470	2,873	241,952	24,623
All other Articles .. .. .	162,015	464,490	119,580	780,318	54,658
Total .. .. .	2,712,739	5,930,923	4,355,658	6,028,654	5,067,183



The values of the principal articles interchanged between Victoria and India and Ceylon for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are shown in the following table:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH INDIA AND CEYLON, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Imports—Articles of Indian and Ceylonese origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Cocoa Beans .. .. .	9,042	15,701	3,337	2,778	33,368
Nuts (edible) .. .. .	296,559	347,337	109,512	157,925	249,303
Spices .. .. .	67,909	59,251	63,868	23,262	21,839
Tea .. .. .	4,304,162	5,001,059	3,456,062	3,873,272	4,408,860
Hides and Skins .. .. .	1,064	24,263	2,052	4,105	52
Fibres .. .. .	531,135	729,085	841,301	374,437	664,757
Gums and Resins .. .. .	45,209	92,767	78,503	38,756	51,739
Seeds—					
Linseed .. .. .	174,846	221,617	..	..	..
Other .. .. .	11,933	41,791	5,408	648	1,852
Apparel .. .. .	7,152	6,560	12,662	7,326	5,195
Textiles—					
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck .. .. .	75,613	198,788	136,680	84,481	189,654
Cotton and Linen .. .. .	1,162,325	1,682,084	1,168,850	204,992	1,264,482
Hessians .. .. .	469,698	825,694	1,064,468	356,687	533,617
Other .. .. .	25,914	25,988	27,065	11,376	12,404
Floor Coverings .. .. .	79,843	129,574	142,129	66,036	171,419
Other Textiles .. .. .	45,672	42,845	38,519	2,213	38,081
Bags and Sacks .. .. .	3,233,790	3,037,836	6,346,050	850,786	1,036,206
Cordage and Twine .. .. .	1,933	2,503	10,108	..	..
Yarns .. .. .	16,070	189,282	55,250	16,804	21,387
Oil—					
Linseed .. .. .	184,952	63,268	529,075	121,741	..
Castor .. .. .	..	298,435	362,204	42,243	63,914
Waxes .. .. .	56,831	13,602	20,899	19,521	11,492
Rubber, &c. .. .. .	30,208	419,724	81,127	31,926	40,272
All other Articles .. .. .	752,160	1,538,753	1,358,543	794,945	442,031
<b>Total (excluding Outside Packages)</b> .. .. .	<b>11,584,020</b>	<b>15,007,707</b>	<b>15,913,672</b>	<b>7,085,660</b>	<b>9,261,924</b>
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to India and Ceylon.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Butter .. .. .	274,052	330,946	410,363	422,571	472,330
Cheese .. .. .	102,537	95,734	143,565	146,588	147,923
Meats .. .. .	39,841	68,432	117,313	83,051	86,105
Milk and Cream .. .. .	534,230	595,134	990,018	660,762	822,492
Biscuits .. .. .	29	125	..	618	874
Hay and Chaff .. .. .	4,273	2,548	4,829	2,031	4,349
Fruits (all kinds) .. .. .	52,123	62,725	109,089	130,788	85,534
Wheat .. .. .	5,959,971	3,101,279	1,628,911	2,203,554	947,983
Flour .. .. .	3,066,399	2,317,188	5,813,782	7,855,835	3,399,998
Other Grain and Pulse .. .. .	138,985	58,304	74,140	45,661	62,668
Spirituos and Alcoholic Liquors—					
Ale and Beer .. .. .	70	151	470	1,661	595
Other .. .. .	2,457	7,713	2,251	2,043	1,218

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH INDIA AND  
CEYLON, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—*continued.*

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to India and Ceylon—continued.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Jams and Jellies .. .. .	15,236	26,252	40,852	51,477	30,272
Vegetables .. .. .	10,155	11,007	45,743	5,114	3,275
Horses .. .. .	3,847	10,701	7,055	30,810	3,021
Wool .. .. .	193,783	1,357,344	903,900	485,774	456,982
Apparel .. .. .	514	460	365	1,700	55
Yarns, Wool .. .. .	..	2,118	1,025	25	15,625
Tallow, unrefined .. .. .	82,762	133,109	107,051	280,035	271,885
Zinc (bars, blocks, &c.) .. .. .	76,137	24,450	48,750	..	2,188
Soap .. .. .	128	..	19,496	..	8,829
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives .. .. .	78,229	82,380	97,149	151,732	55,593
All other Articles .. .. .	347,716	284,064	423,235	634,151	743,450
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>10,983,474</b>	<b>8,572,164</b>	<b>10,989,352</b>	<b>13,195,981</b>	<b>7,623,944</b>

The values of the principal articles interchanged with  
New Zealand for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54  
were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH  
NEW ZEALAND, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Imports—Articles of New Zealand origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Fish .. .. .	139,125	41,254	112,596	143,349	147,975
Milk and Cream .. .. .	5,546	4,541	8,365	4	..
Meats .. .. .	15,477	12,266	40,013	7,897	11,695
Grain and Pulse .. .. .	52,276	22,402	74,035	70,188	93,625
Animals (horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs) .. .. .	28,763	10,129	19,175	16,336	23,860
Hides and Skins .. .. .	18,464	20,779	116,684	8,055	17,251
Wool .. .. .	507,330	501,420	947,643	512,983	1,046,534
Marine Animal (incl. Fish) Oils .. .. .	30,625	48,284	53,381	29,339	27,526
Crockery and Householdware .. .. .	14,304	2,215	8,828	228	165
Seeds .. .. .	188,044	138,220	272,074	197,725	264,697
Timber .. .. .	156,400	63,463	574,875	171,019	123,722
Gold and Silver .. .. .	1,219,415	155,356	777,971	282,930	290,825
All other Articles .. .. .	193,619	185,189	397,717	242,937	353,886
<b>Total (excluding Outside Packages) .. .. .</b>	<b>2,569,388</b>	<b>1,205,518</b>	<b>3,403,357</b>	<b>1,682,990</b>	<b>2,401,261</b>

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH NEW ZEALAND,  
1949-50 TO 1953-54—Continued.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to New Zealand</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Eggs .. .. .	173,722	10	36	394	3,092
Fruits, all kinds .. .. .	710,368	655,112	1,327,985	999,633	1,224,339
Grain and Pulse—					
Wheat .. .. .	1,487,352	912,929	3,689,576	2,120,967	1,592,686
Flour .. .. .	1,054	256,568	595	823	1,051
Rice and Rice Meal .. .. .	36,121	20,473	67,527	15,919	40,220
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	150,547	213,069	216,514	113,412	30,149
Wool .. .. .	200,871	170,243	681,620	35,541	177,964
Apparel .. .. .	23,104	17,988	32,091	30,398	29,797
Textiles .. .. .	305,067	198,307	325,741	85,178	154,703
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres ..	264,127	370,085	507,399	80,951	141,086
Oils .. .. .	17,701	19,043	39,895	42,844	32,694
Machines and Machinery .. .. .	587,268	730,719	1,341,420	1,215,632	1,202,260
Metal Manufactures .. .. .	608,720	577,816	1,462,243	784,701	1,247,751
Rubber Manufactures .. .. .	20,094	18,336	56,998	22,364	56,418
Leather, &c. .. .. .	59,947	67,377	69,745	37,772	109,225
Books .. .. .	114,799	93,492	107,524	137,156	151,861
Photographic goods and materials	230,131	195,814	362,621	304,391	368,144
Drugs and Chemicals .. .. .	248,823	239,240	444,059	281,988	326,491
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	171,965	104,841	196,896	428,410	762,149
All other Articles .. .. .	821,629	884,554	1,643,579	1,214,973	1,169,603
Australian produce .. .. .	6,065,675	5,675,655	12,372,995	7,816,924	8,586,003
Other produce .. .. .	167,735	70,361	201,069	136,523	235,680
Total .. .. .	6,233,410	5,746,016	12,574,064	7,953,447	8,821,683

Trade with  
United States  
of America.

The values of the principal articles interchanged between Victoria and the United States of America for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are shown in the following table :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June--				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Imports—Articles of United States origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Sausage Casings .. .. .	39,174	75,810	147,169	123,564	40,501
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes ..	1,946,379	2,162,267	2,552,852	2,808,721	3,189,036
Cotton, raw .. .. .	13	56	1,245,141	384,123	923,689
Gums, Resins, Balsams, and Rosin ..	76,616	107,487	212,395	67,773	111,478
Plastic Materials .. .. .	319,815	396,069	442,926	340,620	492,140
Textiles—					
Piece Goods .. .. .	570,557	263,977	385,582	111,209	170,341
Other .. .. .	1,327	9,125	23,888	24,347	19,002
Manufactured Fibres and Yarns .. ..	45,825	161,909	234,114	45,125	297,346
Oils .. .. .	1,491,336	1,415,837	5,713,274	3,717,273	2,404,200
Pigments, Paints and Varnishes .. ..	214,618	431,291	352,682	177,223	515,975
Asphalt, Bitumen, and Pitch .. .. .	769	1,085	670	598	295
Electrical Machines and Appliances ..	394,244	535,798	687,737	1,047,936	368,965
Metal Working Machinery .. .. .	330,269	550,453	584,439	842,786	549,513
Motive Power Machinery—					
Aircraft Engines and Parts .. .. .	16,228	27,411	80,454	841,536	712,185
Other .. .. .	3,149,363	4,092,390	5,276,306	2,912,060	3,090,256
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings ..	422,525	412,510	860,612	706,303	467,996
Other Machines and Machinery .. ..	2,230,932	2,328,226	3,382,629	5,633,259	3,410,173
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel .. .. .	1,953,258	3,274,721	3,634,550	2,644,081	1,747,493
Tools of Trade .. .. .	71,347	71,662	92,962	65,644	85,852
Vehicles and Parts—					
Motor Bodies, Chassis, &c. .. ..	1,665,690	2,178,307	3,246,545	2,316,772	2,625,676
Aircraft .. .. .	572,379	729,668	1,416,942	4,352,240	1,951,711
Other .. .. .	351,588	640,012	673,983	458,260	393,737
Other Metals, &c. .. .. .	466,230	263,459	397,730	546,345	604,078
Rubber, &c. .. .. .	228,850	183,939	336,585	287,934	318,434
Timber .. .. .	463,400	411,832	1,733,283	337,760	516,302
Glass and Glassware .. .. .	20,003	27,535	48,952	25,259	30,109
Pulp for Papermaking .. .. .	3,429	753	84,393	2,283	..
Paper and Board .. .. .	148,927	203,882	406,737	52,610	70,112
Stationery, &c. .. .. .	147,322	160,210	164,795	221,129	310,362
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Fancy Goods, &c. .. .. .	5,868	15,081	6,662	6,012	5,650
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments .. .. .	196,013	168,460	183,721	361,637	260,322
Sulphur (inc. Brimstone) .. .. .	473,447	282,391	400,675	616,464	916,053
Drugs and Chemicals .. .. .	292,329	445,225	1,019,019	444,530	405,139
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives ..	3,862	5,353	406,971	77,146	54,636
Fire Brigade and Life Saving Appliances .. .. .	3,630	6,130	5,962	5,546	11,656
All other Articles .. .. .	348,903	452,152	730,178	425,351	494,970
<b>Total (excluding Outside Packages) .. .. .</b>	<b>18,666,465</b>	<b>22,492,473</b>	<b>36,973,515</b>	<b>33,031,459</b>	<b>27,565,383</b>

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—continued.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to the United States.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Sausage Casings .. .. .	335,512	428,330	530,397	491,445	386,940
Rabbits and Hares (frozen) .. .. .	129,785	91,220	186,163	68,830	42,279
Hides and Skins .. .. .	1,784,411	2,202,543	1,001,803	1,029,505	966,449
Wool .. .. .	11,654,821	36,356,608	16,477,190	9,342,288	8,964,498
Seeds—Agricultural and Vegetable	134,722	94,597	98,881	56,233	14,560
Vegetable Fibres—Rag, Clippings, &c. .. .. .	26,128	49,915	34,289	6,677	..
Machines and Machinery .. .. .	19,043	19,066	8,743	186,077	226,697
Lead (Pig) .. .. .	..	..	..	841	2,809
Iron and Steel—scrap .. .. .	31,845	82,826	77,188	90,076	8,842
Leather, &c. .. .. .	4,981	9,840	2,841	2,418	3,951
Eucalyptus Oil .. .. .	22,111	62,245	41,387	67,983	15,007
Scheelite—Ores and Concentrates..	36,122	..	636,600	889,250	1,299,515
All other Articles .. .. .	385,017	1,576,504	1,478,360	1,719,129	1,015,465
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>14,564,498</b>	<b>40,973,694</b>	<b>20,573,842</b>	<b>13,950,752</b>	<b>12,947,012</b>

Principal Exports—Quantities and Values.

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

PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED OVERSEAS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE YEARS 1950-51 TO 1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Commodity.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1953.	1954.
<b>Wool—</b>				
Greasy .. .. .	{ lb. 219,644,051	227,444,674	260,690,949	236,716,421
	{ £ 143,722,594	73,952,216	92,007,475	87,935,572
Scoured and Washed .. .. .	{ lb. 32,164,369	30,775,013	31,749,696	28,935,860
	{ £ 21,340,856	14,018,548	13,172,739	12,673,059
Tops, Noils, and Waste .. .. .	{ lb. 5,711,007	6,858,972	8,903,718	6,278,570
	{ £ 2,733,179	2,204,225	3,022,917	2,606,801
Butter .. .. .	{ lb. 50,389,605	17,768,047	42,128,509	38,484,339
	{ £ 7,803,626	3,165,679	7,673,702	6,985,888
Wheat .. .. .	{ tons 716,076	425,436	320,230	191,822
	{ £ 22,506,610	13,589,998	10,235,702	5,913,774
Flour (wheaten) .. .. .	{ centals 4,664,413	9,327,822	7,139,151	5,180,604
	{ £ 8,675,409	13,214,469	15,348,964	10,069,609

PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED OVERSEAS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS  
DURING EACH OF THE YEARS 1950-51 TO 1953-54—continued.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Commodity.		1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.
<b>Fruits—</b>					
Dried .. ..	lb.	60,682,647	68,655,998	113,619,607	104,210,109
	£	2,635,040	3,787,827	5,315,217	4,857,115
<b>Fresh—</b>					
Oranges .. ..	bushel	193,616	171,394	226,065	315,758
	£	275,284	323,637	405,152	470,882
Apples .. ..	bushel	135,370	81,360	106,310	118,724
	£	154,865	141,885	178,930	161,189
Pears .. ..	bushel	616,893	589,386	654,838	911,877
	£	940,590	1,170,256	1,241,084	1,642,522
All Other .. ..	£	19,435	16,014	62,683	80,824
Preserved in Liquid .. ..	lb.	56,139,987	73,195,505	97,624,318	111,595,116
	£	2,577,353	4,030,093	6,148,644	7,515,316
<b>Meats—</b>					
Beef (frozen) .. ..	lb.	1,593,226	2,694,211	3,454,488	8,696,086
	£	99,247	248,881	314,713	641,070
Lamb (frozen) .. ..	lb.	30,296,923	19,068,771	52,164,036	22,774,373
	£	1,574,490	1,205,040	3,493,835	1,782,060
Mutton (frozen) .. ..	lb.	3,573,678	4,321,712	43,855,188	24,487,997
	£	125,877	211,374	1,426,465	835,907
Pork (frozen) .. ..	lb.	1,450,273	606,397	476,993	277,669
	£	141,804	87,016	71,458	53,823
Poultry (frozen) .. ..	£	1,111,893	904,864	522,652	140,068
Rabbits and Hares (frozen) .. ..	pairs	6,572,064	8,920,434	6,231,997	3,875,900
	£	1,752,639	2,346,806	1,842,763	1,044,999
Preserved in tins .. ..	lb.	39,766,898	54,986,399	91,278,929	54,056,970
	£	3,643,134	6,426,183	11,495,279	7,821,270
Sausage Casings .. ..	cwt.	10,303	9,366	18,204	17,041
	£	875,991	1,015,397	1,177,144	957,699
All other .. ..	£	453,991	748,126	778,829	688,018
Milk and Cream .. ..	£	3,939,472	5,488,704	7,043,008	6,670,388
<b>Hides and Skins—</b>					
Sheep (with wool) .. ..	lb.	26,437,776	28,703,788	45,514,061	35,053,844
	£	8,625,098	5,712,182	7,051,183	6,157,956
Calf, Cattle, Horse .. ..	lb.	2,739,858	2,715,264	4,474,689	5,600,752
	£	285,206	248,654	360,375	380,124
Rabbit and Hare .. ..	lb.	5,979,834	2,834,858	3,433,068	2,537,618
	£	1,152,272	484,596	476,323	475,485
Other Skins .. ..	£	931,523	47,446	674,822	621,603
Tallow (unrefined) .. ..	cwt.	118,343	57,263	173,636	192,477
	£	601,330	327,214	627,146	675,288
Eggs in shell .. ..	dozen	4,125,684	2,389,320	4,733,370	2,024,235
	£	584,185	402,008	1,001,005	446,502
Eggs not in shell .. ..	£	390,109	264,370	645,741	1,064,487
Cheese .. ..	lb.	29,156,561	28,787,886	35,186,848	37,865,040
	£	2,640,112	2,994,755	4,113,700	4,092,542

**Ships' Stores.** Prior to 1906 goods shipped at Victorian ports on board oversea vessels as ships' stores were included in particulars of exports. From 1906 the information has been excluded from the export figures. The nature and value of these stores shipped during each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are given in the following table :—

VICTORIA—VALUE OF STORES SHIPPED ON OVERSEA  
VESSELS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Item.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Ale, Beer, and Porter .. .. .	27,511	20,114	32,422	83,450	77,971
Butter .. .. .	50,660	102,941	73,845	153,688	127,071
Cheese .. .. .	12,670	12,254	11,535	10,314	10,188
Coal (Bunker) .. .. .	102	298	2,049	3,573	1,540
Coffee, Cocoa, and Chocolate .. .. .	16,752	22,707	14,911	8,859	9,692
Cordage and Twines .. .. .	4,765	8,165	30,747	17,524	9,206
Eggs .. .. .	45,869	63,351	54,089	47,576	47,860
Fish .. .. .	47,759	43,159	56,008	49,063	42,421
Fruits (all kinds) .. .. .	46,238	64,366	56,786	61,881	48,312
Fruit and Vegetables (in liquid) .. .. .	15,636	26,420	33,918	25,206	27,730
Vegetables .. .. .	39,690	47,496	61,055	42,611	42,909
Flour (wheaten) .. .. .	35,362	25,767	40,130	67,246	27,923
Rice .. .. .	28,682	44,033	58,936	32,678	44,642
Jams and Jellies .. .. .	5,579	6,763	5,706	12,751	7,881
Meats .. .. .	284,021	457,297	660,466	599,522	589,596
Milk and Cream (preserved) .. .. .	34,288	55,285	58,456	105,447	81,247
Oils for use as fuel in vessels .. .. .	274,623	379,151	345,370	699,243	1,436,760
Oils for use as fuel in aircraft .. .. .	2,896	1,122	15,177	26,665	41,465
Oils, other .. .. .	42,009	30,696	35,831	29,236	107,575
Paints and Colours .. .. .	11,983	10,147	21,110	17,297	29,130
Potatoes .. .. .	20,509	26,926	22,651	25,410	22,663
Spirits .. .. .	6,776	7,372	9,592	2,430	3,552
Sugar .. .. .	19,752	20,051	14,098	12,408	10,979
Tea .. .. .	7,398	8,390	11,732	8,949	7,111
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes .. .. .	15,044	22,357	23,326	13,741	11,431
All other Articles .. .. .	272,673	197,758	279,791	305,669	260,547
Australian Produce .. .. .	1,251,331	1,647,547	1,935,360	2,070,467	2,070,065
Other Produce .. .. .	117,916	56,889	94,430	391,970	1,047,387
Total .. .. .	1,369,247	1,704,436	2,029,790	2,462,437	3,117,452

Customs  
and Excise  
Revenue.

The oversea trade and the gross revenue collected at Victorian ports, during the year 1953-54, are shown in the following statement:—

OVERSEA TRADE AND GROSS REVENUE COLLECTED AT  
VICTORIAN PORTS, 1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

	Melbourne*	Geelong.	Portland.	Other.	Total.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Oversea Trade					
Imports .. .. .	223,312,732	13,678,016	588,052	104,073	237,682,873
Exports .. .. .	193,074,656	7,920,600	2,585,819	..	203,581,075
Total .. .. .	416,387,388	21,598,616	3,173,871	104,073	441,263,948
Gross Revenue—					
Customs duties .. .. .	27,924,924	862,532	353,580	..	29,141,036
Excise Duties .. .. .	38,472,490	276,066	37,167	..	38,785,723
Primage .. .. .	2,575,683	129,496	50,144	..	2,755,323
Other Sources .. .. .	53,165	775	..	..	53,940
Total .. .. .	69,026,262	1,268,869	440,891	..	70,736,022†

\* Includes Port of Melbourne, Essendon Airport and Parcels Post.

† After deducting £1,630,741 for refunds and drawbacks, &c., the net revenue was £69,105,281.

**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 in Perth, it was resolved that action should be taken by the Statistician of each State (with the exception of Western Australia and Tasmania where schemes for collecting interstate trade statistics were in force) with a view to obtaining a record of the principal items of interstate trade. It has not been possible to obtain complete information regarding the interstate trade of Victoria. Returns have been received from the Harbor Trusts, but the Railway Department has been unable to supply any information since February, 1942. The quantity of goods transported by road is not available.

## SHIPPING.

**Vessels entered and cleared.** Victorian shipping, as dealt with in the succeeding tables, refers to vessels trading with other States and overseas countries; the tonnage quoted is net. Public vessels which were exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, equipment and war supplies and vessels trading on the Victorian coast and on the River Murray are not included. Coastal shipping is included in the particulars of the shipping at Victorian ports (page 475).

The number of vessels entered and cleared, and their total tonnage in each of the five years 1950-54, were as follows:—

VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING,  
1950-1954.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<b>Vessels Entered—</b>					
Number .. ..	2,315	2,287	2,316	2,448	2,818
Net tonnage ..	8,305,761	8,528,946	8,748,426	8,625,918	9,935,477
Average net tonnage	3,588	3,729	3,881	3,524	3,526
<b>Vessels Cleared—</b>					
Number .. ..	2,314	2,316	2,328	2,437	2,803
Net tonnage ..	8,301,760	8,599,072	8,840,096	8,588,719	9,984,631
Average net tonnage	3,588	3,713	3,797	3,524	3,562



Shipping with various countries.

The principal countries having shipping communication with Victoria are set out in the following statement.

Voyages and tonnages of vessels arriving from or departing to particular countries are recorded against one country only, notwithstanding that the same vessel on the same voyage may carry cargo or passengers to or from Victoria from or to several countries. Thus vessels calling at New Zealand on voyages to and from United States of America or Canada are not shown in shipping communication with New Zealand and likewise vessels calling at ports *en route* to and from the United Kingdom are credited to the United Kingdom only. To this extent the records are misleading.

### VICTORIA—SHIPPING WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES, 1952-53 AND 1953-54.

Countries.	Vessels Entered. Steamers and Sailing Vessels.*		Vessels Cleared. Steamers and Sailing Vessels.*		
	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.	
Other Australian States .. .. .	{ 1952-53 1953-54	1,581 1,642	4,031,958 4,198,617	1,720 1,832	4,785,147 5,151,220
United Kingdom .. .. .	{ 1952-53 1953-54	217 267	1,586,537 1,827,852	204 210	1,482,119 1,552,318
New Zealand .. .. .	{ 1952-53 1953-54	60 60	179,903 156,919	62 64	169,640 177,781
India .. .. .	{ 1952-53 1953-54	49 26	189,098 103,619	46 37	181,674 165,570
Straits Settlements .. .. .	{ 1952-53 1953-54	65 64	324,761 306,948	34 51	166,066 229,190
Other British .. .. .	{ 1952-53 1953-54	182 238	751,021 1,076,591	180 155	725,375 647,398
Total British Countries .. .. .	{ 1952-53 1953-54	2,154 2,297	7,063,278 7,670,546	2,246 2,349	7,520,021 7,923,477
Japan .. .. .	{ 1952-53 1953-54	72 60	250,440 222,734	69 69	258,615 252,752
United States of Indonesia .. .. .	{ 1952-53 1953-54	48 50	282,188 271,940	33 41	172,059 210,582
United States of America .. .. .	{ 1952-53 1953-54	103 108	484,073 500,216	36 31	171,900 160,837
Other Foreign .. .. .	{ 1952-53 1953-54	184 187	1,082,615 1,014,292	169 177	915,258 941,132
Total Foreign Countries .. .. .	{ 1952-53 1953-54	417 405	2,099,316 2,009,182	307 318	1,512,832 1,565,903
Grand Total .. .. .	{ 1952-53 1953-54	2,571 2,702	9,162,594 9,679,728	2,553 2,667	9,032,853 9,488,780

\* Includes oil-burning vessels.

**Nationality of vessels.** The nationality of vessels which entered or were cleared at Victorian ports for the year 1953-54 was as follows:—

## VICTORIA—NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1953-54.

Nationality.	Vessels Entered.		Vessels Cleared.	
	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.
<b>British—</b>				
Australian .. .. .	1,256	2,001,149	1,251	2,009,029
United Kingdom .. .. .	971	5,428,725	960	5,354,335
Hong Kong .. .. .	19	66,461	17	55,203
New Zealand .. .. .	72	133,497	72	132,494
Other British .. .. .	37	109,393	35	109,173
<b>Total British .. .. .</b>	<b>2,355</b>	<b>7,739,225</b>	<b>2,335</b>	<b>7,660,234</b>
<b>Foreign—</b>				
Chinese .. .. .	2	4,094	3	6,673
Danish .. .. .	30	129,750	31	139,131
French .. .. .	8	28,992	7	22,671
Dutch .. .. .	84	422,104	83	422,562
Italian .. .. .	47	321,353	48	333,060
Japanese .. .. .	22	74,614	23	77,426
Norwegian .. .. .	120	531,230	119	521,110
Swedish .. .. .	62	217,991	66	236,178
United States of America .. .. .	45	219,918	45	222,183
Panamanian .. .. .	32	186,840	32	186,729
Other Foreign .. .. .	11	59,366	11	56,674
<b>Total Foreign .. .. .</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>2,196,252</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>2,224,397</b>
<b>Grand Total .. .. .</b>	<b>2,818</b>	<b>9,935,477</b>	<b>2,803</b>	<b>9,884,631</b>

**Shipping entered at Victorian Ports.**

Particulars of shipping—oversea, interstate, and intra-state—which entered each port of Victoria are given in the following statement for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

VICTORIA—VESSELS ENTERED AT EACH PORT, 1952-53  
AND 1953-54.

Route.	Melbourne.		Geelong.		Portland.		
	No.	Net Tonnage.	No.	Net Tonnage.	No.	Net Tonnage.	
Oversea—							
Steam* and Sailing	{ 1952-53	276	1,245,245	38	124,484	..	..
	{ 1953-54	256	1,180,839	75	313,998	..	..
Interstate—†							
Steam and Sailing	{ 1952-53	1,988	6,746,718	133	449,444	13	60,027
	{ 1953-54	2,072	7,042,417	123	380,004	20	95,582
Oversea, <i>via</i> Ports—							
Steam* and Sailing	{ 1952-53	46	195,396	39	205,424	8	50,024
	{ 1953-54	41	182,384	55	290,613	4	25,416
Interstate, <i>via</i> Ports—							
Steam* and Sailing	{ 1952-53	21	56,455	9	27,281	1	6,121
	{ 1953-54	49	140,233	6	18,057	2	13,062
Local (within the State)—							
Steam* and Sailing	{ 1952-53	30	113,251	65	135,297	2	10,221
	{ 1953-54	45	121,219	64	98,497	6	33,156
Total—							
Steam* and Sailing	{ 1952-53	2,261	8,357,065	284	941,930	24	126,393
	{ 1953-54	2,463	8,667,092	323	1,101,169	32	167,216

NOTE.—“Ports” means Victorian ports.

\* Includes oil-burning vessels.

† Including “Oversea *via* States”.

The following tables show the tonnage of oversea and interstate cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria during 1952-1953 and 1953-1954, also the tonnage of oversea cargo discharged and shipped during 1953-1954, according to the nationality of the vessels in which the cargo was carried.

VICTORIA—TONNAGE OF INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA  
CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED AT EACH PORT  
DURING THE YEAR 1952-53.

Port.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate (Tons.)		Oversea (Tons.)		Interstate (Tons.)		Oversea (Tons.)	
	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.
Melbourne	2,050,805	188,877	2,212,555	609,026	392,625	262,520	630,115	504,137
Geelong ..	220,296	..	320,619	18,100	11,603	570	376,711	466
Portland ..	3,526	..	40,828	2,475	..	..	9,477	..
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>2,274,627</b>	<b>188,877</b>	<b>2,474,002</b>	<b>629,601</b>	<b>404,228</b>	<b>263,090</b>	<b>1,016,303</b>	<b>504,603</b>

**VICTORIA—TONNAGE OF INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED  
AND SHIPPED AT EACH PORT DURING THE YEAR 1953-54.**

Port.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate (Tons).		Oversea (Tons).		Interstate (Tons).		Oversea (Tons).	
	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.
Melbourne	1,978,778	340,667	2,112,946	903,452	361,976	422,676	566,903	492,705
Geelong ..	235,113	2,213	728,836	24,253	99,748	175	277,675	..
Portland ..	2,428	949	29,359	15,176	148	..	11,876	..
Total ..	2,216,319	343,829	2,871,141	942,881	461,872	422,851	856,454	492,705

**VICTORIA—TONNAGE OF OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED  
AND SHIPPED DURING THE YEAR 1953-54 ACCORDING  
TO THE NATIONALITY OF VESSELS.**

Nationality of Vessels.	Discharged.		Shipped.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.
<b>British—</b>				
Australian .. ..	30,260	1,303	9,332	2
United Kingdom ..	1,635,406	642,175	464,852	379,452
Hong Kong .. ..	3,136	4,030	25,696	2,068
New Zealand .. ..	5	42,200	54,727	56,697
Other British .. ..	18,611	8,049	29,271	7,732
<b>Total (British)</b> ..	<b>1,687,418</b>	<b>697,757</b>	<b>583,878</b>	<b>445,951</b>
<b>Foreign—</b>				
Chinese .. ..	..	..	4,037	57
Danish .. ..	63,900	13,112	13,702	992
French .. ..	125	4,596	..	5,855
Dutch .. ..	242,415	49,330	54,785	5,518
Italian .. ..	15,674	19,403	25,068	3,290
Japanese .. ..	5,211	2,828	38,020	3,796
Norwegian .. ..	453,441	76,206	61,123	5,476
Swedish .. ..	101,457	37,028	53,048	5,261
United States of America ..	20,361	34,755	13,589	16,503
Panamanian .. ..	219,655	..	8,704	..
Other Foreign .. ..	61,484	7,816	500	6
<b>Total (Foreign)</b> ..	<b>1,183,723</b>	<b>245,124</b>	<b>272,576</b>	<b>46,754</b>
<b>Grand Total</b> ..	<b>2,871,141</b>	<b>942,881</b>	<b>856,454</b>	<b>492,705</b>

### PRINCIPAL PORTS OF VICTORIA.

**Port of Melbourne.** The Port of Melbourne which is under the control of the Melbourne Harbor Trust, had 11·78 miles of wharfs, piers, and jetties in the Yarra River, Victoria Dock, Maribyrnong River, and Hobson's Bay at 31st December, 1953. The area of these wharfs, &c., is 58 acres, and there are 34½ acres of sheds. Reference to the constitution of the Trust and the revenue and expenditure thereof are shown in part "Local Government".

**Trade of the Port of Melbourne.** During the year 1954, vessels to the number of 2,427 (1,263 steamers, 974 motor vessels, and 190 sailing vessels) with registered gross tonnage aggregating 14,557,709 berthed within the Port. Total imports in 1953 amounted to 5,303,377 tons, of which 2,236,888 tons were interstate and coastal cargo. Exports totalled 1,926,009 tons, including interstate and coastal tonnage, amounting to 721,229. Coal formed a great part of the interstate imports. Excluding 34,900 tons transhipped to vessels and 19,099 tons kept on board and landed at Geelong, or other ports, or used for bunkers, the quantity imported during 1953 amounted to 1,178,574 tons.

**Port of Geelong.** The Port of Geelong is controlled by the Geelong Harbor Trust. The number of berthings of vessels visiting the port during 1954 was 471 and represented 2,673,595 gross tonnage. Imports and exports for that period aggregated 1,790,015 and 931,645 tons respectively.

### COMMUNICATION.

#### POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES, AND WIRELESS.

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

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

**Post Offices, Mails, &c.** The number of post offices and the number of mails despatched and received in each of the five years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are as follows:—

**VICTORIA—NUMBER OF POST OFFICES AND MAILS,  
1949-50 TO 1953-54.**

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Post Offices.*	Number of Mails—	
		Despatched.	Received.
1950 .. .. .	2,455	2,403,475	2,266,793
1951 .. .. .	2,430	2,410,662	2,263,492
1952 .. .. .	2,414	2,443,595	2,322,546
1953 .. .. .	2,386	2,351,881	2,212,392
1954 .. .. .	2,374	†	†

\* Excluding "Telephone" offices at which telegraph and telephone business only is transacted, viz., 1949-50, 225; 1950-51, 223; 1951-52, 209; 1952-53, 204 and 1953-54, 201.

† Not Available.

**Postal  
Returns—  
Victoria.**

Particulars relating to the number of letters, packets, and newspapers dealt with during 1952-53 and 1953-54 are given hereunder.

**VICTORIA—LETTERS, PACKETS, AND NEWSPAPERS  
DEALT WITH, 1952-53 AND 1953-54.**

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June, 1953.			Year ended 30th June, 1954.		
	Letters, Post-cards, Letter-cards.	Newspapers and Packets.	Total.	Letters, Post-cards, Letter-cards.	Newspapers and Packets.	Total.
<i>Posted for delivery—</i>	No. '000.	No. '000.	No. '000.	No. '000.	No. '000.	No. '000.
<i>Within the Commonwealth ..</i>	338,884	52,254	391,138	370,551	53,844	424,395
<i>Beyond the Commonwealth—</i>						
Despatched	5,843	2,761	8,604	7,261	3,100	10,361
Received ..	8,247	6,834	15,081	9,269	7,717	16,986
Total ..	352,974	61,849	414,823	387,081	64,661	451,742

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

VICTORIA—REGISTERED ARTICLES AND PARCELS POST,  
1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Year ended 30th June—	Registered Articles (other than Parcels).				Parcels Post.*			
	Posted for Delivery—		Total Posted in Commonwealth.	Received from Beyond the Commonwealth.	Posted for Delivery—		Total Posted in Commonwealth.	Received from Beyond the Commonwealth.
	Within the Commonwealth.	Beyond the Commonwealth.			Within the Commonwealth.	Beyond the Commonwealth.		
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
1950 ..	4,689,300	92,300	4,781,600	163,600	4,429,400	697,500	5,126,900	167,100
1951 ..	4,770,300	118,000	4,888,300	159,600	4,947,100	423,300	5,370,400	197,700
1952 ..	4,424,000	114,100	4,538,100	175,600	3,692,200	315,300	4,007,500	218,400
1953 ..	4,073,000	101,000	4,174,000	173,000	3,744,000	250,000	3,994,000	147,000
1954 ..	4,134,900	202,100	4,337,000	195,300	4,007,000	185,000	4,192,000	179,200

\* Including Registered Value payable and Duty Parcels.

During 1953-54 there were 312,300 letters, &c., and 97,320 packets, &c., returned direct to writers or delivered; 100,020 letters, &c., and 112,165 packets, &c., were destroyed in accordance with the Post and Telegraph Act; and 59,190 letters, &c., and 6,200 packets, &c., were returned, as unclaimed, to other countries. Money and valuables to the amount of £16,225 were found in postal articles sent to the Dead Letter Office as undeliverable. Of 85,200 postal articles posted without address, 165 contained money and valuables amounting to £2,229.

The following table shows the total number and value of money orders and postal notes issued and paid in each of the five years 1949-50 to 1953-54:—

**Money Orders and Postal Notes.**

**VICTORIA—MONEY ORDERS AND POSTAL NOTES, 1949-50  
TO 1953-54.**

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Number of Money Order Offices open .. .. .	902	911	923	928	944
Money Orders issued—					
Intra-state .. {	848	992	1,030	1,113	1,220
Number '000	7,301	8,959	10,195	10,998	11,602
Amount £'000					
Interstate .. {	143	158	167	172	181
Number '000	1,023	1,313	1,458	1,415	1,449
Amount £'000					
Beyond the Com- {	35	47	57	74	79
monwealth .. {	140	199	255	267	263
Number '000					
Amount £'000					
<b>Total .. {</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>1,197</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>1,359</b>	<b>1,480</b>
Number '000	<b>8,464</b>	<b>10,471</b>	<b>11,908</b>	<b>12,680</b>	<b>13,314</b>
Amount £'000					
Money Orders Paid—					
Intra-state .. {	848	988	1,004	1,125	1,235
Number '000	7,301	8,878	10,192	11,018	11,613
Amount £'000					
Interstate .. {	228	228	219	214	214
Number '000	1,540	1,675	1,757	1,758	1,753
Amount £'000					
Beyond the Com- {	36	32	33	34	34
monwealth .. {	154	141	150	160	148
Number '000					
Amount £'000					
<b>Total .. {</b>	<b>1,112</b>	<b>1,248</b>	<b>1,256</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>1,483</b>
Number '000	<b>8,995</b>	<b>10,694</b>	<b>12,099</b>	<b>12,936</b>	<b>13,514</b>
Amount £'000					
Postal Notes—					
Issued .. {	11,574	11,859	11,085	11,440	11,294
Number '000	4,217	4,552	4,323	4,428	4,368
Amount £'000					
Paid - Issued {	5,402	5,014	4,205	3,964	4,140
within the {	2,337	2,373	2,101	2,206	2,029
State .. {					
Number '000					
Amount £'000					
Paid-Issued in {	882	849	759	775	793
other States {	393	391	353	347	351
Number '000					
Amount £'000					

Of the money orders issued in 1953-54, 1,401,695 for £13,050,019 were payable in the Commonwealth of Australia, and 78,927 for £264,443 in other countries. The orders paid included 1,448,516 for £13,365,717 issued in the Commonwealth, and 34,655 for £148,101 in other countries.

The following table gives particulars relating to the Telegraphs and Telegrams. telegraph business during each of the five years 1949-50 to 1953-54 :—



## VICTORIA—TELEGRAPH BUSINESS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Number of Telegraph Offices (including Railway Telegraph Offices) .. .. .	2,443	2,425*	2,411*	2,390	2,385
Telegrams—					
Within the Commonwealth—					
Paid and Collect Telegrams					
Despatched—					
Ordinary, Urgent, and Press	7,535,803	7,419,396	5,552,147	4,838,567	4,714,634
Lettergrams .. .. .	19,998	17,361	18,537	17,930	19,008
Radiograms .. .. .	4,775	4,161	4,827	4,372	4,489
Unpaid Telegrams Transmitted—					
Service and Meteorological	469,033	433,473	431,119	387,457	305,588
Total .. .. .	8,029,609	7,874,391	6,006,630	5,248,326	5,043,714
Beyond the Commonwealth—					
Despatched .. .. .	424,978	482,224	444,894	397,944	429,279
Received .. .. .	449,812	466,491	482,405	482,533	443,169
Total Number of Telegrams dealt with .. .. .	8,904,399	8,823,106	6,933,929	6,128,803	5,910,162
Revenue—					
Telegrams within the Common- wealth .. .. .	£ 715,892	£ 851,045	£ 918,281	£ 772,828	£ 804,607
Telegrams beyond the Common- wealth .. .. .	72,745	117,290	525,091	482,533	642,321
Total Revenue received in State .. .. .	788,637	968,335	1,443,372	1,255,361	1,446,928

\* Excluding Railway Telegraph Offices.

Information relating to the telephone service is given  
**Telephones.** below for the years 1949-50 to 1953-54.

## VICTORIA—TELEPHONES, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Telephone Exchanges ..	1,714	1,728	1,729	1,730	1,745
Public Telephones ..	3,607	3,900	4,335	4,459	4,532
Lines connected ..	244,853	269,826	291,902	312,088	332,311
Instruments connected	348,505	381,809	413,534	441,547	471,473
Instruments per 1,000 of Population .. .. .	158.2	168.3	177.1	185.2	192.5
Effective Paid Local Calls—					
(a) Subscribers ..	241,313,273	252,938,000	267,214,826	267,400,960	282,977,168
(b) Public Telephones	23,222,440	25,099,000	28,299,976	30,653,692	31,851,370
Trunk Line Calls ..	19,450,398	20,262,000	20,108,257	21,647,226	23,853,874

**Wireless  
Licences  
in force.**

Details of Broadcast Services and Amateur Stations licensed in Victoria at the end of each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are shown hereunder. Consequent on the passing of the Australian Broadcasting Act in July, 1942, broadcast listeners' licences from 1942-43 to 31st December, 1951, inclusive were issued in two categories, viz. :—(a) licences for one receiver, (b) licences for receivers in excess of one. In 1951 the Broadcasting Act was amended and a single licence now covers any number of receivers operated by the holder or a member of his family if the sets are ordinarily kept at the address specified in the licence. The requirement that a separate half-fee licence be held for each receiver in excess of one was repealed.

**VICTORIA—NUMBER OF WIRELESS LICENCES IN FORCE  
1949-50 TO 1953-54.**

Class of Licence.	At 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Broadcasting* .. ..	19	19	19	19	20
Broadcast Listeners—					
One receiver .. ..	505,078	522,502	520,364	533,329	545,148
More than one receiver	52,478	63,891	†	†	†
Amateur .. ..	910	931	951	959	956

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

† See reading matter above.

**Radiocom-  
munication  
Stations  
Authorized.**

The number of stations authorized in Victoria, at the end (30th June) of each of the years 1950 to 1954 is shown in the following table. Prior to the year 1947-48, statistics of radio-communication stations were compiled on the basis of licences issued but as some stations were authorized without being licensed it became necessary to publish particulars of stations authorized.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF RADIO-COMMUNICATION STATIONS  
AUTHORIZED 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Type of Station.	At 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Transmitting and Receiving—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Aeronautical .. .. .	9	9	4	5	5
Coast .. .. .	4	5	5	6	6
Land and Fixed .. .. .	198	233	236	289	340
Mobile (General) .. .. .	662	724	948	1,305	1,820
Miscellaneous .. .. .	13	13	15	18	22
Receiving only—					
Land and Fixed .. .. .	202	197	208	210	200
Mobile (General) .. .. .	149	138	141	90	27

Post Office  
revenue and  
expenditure.

Particulars concerning the revenue and expenditure of the Postmaster-General's Department in Victoria for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are contained in the following table:—

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S  
DEPARTMENT IN VICTORIA, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
<i>Revenue.</i>					
Postage .. .. .	4,069	4,661	6,106	6,392	6,799
Money Order Commission .. .. .	138	152	275	296	298
Poundage on Postal Notes .. .. .	21	31	36	38	40
Private Boxes and Bags .. .. .	295	306	426	542	594
Miscellaneous .. .. .					
<b>Total Postal .. .. .</b>	<b>4,523</b>	<b>5,150</b>	<b>6,843</b>	<b>7,268</b>	<b>7,731</b>
Telegraphs .. .. .	1,021	1,206	1,364	1,240	1,246
Telephones .. .. .	5,493	6,642	9,147	10,676	11,200
<b>Total Revenue .. .. .</b>	<b>11,028</b>	<b>12,998</b>	<b>17,354</b>	<b>19,184</b>	<b>20,177</b>
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries and Contingencies—					
Salaries and Payments in the					
Nature of Salary .. .. .	5,043	6,480	7,802	8,512	8,826
General Expenses .. .. .	470	651	831	737	777
Stores and Material .. .. .	364	451	361	547	344
Mail Services .. .. .	493	551	578	590	620
Engineering Services (other than new works) .. .. .	3,334	4,143	5,005	5,464	6,035
Rents, Repairs, Maintenance, Fittings, &c. .. .. .	143	161	182	262	221
Proportion of Audit Expenses .. .. .	4	5	7	8	8
New Works—					
Telegraph, Telephones, and Wireless .. .. .	3,810	5,747	7,622	6,899	6,269
New Buildings, &c. .. .. .	837	1,069	859	1,340	1,291
Post Office Stores and Transport Trust Account—Advance .. .. .	3,000	11,000	..	..	..
Other Expenditure .. .. .	4	3	3	..	..
<b>Total Expenditure .. .. .</b>	<b>17,502</b>	<b>30,261</b>	<b>23,250</b>	<b>24,359</b>	<b>24,391</b>

## TRANSPORT.

**Transport  
Regulation  
Board.**

The Transport Regulation Board was set up in 1934 under the provisions of the *Transport Regulation Act 1932* as amended by the *Transport Regulation Act 1933* for the purposes of securing the improvement and co-ordination of and facility for locomotion and transport. The Board consists of three members appointed by the Governor in Council for a term of three years.

Until October, 1951, the Board's jurisdiction was confined to the licensing of commercial goods vehicles throughout the State and of commercial passenger vehicles, except in the metropolitan area of Melbourne and the urban districts of Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong. With the passing of the *Transport Act* of 9th October, 1951, all commercial passenger vehicles and aircraft operating solely within Victoria were brought under the ambit of the Board.

In December, 1955 all existing legislation, with minor exceptions, was repealed and replaced by the *Transport Regulation Act 1955* and the *Commercial Goods Vehicles Act 1955*, which largely consolidated previous Acts. The section covering the licensing of intra-state air services was not included in the new Acts. In addition Part II. of the latter Act introduced a system of road charges on commercial goods vehicles exceeding 80 cwt. load capacity.

With the exception of licences referred to in Section 4 of the *Commercial Goods Vehicles Act 1955*, (in respect of certain types of commercial goods vehicle operation) all licences issued by the Board are discretionary.

All licence and permit fees received by the Board are paid into a Treasury Trust Fund known as the "Transport Regulation Fund". From this fund is paid the cost of administration and certain statutory charges. All monies received in respect of road charges are paid direct to the Country Roads Board to be used for road maintenance purposes.

The following table shows the number of Transport Licences and Permits in force for each of the years 1951-52 to 1953-54 :—

**VICTORIA—NUMBER OF TRANSPORT LICENCES AND  
PERMITS IN FORCE 1951-52 TO 1953-54.**

Type of Licence or Permit—	Year Ended 30th June—		
	1952.	1953.	1954.
<b>Temporary Licences—</b>			
Commercial Passenger Vehicles .. .. .	988	138	72
Commercial Goods Vehicles .. .. .	3,837	2,033	1,737
	4,825	2,171	1,809
<b>Permanent "Discretionary" Licences—</b>			
Commercial Passenger Vehicles .. .. .	3,620	5,258	5,282
Commercial Goods Vehicles .. .. .	2,213	2,462	2,748
	5,833	7,720	8,030
<b>Licences issued "As of Right"—</b>			
To operate for hire or reward—within 25 miles of the G.P.O.—			
Melbourne .. .. .	10,811	10,274	9,529
Ballarat .. .. .	363	381	372
Bendigo .. .. .	356	373	359
Geelong .. .. .	533	548	501
Within 20 miles of place of business of the owner; generally outside the radius of 25 miles from the G.P.O., Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong .. .. .	8,900	8,888	8,227
Primary Producers .. .. .	7,825	9,299	9,991
Commercial goods vehicles owned by butter and cheese factories .. .. .	692	743	669
Commercial goods vehicles authorized to carry the goods of the owners .. .. .	27,029	27,075	25,115
Commercial goods vehicles being used as—			
Carriers of all "Third Schedule" goods	5,076	5,953	6,143
Racehorse floats .. .. .	40	42	51
Tank wagons for carriage of petroleum products .. .. .	349	378	419
Commercial travellers' cars .. .. .	485	497	580
	62,459	64,451	61,956
<b>Additional Licences to commercial goods vehicles to carry passengers .. .. .</b>	201	150	170
<b>Total Licences issued .. .. .</b>	<b>73,318</b>	<b>74,492</b>	<b>71,966</b>
<b>Financial Transactions—</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Revenue .. .. .	702,352	768,349	888,165
Expenditure .. .. .	246,002	373,413	410,751
Amount transferred to Consolidated Revenue	456,350	394,936	477,414

## RAILWAYS.

All railways in Victoria available for general traffic are the property of the State, and are under the management of three Commissioners appointed by the Government.

As from 1st February, 1952, the 14 miles of railway between Kerang and Koondrook was taken under the control of the Victorian Railways. This line was formerly owned and operated by the Shire of Kerang.

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

All lines controlled by the Railways Commissioners are shown on the map opposite page 435.

The succeeding tables relate to the State Railways, the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Black Rock Electric Tramways, and the Road Motor Services under the control of the Railways Commissioners. The operations of these tramways and the Road Motor Services are also shown separately on pages 491 and 492. Steam, motor or diesel-electric power provides the traction for country passenger and goods traffic, while electricity is used mainly for passenger traffic on suburban lines.

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

The total capital cost of all lines constructed and in course of construction, and of all works, rolling stock and equipment of the Railways Department as at 30th June, of each of the five years 1950-1954, is shown in the following table :—

**Reduction of  
loan liability.**

**Total capital  
cost of  
railways and  
equipment.**

VICTORIA—TOTAL CAPITAL COST OF RAILWAYS, ETC.,  
EQUIPMENT AND ROLLING STOCK, 1950-1954.

At 30th June—	Railways.		Electric Tramways.	Road Motor Services.	Total Capital Cost.*
	Lines Opened.	Lines in Process of Construction.	Lines Opened.		
	£	£	£	£	£
1950 .. ..	55,722,636	243,178	131,591	8,768	56,106,173
1951 .. ..	60,478,709	307,925	128,528	6,678	60,921,840
1952 .. ..	71,194,196	409,510	125,465	5,509	71,734,680
1953 .. ..	76,614,127	460,232	122,402	33,744	77,230,505
1954 .. ..	83,094,112	513,742	119,339	28,084	83,755,277

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

The face value of stock and bonds allocated to the Railways Department, as reduced in accordance with Act No. 4429, amounted to £88,932,058 at 30th June, 1954. After deducting the value of securities purchased by the National Debt Sinking Fund and cancelled (£9,255,420), the total liability in respect of current loans outstanding at that date was £79,676,638. The annual interest payable on this amount, calculated at the average rate of 3·433 per cent., was £2,735,299.

Additional funds, which amounted to £6,624,579 at 30th June, 1954, have been provided for railway construction, equipment, stores, &c., out of Consolidated Revenue and the National Recovery Loan and other Funds. No interest is charged on this amount.

The mileage and traffic of the railways (exclusive of electric tramways and road motor services) for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are given in the following table:—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS MILEAGE AND TRAFFIC (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES), 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Heading.	At 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Lines Constructed .. ..	Miles. 4,830·79	Miles. 4,830·79	Miles. 4,844·79*	Miles. 4,844·79*	Miles. 4,844·79*
„ Closed for Traffic ..	139·01	140·01	147·06	180·52	247·72
„ Open for Traffic ..	4,691·78	4,690·78	4,697·73	4,664·27	4,597·07
	During Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Traffic Train Mileage ..	17,549,489	14,574,809	16,972,801	18,673,655	19,270,809
Passenger Journeys ..	182,101,351	141,312,589	165,130,762	169,371,872	172,497,575
Goods and Live Stock Carried (Tons) ..	9,125,140	7,539,166	9,204,410	9,191,615	9,200,573

\* Includes 14 miles of railway owned and operated by the Shire of Kerang until 31st January, 1952.

The revenue and expenditure of the Railways Department during each of the five financial years 1950-1954 were as follows:—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE,  
1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<b>Revenue—</b>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Passenger, &c., Business—					
Passenger Fares .. .. .	7,353,549	6,517,373	8,226,553	9,500,163	9,948,938
Parcels, Mails, &c. .. .. .	833,533	756,809	941,862	1,076,635	1,132,194
Other .. .. .	41,242	41,510	53,755	51,253	62,262
Goods, &c., Business—					
Goods .. .. .	9,706,717	9,138,159	12,269,567	17,680,222	20,762,386
Live Stock .. .. .	932,286	696,256	970,799	1,435,113	1,632,757
Miscellaneous .. .. .	177,862	158,094	225,314	270,542	264,355
Miscellaneous—					
Dining Car and Refreshment Services .. .. .	830,416	850,408	1,140,242	1,263,830	1,297,395
Sale of Electrical Power .. .. .	124,569	102,513	11,598	5,341	4,352
Rentals .. .. .	202,626	234,092	291,092	348,960	376,339
Book Stalls .. .. .	147,121	144,015	199,826	215,782	229,124
Advertising .. .. .	47,426	44,812	53,577	62,989	62,045
Subsidy paid by Treasury for Interest, &c. .. .. .	1,687,828	1,789,670	1,754,640	1,798,278	1,934,903
Other .. .. .	75,340	67,079	69,362	91,520	69,790
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>22,160,515</b>	<b>20,540,790</b>	<b>26,208,187</b>	<b>33,800,628</b>	<b>37,776,840</b>
<b>Expenditure—</b>					
Working Expenses—	£	£	£	£	£
Way and Works .. .. .	3,500,199	3,760,983	5,439,809	6,687,482	7,787,598
Rolling Stock .. .. .	6,902,938	7,052,559	10,411,162	12,307,632	12,086,009
Transportation .. .. .	6,222,089	6,512,545	9,208,953	10,093,935	10,488,746
Electrical Engineering Branch Stores Branch .. .. .	993,796	1,187,244	1,713,830	1,839,370	1,841,402
Pensions (non-contributory) .. .. .	259,996	268,922	373,578	424,313	408,102
Payment to the Superannuation Fund .. .. .	654,435	926,150	880,379	960,258	1,151,494
Contribution to Railway Renewals and Replacements Fund .. .. .	650,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	550,000
Contribution to Railway Accident and Fire Insurance Fund .. .. .	135,000	163,184	251,357	259,506	261,082
Pay-roll Tax .. .. .	331,703	345,667	486,214	529,653	573,396
Long Service Leave .. .. .	158,586	165,122	434,831	438,471	466,780
Other .. .. .	403,430	433,990	583,272	612,414	637,451
<b>Total Working Expenses .. .. .</b>	<b>20,212,172</b>	<b>21,016,366</b>	<b>29,983,385</b>	<b>34,353,034</b>	<b>36,252,060</b>
Less Expenditure charged to Special Funds .. .. .	94,609	67,072	174,910	92,911	80,000
Working Expenses charged to Railway Revenue .. .. .	20,117,563	20,949,294	29,808,475	34,260,123	36,172,060
<b>Net Revenue .. .. .</b>	<b>2,042,952</b>	<b>408,504</b>	<b>3,600,288</b>	<b>459,495</b>	<b>1,604,780</b>
		<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Dr.</i>	



VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1949-50  
TO 1953-54—continued.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
Debt Charges—					
Interest Charges and Expenses†	1,934,546	2,073,028	2,047,487	2,132,049	2,307,452
Exchange on Interest Payments					
and Redemption .. .. .	157,444	157,292	157,843	148,383	126,846
Contribution to National Debt					
Sinking Fund .. .. .	137,019	147,589	142,966	151,921	162,371
Net Result for Year ..	- 186,057	-2,786,411	-5,948,584	-2,891,848	- 991,889
Proportion of Working Expenses to					
Revenue .. .. .	%	%	%	%	%
	90.8	101.99	113.74	101.36	95.75

† Including Loan Conversion Expenses.

The revenue for 1953-54 increased by £3,976,212 as compared with that for 1952-53. Passenger business increased by £1,515,343, while goods, &c., business increased by £3,273,621. Total working expenses increased by £1,899,026, as compared with those of the previous year.

The earnings, expenses charged to railway revenue, and net revenue per average mile of railway worked for each of the five years 1949-50 to 1953-54 were as follows.

This table does not take account of the interest paid on railway loans and expenses of paying same, which are shown in the previous table :—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PER  
AVERAGE MILE OPEN, 1949-50 TO 1953-54 (EXCLUDING  
ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES).

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Average Number of Miles open for					
Traffic .. .. .	4,692	4,687	4,687	4,678	4,574
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross Revenue* per Mile ..	4,341	3,981	5,193	6,812	7,806
Working Expenses† per Mile ..	4,259	4,440	6,318	7,270	7,860

\* Excluding recoups by Treasury to offset interest etc. payments.

† Charged to Railway Revenue.

At 30th June, 1954, the capital cost of the broad-gauge rolling stock, after being written down in accordance with Act No. 4429 of 1936, was £26,281,101, of the narrow-gauge £5,601, of the electric street tramways £16,116, and of the road motor coaches and trucks £23,357.

The number of officers and employees in the railways service (including casual labour and butty-gang workers) and the amount of salaries and wages (including travelling and incidental expenses) paid in each of the five financial years 1950-54 are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS STAFF—NUMBERS, SALARIES, ETC.,  
1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Employees at End of Year.			Salaries, Wages and Travelling Expenses.
	Permanent.	Supernumerary and Casual.	Total.	
				£
1950 .. ..	18,868	8,190	27,058	14,427,690
1951 .. ..	17,618	9,034	26,652	15,144,588
1952 .. ..	17,486	11,085	28,571	21,364,891
1953 .. ..	17,940	10,019	27,959	23,232,776
1954 .. ..	18,605	11,287	29,892	25,129,838

The results of operating the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Black Rock Electric Tramways for 1952-53 and 1953-54, are detailed in the following statements. As these tramways are controlled and operated by the Railways Commissioners, particulars relating to them have been included in the preceding railway tables unless otherwise indicated.

ELECTRIC STREET TRAMWAYS, 1952-53 AND 1953-54.

(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	St Kilda-Brighton Electric Tramway.		Sandringham-Black Rock Electric Tramway.	
	1952-53.	1953-54.	1952-53	1953-54.
Average Mileage of Tramway Worked .. ..	5.18	5.18	2.42	2.42
Car Mileage .. ..	470,206	482,854	129,315	129,491
Passengers Carried .. ..	3,668,631	3,633,800	1,472,117	1,443,554
Gross Revenue .. ..	83,701	83,928	28,348	28,423
Working Expenses .. ..	150,866	129,166	30,783	28,209
Interest Charges, &c. .. ..	3,080	2,929	1,395	1,361
Net Loss .. ..	70,245	48,167	3,830	1,147
Capital Expenditure at 30th June, as written down under Act No. 4429 of 1936—				
Construction of Lines, &c. .. ..	69,500	68,295	35,104	34,928
Rolling Stock .. ..	16,606	15,077	1,192	1,039
Total .. ..	86,106	83,372	36,296	35,967

The following table gives particulars for each of the four years 1950-51 to 1953-54 of the operations of the Road Motor Services under the control of the Railways Commissioners.

VICTORIA—ROAD MOTOR SERVICES, 1950-51 TO 1953-54.  
(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Car Mileage .. .. .	298,330	356,085	383,918	355,558
Passenger Journeys* .. .. .	963,712	1,087,378	1,374,132	1,314,822
	£	£	£	£
Gross Revenue .. .. .	15,513	20,170	26,968	27,054
Working Expenses .. .. .	39,686	54,699	70,579	64,272
Interest Charges and Exchange .. .. .	257	241	197	1,186
Net Loss .. .. .	24,430	34,770	43,826	33,404
Capital Expenditure at end of Year (less depreciation written off) .. .. .	6,678	5,509	33,744	28,084

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

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

Prior to 1st February, 1952, the railway between Kerang and Koondrook was owned and worked by the Shire of Kerang, but since that date the line has been taken under the control of the Victorian Railways.

**Municipal  
Railway.**

### TRAMWAYS.

The various tramway systems in the State at 30th June, 1954 (excluding those under the control of the Railways Commissioners) comprised 169·10 miles of electric lines, of which 139·12 miles were double and 29·98 miles single track.

**Victorian  
Tramways.**

The electric street tramways, St. Kilda to Brighton and Sandringham to Black Rock, under the management of the Victorian Railways Commissioners, are not referred to in this connexion, but are included under the heading "Railways," page 491, and "All Victorian Tramways," page 497.

The subjoined table contains particulars relating to all tramways in Victoria (with the foregoing exceptions) for each of the five years 1949-50 to 1953-54.

VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

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

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons Employed.
	Double	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.		No.	£	£	No.	No.
1950* ..	135·70	29·94	20,053,555	217,910,550	2,997,041	2,858,201	840	5,055
1951 ..	137·31	29·97	22,901,475	252,447,118	4,092,147	3,801,095	848	4,750
1952 ..	137·12	30·16	23,145,349	230,066,460	4,790,235	4,373,670	853	5,468
1953 ..	138·25	29·01	23,741,705	220,072,104	5,332,944	4,846,394	841	5,326
1954 ..	139·12	29·98	23,517,947	217,463,790	5,309,056	4,986,076	838	5,326

\* The decrease in passenger journeys, traffic receipts, &c., was caused by the stoppage of tram services during the period 23rd February to 23rd April, 1950, owing to a strike of employees.

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

The Board is empowered to borrow up to £5,500,000 by the issue of stock or debentures secured upon its revenues and undertakings, this being in addition to the transferred liabilities attaching to the tramways vested in it. At 30th June, 1954, the Board had borrowing powers available to the extent of £416,798. Power is given to have an overdraft not exceeding £400,000.

Particulars relating to the electric tramway systems under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board are shown for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 in the following statement.

### MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling- stock.	Persons Em- ployed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.						
1950* ..	126·20	5·16	18,330,297	203,697,025	2,826,134	2,568,234	764	4,686
1951 ..	127·81	5·19	21,309,127	238,708,844	3,917,640	3,274,640	764	4,396
1952 ..	127·81	5·19	21,648,265	217,684,502	4,610,100	3,998,524	772	5,126
1953 ..	128·75	4·23	22,214,569	207,397,594	5,169,998	4,483,863	761	5,003
1954 ..	129·62	4·20	22,000,257	204,746,974	5,124,733	4,580,774	758	5,003

\* See note on page 493.

In the next statement the operations of the motor omnibus systems under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board are shown for each of the years 1949-50 and 1953-54.

### MOTOR OMNIBUS SYSTEMS 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

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

Year ended 30th June—	Route Miles.	Bus Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Ex- penses.	Rolling- stock.	Persons Em- ployed.
			No.	£	£	No.	No.
1950* ..	66·74	6,822,761	59,764,992	763,076	844,364	330	1,245
1951 ..	66·74	7,625,949	67,442,080	1,032,117	1,041,873	317	1,208
1952 ..	66·74	7,598,236	62,618,833	1,266,065	1,259,091	332	1,475
1953 ..	68·94	8,075,527	61,045,110	1,486,000	1,423,386	344	1,383
1954 ..	64·11	7,892,309	59,111,408	1,473,457	1,411,504	330	1,209

\* See note on page 493.

A summary of the revenue and expenditure by the Tramways Board for the year ended 30th June, 1954, is set out hereunder:—

	£	£
Traffic Receipts .. .. .	6,598,190	
Advertisements, rents, &c. .. .. .	44,484	
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Total Revenue .. .. .		6,642,674
Working Expenses .. .. .		6,003,029
Surplus on Operation .. .. .		639,645
Fixed Charges (excluding Depreciation) .. .. .		392,098
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		247,547
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Appropriations—		
Loan Redemption .. .. .	36,524	
Loan Sinking Funds .. .. .	61,567	
Renewals Reserve .. .. .	115,702	
General Reserve .. .. .	201,432	
Other .. .. .	47,385	
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		462,610
	<i>Dr.</i>	215,063
<i>Less—</i>		
Investment Income .. .. .		36,896
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		178,167
Payments to Consolidated Revenue .. .. .		70,777
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Deficit for Year .. .. .		248,944
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Pursuant to section 77 of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act* (No. 3732), the Board is required to make certain annual payments to the Consolidated Revenue of the State. The total of such payments up to 30th June, 1954, amounted to £4,263,991. This amount was allocated as follows:—Fire Brigades Board, £2,406,254; Licensing Fund, £435,251; and Infectious Diseases Hospital, £1,422,486. Under the provisions of Act No. 4598 the Board was relieved of the Licensing Fund payment as from 1st July, 1938.

Up to 30th June, 1954, the capital cost of the tramways vested in the Tramways Board, after writing off the value of obsolete assets, amounted to £12,759,790, of which £10,656,684 related to electric tramways, £1,799,676 to motor omnibuses, and £303,430 to general properties. Assets at book value—£186,964—being plant, &c. scrapped, were written off during the year.

In the next statement comparisons are made between the electric and omnibus systems operated by the Tramways Board; the receipts per mile, the cost of working, &c., being shown for the year 1953-54.

**MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD**  
**TRAFFIC RECEIPTS, WORKING EXPENSES, ETC., PER**  
**MILE, ETC., 1953-54.**

System.	Traffic Receipts.			Working Expenses to Total Revenue.	Working Expenses per Vehicle Mile, including Power Cost.	Average Distance per Penny.
	Per Vehicle Mile.	Per Mile of Single Track Operated.	Per Passenger.			
	d.	£	d.	%	d.	Miles.
Electric ..	55·905	19,454	6·007	88·988	49·971	·473
Omnibus ..	44·807	11,491	5·982	95·574	42·923	·508

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

The traffic particulars of these lines for each of the five years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are summarized in the following table:—

**TRAMWAYS IN EXTRA-METROPOLITAN CITIES, 1949-50 TO**  
**1953-54.**

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons Employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.	
1950 ..	9·50	24·78	1,723,258	14,213,525	170,907	289,967	76	369
1951 ..	9·50	24·78	1,592,348	13,738,274	174,507	326,455	84	354
1952 ..	9·50	24·78	1,497,084	12,381,958	180,135	375,146	81	342
1953 ..	9·50	24·78	1,527,136	12,674,510	184,004	407,531	80	323
1954 ..	9·50	24·78	1,517,690	12,716,816	184,757	405,302	80	323

A summary of the operations for each of the years 1952-53 and 1953-54 of the foregoing tramway systems and of the electric tramways under the control of the Railways Commissioners is given in the following table:—

## ALL VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1952-53 AND 1953-54.

Heading.	1952-53.	1953-54.
Route Mileage Open—Double .. .. miles	145·85	146·72
Single .. .. miles	29·01	28·98
Total .. .. miles	174·86	175·70
Cost of Construction and Equipment .. .. £	10,178,278	10,826,929
Gross Revenue—		
Traffic Receipts .. .. .. £	5,441,692	5,418,261
Other .. .. .. £	24,951	26,469
Total Revenue .. .. .. £	5,466,643	5,444,730
Working Expenses .. .. .. £	5,024,896	5,140,720
Net Earnings .. .. .. £	441,747	304,010
Interest, &c. .. .. .. £	110,966	114,300
Statutory Charges, Rates, &c. .. .. £	616,557	594,628
Net Result after Paying Working Expenses, Interest, &c., Statutory Charges, Rates, &c. .. .. £	Loss 285,776	Loss 404,918
Tram Miles Run .. .. .. miles	24,341,226	24,130,292
Passenger Journeys .. .. .. No.	225,212,852	222,541,144
Staff Employed—		
Salaried .. .. .. No.	761	764
Wages .. .. .. No.	4,663	4,653
Total Staff .. .. .. No.	5,424	5,417
Rolling Stock .. .. .. No.	872	868



### MOTOR VEHICLES.

Licensed  
vehicles in  
Melbourne.

Prior to 9th October, 1951, the licensing and regulating of vehicles plying for hire within the City of Melbourne and within the distance of 8 miles of the City, were controlled by the Melbourne City Council.

With the passing of the *Transport Act* (No. 5559) on 9th October, 1951, the licensing of these vehicles came under the jurisdiction of the Transport Regulation Board. A summary of the licences, &c., issued by the Board during each of the years 1951-52 to 1953-54 is shown on page 486.

Every motor car and every trailer attached thereto and every motor cycle, together with a trailer, fore-car or side-car attached thereto, must be registered with the Chief Commissioner of Police if used on Victorian roads. *The Motor Car (Fees) Act* 1956, which amended the principal Act, provided for an increase, as from 1st January, 1957, in the rates payable for the registration of motor vehicles. Notwithstanding anything appearing in this table, the minimum fee for registration of any motor car other than a motor cycle shall be four pounds ten shillings.

Following is a brief summary of the annual registration fees payable, as from 1st January, 1957, for the various types of motor vehicles:—

Type of Vehicle.	Rate Chargeable for Annual Registration.
Motor Cycles (without trailer, &c.) ..	£1 10 0
Motor Cycles (with trailer, &c. attached)	£2 5s.
Motor Cars (private use) .. ..	4s. 6d. for each power-weight unit*
Trailers attached to motor cars ..	£1 10s. to £6 each, according to the unladen weight and the type of tires
Motor omnibuses (operating on specified routes in the metropolitan area)	£7 10s. plus additional fees for each passenger seat
Motor Cars used for carrying passengers or goods for hire or in the course of trade	From 6s. to 13s. 3d. for each power-weight unit* according to the unladen weight and the type of tires
Motor Cars (constructed for the carriage of goods) owned by primary producers and used solely in connexion with their business	From 3s. 9d. to 8s. for each power-weight unit* according to the number of wheels and the type of tires (When more than one motor car is so owned, the rate shall apply to one motor car only)

\* The number of power-weight units is that number which is equal to the sum of the horse-power and the weight in hundredweights of a motor car unladen and ready for use.

Where a vehicle is powered by a diesel engine the registration fee is double that charged for a vehicle of the same power-weight units fitted with a petrol engine.

**Motor  
Driver's  
Licence.**

Under the provisions of the *Municipalities and Other Authorities Finances Act 1950* (No. 5512), the fee payable upon the issue of a licence to drive a motor car was increased from 5s. to 10s. per annum as from 1st January, 1951. The Act also provided that one half of the increased fee, less cost of collection, was to be paid to the Municipalities Assistance Fund and that the other half, less cost of collection, was to be paid to the Country Roads Board Fund.

**Registrations  
of Motor  
Vehicles, etc.**

The following statement shows, for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54, the number of motor vehicles registered, the number of drivers', &c., licences issued and the total revenue received at the Motor Registration Branch of the Police Department.

**VICTORIA—REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ETC.,  
DRIVERS' LICENCES, ETC., ISSUED 1949-50 TO 1953-54.**

Heading.	At 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Motor Vehicles—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Private Cars .. .. .	222,251	253,709	368,944	370,870	392,653
Commercial Vehicles .. .. .	69,763	74,780	85,021	82,613	81,483
Hire Cars .. .. .	4,262	4,463	4,898	4,825	4,561
Primary Producers' .. .. .	69,380	69,552	44,038*	43,961*	45,498*
Omnibuses † .. .. .	866	878	1,172	749	812
Traction Engines .. .. .	47	47	36	36	15
Trailers .. .. .	11,100	10,699	12,532	12,442	11,342
Motor Cycles .. .. .	34,231	33,531	34,874	33,437	30,840
Drivers' and Riders' Licences .. .. .	525,709	575,753	639,910	645,962	708,307
Dealers' Licences .. .. .	805	900	1,024	1,064	1,052
Total Revenue Received during year ended 30th June..	£ 2,910,536	£ 3,511,964	£ 4,557,177	£ 4,785,324	£ 5,009,904

\* Prior to 12th November, 1951, Primary Producers' vehicles included private cars and commercial vehicles, but since that date only vehicles constructed for the carriage of goods and used by Primary Producers solely in connection with their business, are included under this heading.

† Operating within 8 miles of the G.P.O. Melbourne—other omnibuses are included with hire cars.

In the next statement, details relating to new registrations and renewals of registration of motor cars and motor cycles are shown for the years 1952-53 and 1953-54 respectively.

VICTORIA—NEW REGISTRATIONS AND RENEWALS OF  
REGISTRATION OF MOTOR CARS AND MOTOR CYCLES  
1952-53 AND 1953-54.

Vehicles.	1952-53.			1953-54.		
	New Registration.		Renewals of Registra- tion.	New Registration.		Renewals of Registra- tion.
	New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.		New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Cars—						
Private .. .. .	28,556	15,966	378,668	34,258	14,356	342,039
Commercial and Hire .. .	7,272	4,392	80,139	7,957	3,914	74,173
Primary Producers' .. .	4,343	2,598	40,930	3,801	2,358	39,339
Motor Cycles .. .	2,523	6,259	23,086	2,482	5,195	23,163

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

Summary of  
all Traffic  
Accidents.

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

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS: NUMBER OF PERSONS  
AFFECTED, 1953-54.

Place of Occurrence.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.	Other Accidents in which Damage to Property was Estimated to Exceed £10	Total Accidents.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
City of Melbourne .. .	1,086 (1,310)	28 (42)	1,248 (1,525)	769 (964)	1,855 (2,274)
Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne) .. .	4,785 (4,740)	148 (173)	5,701 (5,579)	2,639 (2,911)	7,424 (7,651)
Total—Metropolitan Area .. .	5,871 (6,050)	176 (215)	6,949 (7,104)	3,408 (3,875)	9,279 (9,925)
Remainder of State .. .	4,251 (4,048)	315 (300)	5,858 (5,460)	2,199 (2,378)	6,450 (6,426)
Grand Total .. .	10,122 (10,098)	491 (515)	12,807 (12,564)	5,607 (6,253)	15,729 (16,351)

NOTE.—Figures in parentheses in the table above relate to the year 1952-53.

In the table which follows, traffic accidents occurring during 1953-54 have been recorded according to the classification of male and female victims:—

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, 1953-54.

Description.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pedestrian .. .. .	127	1,807	47	886	174	2,693
Driver of motor vehicle other than motor cycle .. .. .	89	2,377	5	259	94	2,636
Driver of motor cycle .. .. .	66	1,600	..	17	66	1,617
Passenger—motor car, truck, bus, &c. .. .. .	67	1,894	42	1,992	109	3,886
Passenger—Motor cycle and side car (including pillion rider) .. .. .	9	225	1	97	10	322
Pedal cyclist .. .. .	29	1,283	5	204	34	1,487
Driver or passenger of horse-drawn vehicle or equestrian .. .. .	1	45	..	4	1	49
Other .. .. .	2	77	1	40	3	117
Total .. .. .	390	9,308	101	3,499	491	12,807

Particulars of victims of traffic accidents during 1953-54 are shown according to age and sex in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, 1953-54.

Age Group. (Years)	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Under 5 .. .. .	14	271	6	168	20	439
5 and under 7 .. .. .	11	361	3	191	14	552
7 and under 17 .. .. .	25	944	9	421	34	1,365
17 and under 20 .. .. .	37	1,139	6	303	43	1,442
20 and under 30 .. .. .	38	2,564	12	546	100	3,110
30 and under 40 .. .. .	47	1,513	6	529	53	2,042
40 and under 50 .. .. .	48	1,066	10	454	58	1,520
50 and under 60 .. .. .	37	672	15	402	52	1,074
60 and over .. .. .	79	660	32	425	111	1,085
Not stated .. .. .	4	118	2	60	6	178
Total .. .. .	390	9,308	101	3,499	491	12,807

The principal causes of road accidents in which casualties occurred also the number of persons killed or injured are shown in the following table:—

**Causes of  
Accidents.**

## VICTORIA—CAUSES OF ROAD ACCIDENTS, 1953-54.

Principal Causes of Road Accidents.	Accidents Involving Casualties.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.
	No.	No.	No.
<b>Driver or rider of vehicle responsible—</b>			
Excessive speed .. .. .	1,470	144	2,149
Not keeping to left .. .. .	593	27	942
Not giving right of way to other vehicle at intersection .. .. .	1,004	15	1,373
Failing to make right hand turn at intersection with due care .. .. .	200	3	259
Intoxicated .. .. .	93	4	149
Inexperience .. .. .	91	5	117
Inattentive driving or riding .. .. .	3,126	101	3,853
Hit-run drivers .. .. .	23	1	24
Reversing without care .. .. .	99	5	105
Overtaking on near side or in the face of oncoming vehicles .. .. .	114	3	163
Following other vehicle too closely .. .. .	55	2	78
Infirmary of driver or rider .. .. .	16	4	15
Driver asleep or drowsy .. .. .	62	7	73
Dazzled by lights of an approaching vehicle .. .. .	96	5	155
Failing to signal intention of turning or stopping or giving incorrect signal .. .. .	91	..	103
Pulling out from kerb suddenly or without warning .. .. .	37	1	36
Disregarding, misunderstanding, or failing to observe traffic sign or signal of other driver .. .. .	181	5	252
Crossing railway level crossing without due care .. .. .	28	21	32
Other .. .. .	25	..	25
	<b>7,404</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>9,903</b>
<b>Vehicle defects responsible—</b>			
Defective brakes or steering .. .. .	116	5	193
Inadequate or no lights .. .. .	110	11	137
Defective tyres .. .. .	34	2	55
Other .. .. .	80	1	95
	<b>340</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>480</b>
<b>Pedestrians responsible—</b>			
Boarding vehicle in motion .. .. .	41	2	42
Walking across roadway without due care .. .. .	1,043	64	1,029
Running across roadway .. .. .	292	6	294
Passing from behind or in front of vehicle without care .. .. .	25	4	24
Stepping off kerb without care .. .. .	74	4	73
Intoxicated .. .. .	24	1	26
Infirmary .. .. .	5	1	4
Child under 7 years of age not under, or breaking away from, the supervision of an elder person .. .. .	443	18	433
Other .. .. .	5	..	5
	<b>1,952</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,930</b>

VICTORIA—CAUSES OF ROAD ACCIDENTS, 1953-54—*continued.*

Principal Causes of Road Accidents.	Accidents Involving Casualties.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.
Passengers responsible—	No.	No.	No.
Alighting from vehicle in motion .. .. .	41	1	41
Falling from vehicle in motion .. .. .	120	5	117
Riding improperly on vehicle .. .. .	21	1	20
Intoxicated .. .. .	12	..	12
Other .. .. .	7	1	7
	201	8	197
Other causes responsible—			
Attributed to animals .. .. .	89	5	114
Road faults .. .. .	53	4	68
Weather conditions .. .. .	14	..	20
Accidents attributed to parties not involved ..	65	1	92
Other .. .. .	4	1	3
	225	11	297
Total .. .. .	10,122	491	12,807

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

VICTORIA—PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, TYPES OF VEHICLES, ETC., INVOLVED, 1952-53 AND 1953-54.

Type of Vehicle, &c., Involved.	1952-53.			1953-54.		
	Number of Accidents.*	Number Killed.	Number Injured.	Number of Accidents.*	Number Killed.	Number Injured.
Motor Car .. .. .	7,312	310	9,375	7,536	320	9,895
Motor Van .. .. .	702	44	955	742	48	1,026
Motor Truck, Lorry .. .. .	1,454	112	1,830	1,334	104	1,650
Motor Bus .. .. .	258	14	330	272	7	337
Motor Cycle .. .. .	2,134	118	2,428	1,973	82	2,264
Pedal Cycle .. .. .	1,523	54	1,555	1,560	36	1,634
Tram .. .. .	274	15	349	174	9	200
Train .. .. .	25	20	27	32	21	37
Horse-drawn Vehicle .. .. .	79	3	90	71	4	77
Horse .. .. .	14	1	14	11	1	10
Pedestrian .. .. .	2,713	168	2,748	2,712	172	2,744
Other .. .. .	14	6	12	12	..	13

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

## PART IX.

### FINANCE.

Under the Constitution Act the revenues of the State are payable into Consolidated Revenue, but certain of these revenues have been hypothecated by various Acts of Parliament for specified purposes, and are payable into special accounts or funds kept at the State Treasury. Apart from these special funds, the financial transactions are concerned with (a) Consolidated Revenue Fund, (b) Trust Funds, and (c) Loan Funds. In the succeeding tables, the revenue and expenditure relating to the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the public revenue of certain special funds or accounts, which appear in the Treasurer's Finance Statement, are included. Payments from Consolidated Revenue are made either under the authority of an Annual Appropriation Act passed by the Legislature, or by a permanent appropriation under a Special Act. Permanent appropriations are made in respect of services such as Interest on the Funded Debt, Exchange on Overseas Interest, contributions to the National Debt Sinking Fund, the salaries of the Governor, the Judges, and certain other officials, expenditure on State pensions, payments to the Unemployment Relief Fund, payment of interest, &c., under the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement, contributions to the Hospitals and Charities Fund (including Totalizator Revenue), and the Railway Renewals and Replacement Fund.

A concise statement of the chief special funds kept at the Treasury is shown in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, pages 76 to 80. Amongst the principal funds since established are the Unemployment Relief Fund, the Milk Board Fund, the Federal Aid Roads and Works Accounts 1937, the Railways Repayment Account, the Railway



Renewals and Replacement Fund, the Public Trustee Fund, the Decentralization Fund, the Transport Regulation Fund, the Rural Rehabilitation Fund (to take the place of the Farmers' Debts Adjustment Fund), the Municipalities Assistance Fund, the Hospitals and Charities Fund, the Hospital Benefits Fund, the Commonwealth-State Housing Trust Account, and the State Motor Car Insurance Fund.

Under Act No. 4597 of 1938 the Closer Settlement, the Discharged Soldiers Settlement and the Discharged Soldiers Concession Funds were abolished. From 28th February, 1939, the finances of these Funds were brought into the Consolidated Revenue system.

The original Financial Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States was made on 12th December, 1927. It was subsequently affected by the Debt Conversion Agreement of 21st July, 1931, the Debt Conversion Agreement (No. 2) of 22nd October, 1931, the Agreement relating to Soldier Settlement Loans of 3rd July, 1934, and the Financial Agreement of 15th November, 1944. A brief outline of the principal provisions of the original agreement is given in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 75.

A summary of the transactions for the years ended 30th June, 1953 and 1954 in the Consolidated Revenue Fund and in certain special funds gives the following results :—

	1952-53	1953-54
	£	£
Public Revenue .. .. .	101,250,228	111,275,734
Public Expenditure .. .. .	101,615,452	110,564,605
Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) ..	(-) 365,224	(+) 711,129

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

classification. The Public Revenue of certain special funds is added to the Consolidated Revenue—an equivalent amount being entered as expenditure. The particulars for 1952-53 and 1953-54 are as follows:—

Items.	1952-53.		1953-54.	
	Public Revenue.	Public Expenditure.	Public Revenue.	Public Expenditure.
	£	£	£	£
Total—Treasurer's Finance Statement .. .. .	98,792,904	99,158,128	108,683,048	107,971,919
<i>Add</i> Public Revenue of the following funds:—				
Country Roads Board Fund * ..	3,503,316	3,503,316	3,684,213	3,684,213
Licensing Fund † .. .. .	135,796	135,796	137,744	137,744
Police Superannuation Fund ..	42,052	42,052	39,943	39,943
Assurance Fund .. .. .	4,592	4,592	3,464	3,464
Cattle Compensation Fund ..	100,110	100,110	115,940	115,940
Swine Compensation Fund ..	22,393	22,393	39,470	39,470
Mallee Land Account .. .. .	48,234	48,234	47,436	47,436
Transport Regulation Fund ..	373,413	373,413	410,752	410,752
Municipalities Assistance Fund	159,402	159,402	178,885	178,885
Rivers and Streams Fund ..	12,294	12,294	12,742	12,742
	103,194,506	103,559,730	113,353,637	112,642,508
<i>Deduct</i> —				
Recoups by Treasury to Railways Department for loss of revenue on account of—				
(a) Reduction in certain outer suburban periodical fares .. .. .	3,000	3,000	..	..
(b) Concessions in certain country freight charges ..	143,000	143,000	143,000	143,000
Subsidy to Railway Department to reduce amount chargeable in respect of interest, &c., charges .. .. .	1,798,278	1,798,278	1,934,903	1,934,905
	1,944,278	1,944,278	2,077,903	2,077,903
Total .. .. .	101,250,228	101,615,452	111,275,734	110,564,605

\* Excluding £639,997 in 1952-53 and £671,648 in 1953-54 recouped to Revenue under Acts Nos. 3944 and 4140.

† In addition to this amount £1,650,747 in 1952-53 and £1,851,586 in 1953-54 was transferred to Revenue under Section 312 of Act No. 3717 as amended by Act No. 5089.

The revenue and expenditure of the State for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54, after taking into account the circumstances mentioned on the preceding page, are shown in the next statement.

VICTORIA—STATE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE,  
1950 TO 1954.

Year ended 30th June—	Public Revenue.	Public Expenditure.	Surplus ( + ) or Deficit ( - )	Accumulated Deficiency to end of each Year (i.e., 30th June).
	£	£	£	£
1950 .. .. .	58,287,237	58,546,047	( - ) 258,810	10,130,331
1951 .. .. .	66,883,618	67,226,845	( - ) 343,227	10,473,558
1952 .. .. .	85,821,891	88,228,633	( - ) 2,406,742	12,880,300
1953 .. .. .	101,250,228	101,615,452	( - ) 365,224	13,245,524
1954 .. .. .	111,275,734	110,564,605	( + ) 711,129	13,245,524*

\* Of this amount, £11,579,484 was provided from the proceeds of Treasury Bonds and £1,666,040 from the Public Account.

Heads of  
State  
Revenue.

Details of the sources of revenue for each of the financial years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are given in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF STATE REVENUE,  
1950 TO 1954.

Heads of Revenue.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Taxation—</b>					
Income Tax .. .. .	51,463	40,425	18,351	40,036	20,075
States Grants—Tax Reimbursement Commonwealth .. .. .	14,237,002	17,445,851	20,347,070	26,027,849	29,351,601
Land Tax .. .. .	292,580	415,180	875,746	1,370,151	2,015,898
Probate Duty .. .. .	2,611,019	3,442,487	3,873,732	4,833,393	5,387,080
Unemployment Relief .. .. .	15,019	12,098	11,022	17,071	6,521
Entertainment Tax .. .. .	1,482,111	1,608,598	2,113,396	2,254,107	3,106,982
Other Stamp Duties .. .. .	2,376,726	2,987,246	3,320,725	3,205,521	3,685,522
Motor Taxation .. .. .	3,178,859	3,808,886	5,214,827	5,455,188	5,883,348
Licences—					
Liquor .. .. .	680,233	780,166	1,323,079	1,761,239	1,962,927
Other .. .. .	121,810	131,640	192,213	220,784	232,023
Other Taxation .. .. .	4,447	..	..	..	..
<b>Total Taxation .. .. .</b>	<b>25,051,269</b>	<b>30,672,577</b>	<b>37,290,161</b>	<b>45,185,339</b>	<b>51,651,977</b>

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF STATE REVENUE, 1950 TO 1954—  
continued.

Heads of Revenue.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
Commonwealth Payment to State—					
Financial Agreement ..	2,127,159	2,127,159	2,127,159	2,127,159	2,127,159
State's Grants (Special Assistance) Act 1951 ..	..	4,750,000	9,123,557	7,131,351	5,621,802
Other ..	1,999,212	186,558	220,000	261,154	..
Public Works and Services—					
Railways ..	20,195,657	18,645,703	24,225,986	31,519,705	35,697,636
Water Supply ..	1,575,346	1,774,009	2,080,413	2,208,011	2,083,339
State Coal Mine ..	366,073	389,654	551,443	751,132	753,230
State Electricity Commission					
Interest, &c. ..	811,689	812,721	1,125,095	1,368,796	1,683,372
Country Roads Board* ..	Dr. 123,955	Dr. 116,984	Dr. 106,940	Dr. 95,652	Dr. 86,790
Maffra Beet Sugar Factory ..	2,936	1,462	519	199	..
Victoria Dock Cool Stores ..	128,051	96,350	109,167	133,853	129,219
Wharfage Rates, &c. ..	108,135	117,783	102,402	89,516	89,691
State Saw Mill ..	23,692	27,036	39,056	38,661	24,114
Other ..	117,710	157,821	176,240	234,703	217,127
Land—					
Land Sales, Rents, Penalties, &c. ..	857,233	1,029,988	1,590,784	2,084,456	2,153,834
Interest on Loans—					
Land Settlement ..	276,648	225,029	179,071	159,967	146,376
Soldier Settlement ..	164,423	240,037	329,441	360,871	351,952
Fees, Fines, &c. ..	608,466	695,209	748,341	786,622	886,900
Tramways Act No. 3732 (Sec. 77) ..	200,781	199,194	303,113	147,190	70,777
Government Printer ..	385,731	436,722	569,904	714,015	662,046
Harbor Trust Contributions ..	246,814	274,860	319,000	209,062	344,047
Health Department (including Commonwealth recoup for Tuberculosis) ..	298,841	646,124	820,679	1,046,899	1,203,269
Royal Mint ..	151,375	165,613	165,369	205,526	161,049
Housing Commission—					
Interest ..	624,211	830,528	1,115,196	1,421,730	1,730,048
Recoups ..	2,417	2,520	2,417	2,393	2,400
Interest and Recoups, N.E.I. ..	391,768	134,541	162,778	188,167	250,734
Department of Agriculture † ..	131,451	172,583	185,178	214,049	246,509
Miscellaneous ..	564,104	2,188,821	2,266,362	2,755,354	3,073,917
Total Revenue ..	58,287,237	66,883,618	85,821,891	101,250,228	111,275,734
Per Head of Population ..	£ s. d. 26 17 2	£ s. d. 29 18 1	£ s. d. 37 5 9	£ s. d. 42 13 7	£ s. d. 45 18 7

\* Represents the difference between the interest received by Consolidated Revenue on account of Country Roads and the recoups to Consolidated Revenue as shown in the Country Roads Board Fund. See remarks in page 506 with reference to the statistical method of arriving at total public revenue.

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

**Heads of State Expenditure.** A summary of expenditure from State Revenue classified according to functions for each of the years 1949–50 to 1953–54 is shown in the next table:—

Interest on the public debt, pensions and gratuities, and the contributions to the National Debt Sinking Fund have not been allotted to the respective heads of expenditure. They are shown separately under the sub-heading "Financial Administration".

**VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE  
REVENUE, 1950 TO 1954.**

Heads of Expenditure.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Legislature and General Administration.</i>					
Legislature—					
Governor .. .. .	72,495	61,463	74,422	50,260	57,151
Parliament .. .. .	229,534	266,829	318,815	334,972	323,638
Electoral .. .. .	61,713	26,418	35,540	98,333	27,122
Financial Administration—					
Public Debt Charges—					
Interest—					
Funded Debt .. .. .	6,792,293	7,186,245	8,156,531	9,066,811	10,760,039
Temporary Loan .. .. .	31,443	13,349	23,881	25,718	25,271
Exchange on Interest .. .. .	567,181	577,794	578,419	574,896	558,507
Expenses of Paying Interest, Redemption, Conversion, &c.	49,968	68,493	50,530	43,740	55,490
National Debt Sinking Fund	1,854,162	2,058,650	2,264,867	2,586,800	2,927,980
Pensions and Superannuation Contributions * .. .. .	1,464,855	1,944,174	1,957,566	2,243,048	2,650,164
Departmental—					
Treasury (including Taxation, Stamps, &c.) .. .. .	196,974	253,817	326,919	380,215	403,328
Pay-roll Tax .. .. .	668,023	764,774	999,067	1,112,256	1,188,915
Superannuation Board and Pensions Office—Administra- tion .. .. .	13,236	18,250	24,063	36,236	26,487
Auditor-General .. .. .	50,902	62,675	79,527	93,362	96,302
Royal Commissions, Boards of Inquiry, &c. .. .. .	26,681	333	..	9	243
Administration, N.E.I.—					
Government Printer .. .. .	412,885	470,976	691,541	714,542	869,812
Mint Subsidy .. .. .	112,000	120,000	170,000	195,000	161,000
Other .. .. .	1,064,125	1,318,595	1,635,920	1,768,000	2,469,721
	13,668,470	15,212,835	17,387,608	19,324,198	22,601,370
<i>Law, Order, and Public Safety.</i>					
Salaries of Judiciary .. .. .	31,700	32,000	34,638	35,273	37,522
Attorney-General, Solicitor-General, &c. .. .. .	604,534	713,711	884,741	1,017,264	1,052,293
Police .. .. .	2,122,624	2,599,665	3,299,682	3,791,752	4,073,497
Prisons .. .. .	270,476	329,104	455,272	466,693	540,602
Prevention of Fire and Flood .. .. .	216,317	209,984	335,922	194,196	89,125
Prices, &c., Control .. .. .	160,708	218,385	221,038	227,132	206,012
Other .. .. .	8,104	8,702	7,121	8,690	9,459
	3,414,463	4,111,551	5,238,414	5,741,000	6,008,510
<i>Regulation of Trade and Industry.</i>					
Factories and Shops Legislation } .. .. .	96,886	121,834	153,183	176,610	188,808
Labour Legislation .. .. .					
Transport Regulation Board .. .. .	113,621	158,491	246,002	373,413	410,752
Liquor Licence Control (Adminis- tration, including Compensation)	38,972	38,976	45,022	53,896	55,844
Other .. .. .	28,001	34,801	51,551	63,633	68,645
	277,480	354,102	495,758	667,552	724,049

\* For details, see page 528.

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE REVENUE,  
1950 TO 1954—continued.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Education.*</i>					
Primary, Intermediate, Secondary, Technical — Administration, Salaries of Teaching Staffs, &c. Technical N.E.I., including Maintenance Grant .. .. .	7,220,317	8,898,736	11,080,584	13,544,772	14,806,616
University † .. .. .	570,495	747,808	925,997	1,103,597	1,173,109
Adult Education Grant .. .. .	411,140	403,360	449,185	513,358	544,330
Agricultural Education—Colleges, Experimental Farms, University Grants, &c. .. .. .	25,000	30,560	40,540	44,243	46,500
Other .. .. .	202,248	269,268	332,308	365,285	373,082
	18,028	15,273	27,487	22,433	18,253
	8,447,228	10,365,005	12,856,101	15,593,688	16,961,890
<i>Encouragement of Science, Art, and Research.</i>					
Public Libraries, Museums, and Art Galleries .. .. .	178,839	215,696	289,864	322,883	353,541
Cultural Development (including Symphony Orchestra) .. .. .	44,054	61,253	82,995	69,174	74,089
Other .. .. .	400	400	850	1,000	1,000
	223,293	277,349	373,709	393,057	428,630
<i>Promotion of Public Health and Recreation.</i>					
Care of Sick and Mentally Afflicted—Hospital and Charities Fund (including Totalizator Contribution) .. .. .	2,391,176	3,817,126	6,069,019	6,031,739	6,544,763
Various Hospitals, &c. .. .. .	366,789	475,609	682,548	892,118	951,414
Mental Hospitals .. .. .	1,291,495	1,748,493	2,423,826	3,019,133	3,441,809
Mental Defectives .. .. .	79,507				
Health of Mothers and Children—Infant Welfare and Clinics .. .. .	248,662	284,219	360,454	456,891	550,813
Medical and Dental Examination of School Children .. .. .	5,968	10,277	26,533	57,142	61,293
Preservation of Public Health—Health Department—Administration .. .. .	115,434	149,504	184,973	203,985	210,493
Other .. .. .	520,723	702,769	864,254	978,425	1,074,083
Parks, Gardens, and Recreation Reserves .. .. .	56,032	56,608	66,563	77,894	79,067
	5,075,786	7,244,605	10,678,170	11,717,327	12,913,735
<i>Social Amelioration.</i>					
Relief of Destitute, Aged, &c. .. .. .	8,810	8,090	10,595	14,313	17,085
Children's Welfare Department .. .. .	235,533	258,033	300,981	388,571	442,161
Miners' Phthisis Allowances .. .. .	31,980	30,680	28,970	31,187	34,022
Care of Aborigines .. .. .	10,814	10,300	11,122	11,013	12,792
Unemployment Relief Fund .. .. .	15,019	12,098	11,022	17,071	6,521
Housing Commission—Advance .. .. .		5,186	70,741	156,225	172,108
Commonwealth—State Housing Agreement—Interest on Advances .. .. .	593,774	799,445	1,084,879	1,391,595	1,700,063
Repayment of Advances .. .. .	142,315	196,209	269,422	356,720	456,447
State Relief Committee .. .. .	7,500	10,000	10,950	11,500	11,500
Other .. .. .	14,206	23,404	38,609	39,160	14,034
	1,059,951	1,353,445	1,887,291	2,417,355	2,866,733

\* Detailed information regarding expenditure on education will be found in Part "Social Condition" of this Year-Book.

† Additional items of expenditure on University are included under functions to which they relate.

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE REVENUE,  
1950 TO 1954—*continued.*

Heads of Expenditure.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>War Obligations.</i>					
Passes to Soldiers, Superannuation, &c. . . . .	34,680	35,074	63,908	65,438	69,612
<i>Local Government.</i>					
Licensing Fund Payment to Muni- cipalities . . . . .	58,964	58,964	58,924	58,900	58,900
Municipalities Assistance Fund . . . . .	136,944	68,547	159,707	305,581	578,885
Other . . . . .		32,927	26,906	73,091	234,080
	195,908	160,438	245,537	437,572	871,865
<i>Development and Maintenance of State Resources other than Business Undertakings.</i>					
Land Settlement and Survey . . . . .	551,111	661,259	779,561	899,415	926,265
Immigration . . . . .	28,186	27,623	30,619	32,280	22,364
Mining (excluding State Coal Mine)	109,654	114,239	165,099	152,003	158,806
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying *	805,903	1,127,592	1,521,753	1,797,179	1,786,306
Forestry †	914,008	994,656	1,338,455	1,823,976	1,848,039
Fisheries and Game . . . . .	46,306	60,455	80,656	84,536	90,109
Roads and Bridges—					
Country Roads Board ‡	2,300,136	2,863,732	3,541,264	3,503,316	3,684,213
Metropolitan Roads Fund	50,200	51,449			
Other . . . . .			1,973	1,647	48
Tourist Activities . . . . .	1,992	1,003	9,152	8,992	7,883
	4,807,496	5,902,008	7,468,532	8,303,344	8,524,033
<i>Business Undertakings.</i>					
Railways . . . . .	19,143,507	19,692,249	28,275,168	32,976,084	34,464,521
Harbours, Rivers, and Lights . . . . .	142,371	153,351	241,286	304,062	421,814
Water Supply, Irrigation, &c. . . . .	1,454,992	1,731,829	2,202,884	2,531,685	2,602,519
State Coal Mines . . . . .	416,448	476,771	645,963	838,671	844,366
Victoria Dock Cool Stores . . . . .	82,518	66,999	84,658	105,056	110,438
Seasoning Works (Newport) . . . . .	56,859	54,995	73,480	116,000	103,611
Forest Tramways . . . . .	3,150	2,156	1,000	96	..
Wire Netting Manufacture . . . . .	20,190	11,123	23,190	41,545	..
State Saw Mill . . . . .	19,961	20,960	35,996	41,722	46,909
Other . . . . .	1,296	..	..	..	..
	21,341,292	22,210,433	31,583,605	36,954,921	38,594,178
Total Expenditure . . . . .	58,546,047	67,226,845	88,228,633	101,615,452	110,564,605
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Per Head of Population . . . . .	26 19 6	30 1 1	38 6 8	42 16 8	45 12 3

\* Excluding Victoria Dock Cool Stores (see Business Undertakings).

† Excluding Newport Seasoning Works, Forest Tramway, and State Saw Mill (see Business Undertakings).

‡ Represents difference between Public Revenue of Country Roads Board and recoups to revenue made by the Board. Details of Country Roads Board Fund expenditure are shown in part "Local Government" of this Year-Book.

**Surplus  
Revenue  
Expenditure.**

Up to 30th June, 1954, the total amount of Surplus Revenue authorized for expenditure on Public Works, &c., was £5,593,308, of which £54,659 was unexpended at that date.

The following table shows the expenditure during each of the years 1952 to 1954 and total to 30th June, 1954 exclusive of the amounts applied towards the reduction of the Consolidated Revenue deficit:—

**VICTORIA—SURPLUS REVENUE EXPENDITURE, 1952 TO 1954, AND TOTAL TO 30TH JUNE, 1954:—**

Service.	Year ended 30th June—			Total to 30th June, 1954.
	1952.	1953.	1954.	
	£	£	£	£
Capital Services—				
Railways .. .. .				250,696
Other .. .. .				64,170
Revenue Services—				
Social Services—				
Education—				
State Schools and Technical Schools ..	1,686			727,925
University .. .. .				27,066
Other .. .. .	7,393	36,210	18,527	92,580
Health—				
Hospitals—				
Mental Hygiene .. .. .	14,896	24,903		340,999
Other (including Sanatoria) .. .. .	17,023	2,732	39	1,620,682
Other Health .. .. .	2,916	13,254	2,912	81,241
Law, Order, and Public Safety—				
Penal Establishments and Gaols .. .. .	15,659	27,635	299	74,448
Other .. .. .			295	44,741
Public Works—				
Crown Lands (including reclamation, drainage, &c.) .. .. .				149,480
Harbours, Rivers, and Lights .. .. .				117,293
Mining Development .. .. .				85,000
Railways .. .. .				631,740
Roads and Bridges .. .. .				114,812
Water Supply, &c. .. .. .				113,180
Other .. .. .				62,827
Other Purposes—				
Developmental Railways Account .. .. .				129,148
Drought Relief Fund .. .. .				123,803
Redemption of Treasury Bonds and Unfunded Debt .. .. .				503,802
Victorian Inland Meat Authority .. .. .				100,000
Other .. .. .				83,016
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>59,573</b>	<b>104,734</b>	<b>22,072</b>	<b>5,538,649</b>

**TAXATION.**

A brief summary of the history of income tax in Victoria was published in the 1941-42 *Year-Book*, page 292. Details of the rates of tax, assessments, &c., on income earned during 1940-41 (the last year in which the State imposed income tax) are also shown.

**State  
Income Tax.**



Commonwealth  
Income Tax  
and  
Social  
Services  
Contribution.

Uniformity in the taxation of incomes and entertainments throughout Australia was adopted in 1942, and the Commonwealth became the sole authority levying these taxes. Formerly the Commonwealth and each of the States levied separate taxes on incomes, and each of the States (except Queensland) taxed entertainments. Initially, the plans were devised as temporary war-time measures but, in 1946, the Commonwealth Government passed legislation continuing the uniform income tax indefinitely, and the uniform entertainments tax was continued until 1st October, 1953 when it was abolished. The Social Services Contribution was introduced as from 1st January, 1946.

Under the provisions of the *Entertainments Tax Act* 1953 No 5693, the Victorian Government reimposed a tax upon payments for admission to entertainments.

The States are reimbursed for vacating these fields of taxation by annual grants from the Commonwealth. Payment of these grants is conditional upon a State refraining from levying tax on incomes. A similar restraint upon State taxation of entertainments was suspended as from 1st July, 1946. Reimbursements to the States under this agreement for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are shown in the following table:—

#### TAX REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

State.	Year ended 30th June.				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales .. ..	25,331,151	30,363,369	34,744,841	43,424,114	47,732,911
Victoria .. ..	14,237,002	17,445,851	20,347,070	26,027,848	29,351,601
Queensland .. ..	10,215,082	12,272,511	13,961,960	17,487,045	19,257,017
South Australia .. ..	5,367,382	6,468,266	7,408,780	9,342,310	10,384,255
Western Australia .. ..	5,150,535	6,168,945	6,999,753	8,741,392	9,623,017
Tasmania .. ..	1,969,617	2,387,722	2,805,298	3,600,414	4,066,344
Total .. ..	62,270,719	75,106,664	86,267,702	108,623,123	120,415,145

With the introduction of Social Services Contribution, the levy of taxation on the incomes of individuals was divided into two separate taxes—Income Tax and Social Services Contribution. Both taxes were based upon the same definitions of assessable income and both were assessed and collected concurrently. Company income was not subject to Social Services Contribution except with regard to the

undistributed income of private companies. The two taxes have since been merged into a single levy known as "Income Tax and Social Services Contribution" which title now relates to the tax imposed on the incomes of both individuals and companies. It first applied to the tax imposed on incomes derived by individuals during the year ended 30th June, 1951, and by companies during the year ended 30th June, 1950.

Certain types of income are exempt from tax in Australia. These include income from gold-mining, war, invalid, old-age, and widows' pensions, child endowment, and unemployment and sickness benefits. The service pay of members of the Defence Forces engaged in war service in Korea and Malaya is also exempt.

Expenses incurred in earning income and losses incurred in previous years are allowable deductions.

For the income year 1952-53 Income Tax and Social Services Contribution is payable on the incomes of individuals commencing at a taxable income of £105. However certain limitations apply to the tax payable by aged persons, over 65 years of age in the case of a male and 60 years in the case of a female. Concessional deductions are allowed to taxpayers on account of dependants, certain medical and dental expenses, life insurance premiums, superannuation, Friendly Society payments, education expenses, &c., and are deductible from income to calculate taxable income. Dependants include spouse, parents, children under sixteen years of age, student children under twenty-one years of age, invalid child, brother, or sister over sixteen years of age, or daughter-housekeeper for widow or widower. A concessional deduction is also allowed in respect of a housekeeper having the care of children under sixteen years of age where the taxpayer is a widow or widower. The amount of concessional deduction allowable in respect of each type of dependant and housekeeper is:—

	£
Spouse .. .. .	104
Parent .. .. .	104
Children under sixteen years of age—	
One child .. .. .	78
Other children .. .. .	52 each dependant.
Student child under twenty-one years of age .. .. .	78 each dependant.
Invalid relatives not less than sixteen years of age .. .. .	78 each dependant.
Housekeeper or daughter-housekeeper ..	104

The following table shows the rates of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution for individuals in respect of the income year 1952-53:—

### INDIVIDUALS—RATES OF INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION.

The rates of tax and contribution payable, as set out in the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Act 1952* are as follows:—

#### BASIC RATE OF TAX AND CONTRIBUTION.

The rate of income tax and social services contribution for every £1 of each part of the taxable income specified in the first column of the following table is the rate set out in the second column of that table opposite to the reference to that part of the taxable income:—

First Column.		Second Column.
Parts of Taxable Income.		Rates.
The part of the taxable income which—		Pence in £
Does not exceed £100 .. .. .		1
Exceeds	£ .. .. . £	
100 but does not exceed	150 .. .. .	6
150 .. .. .	200 .. .. .	11
200 .. .. .	250 .. .. .	16
250 .. .. .	300 .. .. .	21
300 .. .. .	400 .. .. .	26
400 .. .. .	500 .. .. .	32
500 .. .. .	600 .. .. .	38
600 .. .. .	700 .. .. .	44
700 .. .. .	800 .. .. .	48
800 .. .. .	900 .. .. .	52
900 .. .. .	1,000 .. .. .	56
1,000 .. .. .	1,200 .. .. .	64
1,200 .. .. .	1,400 .. .. .	72
1,400 .. .. .	1,600 .. .. .	80
1,600 .. .. .	1,800 .. .. .	88
1,800 .. .. .	2,000 .. .. .	96
2,000 .. .. .	2,400 .. .. .	104
2,400 .. .. .	2,800 .. .. .	112
2,800 .. .. .	3,200 .. .. .	120
3,200 .. .. .	3,600 .. .. .	128
3,600 .. .. .	4,000 .. .. .	136
4,000 .. .. .	4,400 .. .. .	144
4,400 .. .. .	5,000 .. .. .	152
5,000 .. .. .	6,000 .. .. .	160
6,000 .. .. .	8,000 .. .. .	168
8,000 .. .. .	10,000 .. .. .	176
10,000 .. .. .	.. .. .	180

Basic Tax and Contribution is payable on the whole of a person's taxable income if that taxable income exceeds £104.

**FURTHER RATES OF TAX AND CONTRIBUTION IN  
RESPECT OF TAXABLE INCOME DERIVED FROM  
PROPERTY.**

The further rate of income tax and social services contribution for every £1 of each part of the taxable income derived from property specified in the first column of the following table, is the rate set out in the second column of that table opposite to the reference to that part of that taxable income :—

First Column.					Second Column.	
Parts of Taxable Income Derived from Property.					Rates.	
The part of the taxable income derived from property which—					Pence in £.	
	£		£			
Exceeds	100	but does not exceed	1,000	..	..	8
"	1,000	" " " "	4,000	..	..	16
"	4,000	" " " "	6,000	..	..	8
"	6,000	" " " "	10,000	..	..	4

Further tax and contribution is not payable—

- (a) where the taxable income from property is £100 or less, irrespective of the amount of the total taxable income ; and
- (b) where the total taxable income is £400 or less even though the taxable income from property exceeds £100.

Where the taxable income from all sources does not exceed £1,000, the further tax and contribution payable is limited to 1s. in the £1 on the excess of the taxable income over £400.

A deduction is available to individuals who reside in certain remote areas of the Commonwealth or its Territories. The areas are divided into two Zones—A and B. A resident of Zone A is allowed a deduction of £120 while a resident of Zone B is allowed £20. "Resident" for this purpose means a person who resides, whether continuously or not, in the relevant area for more than one half of the year of income.

**Deduction for Residents of Isolated Areas.**

A deduction of £120 is allowable to members of the Defence Forces who serve in certain specified overseas localities for a period of more than half of the year of income. A proportionate deduction is allowed if the service is of less duration than one half of the year.

A system is in operation to assist the majority of taxpayers in the payment of their taxes by means of regular deductions from salaries or wages. The amounts deducted are regulated so that the employee will have paid the approximate amount of his taxation by the end of the income year.

The following tables show the number of taxpayers, taxable and contributable income received, and Income Tax and Social Services Contribution assessed during each of the years 1951-52 (based on incomes received during 1950-51) and 1952-53 (based on incomes received during 1951-52). The particulars are classified according to grades of taxable and contributable income and relate only to individuals who are resident in Victoria:—

**VICTORIA—INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
CONTRIBUTION, 1951-52.**

Grade of Income.		Tax- payers.	Taxable and Contributable Income.			Net Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessed.
			Personal Exertion.	Property.	Total.	
£	£	No.	£	£		£
105-	150	31,070	3,529,194	401,846	3,931,040	35,576
151-	200	42,622	6,540,489	669,009	7,209,498	110,669
201-	250	49,223	9,706,471	793,467	10,499,938	243,531
251-	300	50,830	12,217,490	799,221	13,016,711	410,477
301-	350	57,313	16,390,496	837,784	17,228,280	695,203
351-	400	61,295	20,047,168	798,905	20,846,073	1,000,408
401-	500	123,258	45,810,933	1,557,382	47,368,315	2,685,278
501-	600	154,098	65,932,996	1,544,917	67,477,913	4,456,371
601-	800	210,531	108,441,437	2,730,086	111,171,523	8,822,531
801-	1,000	69,796	45,536,396	2,120,607	47,657,003	4,709,019
1,001-	1,250	30,657	25,391,892	2,011,102	27,402,994	3,406,699
1,251-	1,500	14,461	15,058,606	1,558,158	16,616,764	2,361,145
1,501-	2,000	15,554	21,071,318	2,374,305	23,445,623	3,941,678
2,001-	3,000	15,025	30,040,664	3,119,192	33,159,856	6,951,482
3,001-	4,000	7,424	21,753,012	2,084,657	23,837,669	5,989,385
4,001-	5,000	4,083	15,657,988	1,391,187	17,049,175	5,175,753
5,001-	10,000	6,031	34,762,187	3,419,333	38,181,520	17,042,991
10,001-	15,000	980	10,071,623	1,064,169	11,135,797	6,521,157
15,001 and over		548	10,312,056	1,553,758	11,865,814	7,817,655
<b>Total</b>		<b>944,799</b>	<b>518,272,421</b>	<b>30,829,085</b>	<b>549,101,506</b>	<b>82,377,008</b>

VICTORIA—INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
CONTRIBUTION, 1952-53.

Grade of Income.	Tax-payers.	Taxable and Contributable Income.			Net Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessed.
		Personal Exertion.	Property.	Total.	
£	No.	£	£	£	£
105- 200 ..	56,827	7,847,954	722,505	8,570,459	124,028
201- 300 ..	78,299	17,239,740	1,389,544	18,629,284	580,062
301- 400 ..	88,537	27,087,266	1,517,990	28,605,256	1,408,534
401- 500 ..	105,916	41,606,364	1,502,415	43,108,779	2,816,974
501- 600 ..	103,751	47,992,420	1,503,666	49,496,086	3,865,848
601- 700 ..	135,440	71,018,429	1,427,216	72,445,645	6,380,160
701- 800 ..	129,645	76,611,567	1,403,372	78,014,939	7,662,237
801- 900 ..	91,837	60,761,791	1,261,170	62,022,961	6,733,772
901- 1,000 ..	58,989	42,982,521	1,202,208	44,184,729	5,230,971
1,001- 1,250 ..	64,243	54,158,846	2,359,291	56,518,137	7,594,414
1,251- 1,500 ..	24,198	25,349,748	1,845,900	27,195,648	4,384,876
1,501- 2,000 ..	21,662	29,057,268	2,926,108	31,983,376	6,295,525
2,001- 3,000 ..	17,341	33,691,962	3,652,566	37,344,528	9,673,078
3,001- 4,000 ..	6,878	19,218,080	2,387,762	21,605,842	7,115,184
4,001- 5,000 ..	3,367	12,271,511	1,579,615	13,851,126	5,430,910
5,001-10,000 ..	3,734	18,922,709	3,848,404	22,771,113	11,878,602
10,001-15,000 ..	507	4,307,923	1,310,794	5,618,717	3,616,606
15,001 and over	215	3,190,244	1,439,281	4,629,525	3,380,909
Total ..	991,386	593,316,343	33,279,807	626,596,150	93,972,690

Rates of tax and contribution payable by a company other than a company in the capacity of Trustee, on incomes derived during the year ended 30th June, 1953 are as follows:—

1. In the case of a company (not being a private company, a co-operative company, a non-profit company or a life assurance company) which is a resident, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are:—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Six shillings; and
- (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—Seven shillings.

2. In the case of a company (not being a private company, a co-operative company, a non-profit company or a life assurance company) which is a non-resident, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are :—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income consisting of dividends as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Five shillings ;
- (b) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income not consisting of dividends as does not exceed the amount (if any) by which the taxable income consisting of dividends is less than Five thousand pounds—Six shillings ; and
- (c) for every £1 of the part of the taxable income to which neither of the preceding sub-paragraphs of this paragraph applies—Seven shillings.

3. In the case of a company which is a private company, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are :—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Four shillings ;
- (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—Six shillings ; and
- (c) for every £1 of the undistributed amount in respect of which the company is liable under section one hundred and four of the Assessment Act to pay additional tax—Ten shillings.

4. In the case of a company (not being a private company or a life assurance company) which is a co-operative company or a non-profit company, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are :—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Five shillings ; and
- (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—Seven shillings.

5. In the case of a company (not being a private company) which is a mutual life assurance company, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are :—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Four shillings ; and
- (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—six shillings.

6. In the case of a company (not being a private company) which is a life assurance company other than a mutual life assurance company, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are :—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the mutual income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Four shillings ;
- (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the mutual income—Six shillings ;
- (c) if the company is a non-resident, for every £1 of so much of the taxable income, other than the mutual income, consisting of dividends as does not exceed the amount (if any) by which the mutual income is less than Five thousand pounds—Five shillings ;
- (d) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income, other than the amounts of income to which the preceding sub-paragraphs of this paragraph apply, as does not exceed the amount (if any) by which the total of those amounts is less than Five thousand pounds—Six shillings ; and
- (e) for every £1 of the part of the taxable income to which none of the preceding sub-paragraphs of this paragraph applies—Seven shillings.

7. For every £1 of interest in respect of which a company is liable, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section one hundred and twenty-five of the Assessment Act, to pay income tax and social services contribution, the rate of income tax and social services contribution is Seven shillings.

The following table shows the rates of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution for individuals in respect of the income year 1953-54 :—

#### INDIVIDUALS—RATES OF INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION.

The rates of tax and contribution payable, as set out in the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Act 1953* are as follows :—



## BASIC RATE OF TAX AND CONTRIBUTION.

The rate of income tax and social services contribution for every £1 of each part of the taxable income specified in the first column of the following table is the rate set out in the second column of that table opposite to the reference to that part of the taxable income:—

First Column.				Second Column.	
Parts of Taxable Income.				Rates.	
The part of the taxable income which—				Pence in £	
Does not exceed £100 .. .. .				1	
	£	but does not exceed	£		
Exceeds	100	150	150	4	
"	150	"	200	9	
"	200	"	250	13	
"	250	"	300	17	
"	300	"	400	22	
"	400	"	500	28	
"	500	"	600	33	
"	600	"	700	38	
"	700	"	800	42	
"	800	"	900	46	
"	900	"	1,000	50	
"	1,000	"	1,200	56	
"	1,200	"	1,400	64	
"	1,400	"	1,600	71	
"	1,600	"	1,800	78	
"	1,800	"	2,000	85	
"	2,000	"	2,400	93	
"	2,400	"	2,800	100	
"	2,800	"	3,200	107	
"	3,200	"	3,600	114	
"	3,600	"	4,000	121	
"	4,000	"	4,400	128	
"	4,400	"	5,000	136	
"	5,000	"	6,000	144	
"	6,000	"	8,000	151	
"	8,000	"	10,000	158	
"	10,000	"	16,000	165	
"	16,000	..	..	168	

Basic Tax and Contribution is payable on the whole of a person's taxable income if that taxable income exceeds £104.

For the income year 1953-54, the further tax and contribution previously levied on income from property, was eliminated.

Income from  
Property.

## LAND TAX.

State  
Land Tax.

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

to require, and assuming that the improvements (if any) had been not made. The nature of the taxation is a duty upon land for every £1 of the unimproved value thereof, as assessed under the Act, at a rate declared for each year by Act of Parliament. The *Land Tax Act 1951 No. 5567* provided for the rate of tax for the year ended 31st December, 1952, to be one penny for every pound (formerly the rate was one halfpenny for every pound) of the unimproved value exceeding £250 of land (other than land used for primary production) and £3,000 in respect of land used for primary production. Where the assessed unimproved value exceeded the amount of exemption, the exemption diminished at the rate of £1 for every £1 of such excess, so as to leave no exemption when the unimproved value amounted to, or exceeded £6,000 in the case of land used for primary production and £500 in the case of other land.

An analysis, in specified groups of unimproved values of holdings of the 1953 Land Tax assessments is given in the following table.

**VICTORIA—ANALYSIS OF STATE LAND TAX  
ASSESSMENTS, 1953.**

(Based on unimproved values as at 31st December, 1952.)

Unimproved Values of Holdings Ranging Between—		Number of Taxpayers.	Total Amount of Unimproved Values.	Tax Payable.
£	£		£'000	£
251 and	500	93,907	34,248	93,702
501 "	600	21,163	11,767	48,452
601 "	750	19,278	13,093	54,006
751 "	1,000	19,765	17,376	69,521
1,001 "	1,500	20,280	25,226	100,388
1,501 "	2,000	10,307	18,136	71,117
2,001 "	3,000	9,851	24,361	90,663
3,001 "	4,000	10,354	36,816	86,941
4,001 "	5,000	6,091	27,643	87,616
5,001 "	6,000	3,861	21,555	80,949
6,001 "	7,000	2,580	16,925	67,700
7,001 "	8,000	1,675	12,651	51,728
8,001 "	9,000	1,151	9,725	39,422
9,001 "	10,000	1,025	9,695	39,195
10,001 "	15,000	2,119	25,491	106,987
15,001 "	20,000	981	17,005	70,381
20,001 "	25,000	500	11,372	46,241
25,001 "	30,000	243	6,672	27,149
30,001 "	35,000	192	6,240	25,598
35,001 "	40,000	105	3,956	16,092
40,001 "	50,000	169	7,595	31,921
50,001 "	75,000	160	10,242	42,627
75,001 "	100,000	85	7,512	31,032
100,001 "	150,000	72	8,809	35,823
150,001 "	200,000	32	5,587	23,214
200,000 and over		42	19,843	82,359
Total		225,988	409,541	1,520,824

The *Land Tax (Exemptions and Rates) Act* 1953, No. 5764 came into operation on 31st December, 1953. This Act provided for the extension of the exemption from £250 to £650 on land not used for primary production. The exemption of £650 is reduced by £2 for every £1 of the excess over £650 so as to leave no exemption where the unimproved value amounts to or exceeds £975. On land used primarily for primary production the exemption remains at £3,000 which sum is reduced by £1 for every £1 of the excess over £3,000 so as to leave no exemption where the unimproved value amounts to or exceeds £6,000. The Act also provides for a rate of tax of one penny in the pound on unimproved values not exceeding £8,750 and for a graduated increase in the rate on unimproved values in excess of £8,750.

The following table shows particulars, in specified groups of unimproved values of holdings, of Land Tax assessments for 1954 :—

VICTORIA—ANALYSIS OF STATE LAND TAX  
ASSESSMENTS, 1954.

(Based on unimproved values as at 31st December, 1953.)

Unimproved Values of Holdings Ranging Between—		Number of Taxpayers.	Total Amount of Unimproved Values.	Tax Payable.
£	£		£'000	£
651	750	16,561	11,663	11,895
751	850	10,205	8,944	27,856
851	975	12,760	11,180	34,820
976	1,500	24,781	29,784	114,628
1,501	2,000	10,313	17,960	67,596
2,001	3,000	10,128	31,031	86,687
3,001	4,000	8,372	28,039	72,572
4,001	5,000	5,666	25,374	79,805
5,001	6,000	4,191	23,001	85,788
6,001	7,000	3,003	18,337	77,801
7,001	8,000	2,105	15,755	63,796
8,001	9,000	1,463	12,401	49,639
9,001	10,000	1,178	11,342	47,733
10,001	15,000	2,859	33,717	165,783
15,001	20,000	1,020	16,449	105,389
20,001	25,000	511	11,833	77,952
25,001	30,000	259	7,043	53,864
30,001	35,000	175	5,974	52,062
35,001	40,000	110	4,112	39,202
40,001	50,000	182	8,105	84,746
50,001	75,000	203	14,111	159,210
75,001	100,000	101	8,647	147,811
100,001	150,000	77	9,203	183,486
150,001	200,000	34	5,705	130,067
200,000	and over	50	22,863	612,361
Total		116,307	392,573	2,632,549

In the succeeding statement details are shown relating to the assessments made during each of the years 1950 to 1954.

VICTORIA—STATE LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS, 1950 TO 1954.

Year.	Number of Taxpayers.	Total Tax Payable.	Average Tax Payable per Taxpayer.	Unimproved Value.
		£	£ s. d.	£'000
1950 .. .. .	157,645	400,410	2 10 10	235,400
1951 .. .. .	175,543	458,191	2 12 2	267,526
1952 .. .. .	203,850	1,234,652	6 1 2	346,077
1953 .. .. .	225,988	1,520,824	6 14 7	409,541
1954 .. .. .	116,307	2,632,549	22 12 8	392,593

**Commonwealth Land Tax.** The Commonwealth Government also levies land tax on the lands of the States. Up to and including the year 1941-42 particulars of assessments, &c., for Victoria, were extracted from the report of the Federal Commissioner of Taxation and published in the *Year-Book*. During the period of operation of the National Security (Values of Land Tax) Regulations, however, the compilation of statistics was discontinued and details subsequent to the year 1941-42 are, therefore, not available.

PROBATE DUTIES.

**Probate Duties, Victoria.** The *Administration and Probate (Estates) Acts* No. 5590 of 1951 and No. 5895 of 1955 fixed the rates of duty payable on the estates of deceased persons who were domiciled in Victoria.

Following is a brief summary of the rates payable as from 30th November, 1955 :—

On that part of the Final Balance which—	The Rate of Duty for every Pound shall be—
Does not exceed £1,500 .. .. .	d. 12
Exceeds £ 1,500 but does not exceed £ 5,000 .. .. .	24
„ 5,000 „ „ „ „ 15,000 .. .. .	30
„ 15,000 „ „ „ „ 25,000 .. .. .	36
„ 25,000 „ „ „ „ 35,000 .. .. .	42
„ 35,000 „ „ „ „ 45,000 .. .. .	48
„ 45,000 „ „ „ „ 55,000 .. .. .	54
„ 55,000 „ „ „ „ 65,000 .. .. .	60
„ 65,000 „ „ „ „ 75,000 .. .. .	66
„ 75,000 „ „ „ „ .. .. .	78

Where the final balance exceeds £99,500 the duty shall be twenty-two pounds ten shillings per centum of the final balance.

No duty is chargeable on estates where the final balance does not exceed six hundred pounds.

On estates passing to the widow or widower or children or wholly dependent widowed mother of a deceased person a rebate of twelve pence is deducted for every pound of the final balance not exceeding £30,000 provided that where the final balance exceeds £60,000 the rebate shall be the rate so calculated or the amount of £1,500 reduced by 24 pence in every pound by which the final balance exceeds £60,000, whichever is the less.

A further rebate of twelve pence shall be deducted for each and every pound of that part, exceeding £1,500 but not exceeding £5,000, of the final balance which passes to the widow or widower or children or wholly dependant widowed mother of a deceased person.

Provided that, where the final balance exceeds £6,500, the further rebate shall be the amount so calculated or the amount of £175 reduced by 12d. for each and every pound by which the final balance exceeds £6,500, whichever is the less.

Certain exemptions are allowed on the estates of members of the Defence Forces who die on active service or as a result of injuries received or disease contracted on active service provided that the estate is left to widow or widower, brother or sister, lineal descendant or lineal ancestor.

The total amounts of probate duty assessed (including amounts collected by the Public Trustee) for the years 1949-50, 1950-51, 1951-52, 1952-53 and 1953-54 were £2,607,758, £3,437,509, £4,076,671, £4,936,764 and £5,332,164 respectively. Actual collections of probate duty for the years mentioned are shown in the table on page 508.

**Commonwealth Estate Duty.** The Commonwealth Government also levies probate and succession duties. The amount of duty collected throughout Australia in each of the years 1949-50, 1950-51, 1951-52, 1952-53 and 1953-54 was £6,054,250, £6,400,756, £7,777,682, £8,392,727 and £9,824,605 respectively.

## COMMONWEALTH, STATE, AND MUNICIPAL TAXATION.

Taxation in Victoria per head of population levied by the Commonwealth, the State, and the Municipalities for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 was as follows:—

COMMONWEALTH, STATE, AND MUNICIPAL TAXATION  
IN VICTORIA PER HEAD OF POPULATION, 1949-50  
TO 1953-54.

Authority.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Commonwealth * ..	64 9 5	93 12 0	109 10 4	102 10 6	101 3 5
State † ..	5 4 10	6 5 8	7 8 10	8 3 9	9 17 11
Total (Commonwealth and State) ..	69 14 3	99 17 8	116 19 2	110 14 3	111 1 4
Municipal ..	2 19 8	3 9 3	4 4 1	4 15 6	5 3 4
Grand Total ..	72 13 11	103 6 11	121 3 3	115 9 9	116 4 8

\* Average taxation per head collected throughout Australia by the Commonwealth Government on account of taxation derived from the following sources:—Customs, Excise, Estate and Gift Duties; Income, Land, Sales, Entertainment, War-time Company, Gold, Pay-roll and Flour Taxes, Social Services Contributions, Wool, Wheat, and Stevedoring Industry charges.

† Excluding payments by the Commonwealth under the *States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act* of 1946-48.

## TAXATION COLLECTIONS—AUSTRALIAN STATES.

The following statement gives particulars of the total taxation collections (irrespective of whether such moneys had been paid into Consolidated Revenue or not) by each of the Australian States during the years 1949-50 to 1953-54. The information has been dissected with a view to showing separately the actual collections by each State and the amounts received by each State from the Commonwealth under the provisions of the *States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act* 1946-1948:—

STATE TAXATION COLLECTIONS—TOTAL AND PER HEAD  
OF POPULATION, 1950 TO 1954.

Year ended 30th June—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total All States.
TOTAL COLLECTIONS.							
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1950	(a) 16,584	10,814	6,141	3,475	2,518	2,246	41,778
	(b) 25,331	14,237	10,215	5,367	5,151	1,970	62,271
1951	(a) 20,849	13,226	7,718	4,347	2,977	2,559	51,676
	(b) 30,363	17,446	12,273	6,468	6,169	2,388	75,107
1952	(a) 24,840	16,943	9,672	5,151	3,455	2,949	63,010
	(b) 34,745	20,347	13,962	7,409	7,000	2,805	86,268
1953	(a) 27,678	19,157	11,603	5,341	3,912	3,296	70,987
	(b) 43,424	26,028	17,487	9,342	8,742	3,600	108,623
1954	(a) 29,749	22,300	12,817	6,911	4,682	3,758	80,217
	(b) 47,733	29,352	19,257	10,384	9,623	4,066	120,415

STATE TAXATION COLLECTIONS—TOTAL AND PER HEAD  
OF POPULATION, 1950 TO 1954—continued.

Year ended 30th June—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total All States.
PER HEAD OF POPULATION.							
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1950	{ (a) 5 4 7 (b) 7 19 9	{ (a) 4 19 8 (b) 6 11 2	{ (a) 5 5 7 (b) 8 15 8	{ (a) 5 1 2 (b) 7 16 4	{ (a) 4 12 3 (b) 9 8 9	{ (a) 8 2 0 (b) 7 2 0	{ (a) 5 4 2 (b) 7 15 4
1951	{ (a) 6 7 4 (b) 9 5 6	{ (a) 5 18 3 (b) 7 16 0	{ (a) 6 9 5 (b) 10 5 9	{ (a) 6 2 3 (b) 9 2 0	{ (a) 5 4 2 (b) 10 16 0	{ (a) 8 18 0 (b) 8 6 0	{ (a) 6 4 11 (b) 9 1 7
1952	{ (a) 7 8 0 (b) 10 7 1	{ (a) 7 7 3 (b) 8 16 10	{ (a) 7 18 5 (b) 11 8 8	{ (a) 7 1 3 (b) 10 3 2	{ (a) 5 16 10 (b) 11 16 10	{ (a) 9 17 6 (b) 9 7 11	{ (a) 7 8 3 (b) 10 3 1
1953	{ (a) 8 1 10 (b) 12 13 11	{ (a) 8 2 2 (b) 11 0 4	{ (a) 9 5 10 (b) 14 0 0	{ (a) 7 2 6 (b) 12 9 4	{ (a) 6 7 8 (b) 14 5 4	{ (a) 10 13 5 (b) 11 13 1	{ (a) 8 3 1 (b) 12 9 8
1954	{ (a) 8 14 8 (b) 14 0 4	{ (a) 9 4 4 (b) 12 2 0	{ (a) 9 17 2 (b) 14 16 1	{ (a) 8 15 8 (b) 13 4 4	{ (a) 7 8 6 (b) 15 5 2	{ (a) 12 2 10 (b) 13 2 10	{ (a) 9 1 2 (b) 13 12 0

(a) State Taxation collections.

(b) Payments by the Commonwealth to the States under the *States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act of 1946-1948*.

The total taxation collected by the Commonwealth and all States for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 is shown hereunder:—

COMMONWEALTH AND ALL STATES—TAXATION  
COLLECTIONS, 1950 TO 1954.

Year ended 30th June—	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.	Taxation by all State Governments.*	Total Taxation.	
			Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£ s. d.
1950 .. ..	518,959	41,886	560,845	69 13 6
1951 .. ..	777,187	51,799	828,986	99 14 10
1952 .. ..	934,011	63,010	997,021	116 15 1
1953 .. ..	895,464	71,158	966,622	110 13 5
1954 .. ..	900,450	80,400	980,850	110 4 1

\* Excluding payments by the Commonwealth to the States under the *States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act of 1946-1948*.

**PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES.**

**Pension and  
Superannua-  
tion Schemes  
in Force.**

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

**Cost of  
Pensions and  
Gratuities.**

During the year 1953-54, the State Government expended a sum of £2,650,164 on pensions, gratuities, &c. Of this amount £32,445 was spent on pensions of a non-contributory nature. The remainder represents payments from

State revenue to the Police Superannuation Fund, the Police Pensions Fund, the Superannuation Fund, the Coal Mine Workers' Pensions Fund, and the Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund. Act No. 5464, which came into force on 30th June, 1950, provided for an increase of 20 per cent. in non-contributory pensions of less than £468 per annum and in widow's pensions of less than £234 per annum with a proviso that such pensions shall not exceed £468 per annum or (in the case of a widow's pension) £234 per annum. The following table gives details of the State Government expenditure on pensions for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 :—

VICTORIA—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PENSIONS,  
GRATUITIES, ETC., 1950 TO 1954.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Non-Contributory Pensions, &c.—	£	£	£	£	£
Railways .. .. .	30,318	28,052	22,455	17,676	15,955
Judges .. .. .	2,688	4,000	4,000	3,812	3,250
Civil Service .. .. .	272	326	327	339	380
Public Service .. .. .	21,877	20,494	18,235	14,685	11,638
Education Department Officers transferred to Common- wealth Service .. .. .	1,540	1,166	1,100	730	540
Various Allowances, &c. .. .. .	864	818	672	706	682
Total Non-contributory Pen- sions, Gratuities, &c. .. .. .	57,559	54,856	46,789	37,948	32,445
Contributory Pensions—					
Police Superannuation Fund—					
Government Subsidy .. .. .	23,698	15,192	2,000	3,973	10,256
Transferred from Licensing Fund (Act No. 3717) .. .. .	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000
Fines .. .. .	29,075	33,955	39,125	42,042	39,943
Total .. .. .	75,773	72,147	64,125	69,015	73,199
Police Pensions Fund .. .. .	261,800	341,700	376,750	488,716	552,230
The Superannuation Fund—					
Railways .. .. .	625,698	898,179	858,140	942,591	1,135,563
Other .. .. .	409,941	539,925	563,130	629,024	767,209
Total .. .. .	1,035,639	1,438,104	1,421,270	1,571,615	1,902,772
Coal Mine Workers' Pensions Fund	34,084	35,970	47,973	64,693	82,780
Parliamentary Contributory Ret- irement Fund .. .. .	..	1,397	659	11,050	6,738
Total Contributory Pensions	1,407,296	1,889,318	1,910,777	2,205,089	2,617,719
GRAND TOTAL .. .. .	1,464,855	1,944,174	1,957,566	2,243,037	2,650,164



**Police  
Superannua-  
tion Fund.**

This Fund is maintained by an annual subsidy of £2,000 from the Consolidated Revenue; by a moiety of the fines inflicted by the Court of Petty Sessions; by transfers from the Licensing Fund under the provisions of Act No. 3717; and, should be foregoing sources prove insufficient, by a further grant in aid from the Consolidated Revenue.

During the year 1953-54 the total receipts of the fund from Government Revenue amounted to £73,199, while pension payments totalled £58,068. There was a balance of £28,371 in the fund at 30th June, 1954.

Pensions are payable out of this fund only to those who joined the Police Force prior to the 25th November, 1902. There are now no members of the Police Force contributing to the Fund.

**Police  
Pensions  
Fund.**

Under Act No. 3750, which came into operation on 1st January, 1924, pensions are provided for those members of the Police Force who have joined since 25th November, 1902, as well as to persons who may enter the Force in the future. The main provisions of the principal Act were published in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 100. The principal Act was amended by the *Police Regulation Act* No. 4592 of 1938 and the *Police Regulation (Amendment) Act* No. 5359 of 1948. Brief reference to the principal provisions of these Acts is made in previous issues of the *Year-Book*. Further amending legislation is contained in the *Police Regulation (Amendment) Act* No. 5448 of 1949, the *Police Regulation (Pensions) Act* No. 5460 of 1950, the *Police Regulation (Amendment) Act* No. 5467 of 1950 and the *Superannuation Police and State Pensions Act* No. 5673 of 1953. The main effect of these Acts was to further increase the pension payable to a pensioner. The pension payable to the widow of a deceased contributor or pensioner was also increased.

The receipts of the Police Pensions Fund (established under Act No. 3750) during 1953-54 amounted to £858,639, comprising:—Deductions from pay, £117,471; special appropriation, £552,230; interest on investments, £187,138. During the year £286,731 was paid in pensions, £1,038 in gratuities, and £8,073 represented deductions from pay returned. There was a balance of £5,674,253 in the Fund at 30th June, 1954, of which £5,623,795 was invested.

**The Super-  
annuation  
Fund.**

On 24th November, 1925, legislation was enacted by the State Parliament making provision on a contributory basis for superannuation benefits for public servants and railway employees. Contributions of officers amounts received from the Government, and income from investments are paid into the Superannuation Fund and benefits provided by the Act are paid therefrom. Act No. 3782 of 1928 consolidated existing legislation

regarding the Fund. Brief references to the more important amendments to that Act have been made in the *Year-Books* of 1928-29 and subsequent issues. Amending legislation relating to the Fund is contained in the *Superannuation Act* 1947 (No. 5255) the principle provisions of which appeared in the *Year-Book* for 1948-49. Act No. 5453 which came into force on 30th June, 1950, provided *inter alia* for an increase in the unit value from £32 10s. to £39. Pension payments for the child of a deceased contributor or pensioner were also increased from £13 to £19 10s. per unit. Act No. 5673 of 1953 provided for further increases in the amount of the pensions payable. The Consolidated Revenue or the Railway Revenue (as the case may be) bear the additional charge.

The number of contributors to the Fund at 30th June, 1954 was 34,321—males 29,902 and females 4,419.

During the year 1953-54, the receipts of the Superannuation Fund amounted to £4,303,550 consisting of contributions from officers, £1,805,219; from Consolidated Revenue, £1,895,898\*; interest on investments, £582,566; and other receipts, £19,867. The total payments from the fund during the year were £2,495,283, and comprised pensions, £2,398,021\*; refund of contributions, £88,745; and other expenditure, £8,517. The balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1954, was £17,019,707 of which £17,019,304 was invested.

**Port Phillip  
Pilot Sick and  
Superannua-  
tion Fund.** This fund does not receive contributions from the Government but is maintained by deduction from pilots' earnings and annual income derived from investment of moneys belonging to the Fund which, in 1953-54 amounted to £15,999 and £7,384 respectively. During the same period, £8,285 was expended on pensions and £58 on sick allowances.

**Coal Mine  
Workers  
Pensions Fund.** This fund was established under Act No. 4932 of 1942 which provides for the payment of retiring pensions to mine workers (who before retirement have qualified for such pensions by reason of the length of service in the coal mining industry) in one of the several ways specified in the Act and for the payment of disablement pensions to such qualified mine workers who are totally or partially incapacitated by injury. Provision is also made for the payment of additional amounts in respect of dependants.

Amendments to the principal Act are contained in Acts No. 5223 of 1947, No. 5313 of 1948, and No. 5436 of 1949. Each of these Acts provided *inter alia*, for progressive increases in the original rates of pension payable to a miner or his dependants.

During 1953-54 the Treasurer contributed £43,143 to the fund and the State Coal Mines (as owners) £38,637.

\* This figure does not agree with that shown on page 520, which includes Consolidated Revenue's share of pensions accrued to 30th June.

**Parliamentary  
Contributory  
Retirement  
Fund.**

This fund was established under authority of the *Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund Act, No. 5185, of 24th December, 1946*, to provide pensions for ex-members of the Victorian Parliament. Originally members were obliged to contribute to the Fund at the rate of one pound per fortnight but amending legislation, which became operative on 1st July, 1948, increased members' subscriptions to two pounds per fortnight and also fixed the amounts of lump sum payments to be made. Under the provisions of Act No. 5587, which came into operation on 7th November, 1951, members now contribute to the Fund at the rate of £3 10s. per fortnight. Should there be insufficient funds available to pay pensions, &c., under the Act, then the additional amounts required shall be paid from the Consolidated Revenue.

Every person who has ceased to be a member and has served as a member for at least fifteen years, or for at least three Parliaments, is entitled to be paid out of the fund, a pension fortnightly at the rate of the basic wage payable in Melbourne.

Provision is also made for payments of certain sums to ex-members who do not fulfil the conditions necessary for a pension and the payment of a pension to the widow of a deceased member or ex-member at a rate equivalent to the amount that would have been paid or was being paid to the deceased.

All payments out of the fund are subject to the approval of trustees appointed to administer the fund.

During the year ended 30th June, 1954, receipts of the fund amounted to £17,022 made up of contributions from members £10,284 and Special Appropriations £6,738. Pension and lump sum payments from the fund amounted to £17,022.

**STATE GOVERNMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SEMI-  
GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—  
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.**

In the following statements ordinary revenue and expenditure of the State Government, Local Government, and certain semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies in Victoria have been combined for each of the five years 1949 to 1953. Where a grant has been made by one authority to another, such grant has been excluded from both the revenue and expenditure of the recipient.

VICTORIA—STATE GOVERNMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT,  
SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—  
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1949 TO 1953.

Heading.	Financial Year ended in—				
	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.
<i>Revenue.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
State Government .. ..	48,613,095	57,839,642	66,341,017	85,199,578	100,894,076
Local Government .. ..	12,141,432	13,595,358	15,801,058	19,625,938	23,040,167
Semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies—					
Water Supply and Sewerage	3,493,601	3,616,152	4,038,082	4,494,170	4,935,638
Irrigation .. ..	103,717	92,769	120,323	167,808	170,528
Harbors .. ..	1,477,273	1,666,718	1,993,682	2,433,170	2,231,455
Tramways .. ..	4,126,278	3,679,785	5,031,466	5,979,640	6,728,204
Electricity Supply .. ..	8,805,818	10,338,657	12,454,498	16,333,663	20,736,565
Fire Brigades .. ..	236,059	317,752	345,863	476,961	797,708
Housing Commission .. ..	668,122	1,159,180	1,554,936	2,039,090	2,716,675
Grain Elevators Board .. ..	235,665	282,748	322,154	434,218	493,870
Western Metropolitan Mar- ket Trust .. ..	3,659	3,600	3,265	4,151	4,199
Gas and Fuel Corporation	..	..	..	..	7,964,651
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>79,904,719</b>	<b>92,592,361</b>	<b>108,006,344</b>	<b>137,188,387</b>	<b>170,713,733</b>
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
State Government .. ..	49,995,876	58,098,452	66,684,244	87,606,320	101,259,300
Local Government .. ..	12,385,142	13,851,229	16,480,237	19,975,232	22,745,040
Semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies—					
Water Supply and Sewerage	3,539,657	3,693,944	4,044,368	4,513,962	5,046,458
Irrigation .. ..	114,662	136,568	115,941	164,605	180,902
Harbors .. ..	1,230,022	1,240,584	1,312,304	1,991,224	2,148,172
Tramways .. ..	4,375,344	4,327,786	5,268,952	6,392,668	6,879,618
Electricity Supply .. ..	8,776,517	10,588,025	12,452,638	16,124,453	18,828,770
Fire Brigades .. ..	222,001	266,874	441,092	517,522	735,136
Housing Commission .. ..	751,486	1,202,787	1,630,286	2,209,070	2,825,633
Grain Elevators Board .. ..	231,560	273,800	307,700	366,398	421,370
Western Metropolitan Mar- ket Trust .. ..	3,648	3,578	3,719	4,111	4,450
Gas and Fuel Corporation	..	..	..	..	7,793,626
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>81,625,915</b>	<b>93,683,627</b>	<b>108,741,481</b>	<b>139,365,565</b>	<b>168,868,475</b>

**PUBLIC DEBT.**

The following statement shows the result of loan transactions, including Treasury Bonds in aid of revenue, to 30th June, 1954 :—

Loans Raised  
and  
Redeemed.

**LOANS RAISED AND REDEEMED TO 30TH JUNE, 1954.**

	£
Cash received .. .. .	1,530,872,044
Discount and expenses after deducting premiums .. .. .	10,204,271
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Securities issued .. .. .	1,541,076,315
Loans redeemed by—	£
Renewal Loans and other State Funds, &c. .. .. .	1,125,158,283
National Debt Sinking Fund .. .. .	38,793,146
Liability transferred to Commonwealth Government Act No. 4246 .. .. .	2,160,960
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	1,166,112,389
Loans outstanding at 30th June, 1954 .. .. .	376,963,926
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Repayable in—	
Australia .. .. .	328,455,953
London .. .. .	44,907,850
New York .. .. .	3,600,123
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	376,963,926
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It will be seen that, upon the transactions to 30th June, 1954, securities representing £1,541,076,315 were issued, and that the amount of cash received was £1,530,872,044. The State thus received £99 5s. 10d. in cash for every £100 bond given.

Particulars concerning the due dates of loans outstanding at 30th June, 1953 and 1954, are given in the following tables. Where the Government had the option of redemption during a specified period, the loans have been classified according to the latest date of maturity :—

## DUE DATES OF VICTORIAN LOANS AT 30TH JUNE, 1953.

Due Date (Financial Year).	Repayable in London.	Repayable in Australia.	Total.
	£	£	£
1953-54 .. .. .	5,805,525	9,085,711	14,891,236
1954-55 .. .. .	..	52,328,261	52,328,261
1955-56 .. .. .	1,863,483*	18,136,098	19,999,581
1956-57 .. .. .	925,512*	2,449,060	3,374,572
1957-58 .. .. .	..	9,674,705	9,674,705
1958-59 .. .. .	13,388,800	7,486,330	20,875,130
1959-60 .. .. .	..	19,224,129	19,224,129
1960-61 .. .. .	647,575	15,432,334	16,079,909
1961-62 .. .. .	711,394*	13,762,779	14,474,173
1962-63 .. .. .	..	40,008,981	40,008,981
1963-64 .. .. .	..	24,282,699	24,282,699
1964-65 .. .. .	..	45,323,530	45,323,530
1965-66 .. .. .	1,989,400	27,052,884	29,042,284
1966-67 .. .. .	6,799,656†	105,214	6,904,870
1967-68 .. .. .	8,392,800	109,949	8,502,749
1968-69 .. .. .	..	114,897	114,897
1969-70 .. .. .	8,923,150	120,067	9,043,217
1970-71 .. .. .	..	125,470	125,470
1971-72 .. .. .	..	131,116	131,116
1972-73 .. .. .	..	137,017	137,017
1973-74 .. .. .	..	143,182	143,182
1974-75 .. .. .	..	149,625	149,625
1975-76 .. .. .	..	156,359	156,359
1976-77 .. .. .	..	163,395	163,395
1977-78 .. .. .	..	170,748	170,748
1978-79 .. .. .	..	178,431	178,431
1979-80 .. .. .	..	186,461	186,461
1980-81 .. .. .	..	194,851	194,851
1981-82 .. .. .	..	203,620	203,620
1982-83 .. .. .	..	154,279	154,279
Not yet fixed .. .. .	..	3,279,944	3,279,944
Total .. .. .	49,447,295	290,072,126	339,519,421

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

† Including £923,456 raised in New York.

## DUE DATES OF VICTORIAN LOANS AT 30TH JUNE, 1954.

Due Date (Financial Year).	Repayable in London.	Repayable in Australia.	Total.
	£	£	£
1954-55	5,805,525	52,268,261	58,073,786
1955-56	1,060,516*	22,860,098	23,920,614
1956-57	919,347*	8,375,060	9,294,407
1957-58	..	9,674,705	9,674,705
1958-59	13,388,800	7,396,500	20,785,300
1959-60	..	18,668,819	18,668,819
1960-61	647,575	15,350,694	15,998,269
1961-62	703,380*	13,697,969	14,401,349
1962-63	..	40,238,981	40,238,981
1963-64	..	23,982,699	23,982,699
1964-65	..	45,123,530	45,123,530
1965-66	1,989,400	26,961,834	28,951,234
1966-67	6,776,081†	15,922,714	22,698,795
1967-68	8,392,800	22,324,949	30,717,749
1968-69	..	114,897	114,897
1969-70	8,824,550	120,067	8,944,617
1970-71	..	125,470	125,470
1971-72	..	131,116	131,116
1972-73	..	137,017	137,017
1973-74	..	143,182	143,182
1974-75	..	149,625	149,625
1975-76	..	156,359	156,359
1976-77	..	163,395	163,395
1977-78	..	170,748	170,748
1978-79	..	178,431	178,431
1979-80	..	186,461	186,461
1980-81	..	194,851	194,851
1981-82	..	203,620	203,620
1982-83	..	154,279	154,279
Not yet fixed	..	3,279,621	3,279,621
Total	48,507,974	328,455,952	376,963,926

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

† Including £916,881 raised in New York.

**Loans and interest payable in London and Australia.** In the succeeding statement of the Public Debt of Victoria at various dates, loans repayable outside Australia and the annual interest payable thereon are shown separately. Particulars relating to New York loans are included as indicated in the note to the statement.

In the subsequent statements "interest payable" does not include the cost of paying interest overseas. Particulars of exchange paid in each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are shown on page 544.

All tables in the *Year-Book* relating to the Public Debt show the Oversea Debt of Victoria in Australian currency, but at the time of repayment it will entail the use of sterling or dollars as the case may be.

During 1931-32, the conversion of Victoria's portion of the internal debt of the Commonwealth and States of Australia was effected as provided for by the *Debt Conversion Agreement Acts* (No. 1 and 2) of 1931. The conversion was based on a reduction of 22½ per cent. of the interest rates payable on the then existing securities.

VICTORIA—PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE  
THEREON IN LONDON AND AUSTRALIA, 1900 TO 1954.

At 30th June—	Amount of Loans Repayable in—		Annual Interest Payable in—	
	London.*	Australia.	London.	Australia.
	£	£	£	£
1900 .. ..	44,655,579	4,670,306	1,735,307	152,096
1910 .. ..	39,012,436	16,564,289	1,419,579	560,520
1915 .. ..	41,333,738	31,750,189	1,520,762	1,131,811
1920 .. ..	42,406,040	45,241,699	1,637,615	1,902,108
1925 .. ..	51,869,204	79,300,361	2,319,486	3,999,635
1930 .. ..	68,750,235	93,538,759	3,225,754	4,831,371
1935 .. ..	67,638,378	106,522,285	2,651,050	3,930,414
1940 .. ..	66,963,733	113,586,235	2,623,176	4,274,672
1945 .. ..	65,834,565	113,570,626	2,515,982	3,840,676
1950 .. ..	50,057,125	167,355,700	1,627,183	5,463,834
1951 .. ..	49,781,957	201,150,756	1,618,349	6,210,549
1952 .. ..	49,680,551	252,818,479	1,644,121	7,456,440
1953 .. ..	49,447,297	290,072,126	1,636,026	9,059,412
1954 .. ..	48,507,974	328,455,952	1,591,377	10,874,119

\* Loans raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government are included as follows:— (At 30th June) 1930 and 1931, £4,658,461; 1932, £4,648,084; 1933, £4,615,021; 1934, £4,592,459; 1935, £4,569,473; 1936, £4,547,877; 1937, £4,530,842; 1938, £4,517,207; 1939 to 1946, £4,498,878; 1947, £4,500,603; 1948, £4,570,562; 1949, £4,548,370; 1950, £4,516,725; 1951, £4,486,107; 1952, £4,455,901; 1953, £4,423,845; 1954, £3,600,124.



The appended tables show the rates of interest which were payable on the public debt at 30th June, 1953, and 1954 and the portions of the debt at each rate in London and Australia respectively.

VICTORIA—RATES OF INTEREST ON PUBLIC DEBT AT 30TH JUNE, 1953.

Rate of Interest.	Amount Repayable in—		
	London.	Australia.	Total.
Per cent.	£	£	£
5 .. .. .	1,863,483*	..	1,863,483
4½ .. .. .	..	30,294,540	30,294,540
4 .. .. .	..	117,000	117,000
3¾ .. .. .	..	13,780,460	13,780,460
3¾ .. .. .	..	17,066,640	17,066,640
3½ .. .. .	..	107,000	107,000
3½ .. .. .	20,188,456†	254,650	20,443,106
£3 9s. 9d. .. .. .	..	500	500
3⅜ .. .. .	711,394*	..	711,394
3¼ .. .. .	10,496,237‡	43,150,241	53,646,478
3⅛ .. .. .	..	113,977,874	113,977,874
£3 2s. .. .. .	..	314,890	314,890
3 .. .. .	10,382,200	14,293,144	24,675,344
2¾ .. .. .	5,805,525	..	5,805,525
£2 14s. 3d. .. .. .	..	132,456	132,456
2½ .. .. .	..	1,525	1,525
£2 6s. 6d. .. .. .	..	710,579	710,579
2 .. .. .	..	52,307,171	52,307,171
1 .. .. .	..	3,563,456	3,563,456
Total .. .. .	49,447,295	290,072,126	339,519,421
Average rate of interest .. .. .	% 3·31	% 3·12	% 3·15

\* Raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government.

† Including £923,456 raised in New York.

‡ Including £925,512 raised in New York.

VICTORIA—RATES OF INTEREST ON PUBLIC DEBT AT  
30TH JUNE, 1954.

Rate of Interest.	Amount Repayable in—		
	London.	Australia.	Total.
Per cent.	£	£	£
5 .. .. .	1,060,516*	..	1,060,516
4½ .. .. .	..	68,557,040	68,557,040
4 .. .. .	..	117,000	117,000
3¾ .. .. .	..	13,780,247	13,780,247
3½ .. .. .	..	17,066,640	17,066,640
3⅜ .. .. .	..	107,000	107,000
3½ .. .. .	20,164,881†	254,650	20,419,531
£3 9s. 9d. .. .. .	..	500	500
3¼ .. .. .	703,380*	..	703,380
3¼ .. .. .	10,391,472‡	42,789,041	53,180,513
3⅜ .. .. .	..	112,956,434	112,956,434
£3 2s. .. .. .	..	314,890	314,890
3 .. .. .	10,382,200	24,881,353	35,263,553
2½ .. .. .	5,805,525	..	5,805,525
£2 14s. 3d. .. .. .	..	132,456	132,456
2½ .. .. .	..	1,525	1,525
£2 6s. 6d. .. .. .	..	710,579	710,579
2 .. .. .	..	43,282,510	43,282,510
1 .. .. .	..	3,504,087	3,504,087
Total .. .. .	48,507,974	328,455,952	376,963,926
Average rate of interest .. .. .	%	%	%
	3.28	3.31	3.31

\* Raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government.

† Including £916,881 raised in New York.

‡ Including £919,347 raised in New York.

**Growth of Public Debt.** The growth of the public debt of Victoria since the establishment of responsible government in 1855 is illustrated in the next statement.

During 1928-29, the amount at credit of the State Redemption and Sinking Funds—£5,540,369—was applied to the liquidation of the public debt, and in 1934-35, the debt was decreased by the transfer of a liability amounting to £2,160,960 from the State to the Commonwealth Government under Act No. 4246. From £174,160,663 at 30th June, 1935—the first occasion on which the debt was less than that of the immediately preceding year—the public debt increased steadily until it reached the amount of £181,219,188 at 30th June, 1941. Although the Public Debt decreased during each of the years 1941-42 to 1943-44, it increased during each of the years 1944-45 to 1953-54, and at 30th June, 1954 amounted to £376,963,926.

The tables in this *Year-Book* relating to the Public Debt do not include an amount of £65,531,000 advanced to Victoria by the Commonwealth under the provisions of the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement. Under the conditions of the agreement the Commonwealth agreed to make loan advances to the State to facilitate the financing and construction of dwelling units through the agency of the State Housing Commission. The amounts so advanced are funded at the end of each financial year and the Housing Commission is required to meet from its revenues all interest and redemption charges incidental to the repayment of each year's loan advances by equal instalments over a period of 53 years. Up to 30th June, 1954, repayments of the principal amounted to £1,777,278.

VICTORIA—GROWTH OF PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST,  
1855 TO 1954.

Financial Year ending in—	Loans Outstanding.			Amount per Head of Population.	
	Amount.	Annual Interest Payable.		Debt.	Annual Interest Payable.
		Total.	Average Rate per cent.		
	£	£	%	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1855* ..	1,180,000	70,800	6.00	3 4 9	0 3 11
1860 ..	5,643,100	337,905	5.99	10 9 10	0 12 7
1870* ..	12,099,800	699,240	5.78	16 13 1	0 19 3
1880 ..	20,567,700	1,029,991	5.01	24 9 4	1 4 6
1890 ..	41,377,693	1,649,465	3.99	36 19 11	1 9 6
1900 ..	49,325,885	1,887,403	3.83	41 6 8	1 11 8
1910 ..	55,576,725	1,980,099	3.56	43 6 8	1 10 10
1920 ..	87,647,739	3,539,723	4.04	57 19 1	2 6 10
1925 ..	131,169,565	6,319,121	4.82	78 9 11	3 16 3
1930 ..	162,288,994	8,057,125	4.96	90 18 7	4 10 7
1935 ..	174,160,663	6,581,464	3.78	94 15 2	3 11 8
1940 ..	180,549,968	6,897,848	3.82	94 17 2	3 12 5
1945 ..	179,405,191	6,356,658	3.54	89 2 0	3 3 2
1950 ..	217,412,825	7,091,017	3.26	98 13 11	3 4 5
1951 ..	250,932,713	7,828,898	3.12	110 11 7	3 9 0
1952 ..	302,499,030	9,100,561	3.01	129 10 6	3 17 3
1953 ..	339,519,421	10,695,438	3.15	142 7 11	4 9 4
1954 ..	376,963,926	12,465,496	3.31	153 14 4	5 1 8

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

The following table shows the capital liability of the State at 30th June, 1954, in respect of its public works and services. The apportionment of the State's equity in the National Debt Sinking Fund is also shown :—

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF CAPITAL LIABILITY UNDER THE VARIOUS WORKS AND SERVICES, TOGETHER WITH THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE STATE'S EQUITY IN THE NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND AT 30TH JUNE, 1954.

Works or Services.	Liability.	Deduction on Account of National Debt Sinking Fund.	Net Liability.
Railways *—	£	£	£
As reduced .. ..	88,606,298	9,255,420	79,350,878
Transferred .. ..	30,685,905	5,373,373	25,312,532
Country Waterworks .. ..	72,466,963	5,765,777	66,701,186
Electricity Supply .. ..	43,620,642	3,576,601	40,044,041
Land Settlement .. ..	23,877,620	5,905,605	17,972,015
Soldier Settlement .. ..	31,963,106	667,555	31,295,551
Grain Elevators Board .. ..	1,066,336	78,894	987,442
Housing Commission .. ..	952,238	107,740	844,498
Country Roads .. ..	14,523,755	2,163,932	12,359,823
Public Works, Buildings, &c.	64,917,420	2,221,731	62,695,689
Gas and Fuel Corporation of Victoria .. ..	3,007,960	7,469	3,000,491
Forests .. ..	10,232,311	410,749	9,821,562
Unemployment Relief .. ..	12,005,587	1,614,130	10,391,457
Rural Finance Corporation .. ..	4,029,107	40,254	3,988,853
In Aid of Revenue .. ..	11,591,900	2,196,559	9,395,341
Unapportioned .. ..	2,209,925	..	2,209,925
Total .. ..	415,757,073	39,385,789	376,371,284

\* The *Railways (Finance Adjustment) Act* No. 4429 provided for the reduction of railway loan liability by the sum of £30,000,000 on 1st July, 1937, and for the transfer of that amount to the "Reduction of Railway Loan Liability Account".

**Expenditure  
from  
Loan Funds.**

In addition to the ordinary expenditure from revenue, certain sums are disbursed annually for various purposes from Loans and on account of Loan Funds. The figures in the following table include all such expenditure, whether the loans have been repaid or are still in existence. The table shows the details for each of the years 1950-51 to 1953-54 and the total to 30th June, 1954 :—

**VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON  
ACCOUNT OF LOANS, 1950-51 TO 1953-54.**

Expenditure on—	During the Year Ended 30th June—				Total to 30th June, 1954.
	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Public Works—					
Railways *—					
As reduced	7,044,316	10,497,824	7,099,949	8,839,563	89,462,429
Transferred	..	..	..	..	29,134,658
Country Roads ..	816,477	1,093,825	1,218,970	1,537,333	17,703,900
Bridges ..	2	98	..	200	477,095
Harbors and Rivers ..	60,304	188,701	319,709	247,051	2,626,884
Water Supply—					
Country ..	7,124,902	10,619,672	6,919,911	8,475,565	72,304,639
Metropolitan ..	..	..	..	..	3,142,577
Sewerage ..	28,651	80,095	80,000	95,982	531,590
Electricity Supply ..	1,250,000	9,000,000	7,000,000	6,000,000	41,089,227
Gas and Fuel Corporation	2,551,497	2,392,950	2,455,000	1,995,000	9,394,447
Public Buildings—					
Schools ..	2,686,124	3,521,171	3,381,840	4,845,078	25,210,632
Hospitals ..	2,592,533	2,952,002	3,640,376	5,389,918	18,300,704
Other ..	589,605	796,918	841,182	759,350	5,515,365
Other Public Works ..	309,265	386,470	297,428	311,218	2,529,297
Decentralization Fund ..	199,552	..	..	..	499,552
Immigration ..	28,034	36,433	34,589	951	221,703
Municipal Endowment ..	..	..	..	..	698,250
Municipalities, Loans, Grants, &c. ..	137,624	217,168	389,307	131,357	2,130,923
Housing ..	903,710	4,185,079	1,221,792	40,942	9,818,163
Unemployment Relief ..	..	..	..	..	13,147,158
Rural Finance Corporation ..	814,250	1,600,000	900,000	700,000	4,019,250
Primary Production—					
Land Settlement † ..	..	..	..	..	41,570,934
Soldier Settlement ..	6,095,841	5,753,681	4,649,883	4,923,123	38,152,835
Wire Netting Advances ..	56,318	22,696	31,894	2,199	1,041,865
Agriculture ..	..	..	21	..	211,168

\* Reduced under the authority of Act No. 4429 of 1936.

† Land Settlement—Closer Settlement and Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Fund abolished during 1938-39 and Soldier Settlement re-established in 1945-46.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS—*continued.*

Expenditure on—	During the Year Ended 30th June—				Total to 30th June, 1954.
	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	
Primary Production—(con- tinued)	£	£	£	£	£
Settlers Advances— Cultivation .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2,620,806
Other.. .. .	1,250	169	439	..	119,568
Bulk Handling of Wheat	..	..	..	250,000	1,403,740
Forestry .. .. .	1,589,726	1,390,000	787,499	899,825	13,082,315
Mining, N.E.I. .. .. .	137,631	36,072	15,982	4,524	492,071
Mining—State Coal Mine	2,652	2,176	..	..	352,757
Primary Products— Advances to Companies ..	..	..	..	..	331,101
Cool Stores—Advances to Companies .. .. .	1,602	2,957	7,266	4,854	657,799
Drought Relief .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,024,411
Destruction of Vermin and Noxious Weeds	157,711	121,755	80,596	69,961	459,208
Other Primary Production	..	..	..	..	167,862
Other Purposes .. .. .	129,193	184,417	201,608	146,655	3,352,218
Total Works Expenditure ..	35,308,860	55,084,329	41,575,241	45,664,649	453,000,101
In Aid of Revenue .. .. .	..	2,000,000	2,400,000	..	15,455,167
GRAND TOTAL .. .. .	35,308,860	57,084,329	43,975,241	45,664,649	468,455,268

The figures in the foregoing table are "net" in as much as they exclude discounts and flotation expenses, particulars of which are as follow:—1950-51, £46,977; 1951-52, £183,233; 1952-53, £110,234 and 1953-54, £138,964. The aggregate to 30th June, 1954, was £10,204,271.

The amounts of interest and expenses paid on the Public Debt of Victoria during each of the financial years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are shown in the next table:—

Interest paid  
on Loans.

VICTORIA—INTEREST AND EXPENSES OF PUBLIC DEBT,  
1950 TO 1954.

Year Ended 30th June.	Interest Paid on Loans in—		Interest Paid on Temporary Loans.	Commission on Payment of Interest in London Expenses of Conversion Loans, &c.	Exchange on Payment of Interest in London.†	Total.‡
	London.*	Melbourne.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1950 ..	1,738,109	5,054,184	31,443	49,968	567,181	7,440,885
1951 ..	1,627,867	5,558,378	13,349	68,493	577,794	7,845,881
1952 ..	1,632,741	6,523,790	23,881	50,530	578,419	8,809,361
1953 ..	1,640,172	7,426,639	25,718	43,740	574,896	9,711,165
1954 ..	1,623,099	9,136,940	25,271	55,490	558,507	11,399,307

\* Including interest paid on loans raised in New York—£184,018 for 1949-50; £182,943 for 1950-51; £181,863 for 1951-52; £180,884 for 1952-53 and £160,335 for 1953-54.

† Includes Exchange paid in respect of Loans raised in New York:—£177,132 for 1949-50; £215,496 for 1950-51; £214,977 for 1951-52; £213,070 for 1952-53 and £193,863 for 1953-54.

‡ Includes £2,127,159 contributed each year by the Commonwealth in accordance with the provisions of the "Financial Agreement".

### NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND.

The National Debt Sinking Fund was established under the provisions of the *Commonwealth and States Financial Agreement Act 1927* (No. 3554). Under the Federal Aid Roads Agreement, the Commonwealth Government agreed to pay Sinking Fund contributions on loan moneys provided by the States for certain roads. The agreement was terminated on 30th June, 1947, and from 1st December, 1947, these payments became a State liability. The following table gives particulars of the receipts and disbursements during 1953-54:—

	£	
Balance at credit of Victoria at 30th June, 1953 .. .. .	1,037,383	
Contributions during 1953-54—	£	
By Commonwealth under Financial Agreement	759,323	
,, State under Financial Agreement .. .. .	2,927,980	
	<hr/>	3,687,303
Interest received .. .. .		9,884
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		4,734,570
Cancellation of securities to the value of £3,274,991 at a cost of ..		4,141,928
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Balance at credit of the State at 30th June, 1954 .. .. .		592,642
Face value of securities cancelled to 30th June, 1954 .. .. .		38,793,146
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Net credit to Victoria at 30th June, 1954 .. .. .		39,385,788
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### TRUST FUNDS.

At 30th June, 1954 the liability of the Treasurer on account of moneys lodged for investment and for securities and other lodgments amounted to £29,477,611. Investments in Australian Consolidated Inscribed Stock and other securities amounted to £14,643,650, and cash advances totalled £3,222,857. The balance—£11,611,104—was at the credit of the Public Account.

### PUBLIC DEBT OF AUSTRALIA.

The public debts of the six Australian States aggregated £1,688,948,070 at 30th June, 1954. Details of the indebtness in respect of each State are shown in the following table. Sinking funds have not been deducted. Treasury Bills covering Revenue Deficits are included. Revenue Deficits which are not covered by Treasury Bills, overdrafts on Loan Account, and advances from Trust Funds are excluded:—

#### PUBLIC DEBTS OF AUSTRALIAN STATES AT 30TH JUNE, 1954.

Heading.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania
	£	£	£	£	£	
Public Debt	376,963,926	614,494,836	220,396,425	213,619,488	165,782,545	97,690,850
Debt per head of population at 30th June, 1954.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	154 8 3	176 5 10	170 19 11	276 2 9	257 17 4	307 6 0



**Commonwealth  
Public Debt.** The public debt of the Commonwealth exclusive of loans raised on behalf of the States but including debts on account of the Port Augusta-Oodnadatta Railway and the Northern Territory amounted to £1,917,854,641 at 30th June, 1954. This total excludes War (1914-18) Debt £79,724,220 due to the British Government. Repayment of this debt and payment of interest thereon was suspended in 1931. In issues of the *Year-Book* prior to 1951-52 this amount was included in the total Commonwealth Public Debt.

**Commonwealth  
and States  
Public Debt.** The total public debt of Australia—Commonwealth and States—at 30th June, 1954, was £3,606,802,711, of which £3,186,028,130 was payable in Australia, £351,179,030 in London, and £69,595,551 elsewhere overseas. The loan liability of the Australian public at 30th June, 1954, averaged £400 15s. 2d. per head of population

## **PART X.**

### **FACTORIES, FISHERIES, MINES, ETC.**

#### **FACTORIES.**

**Industrial progress.** Statistical records of factories in Victoria date from 1850, when the number of factories was 68. In 1900 the total had reached 3,097 and 64,207 persons were employed therein. Fairly regular progress, concurrent with increase in population and consequent extension of the home market, was maintained until 1928-29 when the onset of the world depression caused a severe check to the manufacturing industries of the State. Statistics for the years 1927-28 to 1931-32 demonstrate clearly the effect of gradually declining prices and restricted activity.

Thereafter, however, an upward trend obtained until 1938-39 when due to a drop in export prices and also to a severe drought in Victoria, manufacturing industries were adversely affected and there was a consequent decline in employment.

The exigencies of the world war which commenced in September, 1939, made unprecedented demands on the industrial capacity of the State both in regard to the equipment of the armed forces and the provision of civilian needs.

In the later years expansion has been accentuated by reason of the continually increasing price levels. Comparison of the results for the years 1952-53 and 1953-54 shows that the number of factories rose from 15,154 to 15,533, the average number of employees increased from 310,759 to 331,277, and the net value of production increased from £358,032,828 to £408,314,716.

Victoria has a comparatively compact territory producing a variety of raw materials; a temperate climate; an intelligent labour supply; large power resources; a growing home market and an extensive system of State-owned railways served by a network of feeder roads. It possesses highways and main roads which cater effectively for the ever-growing motor haulage industry. These advantages, coupled with the continued organization of production and of markets therefor,

should maintain the progress of the State in the manufacturing field. The Commonwealth Government's policy of protection, by tariffs, for local industries has no doubt been of assistance in attracting capital for investment in manufacturing industries in this State.

In the next table particulars indicating the development of the manufacturing industries of Victoria during the twenty-year period 1934-35 to 1953-54 are given.

### VICTORIA—GROWTH IN FACTORY PRODUCTION.

Year Ended 30th June—	Number of Factories.	Number of Persons Employed.	Value of Plant, Machinery, Land, and Buildings.	Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid.	Value of Materials used (including Containers).	Value of Output.
			£	£	£	£
1935 ..	9,100	169,691	70,591,677	27,318,815	63,387,061	117,182,857
1936 ..	9,160	183,390	71,872,906	30,593,707	74,568,265	134,043,170
1937 ..	9,165	191,883	75,161,894	33,192,904	78,233,032	142,692,192
1938 ..	9,241	201,789	77,207,830	37,228,543	85,926,478	157,050,725
1939 ..	9,250	201,831	80,596,625	38,305,885	80,721,680	152,967,611
1940 ..	9,215	212,461	84,553,699	41,920,726	93,390,751	174,304,401
1941 ..	9,121	237,636	92,050,326	52,294,673	112,024,332	209,348,845
1942 ..	8,918	258,400	98,157,370	67,158,613	136,058,136	257,281,080
1943 ..	8,738	262,357	104,605,310	76,033,111	144,778,354	277,678,940
1944 ..	9,317	261,299	110,520,701	77,400,688	149,189,244	284,647,914
1945 ..	9,669	257,633	116,379,925	74,227,245	152,761,198	287,422,311
1946 ..	10,195	256,249	118,802,347	70,499,214	154,224,950	286,989,408
1947 ..	10,949	265,757	121,877,270	77,993,765	170,223,745	315,437,679
1948 ..	11,642	278,271	132,058,592	93,802,188	203,121,836	377,412,025
1949 ..	12,702	292,006	149,463,382	112,410,440	244,486,168	446,837,879
1950 ..	13,231	303,476	176,872,369	130,254,694	284,197,019	526,466,280
1951 ..	13,504	316,792	207,587,582	163,207,236	370,258,115	675,033,324
1952 ..	14,758	324,143	248,398,656	202,585,880	463,121,444	833,967,023
1953 ..	15,154	310,759	282,690,086	210,877,568	461,810,787	860,146,161
1954 ..	15,533	331,277	339,267,651	236,036,586	531,527,923	985,505,127

NOTE.—Particulars of the amounts taken by working proprietors as drawings have not been collected since 1945-46 (inclusive).

The first Factories Act in Victoria was passed in 1873 and since that year many other Acts dealing with the subject have been placed upon the statute-book. The *Factories and Shops Act 1928* consolidated all Acts passed prior to that date. The general provisions of factory legislation, including Wages Boards, are further referred to in Part, "Social Condition," of this *Year-Book*.

**Factories and  
Wages Board  
Legislation.**

**Factory Premises.** The *Labour and Industry Act* 1953, which came into operation on 1st July, 1954, provided that plans be approved by the department before the commencement of the building of any factory premises or alterations or additions thereto.

**Statistics Act 1928.** Statistics relating to the factories of Victoria are collected by the Government Statist in accordance with the provisions of the *Statistics Act* 1928. In the year 1902, Australian statisticians adopted a uniform classification of industries for statistical purposes in all States. A factory is taken to be an industrial establishment in which four or more hands are employed or in which power other than hand is used. In 1930, a new classification, based upon that used in Great Britain for census purposes, was adopted and still obtains. The definition of a factory remains unchanged.

**Added value.** In estimating the relative importance of various industries, or the value of manufacturing industry as a whole, the method used is to calculate the value added in the process of manufacture. This "added value" is arrived at in the following way:—From the value of output of each industry are deducted the most important items of manufacturing expense such as costs of raw materials, containers, fuel and light, repairs to plant and machinery, and replacement of tools; the remainder constitutes the value added to raw materials in the process of manufacture, and represents the fund available for the payment of wages, taxation, rent, interest, insurance, &c., and profit.

It is considered that owing to the duplication of materials used, the finished produce of one process of manufacture forming, as it often does, the raw material for another, an inaccurate impression would be obtained by using the total value of output of manufacturing industries in year to year comparisons. Woollen manufactures might be cited as an example. Greasy wool forms the raw material for the wool-scouring industry, the product of which is scoured wool. This is afterwards combed into wool tops which are used in the spinning mills for the manufacture of yarn. In due course the yarn is woven into cloth, the raw material for the clothing industry. If these processes are carried out separately in different factories it is evident that the value of the wool would be counted five times by using value of output as the basis for annual comparisons of manufacturing production.

The concept of "Added value" prevents this double counting, gives a truer picture of the relative economic importance of industries, and also provides a good basis for estimating and comparing productive efficiency in manufacturing.

The following table shows the value added per person employed in each class of manufacturing industry during each of the years ended 30th June, 1953 and 1954:—

VICTORIA—VALUE ADDED BY PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE,  
1952-53 and 1953-54.

Class of Industry.	Year ended 30th June, 1953.			Year ended 30th June, 1954.		
	Average Number of Persons Employed.	Value Added	Value Added per Person Employed.	Average Number of Persons Employed.	Value Added	Value Added per Person Employed.
1. Treatment of non - metallic mine and quarry products ..	5,431	£ 6,862,460	£ 1,264	5,629	£ 7,730,064	1,373
2. Bricks, pottery, glass, &c. ..	4,879	5,209,122	1,068	5,532	6,205,479	1,122
3. Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paint, oils, and grease ..	13,781	21,506,351	1,561	14,104	27,345,850	1,939
4. Industrial metals, machines, implements, and conveyances ..	109,740	123,089,016	1,122	116,812	138,568,854	1,186
5. Precious metals, jewellery, and plate ..	2,656	2,646,325	996	2,777	3,103,495	1,118
6. Textiles and textile goods (not dress) ..	32,148	36,218,750	1,127	37,753	43,859,825	1,162
7. Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear) ..	5,338	6,616,799	1,240	5,436	6,464,401	1,189
8. Clothing ..	43,901	36,688,718	836	47,196	41,286,274	875
9. Food, drink, and tobacco ..	38,139	51,321,619	1,346	37,740	55,231,383	1,463
10. Woodworking and basket-ware ..	14,184	14,473,068	1,020	14,595	16,382,704	1,122
11. Furniture, bedding, &c. ..	5,977	6,001,156	1,004	6,048	6,300,646	1,042
12. Paper, stationery, printing, book-binding, &c. ..	18,211	23,659,049	1,299	18,898	27,373,041	1,448
13. Rubber ..	4,291	7,091,989	1,653	5,371	9,296,150	1,731
14. Musical instruments ..	229	190,214	831	298	295,838	993
15. Miscellaneous products ..	7,750	8,139,967	1,050	8,937	10,356,587	1,159
16. Heat, light and power ..	4,104	8,318,225	2,027	4,151	8,514,125	2,051
Total ..	310,759	358,032,828	1,152*	331,277	408,314,716	1,233*

\* Average for all Industries.

As added value is based on value of output, the added value per employee is affected not only by output per employee, but also by the price obtained, and should, therefore, in a comparison of the results of different years, be corrected to allow for variations in price levels. Other important factors are the quantity and the efficiency of the machinery used in the process of manufacture.

The table hereunder summarizes the total value added by the process of manufacturing in each of the past ten years:—

VICTORIA—VALUE ADDED BY PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE.

Year Ended 30th June—	Value of Output.	Expenses of Manufactur- ing.*	Value Added.	Average Number of Persons Employed.	Value Added per Person Employed.
	£	£	£		£
1945 ..	287,422,311	165,045,004	122,377,307	257,633	475
1946 ..	286,989,408	166,738,921	120,250,487	256,249	469
1947 ..	315,437,679	183,941,529	131,496,150	265,757	495
1948 ..	377,412,025	218,911,005	158,501,020	278,271	569
1949 ..	446,837,879	264,077,503	182,760,376	292,006	626
1950 ..	526,466,280	307,221,673	219,244,607	303,476	722
1951 ..	675,033,324	399,372,947	275,660,377	316,792	870
1952 ..	833,967,023	499,607,098	334,359,925	324,143	1,032
1953 ..	860,146,161	502,113,333	358,032,828	310,759	1,152
1954 ..	985,505,127	577,190,411	408,314,716	331,277	1,233

\* "Expenses of manufacturing" includes the following costs only:—Raw materials, containers, fuel and light, tools replaced, repairs to plant and machinery, lubricating oil, and water.

**Production of different industries.** The classification of industries, as adopted in 1930, is set out in the next table. The data shown were compiled from returns rendered compulsorily by all factory proprietors in Victoria. It should, however, be noted that, where a factory, engaged in the production of such goods as would entitle it to classification in more than one sub-class of industry, is unable to give separate production costs, &c., in respect thereof, it is classified according to the predominant product of such factory.

## VICTORIAN FACTORIES—POWER, WORKERS, MANUFAC

Nature of Industry.	Factories. No.	Rated Horse- power of Engines.	Average Number Employed.		Salaries and Wages Paid. £
			Males.	Females.	
<b>Class 1.—Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry products</b>					
Briquetting .. .. .	432	51,264	5,194	237	3,668,774
Lime, Plaster, and Asphalt .. .. .	1	27,510	425	7	429,861
Fibrous Plaster and Products .. .. .	27	3,690	377	15	327,945
Marble, Slate, &c. .. .. .	163	1,687	1,417	63	957,186
Cement and cement goods, &c. .. .. .	55	2,493	378	11	261,545
Asbestos cement sheets and mould- ings .. .. .	157	12,051	1,855	45	1,271,032
Other .. .. .	5	1,962	469	13	375,069
Other .. .. .	24	1,871	273	83	246,136
<b>Class 2.—Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &amp;c.</b>					
Bricks, tiles, and firebricks .. .. .	145	28,095	4,511	368	3,534,867
Earthenware, china, and porcelain Other (including Glass and Glass Bottles) .. .. .	62	17,332	2,181	53	1,698,902
.. .. .	39	4,025	998	180	849,212
.. .. .	44	6,738	1,332	135	986,753
<b>Class 3.—Chemicals, Dyes, Ex- plosives, Paint, Oils, and Grease</b>					
Industrial and heavy chemicals, and acids .. .. .	328	83,483	10,441	3,340	10,605,032
Pharmaceutical and toilet prepara- tions .. .. .	65	14,583	1,824	236	1,779,759
Explosives (including fireworks) .. .. .	57	7,205	1,110	970	1,466,718
White lead, paints, and varnish .. .. .	9	26,109	2,539	1,211	2,739,720
Oils, mineral .. .. .	55	5,763	946	238	878,407
Oils, vegetable (including oilcake) Boiling down, tallow refining .. .. .	18	3,936	663	56	559,205
.. .. .	6	642	65	3	53,633
Soap and candles .. .. .	29	4,053	598	7	511,901
Chemical fertilizers .. .. .	22	2,730	582	119	554,315
Inks and polishes .. .. .	9	13,452	1,312	45	1,209,300
Other .. .. .	48	2,118	390	225	420,539
Other .. .. .	10	2,892	412	230	431,635
<b>Class 4.—Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements, and Conveyances</b>					
Smelting, converting, refining of iron and steel .. .. .	4,834	313,242	99,273	10,467	80,740,863
Foundries (ferrous) .. .. .	10	8,235	1,078	29	948,754
Plant equipment and machinery .. .. .	216	8,204	2,380	117	1,810,636
Other engineering .. .. .	592	66,320	17,603	1,899	14,690,694
Extracting and refining of other metals: Alloys .. .. .	757	27,039	7,658	499	5,867,069
Electrical machinery, cables and apparatus .. .. .	23	902	195	23	182,188
Tramcars and rolling stock (Govern- ment) .. .. .	308	13,770	6,302	1,476	5,537,450
.. .. .	24	19,444	6,939	21	4,922,791
Motor vehicles— Construction and assembly .. .. .	19	18,013	6,315	577	6,236,974
Repairs .. .. .	1,628	10,355	11,469	898	7,277,467
Motor bodies .. .. .	279	12,949	5,807	309	4,454,044
Horse-drawn vehicles .. .. .	35	257	122	3	62,232
Motor accessories .. .. .	59	7,295	1,848	602	1,742,748
Aircraft .. .. .	20	14,606	7,460	683	6,671,690
Cycles (foot and hand driven), and accessories .. .. .	48	757	274	30	180,009
Ship and boat building— Government .. .. .	4	5,886	1,466	47	1,159,190
Municipal and other .. .. .	31	2,013	602	6	542,679
Cutlery and small hand tools .. .. .	51	8,957	1,480	191	1,189,641
Agricultural machines and imple- ments .. .. .	78	19,956	5,863	382	5,009,716
Non-ferrous metals—rolling and extrusion .. .. .	4	3,865	392	25	372,631
Founding, casting, &c. (non-ferrous) .. .. .	151	6,655	2,249	281	1,812,184

## TURING COSTS AND VALUE OF PRODUCTION, 1952-53.

Fuel and Light Used.	Lubricating Oil and Water.	Repairs to Plant, &c.	Materials Used, Including Containers.	Articles Produced or Work Done.	Value Added.	Land and Buildings.	Plant and Machinery.
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>1,213,398</b>	<b>53,854</b>	<b>539,139</b>	<b>7,298,067</b>	<b>15,966,918</b>	<b>6,862,460</b>	<b>2,257,605</b>	<b>2,782,128</b>
256,011	24,678	72,080	511,445	1,632,160	767,946	322,221	812,654
150,245	4,853	51,981	1,541,869	2,412,610	663,662	169,459	261,332
19,824	3,020	26,380	1,302,867	2,830,007	1,477,916	507,659	173,201
8,671	1,327	16,880	235,973	702,947	440,096	83,963	58,920
728,760	13,206	304,331	2,484,499	5,902,892	2,372,096	761,398	1,162,317
21,453	5,145	43,707	838,690	1,562,533	653,538	256,137	220,504
28,434	1,625	23,780	382,724	923,769	487,206	156,768	93,200
<b>1,683,746</b>	<b>56,375</b>	<b>773,207</b>	<b>2,060,419</b>	<b>9,782,869</b>	<b>5,209,122</b>	<b>1,716,404</b>	<b>2,022,262</b>
753,922	27,875	203,649	332,102	3,592,570	2,275,022	643,359	917,154
212,186	5,803	85,417	210,154	1,669,204	1,155,644	507,350	312,009
717,638	22,697	484,141	1,518,163	4,521,095	1,778,456	565,695	793,099
<b>1,552,179</b>	<b>116,170</b>	<b>1,159,159</b>	<b>33,051,795</b>	<b>57,385,654</b>	<b>21,506,351</b>	<b>10,437,126</b>	<b>11,839,420</b>
325,237	22,906	229,232	3,918,489	8,033,506	3,537,552	1,082,058	1,445,262
95,587	13,080	84,784	3,442,896	6,471,604	2,835,257	2,179,953	901,714
229,257	26,255	137,283	3,599,378	7,892,204	3,900,031	3,746,246	4,948,520
49,825	3,494	62,839	3,865,686	6,454,091	2,472,247	992,837	694,669
185,945	14,780	63,686	4,822,003	7,021,481	1,935,067	268,947	972,639
4,572	218	8,465	676,064	831,561	142,242	33,697	32,885
196,727	8,582	83,609	1,075,506	2,540,069	1,175,645	213,378	241,036
224,628	5,792	184,767	2,683,399	4,534,558	1,435,972	580,473	896,781
142,154	12,299	259,500	6,448,460	9,243,771	2,381,358	753,691	1,171,892
20,808	1,987	29,179	1,711,526	2,872,496	1,108,996	370,179	232,979
77,439	6,687	15,815	808,388	1,490,313	581,984	215,667	301,043
<b>3,473,651</b>	<b>297,730</b>	<b>4,127,169</b>	<b>112,448,593</b>	<b>243,436,159</b>	<b>123,089,016</b>	<b>42,658,487</b>	<b>35,833,345</b>
242,178	3,230	121,682	590,339	2,333,649	1,376,220	470,907	627,128
206,982	6,957	89,823	1,261,933	4,246,771	2,681,076	819,304	624,873
563,937	55,510	888,680	18,639,206	43,086,439	22,939,106	8,013,170	7,297,348
148,545	20,402	201,557	6,310,058	15,994,654	9,314,092	3,490,817	3,055,233
28,547	474	12,067	1,346,111	2,014,163	626,964	147,873	83,501
181,065	11,797	224,331	8,660,502	19,016,456	9,938,761	2,804,733	2,316,579
195,012	3,698	286,221	3,058,303	9,877,704	6,334,470	1,561,466	616,390
271,934	39,070	194,861	10,623,165	21,893,984	10,764,954	2,550,358	2,854,929
154,402	30,763	302,630	6,705,211	18,157,266	10,964,260	6,035,335	2,083,097
102,511	17,338	321,880	8,088,298	14,713,838	6,183,819	2,190,391	1,113,709
2,477	394	1,396	46,006	153,815	103,542	46,312	14,014
77,367	8,890	90,306	1,900,176	4,836,133	2,759,394	1,020,570	845,631
135,615	14,755	153,906	9,214,878	17,277,966	7,758,812	2,625,289	1,921,761
13,526	1,153	11,482	259,870	591,943	305,912	186,771	44,858
26,956	3,067	33,489	984,152	2,289,233	1,241,569	607,323	534,534
14,416	1,415	34,030	238,163	1,071,605	783,581	154,816	108,573
69,277	7,738	41,846	1,180,079	3,864,924	2,565,984	497,469	415,115
360,107	23,836	338,994	6,780,048	14,918,016	7,415,031	1,519,182	2,021,133
47,810	3,263	30,554	2,670,029	3,568,975	817,319	176,719	221,780
118,731	7,933	102,424	2,354,870	5,370,830	2,786,872	1,207,221	980,896



## VICTORIAN FACTORIES—POWER WORKERS, MANUFACTURING

Nature of Industry.	Factories.	Rated Horse-power of Engines.	Average Number Employed.		Salaries and Wages Paid.
			Males.	Females.	
<b>Class 4—continued.</b>	No.				£
Sheet metal working, pressing and stamping	298	15,570	5,199	1,278	4,502,181
Pipes, tubes, fittings—ferrous	7	2,362	337	10	262,379
Wire and wireworking (including nails)	53	4,932	1,279	179	1,087,633
Stoves, ovens, and ranges	23	2,519	859	100	742,402
Gas fittings and meters	4	34	233	1	178,584
Lead mills	5	668	52	25	59,140
Sewing machines	10	61	122	21	87,438
Arms, ammunition	9	29,387	2,431	263	1,989,942
Wireless and amplifying apparatus	20	1,292	971	451	974,256
Other metal works	68	939	288	41	186,121
<b>Class 5.—Precious Metals, Jewellery, and Plate</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>6 094</b>	<b>2,140</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>1,688 648</b>
Jewellery	101	891	723	199	584,638
Watches and clocks	18	934	372	174	379,667
Gold, silver, and electroplate	119	4,269	1,045	143	724,343
<b>Class 6.—Textiles and Textile Goods (not dress)</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>87,304</b>	<b>14,600</b>	<b>17,548</b>	<b>19,678,225</b>
Cotton spinning and weaving	45	14,643	1,434	1,570	2,023,314
Wool, worsted, spinning, and weaving, &c.	94	39,260	4,913	5,338	6,381,770
Hosiery and other knitted goods	376	10,512	4,502	8,646	7,358,684
Silk, natural	5	1,942	112	145	140,842
Rayon, nylon, and other synthetic fibres	8	2,926	890	350	855,591
Flax mills	8	1,918	370	31	304,622
Rope and cordage	13	7,681	897	565	1,079,083
Canvas goods, tents, &c.	34	139	252	209	254,811
Bags and sacks	25	364	144	81	132,395
Other	77	7,919	1,086	613	1,147,113
<b>Class 7.—Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear)</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>20,657</b>	<b>4,269</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>3,747,236</b>
Furriers and fur dressing	59	406	190	145	189,507
Fellmongery	27	5,643	1,032	6	863,560
Tanning and leather dressing	44	12,964	2,190	159	1,884,012
Saddlery, harness, and whips	12	62	84	43	68,796
Machine belting	10	704	109	24	100,608
Bags and trunks	142	878	664	692	660,753
<b>Class 8.—Clothing</b>	<b>2,512</b>	<b>26,841</b>	<b>14,078</b>	<b>29,823</b>	<b>23,185,084</b>
Tailoring and ready-made clothing	633	2,774	3,119	6,861	5,254,730
Waterproof and oilskin clothing	16	497	118	300	232,198
Dressmaking	666	2,434	1,450	8,627	4,885,833
Millinery	62	624	223	906	581,607
Shirts, collars, and underclothing	159	2,259	589	4,009	2,143,262
Foundation garments	28	667	162	998	622,343
Handkerchiefs, ties, and scarves	28	103	103	418	263,228
Hats and caps	17	970	309	230	348,429
Gloves	25	141	94	345	200,131
Boots and shoes	237	9,316	5,219	5,053	6,155,564
Boot repairing	359	520	631	25	202,200
Boot accessories	37	871	356	196	342,706
Umbrellas and walking sticks	4	9	21	50	37,883
Dyeworks and cleaning	206	5,569	1,604	1,542	1,764,213
Other	35	87	80	263	150,757
<b>Class 9.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco</b>	<b>2,106</b>	<b>172,929</b>	<b>28,658</b>	<b>9,481</b>	<b>26,464,937</b>
Grain milling	37	13,979	1,412	50	1,147,887
Cereal foods and starch	26	9,706	867	450	962,405
Animal and bird foods	7	1,224	153	11	145,510
Chaff-cutting and corn-crushing	74	2,680	296	15	183,362
Bakeries	1,080	6,035	4,043	1,189	2,589,920

## COSTS AND VALUE OF PRODUCTION, 1952-53—continued.

Fuel and Light Used.	Lubricating Oil and Water.	Repairs to Plant, &c.	Materials Used, Including Containers.	Articles Produced or Work Done.	Value Added.	Land and Buildings.	Plant and Machinery.
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
166,174	13,165	338,343	10,891,227	19,041,179	7,632,270	2,532,338	2,008,042
16,582	999	16,685	523,662	1,054,971	497,043	89,152	104,652
45,348	4,828	78,462	2,235,816	4,204,178	1,929,724	1,136,337	903,746
105,742	3,436	63,138	726,410	2,005,444	1,106,718	280,093	226,771
4,208	61	1,129	68,197	307,713	234,118	32,240	12,866
17,561	732	11,491	475,628	659,973	154,561	69,968	72,653
1,190	253	1,064	24,174	137,550	110,869	57,755	7,934
102,170	8,914	83,330	4,124,084	6,399,253	2,080,755	1,691,092	4,430,059
31,991	2,909	40,638	2,266,579	3,643,664	1,301,547	382,460	188,869
21,290	750	10,730	201,419	613,862	379,673	200,706	96,641
<b>78,669</b>	<b>7,766</b>	<b>69,366</b>	<b>1,899,383</b>	<b>4,701,509</b>	<b>2,646,325</b>	<b>1,235,451</b>	<b>559,875</b>
13,249	1,817	15,743	836,328	1,902,350	1,035,213	418,952	141,436
8,615	999	21,779	549,493	1,004,714	423,828	241,200	188,441
56,805	4,950	31,844	513,562	1,794,445	1,187,284	575,299	229,998
<b>1,444,405</b>	<b>117,889</b>	<b>1,356,149</b>	<b>49,221,989</b>	<b>88,359,182</b>	<b>36,218,750</b>	<b>12,030,463</b>	<b>13,858,387</b>
181,247	13,733	200,364	5,913,336	9,807,362	3,498,682	1,842,300	1,511,525
574,273	47,745	491,278	17,255,655	28,989,839	10,620,888	3,389,329	4,591,247
364,418	30,272	406,401	14,351,825	28,605,240	13,452,324	3,955,095	4,153,319
12,580	651	13,172	399,163	719,235	293,669	163,217	282,758
82,408	4,512	46,114	1,761,602	4,041,061	2,146,425	463,792	967,405
14,600	1,607	20,350	1,318,550	1,965,497	610,390	94,560	77,948
57,755	4,855	80,215	2,563,078	4,486,841	1,780,938	532,228	461,131
3,683	535	5,721	909,246	1,431,288	512,103	204,824	19,132
2,820	704	7,580	560,523	879,980	308,353	113,886	657,266
150,621	13,275	84,954	4,189,011	7,432,839	2,994,978	1,271,232	1,131,656
<b>342,274</b>	<b>58,817</b>	<b>308,873</b>	<b>11,878,841</b>	<b>19,205,604</b>	<b>6,616,799</b>	<b>2,354,879</b>	<b>1,363,550</b>
4,673	603	2,334	266,021	588,594	314,963	222,235	46,329
190,250	30,594	105,527	6,407,657	8,871,544	2,137,516	497,584	390,264
130,017	26,520	181,573	3,610,798	6,626,600	2,677,692	1,028,480	741,186
690	112	749	105,863	199,097	91,683	40,785	6,584
4,361	210	4,210	255,106	436,703	172,816	149,547	52,667
12,283	778	14,480	1,233,396	2,483,066	1,222,129	416,248	126,520
<b>611,080</b>	<b>35,120</b>	<b>708,480</b>	<b>36,442,974</b>	<b>74,486,372</b>	<b>36,688,718</b>	<b>9,847,250</b>	<b>4,733,031</b>
110,964	4,180	88,407	10,687,143	18,910,786	8,020,092	2,137,783	844,361
9,143	304	7,325	453,478	851,507	381,257	108,430	35,612
78,417	2,786	76,230	6,689,265	14,390,919	7,544,221	2,344,594	631,145
21,040	1,803	14,686	676,336	1,632,977	919,112	264,277	87,788
33,047	2,296	57,500	4,872,860	9,235,268	4,269,565	1,127,406	437,327
6,034	1,103	21,094	959,432	1,998,196	1,010,533	287,937	109,500
2,941	313	4,233	829,229	1,504,713	667,997	125,081	17,496
15,054	990	7,282	275,317	824,129	525,486	86,085	62,980
2,249	137	7,422	269,446	599,270	320,016	83,494	31,644
81,912	6,732	282,645	8,772,450	17,729,968	8,586,229	1,503,344	1,340,600
6,248	550	4,065	266,405	797,993	520,275	459,124	108,723
5,993	797	32,540	954,927	1,675,777	681,520	121,246	93,625
366	5	396	60,874	125,365	63,724	22,530	3,289
235,588	13,053	102,175	428,413	-3,640,021	2,860,792	1,078,266	904,795
2,634	71	2,480	247,399	569,483	317,449	97,563	24,146
<b>4,475,159</b>	<b>217,211</b>	<b>2,399,480</b>	<b>133,968,949</b>	<b>192,382,418</b>	<b>51,321,619</b>	<b>24,939,482</b>	<b>21,081,255</b>
210,335	11,222	162,612	16,449,833	19,338,773	2,504,771	1,128,226	1,164,097
194,739	14,826	82,879	4,224,070	6,212,750	1,696,236	953,684	1,242,633
12,612	1,131	21,307	1,331,935	1,637,252	270,262	144,080	60,074
11,496	1,467	8,809	1,260,319	1,601,562	319,471	132,143	70,292
465,213	18,007	200,831	7,614,203	14,771,465	6,473,211	3,484,837	1,852,871

## VICTORIAN FACTORIES—POWER, WORKERS, MANUFACTURING

Nature of Industry.	Factories.	Rated Horse-power of Engines.	Average Number Employed.		Salaries and Wages Paid.
			Males.	Females.	
	No.				£
<b>Class 9—continued.</b>					
Biscuits .. .. .	20	2,629	749	719	908,083
Confectionery .. .. .	103	10,202	1,414	1,522	1,748,876
Jam, fruit, and vegetable canning	43	12,401	2,150	1,448	2,599,426
Pickles, sauces, and vinegar .. .. .	23	1,895	469	302	504,010
Bacon curing .. .. .	16	2,990	646	46	520,920
Butter and cheese factories, &c. .. .	138	34,300	4,533	702	4,171,807
Margarine and butterine .. .. .	16	570	108	16	87,656
Meat and fish preserving, meat extracts .. .. .	18	3,626	786	463	972,421
Condiments, coffee, spices, &c. .. .	76	4,228	678	524	787,168
Ice and refrigerating .. .. .	154	35,182	3,171	123	2,533,992
Aerated waters, cordials, &c. .. .	105	2,994	828	126	584,686
Breweries .. .. .	7	8,733	1,875	63	1,591,696
Distilleries .. .. .	6	1,965	189	19	161,494
Winemaking .. .. .	27	663	130	7	75,533
Cider and Perry .. .. .	3	75	25	8	20,763
Malting .. .. .	16	1,999	479	9	474,708
Bottling .. .. .	22	298	330	88	306,487
Tobacco, cigars, cigarettes .. .. .	13	2,499	961	1,010	1,321,216
Dried fruits and vegetables .. .. .	28	2,695	656	208	519,467
Ice Cream .. .. .	14	2,687	261	141	289,651
Sausage skins .. .. .	16	328	437	40	361,058
Other .. .. .	18	6,346	1,012	182	894,735
<b>Class 10.—Woodworking and basket-ware</b> .. .. .	<b>1,406</b>	<b>111,583</b>	<b>13,614</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>8,941,376</b>
Sawmills .. .. .	665	77,086	7,051	154	4,631,531
Plywood mills (including veneers)	4	198	33	3	24,542
Joinery .. .. .	461	17,060	3,933	139	2,556,550
Cooperage .. .. .	11	727	201	1	120,880
Boxes and cases .. .. .	95	10,496	1,119	42	713,397
Woodturning, woodcarving, &c. .. .	107	4,958	853	125	583,136
Basket, wicker, bamboo, &c. .. .	23	102	103	4	57,845
Perambulators .. .. .	23	261	182	64	137,301
Wall and ceiling boards .. .. .	4	234	59	4	43,491
Other .. .. .	13	461	80	34	70,703
<b>Class 11.—Furniture, Bedding, &amp;c.</b> .. .	<b>721</b>	<b>16,879</b>	<b>5,149</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>3,435,470</b>
Cabinet and furniture making .. .	554	14,716	4,231	212	2,573,110
Bedding and mattresses .. .. .	41	1,350	406	230	410,834
Furnishing drapery .. .. .	54	161	164	275	216,858
Picture frames .. .. .	17	48	59	22	35,490
Blinds, window, verandah, &c. .. .	55	604	289	89	199,178
<b>Class 12.—Paper, Stationery, Printing, Bookbinding, &amp;c.</b> .. .	<b>778</b>	<b>91,014</b>	<b>13,965</b>	<b>4,246</b>	<b>12,832,946</b>
Newspapers, &c. .. .. .	111	10,243	2,952	249	2,552,241
Printing—Government, &c. .. .	3	1,223	767	359	778,572
General printing, &c. .. .. .	476	10,433	5,022	1,794	4,456,629
Stationery and paper products .. .	36	2,333	578	441	684,527
Stereotyping and electrotyping .. .	10	277	115	12	88,337
Process and photo-engraving .. .	17	211	408	27	326,766
Cardboard boxes, cartons, &c. .. .	51	3,235	875	738	1,042,296
Paper bags .. .. .	21	504	190	207	245,602
Paper making .. .. .	9	61,996	2,643	205	2,269,515
Pencils, chalks .. .. .	5	150	31	65	46,883
Other .. .. .	39	409	384	149	341,578
<b>Class 13.—Rubber</b> .. .. .	<b>134</b>	<b>41,792</b>	<b>3,462</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>3,333,188</b>
Rubber goods (including tyres made)	42	39,914	2,941	770	2,967,383
Tyre retreading and repairing .. .	92	1,878	521	59	365,805
<b>Class 14.—Musical Instruments</b> .. .	<b>24</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>149,306</b>
Pianos, player and organs .. .. .	14	193	116	3	75,652
Other .. .. .	10	259	93	17	73,654

## COSTS AND VALUE OF PRODUCTION, 1952-53—continued.

Fuel and Light Used.	Lubricating Oil and Water.	Repairs to Plant, &c.	Materials Used, Including Containers.	Articles Produced or Work Done.	Value Added.	Land and Buildings.	Plant and Machinery.
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
111,692	3,126	45,927	1,608,650	3,514,123	1,744,728	843,282	650,852
159,147	7,240	110,858	4,931,271	8,185,308	2,976,792	954,738	1,236,736
187,335	27,902	232,114	9,428,760	14,752,006	4,875,895	2,007,006	1,822,029
54,317	7,598	73,965	2,760,150	3,860,383	964,353	450,681	310,905
56,124	5,854	28,798	3,822,714	4,808,751	895,261	379,154	202,673
1,169,852	39,612	515,734	39,779,408	49,124,383	7,619,777	3,279,320	4,748,000
15,431	1,435	11,305	513,382	724,696	183,143	61,362	38,804
126,997	15,792	80,297	6,708,576	9,058,117	2,126,455	709,888	550,999
104,998	13,171	59,508	3,870,670	5,941,769	1,893,413	880,362	604,129
379,989	10,085	212,284	658,572	5,214,079	3,953,149	2,432,225	1,378,114
39,777	1,620	41,594	1,492,601	2,793,306	1,217,714	726,679	726,758
403,038	4,603	167,488	5,396,653	8,861,853	2,890,071	2,310,825	986,868
80,813	427	28,058	478,038	886,525	299,189	130,362	313,102
4,743	372	4,305	221,197	401,389	170,772	115,113	61,896
953	33	684	28,144	68,365	39,051	20,119	15,242
154,233	11,658	36,246	3,102,842	4,344,898	1,039,919	1,271,054	609,223
13,275	1,639	12,140	458,281	962,750	477,415	301,340	107,336
32,874	3,503	60,932	8,473,312	11,762,213	3,191,592	829,505	777,632
17,864	1,639	29,832	619,856	1,413,720	744,529	220,723	229,108
39,936	3,509	32,183	1,085,266	1,987,203	826,309	354,105	521,798
15,177	3,713	10,338	795,260	1,362,018	537,530	83,651	48,902
412,199	6,027	128,452	6,854,977	8,792,261	1,390,606	726,018	750,173
<b>421,069</b>	<b>71,036</b>	<b>672,636</b>	<b>16,941,981</b>	<b>32,579,790</b>	<b>14,473,068</b>	<b>4,402,610</b>	<b>4,133,985</b>
308,922	58,044	522,852	9,692,863	18,205,515	7,622,234	1,919,096	2,765,732
886	141	1,291	67,480	110,818	41,020	15,622	6,180
50,268	5,476	66,934	4,218,966	8,221,642	3,879,998	1,462,779	700,679
5,864	1,034	5,803	99,557	262,335	150,072	115,078	40,204
29,381	3,344	41,677	1,481,346	2,668,683	1,112,935	348,396	308,937
16,223	1,934	19,792	715,812	1,748,165	994,404	311,103	196,874
873	28	849	60,093	168,971	107,128	49,740	5,991
2,263	172	3,605	324,012	578,477	248,425	77,741	25,228
1,337	62	3,370	115,568	206,861	86,524	23,331	35,230
5,052	201	6,458	166,284	408,323	230,328	79,724	48,930
<b>65,000</b>	<b>7,080</b>	<b>89,285</b>	<b>6,349,751</b>	<b>12,512,272</b>	<b>6,001,156</b>	<b>2,431,583</b>	<b>872,374</b>
51,836	5,470	66,771	3,534,910	7,827,002	4,168,915	1,718,380	642,842
7,068	968	14,175	1,569,703	2,482,865	890,051	352,806	141,768
2,587	334	1,305	612,388	1,015,926	399,312	162,596	18,180
873	39	740	53,755	131,046	75,639	35,660	3,537
2,636	269	6,294	578,995	1,055,433	467,239	162,141	66,047
<b>792,078</b>	<b>63,244</b>	<b>786,013</b>	<b>26,320,322</b>	<b>51,620,706</b>	<b>23,659,049</b>	<b>10,053,426</b>	<b>16,033,575</b>
74,376	9,860	96,831	5,809,284	4,314,938	1,120,289	3,025,737	3,025,737
13,467	1,415	14,594	677,723	1,758,669	1,051,470	199,869	229,489
94,532	15,143	207,692	6,213,833	14,557,071	8,025,871	2,714,142	3,131,660
17,461	2,443	33,240	1,596,304	2,871,475	1,222,027	485,528	470,500
4,542	128	2,593	47,399	280,553	225,391	36,806	29,737
5,686	742	6,723	103,103	630,697	514,443	108,340	56,042
24,193	3,414	67,304	3,536,524	6,102,668	2,471,233	695,614	991,112
5,462	1,593	9,954	1,304,718	1,716,131	394,404	338,207	168,775
542,448	27,748	330,071	6,205,764	11,798,279	4,692,248	4,138,414	7,758,694
895	388	4,512	157,395	300,105	136,915	40,803	59,107
9,016	370	12,499	668,275	1,299,769	609,609	175,414	112,722
<b>603,284</b>	<b>36,212</b>	<b>447,321</b>	<b>8,411,699</b>	<b>16,590,505</b>	<b>7,091,989</b>	<b>2,230,833</b>	<b>1,966,428</b>
546,667	33,719	400,558	7,504,288	14,728,194	6,242,962	1,769,885	1,700,329
56,617	2,493	46,763	907,411	1,862,311	849,027	460,948	266,099
<b>7,115</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>4,166</b>	<b>124,183</b>	<b>326,164</b>	<b>190,214</b>	<b>89,279</b>	<b>54,504</b>
1,137	235	720	36,579	133,294	94,623	46,674	3,466
5,978	251	3,446	87,604	192,870	95,591	42,605	51,038

## VICTORIAN FACTORIES—POWER, WORKERS, MANUFACTURING

Nature of Industry.	Factories.	Rated Horse-power of Engines.	Average Number Employed.		Salaries and Wages Paid.
			Males.	Females.	
	No.				£
<b>Class 15.—Miscellaneous Products</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>19,433</b>	<b>5,071</b>	<b>2,679</b>	<b>5,028,914</b>
Plastic moulding and products ..	112	10,098	2,080	1,046	2,078,235
Brooms and brushes ..	31	640	345	123	288,207
Optical instruments and appliances ..	42	238	280	53	206,564
Surgical instruments and appliances ..	48	685	434	120	354,305
Photographic material (including developing, &c.) ..	34	2,287	739	591	940,891
Toys, games, and sports requisites ..	66	1,465	428	295	366,340
Artificial flowers ..	7	44	27	126	77,523
Other ..	74	4,026	738	325	716,849
<b>Class 16.—Heat, Light, and Power</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>1,024,176</b>	<b>4,090</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3,642,702</b>
Electric light and power—					
(i) Government ..	11	987,904	1,994	11	1,815,545
(ii) Local Authority ..	33	71,570	545	..	467,149
(iii) Companies ..	24	4,585	57	1	35,265
Gas works—					
(i) Government ..	6	8,973	1,058	..	971,191
(ii) Local Authority ..	6	63	55	..	49,248
(iii) Companies ..	23	1,081	381	2	304,304
<b>Total all Classes</b>	<b>15,154</b>	<b>2,095,238</b>	<b>228,724</b>	<b>8,035</b>	<b>210,877,568</b>

## VICTORIAN FACTORIES—POWER, WORKERS, MANUFACTURING

Nature of Industry.	Factories.	Rated Horse-power of Engines.	Average Number Employed.		Salaries and Wages Paid.
			Males.	Females.	
	No.				£
<b>Class 1.—Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry products</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>52,884</b>	<b>5,366</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>4,274,758</b>
Briquetting ..	1	27,410	419	6	444,363
Lime, Plaster, and Asphalt ..	29	4,017	397	19	364,057
Fibrous Plaster and Products ..	170	1,678	1,449	63	1,019,225
Marble, Slate, &c. ..	56	2,665	367	15	252,500
Cement and cement goods, &c. ..	139	12,733	1,935	46	1,457,589
Asbestos cement sheets and mouldings ..	7	2,252	512	15	456,320
Other ..	25	2,129	287	99	287,154
<b>Class 2.—Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &amp;c.</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>29,521</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>4,170,670</b>
Bricks, tiles, and firebricks ..	67	18,406	2,356	59	1,982,034
Earthenware, china, and porcelain ..	40	3,920	1,043	216	940,687
Other (including Glass and Glass Bottles) ..	43	7,195	1,702	156	1,247,949
<b>Class 3.—Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paint, Oils, and Grease</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>126,211</b>	<b>10,595</b>	<b>3,509</b>	<b>11,247,851</b>
Industrial and heavy chemicals, and acids ..	66	17,195	1,859	260	1,908,090
Pharmaceutical and toilet preparations ..	62	7,880	1,208	1,095	1,629,862
Explosives (including fireworks) ..	10	26,233	2,462	1,146	2,757,065
White lead, paints, and varnish ..	57	5,979	1,033	273	1,021,726
Oils, minerals ..	16	42,062	711	73	645,268
Oils, vegetable (including oilcake) ..	7	567	61	3	53,777
Boiling down, tallow refining ..	31	4,647	626	8	561,720

## COSTS AND VALUE OF PRODUCTION, 1952-53—continued.

Fuel and Light Used.	Lubricating Oil and Water.	Repairs to Plant, &c.	Materials Used, Including Containers.	Articles Produced or Work Done.	Value Added.	Land and Buildings.	Plant and Machinery.
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>279,185</b>	<b>21,539</b>	<b>320,011</b>	<b>9,685,936</b>	<b>18,446,638</b>	<b>8,139,967</b>	<b>3,272,278</b>	<b>2,668,121</b>
145,144	11,844	194,798	4,617,837	8,546,498	3,576,875	1,173,237	1,613,080
4,121	711	11,912	613,364	1,145,439	515,331	140,876	91,281
4,200	211	5,088	211,537	594,561	373,525	165,014	53,956
7,282	704	7,994	404,663	915,829	495,186	194,689	99,582
38,880	3,156	4,171	1,260,139	2,566,709	1,260,363	863,325	281,633
12,735	760	14,627	457,772	1,135,106	649,212	224,973	107,987
1,204	52	5,023	65,027	210,390	139,084	23,363	5,672
65,619	4,101	76,398	2,055,597	3,332,106	1,130,391	486,801	414,930
<b>7,312,178</b>	<b>111,538</b>	<b>915,555</b>	<b>5,705,905</b>	<b>22,363,401</b>	<b>8,318,225</b>	<b>5,367,706</b>	<b>27,562,984</b>
6,546,396	29,070	347,362	299	12,574,416	5,651,289	4,124,818	18,982,086
664,638	20,431	67,842	2,155	1,391,143	636,077	646,206	2,368,928
47,882	5,359	11,157	845	129,766	64,523	25,621	113,867
26,777	41,458	379,692	4,008,507	5,828,392	1,371,958	370,047	4,308,154
3,606	668	3,057	106,110	156,656	43,215	11,562	88,722
22,879	14,552	106,445	1,587,989	2,288,028	551,163	189,452	1,701,227
<b>24,354,470</b>	<b>1,272,067</b>	<b>14,676,009</b>	<b>461,810,787</b>	<b>860,146,161</b>	<b>358,032,828</b>	<b>135,324,862</b>	<b>147,365,224</b>

## TURING COSTS AND VALUE OF PRODUCTION, 1953-54.

Fuel and Light Used.	Lubricating Oil and Water.	Repairs to Plant, &c.	Materials Used, Including Containers.	Articles Produced or Work Done.	Value Added.	Land and Buildings.	Plant and Machinery.
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>1,362,802</b>	<b>67,975</b>	<b>680,680</b>	<b>7,753,662</b>	<b>17,595,183</b>	<b>7,730,064</b>	<b>2,467,007</b>	<b>2,962,012</b>
275,056	27,128	65,358	549,736	1,749,117	831,839	325,027	799,604
149,536	5,873	62,797	1,570,131	2,615,251	826,914	191,105	277,279
26,763	3,802	26,527	1,302,504	2,887,291	1,527,695	528,222	174,568
8,825	1,489	14,022	219,630	686,636	442,670	79,892	55,732
820,936	16,646	423,625	2,809,445	6,710,900	2,640,248	325,507	324,120
29,059	10,077	51,924	912,400	1,907,321	903,861	824,986	1,166,304
52,627	2,960	36,427	389,816	1,038,667	556,837	192,268	164,405
<b>1,775,151</b>	<b>63,949</b>	<b>1,015,974</b>	<b>2,631,783</b>	<b>11,692,336</b>	<b>6,205,479</b>	<b>1,861,565</b>	<b>2,084,667</b>
845,044	31,350	226,356	451,337	4,414,527	2,860,440	749,991	947,659
233,177	5,911	87,802	232,556	1,843,636	1,284,190	538,508	342,643
696,930	26,688	701,816	1,947,890	5,434,173	2,060,849	573,066	794,365
<b>1,816,282</b>	<b>143,910</b>	<b>1,209,916</b>	<b>40,321,022</b>	<b>70,836,980</b>	<b>27,345,850</b>	<b>13,229,445</b>	<b>21,036,932</b>
360,930	29,176	253,558	5,148,445	9,848,767	4,056,658	1,415,733	2,292,389
116,164	16,157	109,731	4,399,454	8,395,958	3,754,452	2,754,349	1,045,369
233,150	29,880	130,553	4,028,343	8,573,030	4,151,104	4,006,362	5,253,983
60,878	4,911	63,894	4,905,152	8,205,232	3,170,397	1,071,618	766,301
393,160	24,176	77,518	8,262,878	12,604,344	3,846,612	1,548,651	8,586,076
5,450	316	5,584	561,177	822,580	250,053	28,816	31,180
194,551	10,512	82,096	1,350,956	3,029,397	1,391,282	253,997	298,204

## VICTORIAN FACTORIES—POWER, WORKERS, MANUFACTURING

Nature of Industry.	Factories.	Rated Horse-power of Engines.	Average Number Employed.		Salaries and Wages Paid.
			Males.	Females.	
<b>Class 3—continued.</b>	No.				£
Soap and candles .. .. .	23	2,711	560	120	562,584
Chemical fertilizers .. .. .	9	13,717	1,290	46	1,210,919
Inks and polishes .. .. .	50	2,489	416	250	467,436
Other .. .. .	9	2,731	306	233	417,221
<b>Class 4.—Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements, and Conveyances</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>330,435</b>	<b>105,395</b>	<b>11,417</b>	<b>89,637,013</b>
Smelting, converting, refining of iron and steel .. .. .	10	8,650	1,098	35	1,006,430
Foundries (ferrous) .. .. .	204	8,093	2,352	78	1,827,025
Plant equipment and machinery .. .. .	616	63,385	18,201	2,059	16,120,490
Other engineering .. .. .	787	28,917	8,134	568	6,582,568
Extracting and refining of other metals: Alloys .. .. .	21	655	229	29	228,228
Electrical machinery, cables and apparatus .. .. .	331	17,213	7,098	1,777	6,486,409
Tramcars and rolling stock (Government) .. .. .	24	19,910	7,233	24	5,432,922
Motor vehicles—					
Construction and assembly .. .. .	20	19,195	7,529	496	7,288,611
Repairs .. .. .	1,771	11,312	11,801	944	7,746,736
Motor bodies .. .. .	317	13,328	6,499	329	5,246,977
Horse-drawn vehicles .. .. .	31	245	107	3	56,279
Motor accessories .. .. .	64	7,422	2,071	740	2,055,528
Aircraft .. .. .	21	15,410	8,167	688	7,465,485
Cycles (foot and hand driven), and accessories .. .. .	48	726	309	31	212,571
Ship and boat building—					
Government .. .. .	4	6,695	1,392	54	1,115,799
Municipal and other .. .. .	31	2,056	582	8	489,678
Cutlery and small hand tools .. .. .	54	11,730	1,813	292	1,570,303
Agricultural machines and implements .. .. .	76	19,729	5,955	330	5,331,907
Non-ferrous metals—rolling and extrusion .. .. .	4	3,781	434	25	443,057
Founding, casting, &c. (non-ferrous) .. .. .	150	7,507	2,334	338	1,943,972
Sheet metal working, pressing and stamping .. .. .	312	15,473	5,158	1,317	4,724,517
Pipes, tubes, fittings—ferrous .. .. .	6	2,513	333	10	307,389
Wire and wireworking (including nails) .. .. .	55	5,636	1,491	216	1,337,964
Stoves, ovens, and ranges .. .. .	22	2,632	908	121	852,233
Gas fittings and meters .. .. .	4	38	247	2	198,143
Lead mills .. .. .	5	687	56	24	58,946
Sewing machines .. .. .	9	59	113	22	99,143
Arms, ammunition .. .. .	8	29,815	2,240	193	1,866,350
Wireless and amplifying apparatus .. .. .	22	1,629	1,174	623	1,304,534
Other metal works .. .. .	74	994	337	41	237,119
<b>Class 5.—Precious Metals, Jewellery, and Plate</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>5,932</b>	<b>2,255</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>1,960,050</b>
Jewellery .. .. .	97	902	801	268	749,839
Watches and clocks .. .. .	18	698	249	77	241,085
Gold, silver, and electroplate .. .. .	125	4,332	1,205	177	969,126
<b>Class 6.—Textiles and Textile Goods (not dress)</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>91,493</b>	<b>17,015</b>	<b>20,738</b>	<b>24,546,288</b>
Cotton spinning and weaving .. .. .	46	15,165	1,957	2,140	2,897,213
Wool, worsted, spinning, and weaving, &c. .. .. .	93	39,324	5,500	6,155	7,621,760
Hosiery and other knitted goods .. .. .	420	12,013	5,225	10,165	9,159,653
Silk, natural .. .. .	5	2,137	140	154	187,124

## COSTS AND VALUE OF PRODUCTION, 1953-54—continued.

Fuel and Light Used.	Lubricating Oil and Water.	Repairs to Plant, &c.	Materials Used, Including Containers.	Articles Produced or Work Done.	Value Added.	Land and Buildings.	Plant and Machinery.
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
211,718	7,571	202,114	3,062,621	5,257,271	1,773,247	718,249	1,070,899
163,229	13,769	221,196	5,920,490	9,240,751	2,922,067	754,092	1,148,888
22,503	1,986	31,407	1,926,749	3,337,579	1,354,934	473,386	251,545
53,287	5,456	32,071	754,757	1,425,778	625,868	204,192	293,998
<b>3,906,336</b>	<b>381,441</b>	<b>4,933,904</b>	<b>133,371,456</b>	<b>281,161,991</b>	<b>138,568,854</b>	<b>50,912,463</b>	<b>39,687,162</b>
231,766	10,795	143,523	742,624	2,430,984	1,302,276	514,280	682,764
221,759	5,998	82,747	1,394,526	4,405,294	2,700,264	814,130	595,382
608,285	69,643	918,737	22,280,718	50,240,443	26,363,060	9,318,213	8,031,872
182,211	26,535	228,033	7,611,969	18,510,051	10,461,303	4,224,179	3,363,449
33,773	723	12,998	1,986,561	2,596,068	562,013	186,757	102,584
227,023	14,877	280,346	12,598,973	23,420,433	10,299,214	3,771,110	2,552,583
193,601	3,933	329,920	3,823,673	11,349,007	6,997,880	1,682,676	723,295
392,573	71,300	627,692	15,035,625	30,111,809	13,984,619	3,592,101	3,874,131
173,043	34,997	290,720	7,615,673	19,655,849	11,541,416	7,597,780	2,329,587
140,366	17,246	334,643	10,254,300	18,480,616	7,734,061	2,188,003	1,122,352
2,447	436	2,120	39,323	135,479	91,153	44,518	14,218
85,379	11,569	110,168	2,495,770	5,875,125	3,172,239	1,085,918	925,346
156,528	16,343	188,354	4,830,294	14,547,147	9,355,628	3,975,576	2,034,217
13,962	1,297	7,665	397,717	812,527	391,886	189,952	44,565
28,701	3,678	52,101	725,122	2,021,199	1,211,597	612,279	612,044
12,273	2,275	31,374	238,504	1,013,964	729,538	173,113	99,574
88,935	9,282	66,811	1,427,315	5,082,003	3,489,660	743,325	657,639
376,975	25,582	411,188	8,188,661	16,691,518	7,689,112	1,456,906	1,995,436
59,063	3,898	39,658	3,483,873	4,724,864	1,138,372	176,787	214,417
121,954	7,215	110,454	2,667,622	6,137,514	3,230,269	1,365,402	1,074,063
181,863	16,527	326,294	12,092,108	20,165,403	7,548,611	2,829,534	2,234,743
13,906	1,095	18,055	466,093	970,970	471,821	95,717	115,296
68,700	6,509	114,911	3,631,118	6,198,346	2,377,108	1,278,892	981,228
124,124	4,242	58,320	755,721	2,210,393	1,267,986	289,305	259,963
5,067	132	1,177	42,611	297,155	248,168	33,723	13,750
14,372	536	10,261	502,932	720,400	192,299	55,002	76,884
1,487	171	1,447	28,225	112,437	81,107	60,605	4,103
87,710	10,026	74,133	4,826,043	6,873,684	1,875,772	1,719,641	4,548,881
40,361	3,814	47,235	2,960,113	4,669,946	1,616,423	574,553	292,422
18,129	767	12,819	227,649	704,363	444,999	262,486	110,374
<b>94,706</b>	<b>8,516</b>	<b>80,134</b>	<b>2,259,137</b>	<b>5,545,988</b>	<b>3,103,495</b>	<b>1,236,576</b>	<b>479,135</b>
17,515	1,923	22,823	1,038,771	2,279,331	1,198,299	447,346	146,560
5,893	396	3,659	412,768	751,635	328,919	153,130	50,963
71,298	6,197	53,652	807,598	2,515,022	1,576,277	636,100	281,612
<b>1,637,680</b>	<b>148,540</b>	<b>1,575,572</b>	<b>61,025,831</b>	<b>108,247,448</b>	<b>43,859,825</b>	<b>13,902,210</b>	<b>15,468,612</b>
229,502	18,837	261,883	7,679,436	12,848,001	4,658,343	1,930,718	1,533,682
612,151	59,879	486,506	22,105,459	35,292,642	12,078,647	3,698,311	5,169,298
407,728	36,550	525,316	17,937,085	35,987,732	17,081,053	4,598,502	5,049,642
17,586	644	29,107	485,643	900,004	367,024	182,172	383,014



## VICTORIAN FACTORIES—POWER, WORKERS, MANUFACTURING

Nature of Industry.	Factories.	Rated Horse-power of Engines.	Average Number Employed.		Salaries and Wages Paid.
			Males.	Females.	
<b>Class 6—continued.</b>	No.				£
Rayon, nylon, and other synthetic fibres .. .. .	7	3,686	1,073	403	1,052,187
Flax mills .. .. .	7	1,656	323	19	285,354
Rope and cordage .. .. .	12	8,058	931	594	1,189,820
Canvas goods, tents, &c. .. .. .	37	147	275	211	295,200
Bags and sacks .. .. .	24	371	151	104	150,118
Other .. .. .	80	8,936	1,440	793	1,707,859
<b>Class 7.—Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear)</b> .. .. .	<b>294</b>	<b>21,336</b>	<b>4,280</b>	<b>1,156</b>	<b>3,949,154</b>
Furriers and fur dressing .. .. .	57	406	195	153	198,670
Fellmongery .. .. .	27	5,784	1,016	5	880,766
Tanning and leather dressing .. .. .	44	13,374	2,191	194	1,939,965
Saddlery, harness, and whips .. .. .	12	57	82	45	71,083
Machine belting .. .. .	10	734	102	18	95,459
Bags and trunks .. .. .	144	981	694	741	763,211
<b>Class 8.—Clothing</b> .. .. .	<b>2,560</b>	<b>27,850</b>	<b>14,836</b>	<b>32,360</b>	<b>26,556,059</b>
Tailoring and ready-made clothing .. .. .	648	2,914	3,139	7,454	5,954,120
Waterproof and oilskin clothing .. .. .	15	598	123	320	273,472
Dressmaking .. .. .	658	2,610	1,459	8,738	5,307,561
Millinery .. .. .	67	622	249	863	596,406
Shirts, collars, and underclothing .. .. .	163	2,251	599	4,676	2,820,270
Foundation garments .. .. .	29	678	193	1,264	785,485
Handkerchiefs, ties, and scarves .. .. .	29	83	83	377	232,300
Hats and caps .. .. .	17	845	305	246	381,915
Gloves .. .. .	28	148	68	362	195,192
Boots and shoes .. .. .	239	9,310	5,710	5,692	7,114,644
Boot repairing .. .. .	359	542	669	30	236,673
Boot accessories .. .. .	35	900	376	219	384,408
Umbrellas and walking sticks .. .. .	4	11	23	65	42,816
Dyeworks and cleaning .. .. .	227	5,987	1,728	1,681	1,939,439
Other .. .. .	42	351	112	373	241,358
<b>Class 9.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco</b> .. .. .	<b>2,089</b>	<b>182,312</b>	<b>27,927</b>	<b>9,813</b>	<b>27,395,009</b>
Grain milling .. .. .	37	14,007	1,192	48	1,057,925
Cereal foods and starch .. .. .	25	10,607	880	445	991,042
Animal and bird foods .. .. .	8	1,398	170	22	171,780
Chaff-cutting and corn-crushing .. .. .	77	2,807	300	18	207,112
Bakeries .. .. .	1,078	6,396	4,127	1,200	2,852,675
Biscuits .. .. .	21	2,948	741	796	948,071
Confectionery .. .. .	99	12,016	1,427	1,636	1,960,725
Jam, fruit, and vegetable canning .. .. .	41	12,671	2,004	1,614	2,750,959
Pickles, sauces, and vinegar .. .. .	23	1,959	427	269	492,034
Bacon curing .. .. .	16	2,851	582	41	460,726
Butter and cheese factories, &c. .. .. .	135	36,073	4,480	684	4,333,872
Margarine and butterine .. .. .	15	553	105	16	91,770
Meat and fish preserving, meat extracts .. .. .	16	2,931	650	414	844,824
Condiments, coffee, spices, &c. .. .. .	74	4,613	628	534	773,017
Ice and refrigerating .. .. .	150	35,865	3,062	138	2,581,130
Aerated waters, cordials, &c. .. .. .	103	2,980	813	122	612,788
Breweries .. .. .	7	9,396	2,088	64	1,730,707
Distilleries .. .. .	7	1,985	161	26	161,374
Winemaking .. .. .	25	681	123	4	73,942
Cider and Perry .. .. .	3	72	21	7	19,548
Malting .. .. .	16	3,723	463	8	477,117
Bottling .. .. .	25	440	331	92	329,845
Tobacco, cigars, cigarettes .. .. .	12	2,519	970	1,053	1,437,632
Dried fruits and vegetables .. .. .	29	2,496	598	215	482,866
Ice Cream .. .. .	13	2,786	269	155	338,644
Sausage skins .. .. .	14	289	407	33	352,352
Other .. .. .	20	7,250	908	159	860,602

COSTS AND VALUE OF PRODUCTION, 1953-54—continued.

Fuel and Light Used.	Lubricating Oil and Water.	Repairs to Plant, &c.	Materials Used, Including Containers.	Articles Produced or Work Done.	Value Added.	Land and Buildings.	Plant and Machinery.
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
100,422	5,095	78,878	2,091,219	5,150,579	2,874,965	478,150	984,178
13,256	1,465	16,256	859,563	1,358,003	467,463	93,507	70,872
60,792	5,010	82,131	2,681,428	4,906,778	2,077,417	1,022,060	675,391
4,749	515	5,744	1,096,541	1,657,246	549,697	264,913	34,560
2,887	667	7,246	598,864	847,722	238,058	121,302	81,784
188,607	19,878	132,505	5,490,593	9,298,741	3,467,158	1,512,575	1,485,891
<b>347,453</b>	<b>72,139</b>	<b>284,192</b>	<b>12,427,585</b>	<b>19,595,770</b>	<b>6,464,401</b>	<b>2,444,868</b>	<b>1,392,280</b>
4,939	789	4,775	847,578	800,858	442,777	231,208	43,486
187,514	38,979	106,601	6,495,312	8,145,140	1,316,734	495,991	365,607
135,364	30,805	153,442	3,810,292	7,173,631	3,043,728	1,052,556	783,430
786	126	556	118,471	234,634	114,695	43,895	6,791
5,312	272	3,172	224,420	421,629	188,453	149,937	52,714
13,538	1,168	15,646	1,431,512	2,820,478	1,358,614	471,281	140,252
<b>666,993</b>	<b>40,012</b>	<b>785,368</b>	<b>43,252,587</b>	<b>86,031,234</b>	<b>41,286,274</b>	<b>10,687,492</b>	<b>5,291,814</b>
122,503	4,084	99,436	12,424,392	21,899,240	9,248,825	2,315,555	907,433
10,108	380	8,043	540,361	1,010,308	451,416	115,176	35,630
87,560	3,139	87,895	7,844,712	16,187,113	8,163,807	2,389,752	668,812
21,108	1,157	24,203	735,609	1,754,954	972,877	309,513	79,252
39,263	2,218	59,392	5,940,294	11,139,394	5,098,227	1,287,622	457,966
6,714	1,347	28,838	1,321,076	2,381,063	1,028,088	355,237	148,995
3,020	163	2,594	769,665	1,215,812	440,370	154,146	15,814
13,934	1,105	6,756	267,323	780,679	491,561	82,899	66,356
2,325	131	6,073	235,410	527,244	283,305	73,308	32,573
92,293	7,572	308,947	10,750,344	21,025,593	9,866,437	1,604,864	1,711,239
7,177	631	4,656	282,689	866,166	571,013	514,192	75,733
7,079	1,138	29,325	1,082,900	1,927,557	807,115	133,064	92,460
445	5	503	66,430	138,549	71,166	26,430	3,260
250,148	16,803	118,958	518,199	4,243,578	3,339,470	1,191,956	953,571
3,316	139	4,749	473,183	933,984	452,597	133,774	42,720
<b>4,458,618</b>	<b>225,792</b>	<b>2,469,591</b>	<b>143,849,851</b>	<b>206,235,235</b>	<b>55,231,383</b>	<b>27,162,762</b>	<b>23,979,469</b>
166,519	10,902	123,599	14,824,173	17,530,997	2,405,804	1,164,232	1,226,794
211,967	16,713	93,689	5,006,830	7,294,681	1,965,882	997,766	1,331,163
13,735	1,101	22,254	1,797,270	2,142,882	308,522	148,181	76,536
12,979	1,531	7,380	1,427,798	1,795,490	345,802	148,949	73,713
497,910	17,435	220,244	8,712,938	16,190,669	6,742,142	3,913,899	2,276,859
126,053	3,338	57,361	1,913,719	3,904,448	1,803,977	881,522	790,015
155,110	7,594	128,625	5,873,032	9,303,471	3,139,110	985,339	1,333,615
206,460	28,935	235,752	10,881,441	17,965,199	6,612,611	2,131,951	2,141,229
50,864	9,119	59,754	2,375,368	3,423,460	934,355	408,923	302,098
52,619	6,487	29,032	3,638,205	4,909,438	1,183,095	306,904	170,324
1,274,215	40,245	556,963	42,785,268	53,299,929	8,643,238	4,217,201	5,545,539
12,463	1,628	13,186	542,131	804,084	234,676	67,603	43,996
93,511	12,841	63,192	5,091,852	6,526,100	1,264,704	629,918	477,185
88,775	13,605	55,569	3,841,502	5,912,171	1,912,720	880,388	591,165
387,134	10,214	241,696	583,177	4,966,668	3,744,447	2,708,580	1,468,809
39,604	2,545	53,878	1,582,444	2,973,476	1,295,005	762,975	733,064
395,385	5,020	165,197	6,895,444	10,509,751	3,048,705	2,351,068	1,318,513
61,927	354	17,503	440,979	866,375	345,612	136,329	300,952
7,388	372	3,215	214,919	412,457	186,563	115,602	73,705
907	70	1,153	24,301	60,286	33,855	29,364	13,754
162,563	14,851	47,698	3,913,627	5,224,184	1,085,445	1,394,525	901,098
13,731	1,903	12,659	387,432	904,381	488,656	343,963	121,202
33,633	4,220	82,139	10,288,429	14,498,207	4,089,786	841,731	1,014,396
18,411	1,650	42,504	572,233	1,334,684	699,886	277,723	270,698
42,972	3,880	35,876	1,167,097	2,098,379	848,554	497,056	502,181
15,532	3,726	18,059	517,269	1,090,406	535,820	83,119	47,914
316,251	5,513	87,414	8,550,973	10,292,962	1,332,811	737,983	832,952

## VICTORIAN FACTORIES—POWER, WORKERS, MANUFACTURING

Nature of Industry.	Factories.	Rated Horse-power of Engines.	Average Number Employed.		Salaries and Wages Paid.
			Males.	Females.	
	No.				£
<b>Class 10.—Woodworking and basket-ware</b>	<b>1,411</b>	<b>113,372</b>	<b>13,953</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>9,640,927</b>
Sawmills .. .. .	640	76,210	7,134	189	4,929,982
Plywood mills (including veneers)	4	191	32	3	29,804
Joinery .. .. .	493	19,919	4,223	161	2,830,820
Cooperage .. .. .	9	436	142	..	113,517
Boxes and cases .. .. .	95	10,414	1,065	46	722,284
Woodturning, woodcarving, &c. .. .	107	5,040	913	137	658,502
Basket, wicker, bamboo, &c. .. .	23	105	100	4	58,190
Perambulators .. .. .	23	270	187	61	160,502
Wall and ceiling boards .. .. .	4	320	73	5	52,930
Other .. .. .	13	467	84	36	84,396
<b>Class 11.—Furniture, Bedding, &amp;c.</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>17,848</b>	<b>5,195</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>3,701,862</b>
Cabinet and furniture making .. .	549	14,624	4,237	210	2,719,519
Bedding and mattresses .. .. .	38	2,406	422	246	456,939
Furnishing drapery .. .. .	54	181	166	264	227,610
Picture frames .. .. .	16	46	58	25	40,578
Blinds, window, verandah, &c. .. .	52	591	312	108	257,221
<b>Class 12.—Paper, Stationery, Printing, Bookbinding, &amp;c.</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>92,305</b>	<b>14,402</b>	<b>4,496</b>	<b>14,358,453</b>
Newspapers, &c. .. .. .	113	10,035	3,109	271	2,829,469
Printing—Government, &c. .. .	3	1,230	755	353	812,588
General printing, &c. .. .. .	485	10,204	4,879	1,738	4,639,427
Stationery and paper products .. .	37	2,283	607	473	729,714
Stereotyping and electrotyping .. .	9	277	114	11	98,823
Process and photo-engraving .. .	17	219	401	27	373,251
Cardboard boxes, cartons, &c. .. .	55	4,277	1,090	972	1,457,060
Paper bags .. .. .	19	571	187	208	263,078
Paper making .. .. .	9	62,549	2,891	181	2,735,549
Pencils, chalks .. .. .	6	216	55	131	112,855
Other .. .. .	39	444	314	131	306,639
<b>Class 13.—Rubber</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>42,608</b>	<b>4,286</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>4,533,262</b>
Rubber goods (including tyres made)	46	40,958	3,776	1,028	4,147,602
Tyre retreading and repairing .. .	87	1,650	510	57	385,660
<b>Class 14.—Musical Instruments</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>206,530</b>
Pianos, player and organs .. .. .	13	195	107	3	73,129
Other .. .. .	11	400	153	35	133,401
<b>Class 15.—Miscellaneous Products</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>19,918</b>	<b>5,695</b>	<b>3,242</b>	<b>6,034,142</b>
Plastic moulding and products .. .	118	10,517	2,461	1,410	2,656,980
Brooms and brushes .. .. .	27	645	359	156	329,758
Optical instruments and appliances	40	206	277	49	224,485
Surgical instruments and appliances	51	761	443	109	378,047
Photographic material (including developing, &c.) .. .. .	37	2,247	742	613	968,058
Toys, games, and sports requisites	70	1,550	521	383	494,969
Artificial flowers .. .. .	7	35	32	146	89,096
Other .. .. .	81	3,957	860	376	892,749
<b>Class 16.—Heat, Light, and Power</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>1,233,617</b>	<b>4,137</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3,824,558</b>
Electric light and power—					
(i) Government .. .. .	15	1,097,923	2,104	12	1,951,523
(ii) Local Authority .. .. .	28	120,836	519	..	448,064
(iii) Companies .. .. .	24	4,711	55	..	31,939
Gas works—					
(i) Government .. .. .	5	8,906	1,026	..	1,017,206
(ii) Local Authority .. .. .	6	63	45	..	46,582
(iii) Companies .. .. .	23	1,178	388	2	329,294
<b>Total all Classes</b>	<b>15,533</b>	<b>2,388,237</b>	<b>240,698</b>	<b>90,579</b>	<b>236,036,586</b>

## COSTS AND VALUE OF PRODUCTION, 1953-54—continued.

Fuel and Light Used.	Lubricating Oil and Water.	Repairs to Plant, &c.	Materials Used, Including Containers.	Articles Produced or Work Done.	Value Added.	Land and Buildings.	Plant and Machinery.
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>458,383</b>	<b>75,034</b>	<b>738,002</b>	<b>19,141,249</b>	<b>36,795,372</b>	<b>16,382,704</b>	<b>4,829,316</b>	<b>4,462,531</b>
329,402	61,490	573,863	10,811,987	20,338,269	8,561,527	2,032,121	2,909,476
1,135	158	1,053	85,633	129,531	41,552	20,302	6,010
63,734	6,194	80,103	4,764,332	9,369,022	4,454,659	1,700,595	875,045
4,335	928	3,474	70,042	221,341	142,562	100,836	25,150
29,417	3,300	37,520	1,657,160	2,850,233	1,122,836	362,870	318,451
18,555	2,373	28,954	909,745	2,195,674	1,236,047	336,963	216,713
863	31	905	66,079	178,568	110,690	56,576	5,987
2,669	188	3,912	393,514	660,901	260,618	89,617	29,481
1,648	98	5,040	138,863	290,422	144,773	51,687	30,159
6,625	274	3,178	243,894	561,411	307,440	77,749	46,059
<b>68,377</b>	<b>7,226</b>	<b>93,083</b>	<b>6,971,118</b>	<b>13,440,450</b>	<b>6,300,646</b>	<b>2,582,028</b>	<b>874,536</b>
54,880	5,856	67,310	3,909,946	8,376,561	4,338,569	1,807,921	622,383
6,950	783	1,737,175	1,737,175	2,724,935	962,482	391,129	162,742
2,717	286	2,425	637,724	1,070,848	427,696	156,907	20,894
871	46	635	46,756	120,901	72,593	37,485	3,781
2,959	255	5,168	639,517	1,147,205	499,306	188,586	64,736
<b>1,017,055</b>	<b>79,919</b>	<b>922,853</b>	<b>30,446,440</b>	<b>59,839,308</b>	<b>27,373,041</b>	<b>10,995,061</b>	<b>16,633,277</b>
92,966	11,827	106,364	6,461,974	11,515,448	4,842,317	1,230,180	2,916,887
14,153	1,410	11,330	679,966	1,731,489	1,024,630	199,924	252,434
96,164	14,313	206,497	6,057,996	13,926,705	7,551,735	3,096,756	3,364,916
18,559	1,638	41,280	1,589,886	2,910,519	1,259,156	573,390	495,175
5,143	138	3,049	72,352	271,376	190,694	41,433	28,851
6,145	646	4,286	116,845	685,110	557,188	104,067	59,191
37,061	4,059	88,189	5,036,759	8,578,996	3,412,828	923,869	1,238,664
8,083	861	11,401	1,343,727	2,005,243	641,171	348,062	180,496
728,145	44,274	432,077	7,988,131	16,207,370	7,014,743	4,232,117	7,927,544
1,814	284	8,832	292,910	554,025	250,185	55,007	53,800
8,822	469	9,548	805,894	1,453,127	628,394	190,256	115,310
<b>723,205</b>	<b>50,828</b>	<b>589,283</b>	<b>10,961,527</b>	<b>21,620,993</b>	<b>9,296,150</b>	<b>2,632,324</b>	<b>2,287,052</b>
665,632	48,064	547,250	10,075,788	19,823,912	8,487,178	2,123,371	1,983,520
57,573	2,764	42,033	885,739	1,797,081	808,972	508,953	303,532
<b>10,813</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>11,170</b>	<b>230,921</b>	<b>549,463</b>	<b>295,838</b>	<b>104,339</b>	<b>85,501</b>
1,087	253	1,022	32,553	148,221	113,306	46,849	4,980
9,726	468	10,148	198,368	401,242	182,532	57,490	80,521
<b>311,838</b>	<b>26,682</b>	<b>368,093</b>	<b>11,313,122</b>	<b>22,376,322</b>	<b>10,356,587</b>	<b>3,628,780</b>	<b>3,152,761</b>
174,282	13,792	221,921	5,509,864	10,935,546	5,015,687	1,397,776	1,871,252
4,587	774	15,116	699,137	1,300,378	580,764	150,554	97,414
4,717	190	4,865	191,358	561,679	360,549	184,709	54,000
8,451	1,004	9,151	451,827	1,038,040	567,607	241,558	118,737
33,593	3,954	4,599	1,139,744	2,512,143	1,330,253	863,284	375,941
15,574	970	16,157	627,644	1,473,405	813,060	242,133	123,074
1,303	81	5,692	72,349	225,893	146,468	24,458	8,346
69,331	5,917	90,592	2,621,199	4,329,238	1,542,199	524,308	503,997
<b>8,883,498</b>	<b>147,763</b>	<b>825,036</b>	<b>5,570,632</b>	<b>23,941,054</b>	<b>8,514,125</b>	<b>9,532,895</b>	<b>41,180,779</b>
8,144,221	34,215	333,745	234	14,508,072	5,995,657	8,075,022	32,020,068
646,584	18,417	57,939	1,309	1,524,439	800,190	814,696	2,785,185
51,235	7,404	10,150	1,202	136,235	66,244	32,517	119,941
23,996	48,541	321,797	3,795,653	5,190,726	1,000,739	404,213	4,240,696
993	491	3,945	89,967	109,783	14,387	11,519	100,614
16,469	38,695	97,460	1,682,267	2,471,799	636,908	194,928	1,914,280
<b>27,539,190</b>	<b>1,540,447</b>	<b>16,582,851</b>	<b>531,527,923</b>	<b>985,505,127</b>	<b>408,314,716</b>	<b>158,209,131</b>	<b>181,058,520</b>

## INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES.

The salient features of the chief industries are set forth in the succeeding pages.

Information given in the tables under this heading relates only to the sub-class of industry mentioned in association with the respective tables, viz. Tanneries (3). It is possible that additional production of certain commodities takes place in other classes of industry—see reference on page 551.

**Tanneries.** Tanning was one of the earliest industries established in Victoria; in the year 1850 there were thirteen tanneries in the State. Particulars relating to the industry for the year 1943-44 and the past five years are given in the following table:—

## VICTORIA—TANNERIES, (7-3).

Item.	Year Ended 30th June—					
	1944.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Number of establishments ..	40	46	46	45	44	44
Number of persons employed ..	2,040	2,497	2,489	2,405	2,351	2,385
Horse-power of engines used ..	8,166	11,140	12,257	12,347	12,964	13,374
Value of plant and machinery £	213,672	426,461	555,182	671,232	741,186	783,430
Value of land and buildings £	408,453	582,479	778,051	952,635	1,028,480	1,052,556
Salaries and wages paid £	718,260	1,277,156	1,483,382	1,752,944	1,884,012	1,939,965
Fuel, light, and power £	53,830	88,249	103,342	122,272	130,017	135,364
Value of materials used £	1,961,361	2,720,159	3,145,188	3,170,952	3,610,798	3,810,292
Value of output .. £	3,119,392	5,023,446	5,673,087	6,158,545	6,626,600	7,173,631
Value added to materials £	1,038,157	2,073,889	2,243,598	2,651,773	2,677,692	3,043,728
Materials treated—						
Cattle hides .. No.	975,565	1,123,214	1,107,561	1,087,544	1,130,907	1,148,690
Calf skins .. "	557,206	549,284	555,647	557,546	563,838	545,049
Other skins and pelts .. "	1,382,600	855,300	547,848	340,890	332,124	443,263
Bark used .. tons	6,028	6,330	5,781	5,988	6,644	6,688
Tanning extract (vegetable) used .. '000 lb.	7,222	6,480	6,736	7,392	6,563	6,159
Sole leather produced .. lb.	14,217,629	14,837,098	14,533,206	14,862,616	15,430,880	16,103,750

The value of leather and leather manufactures and substitutes therefor imported into Victoria from overseas countries during the year ended 30th June, 1954, was £237,375, whilst the value exported overseas for the same period amounted to £1,223,831.

**Soap, candles, &c.** The manufacture of soap was also one of the earliest of Victorian industries. In the year 1850 the recorded production of the four establishments then operating was 5,840 cwt. of soap. The following table indicates the development which has since taken place in Sub-Class 9 of Class 3 of the Statistical Classification of Factories "Soap and Candles".

## VICTORIA—SOAP FACTORIES, (3-9).

Item.	Year Ended 30th June—					
	1944.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Number of establishments ..	15	19	20	18	22	23
Number of persons employed ..	683	773	792	785	701	680
Horse-power of engines used	2,475	2,631	2,611	2,943	2,730	2,711
Value of plant and machinery £	162,651	540,615	633,776	773,832	896,781	1,070,399
Value of land and buildings £	191,689	332,393	398,531	442,433	580,473	718,249
Salaries and wages paid £	206,954	382,592	480,558	589,473	554,315	562,584
Fuel, light, and power £	62,839	149,895	174,970	221,011	224,628	211,718
Value of materials used £	697,825	1,538,408	1,792,248	2,614,206	2,683,399	3,062,621
Value of output ..	£ 1,442,045	2,927,453	3,395,897	4,149,878	4,534,558	5,257,271
Value added to materials £	634,201	1,162,961	1,320,319	1,141,474	1,435,972	1,773,247
Materials used—						
Tallow ..	cwt. 284,786	355,123	397,220	409,389	355,887	412,907
Alkali (exc. Soda Ash) ..	49,995	65,390	65,947	67,902	68,259	79,445
Coconut Oil ..	25,160	25,013	27,950	34,636	31,239	27,497
Soda ash ..	38,611	58,093	69,330	85,628	73,430	79,104
Output—						
Soap, Household ..	cwt. 118,622	133,595	153,734	152,344	126,936	142,337
" Sand ..	26,536	8,976	7,766	9,685	5,118	7,305
" Toilet ..	39,406	42,938	46,095	43,706	39,210	34,375
" Extracts and powders ..	117,042	266,977	287,449	360,158	337,407	375,284
" All other ..	64,779	55,597	72,442	63,439	59,129	77,653
Soda crystals ..	12,165	*	*	*	*	*

\* Not available for publication.

Additional manufacture of soap takes place in other Sub-classes of industry.

Items of manufacture not specified above include soft, industrial, and flake soaps, candles, glycerine, &c.

Imports from oversea countries into Victorian ports in the year ended 30th June, 1954, included 48,934 lb. of soap, and 1,846,398 lb. of soap substitutes valued at £8,948 and £119,673 respectively.

These industries are grouped because some establishments which produce bricks also manufacture tiles, and others which produce tiles also manufacture pipes and pottery. Factories manufacturing cement bricks, pipes, and tiles are not included herein, but are grouped with those making cement and cement products.

**Bricks,  
pottery, pipes,  
and tiles.**

## VICTORIA—BRICKS, POTTERY, PIPES, AND TILES, (2-1,2-2).

Item.	Year Ended 30th June—					
	1944.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Number of establishments ..	51	102	102	102	101	107
Number of persons employed ..	1,518	3,295	3,457	3,631	3,412	3,674
Horse-power of engines used	7,059	17,458	19,885	20,904	21,357	22,326
Value of plant and machinery £	346,442	781,038	888,430	1,166,774	1,229,163	1,290,302
Value of land and buildings £	337,654	780,156	950,414	1,131,972	1,150,709	1,288,499
Salaries and wages paid £	415,919	1,538,705	1,949,066	2,487,714	2,548,114	2,922,721
Fuel, light, and power £	97,958	454,937	596,379	829,998	966,108	1,078,221
Value of materials used £	89,928	357,497	491,089	650,749	542,256	683,893
Value of output ..	£ 756,175	3,152,034	4,047,130	5,123,984	5,261,774	6,258,163
Value added to materials £	535,811	2,181,963	2,740,865	3,373,219	3,430,666	4,144,630
Production—						
Bricks .. (1,000)	26,741	146,877	178,559	185,211	164,266	198,300
Roofing tiles .. (1,000)	505	12,276	12,296	12,415	14,571	15,159
Pipes, agricultural, &c. £	68,352	363,453	389,578	512,305	569,912	628,666
Other earthenware china, &c. £	382,120	803,948	970,955	1,176,129	1,189,225	1,203,285

**Sawmills.** Detailed information in regard to the sawmills of the State for the five years 1949-50 to 1953-54 is given in the table which follows:—

## VICTORIA—SAWMILLS.

Year Ended 30th June.	Number of Mills.	Value of Land and Buildings, Machinery and Plant in Use.	Persons Employed.	Salaries and Wages Paid	Rough-sawn Timber Produced.	
					Quantity.	Value.*
		£		£	super ft.	£
1950 ..	570	2,708,051	6,205	2,522,999	291,107,725	6,518,545
1951 ..	615	3,678,889	6,804	3,317,478	313,870,476	8,431,954
1952 ..	670	4,405,876	7,333	4,283,704	330,998,771	11,606,599
1953 ..	665	4,684,828	7,205	4,631,531	307,673,326	11,998,549
1954 ..	640	4,941,597	7,323	4,929,982	326,936,259	13,185,958

\* Estimated.

The figures given in the foregoing table relate to all sawmills which are included in Sub-Class 1 of Class 10 of the Statistical Classification of Factories. Particulars of the production of sawn timber in other factories, e.g., Box and Case Mills, &c., are not included.

It should be noted that the number of persons employed is comprised of those working in the sawmills only—workers engaged in the felling and in the hauling of timber from forest to mill are excluded from the above figures.

Further particulars of sawmills and the 771 other factories which comprise the wood working group will be found on pages 564 and 565.

The value of production of the Agricultural Implement Industry is extremely liable to fluctuation due to seasonal influences and the effects of varying prices of primary products. In the years affected by the requirements of a war economy production in this industry and in metal industries generally was restricted accordingly.

### VICTORIA—AGRICULTURAL AND DAIRYING MACHINERY WORKS, (4-20).

Item.	Year Ended 30th June—					
	1944.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Number of establishments ..	55	72	71	75	78	76
Number of persons employed	4,401	5,578	6,240	6,879	6,245	6,285
Horse-power of engines used	12,312	16,117	17,383	18,444	19,956	19,729
Value of land and buildings £	578,798	1,255,510	1,430,135	1,489,521	1,519,182	1,456,906
Value of plant and machinery £	698,962	1,501,751	1,789,330	2,012,525	2,021,133	1,995,436
Salaries and wages paid £	1,490,003	2,798,859	3,920,965	5,256,412	5,009,716	5,331,607
Value of materials used £	1,304,551	4,087,125	5,679,940	8,368,272	6,780,048	8,188,661
Fuel, light, and power used £	124,894	166,504	267,762	328,153	360,107	376,975
Value of output .. £	3,435,008	8,348,522	11,894,845	16,575,482	14,918,016	16,691,518

**Bacon curing.** In the following table particulars of bacon and ham curing establishments are given for the year 1943-44 and the past five years.

### VICTORIA—BACON FACTORIES, (9-12).

Item.	Year Ended 30th June—					
	1944.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Number of Establishments	18	17	15	15	16	16
Number of persons employed	578	665	719	703	692	623
Horse-power of engines used	3,680	2,384	2,424	2,508	2,990	2,851
Value of land, buildings, plant, &c. .. £	313,956	333,405	388,460	418,795	581,827	477,228
Salaries and wages paid £	174,287	306,253	398,620	468,597	520,920	460,726
Value of materials used £	1,479,040	2,836,474	3,157,207	3,782,525	3,822,714	3,638,205
Value of fuel and light £	24,967	33,142	38,592	40,027	56,124	52,619
Value of output .. £	1,778,395	3,315,312	3,857,839	4,896,842	4,808,751	4,909,438
Pigs slaughtered for curing No.	201,019	177,842	159,605	157,496	134,729	132,859
Bacon and ham cured lb.	21,198,255	21,736,114	17,578,963	17,453,576	15,938,095	16,697,917



The number of butter, cheese and kindred factories in 1953-54 was 135. Of these 95 were making butter, 29 cheese, 7 condensed milk, 27 powdered milk (full cream and skim), 20 dried butter milk and 13 casein. The following table gives some indication of the value of this industry to the State:—

VICTORIA—BUTTER AND CHEESE FACTORIES, ETC. (9-13).

Item.	Year Ended 30th June—					
	1944.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Number of establishments .. ..	152	144	142	139	138	135
Number of persons employed ..	3,804	4,920	5,184	5,224	5,235	5,164
Horse-power of engines	18,595	26,034	28,363	30,822	34,390	36,073
Value of plant and machinery £	1,367,977	2,311,347	3,126,754	3,903,240	4,748,009	5,545,639
Value of land and buildings .. £	1,448,699	1,888,358	2,367,050	3,147,769	3,279,320	4,217,201
Salaries and wages paid .. £	1,168,650	2,463,922	3,080,981	3,809,599	4,171,807	4,333,802
Fuel, light, and power £	311,100	655,242	729,529	947,568	1,169,852	1,274,215
Value of materials used .. £	11,803,840	25,920,568	25,425,693	33,543,917	39,779,408	42,785,267
Value of output £	14,475,120	30,954,124	32,195,942	42,431,432	49,124,383	53,299,929
Added value £	2,208,267	4,081,198	5,668,515	7,435,168	7,619,777	8,643,238
Articles produced—						
Butter .. lb.	109,456,751	141,922,150	129,879,375	132,688,640	128,403,876	142,499,935
Cheese .. lb.	26,583,732	47,472,051	50,560,459	49,818,290	50,124,787	58,189,407
Condensed milk lb.	73,784,738	84,908,302	81,547,698	88,296,762	94,354,751	80,637,889
Powdered milk—						
Full cream .. lb.	27,423,119	37,551,148	34,707,194	34,773,616	26,717,184	28,913,328
Skim .. lb.	3,510,756	16,827,121	10,034,797	21,567,106	26,282,638	30,786,384
Casein .. lb.	2,740,393	7,077,444	8,437,199	8,163,906	4,222,171	7,682,012

Further particulars relating to butter and cheese factories will be found on pages 556 and 562.

The statistical definition of a factory (see page 549) excludes from enumeration many small bakeries. Particulars relating to 1953-54 include 1,078 bakehouses which come within that definition.

The value quoted is the wholesale selling value of the goods at the factory exclusive of all selling and delivery costs.

**Bakeries including bread pastry and cakes.**

## VICTORIA—BAKERIES, (9-5).

Item.	Year Ended 30th June—					
	1944.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Number of factories	728	897	958	1,024	1,080	1,078
Number of persons employed	3,632	4,846	4,860	5,141	5,232	5,327
Horse-power of engines used	3,318	4,751	5,047	5,299	6,035	6,396
Value of land and buildings £	1,490,583	2,607,930	2,634,362	3,098,524	3,484,837	3,913,899
Value of plant and machinery £	464,268	1,015,647	1,181,057	1,510,686	1,852,871	2,276,859
Salaries and wages paid £	995,382	1,616,564	1,873,498	2,318,607	2,589,920	2,852,675
Value of materials used £	2,838,305	4,642,019	5,245,126	6,709,063	7,614,203	8,712,938
Fuel, light, and power used £	133,539	234,603	293,882	401,496	465,213	497,910
Repairs, oil and water used £	54,027	119,071	126,510	187,595	218,838	237,679
Total output	£ 4,887,909	8,583,092	9,758,548	12,678,748	14,771,465	16,190,669
Value added	£ 1,862,038	3,587,399	4,080,759	5,380,594	6,473,211	6,742,142
Value added per worker	£ 513	740	840	1,047	1,237	1,266
Flour used—tons (2,000 lb.)	124,941	134,616	137,552	145,015	146,155	148,771
Bread made—4-lb. loaves	76,747,278	84,494,829	86,002,588	89,748,181	92,212,474	93,498,515
Cakes, pastry, pies	£ 2,548,761	4,151,350	4,467,736	6,692,093	6,107,635	6,330,896

**Meat and fish preserving works.** Details appertaining to the meat and fish preserving industry for 1943-44 and the past five years are given hereunder:—

## VICTORIA—MEAT AND FISH PRESERVING WORKS, (9-17).

Item.	Year Ended 30th June—					
	1944.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Number of establishments	12	18	16	17	18	16
Number of persons employed	1,127	1,582	1,074	1,109	1,249	1,064
Horse-power of engines used	1,340	2,855	2,524	5,162	3,626	2,931
Value of plant and machinery £	86,612	258,929	428,967	478,395	550,999	477,185
Value of land and buildings £	143,325	441,242	465,712	560,659	709,888	629,918
Salaries and wages paid £	341,376	785,145	636,341	816,775	972,421	844,824
Fuel, light, and power	£ 27,118	70,173	70,967	91,607	126,997	93,511
Value of materials used	£ 2,279,190	3,438,044	4,045,924	4,577,520	6,708,576	5,091,852
Value of output	£ 3,311,797	5,347,707	4,992,111	6,561,911	9,058,117	6,526,100
Value added to materials	£ 959,907	1,766,981	793,232	1,818,774	2,126,455	1,264,704
Canned meat produced cwt.	511,236	397,087	415,746	449,535	568,536	373,053
Meat extracts	cwt. 5,680	4,651	5,836	5,821	3,533	*
Fish (all kinds)	cwt. 3,853	16,564	8,884	8,830	9,041	8,227

\* Not available for publication.

**Ice and Refrigeration.** One hundred and fifty establishments were included under the industrial Sub-class "Ice and Refrigeration" during 1953-54. There were 3,200 persons employed and the total horse-power of machinery used was 35,865. The value of Land, &c. and Plant, &c. was £4,177,317 and the value of Output £4,966,668. Particulars of Meat Freezing Works are incorporated in the foregoing figures. No collection of factory statistics is now made regarding quantities of carcasses treated in the freezing works.

**Imports and exports of meats.** The following statement shows the imports from and exports to oversea countries of frozen, chilled, and preserved meats during the years ended 30th June, 1953 and 1954:—

**VICTORIA—MEAT IMPORTED AND EXPORTED OVERSEA,  
1952-53.**

Meats.	Imports.		Exports.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		£		£
Preserved by cold process—				
Beef .. .. .	..	..	lb. 3,454,488	314,713
Lamb .. .. .	..	..	.. 52,164,036	3,493,835
Mutton .. .. .	..	..	.. 43,855,188	1,426,465
Pork .. .. .	..	..	.. 476,993	71,458
Poultry .. .. .	..	1	prs. 292,156	522,652
Rabbits and hares*	..	..	.. 6,231,997	1,842,763
Veal .. .. .	..	..	lb. 460,143	51,499
Other .. .. .	lb. 711	675	.. 6,633,434	512,546
Bacon and hams .. .. .	.. 24	1	.. 271,986	54,664
Potted and concentrated .. .. .	.. 1,066	182	.. 161,629	100,474
Preserved in tins, &c. .. .. .	.. 3,409	695	.. 91,278,929	11,495,279
Sausage casings .. .. .	cwt. 3,318	148,500	cwt. 18,204	1,177,144
Other .. .. .	..	..	(a)	59,646
Total value .. .. .	(a)	150,666	(a)	21,123,138

\* Excluding rabbit and hare meat which is included with "Other". (a) Value only.

**VICTORIA—MEAT IMPORTED AND EXPORTED OVERSEA,  
1953-54.**

Meats.	Imports.		Exports.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		£		£
Preserved by cold process—				
Beef .. .. .	..	21	lb. 8,696,086	641,070
Lamb .. .. .	..	..	.. 22,774,373	1,782,060
Mutton .. .. .	..	..	.. 24,487,997	835,907
Pork .. .. .	..	..	.. 277,669	53,823
Poultry .. .. .	..	..	Prs. 43,885	140,068
Rabbits and hares .. .. .	..	..	.. 3,875,900	1,044,999
Veal .. .. .	..	..	lb. 192,481	19,803
Other .. .. .	lb. 1,928	293	.. 5,311,184	398,739
Bacon and hams .. .. .	..	..	.. 47,785	11,513
Potted and concentrated .. .. .	lb. 3,897	2,668	.. 286,169	210,707
Preserved in tins, &c. .. .. .	.. 3,556	1,084	.. 54,056,970	7,821,270
Sausage casings .. .. .	(a)	105,506	cwt. 17,041	957,699
Other .. .. .	(a)	6	(a)	47,256
Total Value .. .. .	(a)	109,956	(a)	13,964,914

\* See note above.

(a) Value only.

**Flour Mills.** Victorian flour mills produce ample flour, &c., to supply all local requirements and a considerable surplus for export. The following table gives particulars of Sub-class 1 of Class 9 of the Statistical Classification of Factories, "Flour-Milling," for the year 1943-44 and for the past five years. There is additional production of flour, &c., in other Sub-classes of industry.

## VICTORIA—FLOUR MILLS, (9-1).

Item.	Year Ended 30th June—					
	1944.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Number of establishments ..	38	38	38	38	37	37
Number of persons employed	1,095	1,272	1,279	1,351	1,462	1,240
Horse-power of engines used	9,537	10,626	11,109	13,250	13,979	14,007
Value of plant and machinery £	488,460	683,952	773,480	955,855	1,164,097	1,226,794
Value of land and buildings £	661,696	788,881	829,834	972,954	1,128,226	1,164,232
Salaries and wages paid £	370,666	654,780	777,049	987,943	1,147,887	1,057,925
Fuel, light, and power £	79,436	108,927	120,836	172,740	210,335	166,519
Value of materials used £	4,344,715	8,188,704	8,840,528	13,740,470	16,449,833	14,824,173
Value of output .. £	5,170,202	9,545,894	10,507,660	16,164,437	19,338,773	17,530,997
Value added to materials £	702,454	1,166,319	1,459,576	2,123,311	2,504,771	2,405,804
Wheat used .. bushels	19,975,712	21,268,699	20,923,813	24,486,534	26,000,301	20,117,177
Flour produced .. tons	409,190	434,578	432,068	509,975	549,815	438,187
Bran produced .. (2,000lb.)	84,562	89,591	87,095	106,268	107,917	82,865
Pollard produced .. "	80,456	91,893	88,132	107,003	119,534	92,646
Wheatmeal produced cwt.	329,700	402,236	535,000	590,736	478,946	515,839

During the year ended 30th June, 1954, 258,257 tons of plain white flour, valued at £10,039,719 were exported from Victorian ports to countries beyond Australia.

Particulars relating to jam, pickle, and sauce factories and fruit and vegetable canning factories, Sub-classes 10 and 11 of Class 9 of the Statistical Classification of Factories are given in the table hereunder, which shows the main items of output, &c., for the year 1943-44 and for the past five years :—

**Jam, pickle,  
and sauce  
works.**

**VICTORIA—JAMS, PICKLES, SAUCES, PRESERVES, ETC.,**  
(9-10, 9-11).

Item.	Year Ended 30th June—					
	1944.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Number of establishments ..	51	59	60	62	66	64
Number of persons employed ..	5,005	4,914	5,223	5,360	4,369	4,314
Horse-power of engines used ..	7,552	11,922	12,952	14,021	14,296	14,630
Value of plant and machinery £	514,836	1,427,070	1,719,362	1,920,384	2,132,934	2,443,327
Value of land and buildings £	966,492	1,416,487	1,788,135	2,153,991	2,457,687	2,540,874
Salaries and wages paid £	1,259,228	2,059,358	2,576,619	3,301,505	3,103,436	3,242,993
Fuel, light, and power used £	101,819	159,720	201,037	275,255	241,652	257,324
Value of Material used ..	5,630,492	7,562,387	8,944,711	12,991,372	12,198,910	13,256,809
Value of output ..	£ 8,238,373	11,644,558	14,168,205	19,919,662	18,612,389	21,388,659
Fresh fruit used .. cwt.	1,184,103	1,078,361	1,234,926	1,382,502	1,194,041	1,569,354
Sugar used ..	538,268	484,459	462,078	464,268	359,112	447,884
<b>Output of—</b>						
Jams (inc. conserves, &c.)						
cwt.	630,314	468,135	406,587	356,585	235,974	275,100
Fruit preserved in liquid ..	717,900	878,786	965,898	1,196,832	1,073,056	1,577,501
" ..	82,611	85,847	44,157	48,398	52,201	49,631
Sauce—Tomato .. pints	16,282,865	12,591,348	12,063,143	13,082,156	9,756,298	9,402,581
Soup—canned ..	2,577,882	16,858,429	19,811,513	25,459,102	19,751,784	21,356,499
Pickles and chutney ..	4,240,797	2,903,738	3,569,903	3,237,150	2,441,666	2,502,520

There is additional production of the six last named commodities in other Sub-classes of industry.

**Breweries and Distilleries.** Particulars regarding breweries and distilleries for the year 1943-44 and for the past five years are set forth in the succeeding tables:—

**VICTORIA—BREWERIES, (9-22).**

Item.	Year Ended 30th June—					
	1944.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Number of breweries ..	8	7	7	7	7	7
Number of persons employed ..	1,374	1,885	1,923	2,102	1,938	2,152
Horse-power of engines ..	6,597	7,207	7,210	7,204	8,733	9,396
Value of plant and machinery £	830,740	1,283,068	1,614,970	1,224,861	986,868	1,318,513
Value of land and buildings £	756,689	756,370	2,227,810	2,266,339	2,310,825	2,351,068
Salaries and wages paid £	556,889	1,088,757	1,374,366	1,620,410	1,591,696	1,730,707
Fuel, light, and power used £	78,402	165,879	218,176	312,092	403,038	395,385
Value of materials used ..	£ 1,338,428	2,483,371	2,673,115	3,435,875	5,396,653	6,895,444
Value of output ..	£ 2,621,378	4,826,651	5,277,116	6,802,206	8,861,853	10,509,751
Value added to materials ..	£ 1,139,842	2,031,264	2,210,634	2,899,997	2,890,071	3,048,705
<b>Materials used—</b>						
Sugar .. cwt.	121,580	176,797	197,501	213,842	232,450	242,446
Malt .. bush.	956,171	1,550,126	1,536,014	1,590,514	1,834,055	2,047,945
Hops .. lb.	798,410	1,060,133	1,073,874	1,121,538	1,193,427	1,332,912
Beer and stout made* gals.	30,628,061	49,352,264	52,897,268	56,174,123	57,882,075	63,639,917

\* Excluding waste beer.

## VICTORIA—DISTILLERIES, (9-23).

Item.	Year Ended 30th June—					
	1944.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Number of distilleries ..	9	8	7	8	6	7
Number of persons employed..	189	249	262	269	208	187
Horse-power of engines ..	1,293	1,374	1,903	1,954	1,965	1,985
Value of plant and machinery £	221,258	225,553	244,906	288,664	313,102	300,952
Value of land and buildings £	223,951	130,941	151,529	149,966	130,362	136,329
Salaries and wages paid ..	£ 72,423	131,929	151,291	193,471	161,494	161,374
Fuel, light, and power ..	£ 37,618	61,014	76,590	110,758	80,813	61,927
Value of materials used ..	£ 422,263	458,337	529,860	714,830	478,038	440,979
Value of output ..	£ 777,796	855,857	980,937	1,221,936	886,525	866,375
Materials used—						
Wine .. gals.	661,012	1,551,272	940,006	2,161,603	1,161,544	960,451
Malt .. bush.	172,567	159,208	218,128	250,434	139,156	75,300
Other grain .. bush.	225,529	275,570	329,845	347,108	180,843	135,684
Molasses, raw sugar, &c. 1,000 lb.	65,815	42,139	43,574	34,580	45,223	57,290
Spirits distilled in distilleries proof gals.	5,916,779	3,780,860	3,910,397	3,835,147	3,273,718	3,522,349
Spirits distilled by vinegrowers proof gals.	12,048	24,160	11,311	18,831	23,247	17,918

**Tobacco  
Factories.**

The twelve establishments engaged in the manufacture of tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes during 1953-54 which conformed to the statistical definition of a factory gave employment to 2,023 persons, who were paid £1,437,632 in wages and who used machinery, plant, land, and buildings valued at £1,856,127. The subjoined table shows the quantity of tobacco leaf used by and the output of the full number of licensed establishments for the year 1943-44 and the past five years:—

## VICTORIA—TOBACCO FACTORIES, (9-28).

Year Ended 30th June.	Leaf Operated on.		Production.		
	Australian.	Imported.	Tobacco.	Cigars.	Cigarettes.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	No.	No.
1944 .. ..	1,838,650	5,815,429	5,864,285	14,802,342	1,333,952,191
1950 .. ..	1,334,467	7,895,407	6,609,574	17,764,749	1,640,551,730
1951 .. ..	1,257,624	8,424,362	6,831,429	21,764,099	1,773,422,160
1952 .. ..	1,343,169	9,338,512	7,209,769	22,292,793	2,085,129,810
1953 .. ..	1,466,073	10,768,837	4,150,480	16,492,725	2,717,438,280
1954 .. ..	1,880,206	12,802,514	7,637,166	18,387,405	3,706,651,720

**Woollen Mills.**

Victorian manufacturers supply approximately half of the Australian requirements in woollen piece goods. They have also developed an oversea export trade in wool tops, noils, and waste, the value of which, for the year 1953-54, was £2,506,801.

**VICTORIA—WOOLLEN MILLS, (6-3).**

Item.	Year Ended 30th June—					
	1944.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Number of establishments ..	64	95	99	102	94	93
Number of persons employed ..	11,834	12,114	12,239	10,797	10,251	11,655
Horse-power of engines ..	33,043	37,660	38,721	38,137	39,160	39,324
Value of plant and machinery £	1,468,274	2,871,857	4,008,096	4,596,608	4,591,247	5,169,298
Value of land and buildings £	1,517,095	2,358,166	3,065,142	3,460,647	3,389,329	3,698,311
Salaries and wages paid £	2,955,664	4,954,740	5,916,839	6,126,108	6,381,770	7,621,760
Fuel, light, and power £	319,429	429,399	492,148	527,194	574,273	612,151
Value of materials used £	7,238,085	17,016,095	23,649,128	23,282,718	17,255,655	22,105,459
Value of output .. £	12,534,481	26,818,728	39,290,626	32,742,147	28,989,839	35,292,642
Added value .. £	4,526,808	8,881,083	9,569,533	8,376,516	10,620,888	12,078,647
Scoured wool used .. lb.	41,732,978	28,537,601	27,120,796	20,964,405	19,727,211	24,904,718
Cotton used .. lb.	45,247	213,512	519,561	347,765	363,322	247,627
Tweed and cloth made sq. yds.	16,682,579	18,376,308	16,969,834	14,529,741	13,492,986	14,884,625
Flannel made .. sq. yds.	2,385,088	1,912,500	2,070,490	†	†	†
Blankets .. pairs	1,099,910	535,086	592,001	365,244	265,832	339,924
Rugs .. No.	*1,797	70,290	66,433	41,059	48,673	67,323

\* And shawls. † Not collected.

**Hosiery and Knitting.**

Early records show that, in the year 1886-87, there were three hosiery factories in Victoria, employing 56 hands. The capital value of land, buildings, and machinery was £2,080. The following table shows the main details relating to this industry for 1943-44 and the past five years:—

**VICTORIA—HOSIERY AND KNITTING, (6-4).**

Item.	Year Ended 30th June—					
	1944.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Number of establishments ..	231	327	328	358	376	420
Number of persons employed—						
Male ..	2,443	4,711	4,593	4,427	4,502	5,225
Female ..	7,935	9,493	9,641	9,153	8,646	10,165
Salaries and wages paid £	2,241,543	4,881,239	6,254,383	7,196,210	7,358,684	9,159,653
Value of land and buildings £	1,417,746	2,506,414	3,022,222	3,536,869	3,955,095	4,598,502
Value of plant and machinery £	911,304	2,666,497	3,483,096	4,131,019	4,158,319	5,049,642
Value of materials used £	4,590,545	9,946,570	13,278,462	14,387,232	14,351,825	17,937,085
Fuel, light, and power £	106,664	199,755	236,311	287,256	364,418	407,728
Value of output .. £	8,576,213	18,775,268	24,519,062	26,283,028	28,605,240	35,987,732
Added value .. £	3,720,254	8,220,210	10,550,720	11,160,588	13,452,324	17,081,053
Yarn used—						
Woolen and worsted .. lb.	(a)	6,290,983	6,140,215	5,548,215	5,581,039	5,949,454
Cotton .. lb.	4,056,866	4,461,538	4,848,796	3,837,234	3,442,816	5,037,488
Silk .. lb.	2,250	150,212	78,922	33,908	43,808	20,693
Nylon .. lb.	(a)	433,366	576,660	637,629	684,482	1,051,981
Rayon .. lb.	2,558,304	3,112,389	3,537,921	2,922,416	2,723,883	3,170,313
Stockings made .. doz. pair	*993,525	*1,324,840	*1,412,914	*1,151,438	*1,425,152	*1,657,849
Socks made .. doz. pair	†1,387,592	†1,426,311	†1,652,195	†1,795,819	†1,635,948	†1,993,779
Garments made .. number	19,574,604	22,725,408	23,821,380	24,760,860	21,110,352	28,999,872

(a) Information not available.

\* Women's socks and stockings only.

† Includes men's socks and stockings, doz. pair—1943-44, 1,084,442; 1949-50, 965,516; 1950-51, 1,243,735; 1951-52, 1,155,672; 1952-53, 1,293,900; 1953-54, 1,522,154; Children's socks and stockings, doz. pair—1943-44, 224,925; 1949-50, 460,795; 1950-51, 408,410; 1951-52, 373,163; 1952-53, 342,048; 1953-54, 471,625.

Boots and  
Shoes.

Particulars relating to factories manufacturing boots and shoes are shown in the following table:—

## VICTORIA—BOOTS AND SHOES, (8-10).

Item.	Year Ended 30th June—					
	1944.	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Number of establishments ..	177	235	242	257	237	239
Number of persons employed	8,423	11,329	11,305	10,858	10,272	11,402
Horse-power of engines used	5,993	8,390	8,819	8,826	9,316	9,310
Value of plant, machinery, land and buildings £	1,203,014	2,030,925	2,420,030	2,724,452	2,843,944	3,316,103
Salaries and wages paid £	2,162,210	4,285,370	5,045,218	6,097,754	6,155,564	7,114,644
Fuel, light, and power £	34,255	58,899	62,073	69,644	81,912	92,293
Value of materials used £	4,092,681	6,540,775	8,125,228	9,493,852	8,772,450	10,750,344
Value of output .. £	7,376,946	12,887,888	15,776,782	18,259,502	17,729,968	21,025,593
Boots and shoes made pairs	8,160,178	6,936,779	8,132,112	7,953,908	7,800,286	9,010,139
Slippers made .. pairs	2,833,633	4,271,930	4,257,046	3,713,232	3,389,402	4,230,642
Sandals .. .. pairs	229,703	1,301,716	958,327	774,294	494,483	620,013

Information in the next table relates to industries associated with the manufacture of dress. The figures shown represent for each of the past five years, the sum of the under-mentioned statistical sub-classes of industry. Tailoring and ready-made tailoring, waterproof and oilskin clothing, dress-making, millinery, shirts, underclothing, foundation garments, handkerchiefs, hats and caps, and gloves (knitting industry is not included).

## VICTORIA—DRESS (EXCLUSIVE OF BOOT) FACTORIES.

Year Ended 30th June—	Number of Factories.	Number of Persons Employed.			Salaries and Wages Paid.	Value of Materials Used.	Value of Output.
		Males.	Females.	Total.			
1950 .. ..	1,522	6,440	26,169	32,609	£ 10,416,324	£ 18,113,304	£ 35,493,559
1951 .. ..	1,494	6,562	26,523	33,085	12,857,859	23,740,032	44,661,901
1952 .. ..	1,664	6,655	25,383	32,038	14,733,914	26,329,459	49,642,702
1953 .. ..	1,634	6,167	22,694	28,861	14,531,761	25,712,506	49,947,765
1954 .. ..	1,654	6,218	24,300	30,518	16,546,721	30,078,842	56,895,807



Electric  
light and  
power works.

Particulars relating to the electric light and power works of the State are given in the next table.

VICTORIA—ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER WORKS,  
(16-1, 16-2, 16-3).

Year Ende1 30th June—	Number.	Value of Machinery and Plant.	Persons Employed.	Wages Paid.	Electricity Generated.	Value of Output.
		£	No.	£	'000 kilowatt hours.	£
1945 .. ..	70	10,103,146	1,534	612,553	1,714,763	3,903,472
1946 .. ..	69	10,233,183	1,760	681,761	1,803,407	4,167,493
1947 .. ..	67	10,484,417	1,906	752,820	1,838,893	4,025,721
1948 .. ..	67	10,776,348	1,978	967,386	2,081,329	4,248,220
1949 .. ..	68	12,725,787	2,059	1,221,460	2,321,283	5,512,473
1950 .. ..	67	14,797,107	2,294	1,452,885	2,530,227	6,214,850
1951 .. ..	69	13,629,496	2,453	1,593,944	2,708,012	8,301,206
1952 .. ..	68	15,941,360	2,500	1,979,255	2,772,047	10,603,024
1953 .. ..	68	21,464,881	2,608	2,317,959	3,013,827	14,095,325
1954 .. ..	67	34,925,189	2,690	2,431,526	3,485,668	16,168,746

Employees engaged in the transmission and distribution of electricity have not been included. In addition to the power stations shown above there is a number of factories which generate electricity mostly for their own use; the recorded total of thousand kwh's generated for each of the past five years was as follows: 1949-50, 175,885; 1950-51, 167,854; 1951-52, 192,108; 1952-53, 179,103; and 1953-54, 207,005.

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA.

The State Electricity Commission was established by the *Electricity Commissioners Act* 1918, and constituted in its present form by the *State Electricity Commission Act* 1920, now consolidated in the *State Electricity Commission Act* 1928. The Act provides for the appointment, for terms not exceeding seven years, of a chairman and three part-time commissioners. The Commission's duties cover:—

1. Co-ordination and integration of generation, supply and use of electricity in Victoria.
2. Investigation and, where practicable, development of all possible sources of power.
3. Promotion of the use of electricity.
4. Development of the State's brown coal resources for the generation of electricity, manufacture of briquettes and supply of brown coal to industry.

The Commission is empowered to erect, acquire, and operate electrical undertakings and to operate any business associated therewith to ; supply electricity to corporations and to persons outside areas in which there are existing undertakings ; to frame safety regulations, register electrical contractors, and to issue licences for electrical mechanics. It controls its own funds and all officers and employees required for the operation of the Act.

The Commission's power system generates almost all Victoria's electricity and at 30th June, 1955, was serving more than 90 per cent. of the population of the State. With the exception of Commission power stations in two regions not connected to the State system (Mildura and Wimmera), the generating system comprised a series of interconnected steam, hydro and diesel power stations based on the large brown coal power station at Yallourn.

As at 30th June, 1955, power stations in the interconnected system, and their respective installed generator capacities, were as follows :—*Steam* : Yallourn (including allowance for briquette works) 283,000 kW. (with further enlargement in progress) ; Newport (metropolitan area) 311,000 kW. ; Richmond (metropolitan area), 53,000 kW. ; Spencer Street (Melbourne City Council), 88,650 kW. (with further enlargement in progress) ; Geelong " A " 10,500 kW. ; Geelong " B " 30,000 kW. ; Ballarat " A " 5,900 kW. ; Ballarat " B " 20,000 kW. :—*Hydro* : Kiewa, 56,800 kW. (with further enlargement in progress) ; Eildon 16,000 kW. (with further enlargement in progress) ; Rubicon-Royston 12,915 kW. :—*Diesel* : Shepparton 10,530 kW. ; Warrnambool 4,980 kW. ; Hamilton 3,020 kW. Ownership of Spencer Street power station is retained by the Melbourne City Council, but since 1941 the station has operated as a unit in the interconnected State system.

Power stations not connected to the State system and their respective generator capacities at June 30th, 1955, were as follows :—*Mildura*—two locally interconnected steam stations, Redcliffs 10,000 kW (subsequently enlarged) and Mildura 7,000 kW. ; *Wimmera*—Horsham (diesel) 2,264 kW. Subsequently (in 1956) Murtoa diesel station (590 kW.) was acquired and interconnected with Horsham.

There were at 30th June, 1955, nine terminal stations (total capacity kVA. 824,000), three switching stations (63,000 kVA.), 51 main metropolitan transmission sub-stations (739,500 kVA.), 11,361 metropolitan and extra-metropolitan sub-stations (totalling 1,245,427 kVA.). High and low tension power lines aggregated 11,147 and 8,928 miles respectively. In addition, there were 851 miles of underground cables.

At 30th June, 1955, the number of consumers in Victoria served by the State system totalled 693,165, of whom 532,277 were supplied directly by the Commission and the remainder—160,888 by 11 metropolitan councils buying electricity in bulk. The Commission also supplied several municipalities and irrigation settlements bordering the River Murray in New South Wales. Of the consumers served in Victoria, 266,228 were outside the metropolitan area. Farms supplied by the Commission numbered 30,131. Consumers supplied by local country undertakings outside the State system totalled 24,571.

Other Commission undertakings in operation at 30th June, 1955, comprised the Yallourn and Yallourn North brown coal open cuts and the Yallourn briquette works. Production of brown coal at the Yallourn open cut for 1954-55 was 7,371,144 tons, of which 4,845,476 tons were used for electricity generation at Yallourn power station and the remainder—2,525,668 tons—for briquette manufacture. Output of brown coal at Yallourn North open cut was 1,391,031 tons, of which 794,668 tons were consumed in Newport power station, the remainder being sold to industrial consumers.

Briquette output for the year 1954-55 was 630,579 tons, of which nearly 60 per cent. was used for electricity generation, the remainder being sold to industrial consumers and householders with registered briquette hot water services. The briquette works also contributed 59 million kWh. of by-product electricity to the State system.

The Commission owns and operates the tramway systems in Ballarat and Bendigo. (The tramway system formerly operating in Geelong ceased operating in March, 1956.)

In addition to work in progress for major extensions to Yallourn power station (with a corresponding increase in output of brown coal), the Kiewa hydro-electric undertaking and Eildon hydro station, the Commission in 1954-55 had resumed work on the Morwell power and fuel project. Supply was extended to 33,033 and 30,283 additional consumers in 1953-54 and 1954-55 respectively, and included in these figures were 11,803 consumers formerly served by local undertakings acquired by the Commission during this period.

**Gasworks.** Particulars in regard to gasworks are given below for each of the past five years:—

VICTORIA—GASWORKS, (16-4, 16-5, 16-6).

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Works.	Persons Employed.	Wages Paid.	Coal Used.	Oil Used.	Gas Made.	Coke Produced.	Value of Output.
		No.	£	Tons.	Gals.	'000 cubic feet.	Tons.	£
1950 ..	36	1,330	706,721	608,453	3,380,329	10,746,792	334,875	3,696,796
1951 ..	36	1,391	847,118	671,020	4,163,745	11,445,505	364,925	4,599,704
1952 ..	36	1,419	1,170,759	733,680	5,073,382	12,482,253	399,247	7,121,383
1953 ..	35	1,496	1,324,743	717,848	5,398,569	13,135,907	300,080	8,268,076
1954 ..	34	1,461	1,393,032	687,004	6,363,273	13,715,072	336,336	7,772,308

The following table is an analysis of factory statistics designed to show the relative importance of the various classes of manufacturing in Victoria:—

VICTORIA—VALUE OF ARTICLES PRODUCED IN FACTORIES.

Class of Industry.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
1. Treatment of non-metallic ferrous mine and quarry products ..	8,880,775	11,456,844	14,666,564	15,966,918	17,595,183
2. Bricks, pottery, glass, &c.	5,661,971	7,286,060	9,513,456	9,782,869	11,692,336
3. Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paint, oils, and grease ..	35,767,755	45,720,019	57,857,412	57,385,654	70,836,980
4. Industrial metals, machines, implements, and conveyances ..	134,231,798	175,169,821	232,711,235	243,436,159	281,161,991
5. Precious metals, jewellery, and plate ..	4,338,537	5,125,893	5,091,032	4,701,509	5,545,988
6. Textiles and textile goods (not dress) ..	62,139,095	90,126,622	90,461,007	88,359,182	108,247,448
7. Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear) ..	13,428,697	19,858,734	17,580,245	19,205,604	19,595,770
8. Clothing ..	52,057,960	65,833,847	74,048,454	74,486,372	86,031,234
9. Food, drink, and tobacco	118,201,095	130,329,462	168,776,325	192,382,418	206,235,235
10. Woodworking and basket ware ..	21,166,958	26,849,005	34,177,354	32,579,790	36,795,372
11. Furniture, bedding, &c. ..	8,480,366	11,897,852	13,586,714	12,512,272	13,440,450
12. Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, &c. ..	29,666,014	37,372,075	55,201,501	51,620,706	59,839,308
13. Rubber ..	11,623,706	20,771,850	24,855,102	16,590,505	21,620,998
14. Musical instruments ..	161,635	188,427	335,387	326,164	549,463
15. Miscellaneous products ..	10,748,272	14,145,903	17,380,828	18,446,638	22,376,322
16. Heat, light, and power ..	9,911,646	12,900,910	17,724,407	22,363,401	23,941,054
Total ..	526,466,280	675,033,324	833,967,023	860,146,161	985,505,127

**Employment in Factories.** The average number of persons employed over the whole year in each class of industry is shown below :—

**VICTORIA—AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.**

Class of Industry.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
1. Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products .. .. .	4,998	5,418	5,718	5,431	5,629
2. Bricks, pottery, glass, &c. .. .. .	4,621	4,856	5,165	4,879	5,532
3. Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paint, oils, and grease .. .. .	11,590	12,619	14,144	13,781	14,104
4. Industrial metals, machines, implements, and conveyances .. .. .	98,852	105,354	112,572	109,740	116,812
5. Precious metals, jewellery, and plate .. .. .	3,499	3,265	3,090	2,656	2,777
6. Textiles and textile goods (not dress) .. .. .	34,264	35,320	33,402	32,148	37,753
7. Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear) .. .. .	5,777	5,626	5,329	5,338	5,436
8. Clothing .. .. .	48,133	49,186	47,536	43,901	47,196
9. Food, drink, and tobacco .. .. .	38,555	38,821	39,506	38,139	37,740
10. Woodworking and basketware .. .. .	13,364	14,279	14,862	14,184	14,595
11. Furniture, bedding, &c. .. .. .	5,907	6,503	6,618	5,977	6,048
12. Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, &c. .. .. .	17,439	18,039	18,979	18,211	18,898
13. Rubber .. .. .	4,758	4,948	4,822	4,291	5,371
14. Musical instruments .. .. .	185	187	212	229	298
15. Miscellaneous products .. .. .	7,910	8,527	8,269	7,750	8,937
16. Heat, light, and power .. .. .	3,624	3,844	3,919	4,104	4,151
Total .. .. .	303,476	316,792	324,143	310,759	331,277

**Size of Factories.** The following table shows the number of factories according to the number of hands employed during each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54.

### VICTORIA—FACTORIES ACCORDING TO NUMBER OF HANDS EMPLOYED.

		Showing Annual Percentage Increase or Decrease (Year ended 30th June.)									
		1950.	Increase.	1951.	Increase.	1952.	Increase.	1953.	Increase.	1954.	Increase.
Under 4 hands—											
Number of—	Factories ..	3,944	6·4	4,087	3·6	4,789	17·2	5,325	11·2	5,474	2·8
	Employees ..	8,005	5·9	8,346	4·3	9,640	15·5	10,478	8·7	10,725	2·4
4 hands—											
Number of—	Factories ..	1,168	3·2	1,159	-0·8	1,267	9·3	1,292	1·9	1,251	-3·2
	Employees ..	4,672	3·2	4,636	-0·8	5,068	9·3	5,168	1·9	5,004	-3·2
5 to 10 hands—											
Number of—	Factories ..	3,387	3·9	3,372	-0·4	3,714	10·1	3,699	-0·4	3,841	3·8
	Employees ..	23,470	4·3	23,614	0·6	25,739	9·0	25,691	-0·2	26,824	4·4
11 to 20 hands—											
Number of—	Factories ..	1,983	1·5	2,020	1·9	2,141	6·0	2,156	0·7	2,179	1·1
	Employees ..	29,214	0·6	29,567	1·2	31,472	6·4	31,718	0·8	32,035	1·0
21 to 50 hands—											
Number of—	Factories ..	1,653	5·8	1,723	4·2	1,720	-0·2	1,613	-6·2	1,660	2·9
	Employees ..	51,914	6·4	53,935	3·9	53,922	..	50,820	-5·7	52,602	3·5
51 to 100 hands—											
Number of—	Factories ..	581	-0·3	592	1·9	585	-1·2	556	-4·9	572	2·9
	Employees ..	40,789	-0·3	42,110	3·2	41,016	-2·6	39,165	-4·5	40,617	3·7
Over 100 hands—											
Number of—	Factories ..	515	2·0	551	7·0	542	-1·6	513	-5·4	556	8·4
	Employees ..	146,846	4·9	155,857	6·1	158,701	1·8	149,348	-5·9	165,447	10·8

NOTE.—Minus sign indicates decrease.

The composition of the last-mentioned group "over 100 hands" during 1952-53 and 1953-54 was as follows:—

	1952-53		1953-54	
	Number of—		Number of—	
	Factories.	Employees.	Factories.	Employees.
101 to 200 hands .. ..	283	39,436	307	42,523
201 to 300 hands .. ..	97	23,101	109	26,975
301 to 400 hands .. ..	43	14,966	41	14,195
401 to 500 hands .. ..	32	14,116	30	13,328
501 to 750 hands .. ..	32	19,419	39	24,003
751 to 1,000 hands .. ..	11	9,402	12	10,588
1,001 hands and over .. ..	15	28,908	18	33,833
Total .. ..	513	149,348	556	165,447

### VICTORIA—PROPORTION OF FACTORIES OF DIFFERENT SIZES.

Size of Factory.	Percentage to Total (Year ended 30th June)—									
	1950.		1951.		1952.		1953.		1954.	
	Factories.	Employees.	Factories.	Employees.	Factories.	Employees.	Factories.	Employees.	Factories.	Employees.
Under 4 hands ..	29.8	2.6	30.2	2.6	32.4	3.0	35.2	3.3	35.2	3.2
4 " ..	8.8	1.5	8.6	1.5	8.6	1.5	8.5	1.7	8.1	1.5
5 to 10 " ..	25.6	7.7	25.0	7.4	25.2	7.9	24.4	8.2	24.7	8.1
11 to 20 " ..	15.0	9.6	15.0	9.3	14.5	9.7	14.2	10.2	14.0	9.6
21 to 50 " ..	12.5	17.0	12.7	17.0	11.7	16.6	10.6	16.3	10.7	15.8
51 to 100 " ..	4.4	13.4	4.4	13.2	3.9	12.6	3.7	12.5	3.7	12.2
101 and over ..	3.9	48.2	4.1	49.0	3.7	48.7	3.4	47.8	3.6	49.6
Total ..	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**Occupations in factories.** In the following table the persons employed in factories are grouped according to their occupational status:—

### VICTORIA—OCCUPATIONS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.

Occupations.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Working proprietors .. ..	11,456	11,526	12,851	13,392	13,722
Managerial and clerical staff, including salaried managers and working directors .. ..	29,469	31,089	32,846	32,722	33,789
Chemists, draftsmen and other laboratory and research staff	3,462	3,745	4,019	4,098	4,299
Foreman and overseers .. ..	12,615	13,343	13,866	13,639	14,193
Workers in factory, skilled and unskilled .. ..	244,052	254,555	258,251	244,866	262,916
Carters (excluding delivery only) messengers and persons working regularly at home for the establishment .. ..	2,422	2,534	2,310	2,042	2,358
Total .. ..	303,476	316,792	324,143	310,759	331,277

Particulars in the above table have been presented in accordance with amendments adopted at the 1945 Conference of Statisticians.

**Outworkers.**

The term "outworkers" used in the preceding table relates to persons working for factories in their own homes, but does not include individuals working for themselves. The employment of outworkers is regulated by a special provision of the Factories and Shops Act. They are required to register their names and addresses with the Chief Inspector of Factories, and factory proprietors are forbidden to give work to those who are not so registered.

**Sex distribution in factories.**

The average numbers of males and of females employed in factories, and their proportions to the male and female populations, for each of the years, 1944-45 to 1953-54, were as follows:—

**VICTORIA—EMPLOYMENT OF MALES AND FEMALES IN FACTORIES.**

Year Ended 30th June—	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Number.	Average per 10,000 of Male Population.	Number.	Average per 10,000 of Female Population.	Number.	Average per 10,000 of Total Population.
1945 ..	174,424	1,769	83,209	820	257,633	1,285
1946 ..	178,951	1,798	77,298	758	256,249	1,271
1947 ..	188,758	1,875	76,999	745	265,757	1,303
1948 ..	199,003	1,957	79,268	759	278,271	1,350
1949 ..	208,184	1,994	83,822	784	292,006	1,382
1950 ..	216,198	2,007	87,278	799	303,476	1,398
1951 ..	224,919	2,008	91,873	823	316,792	1,416
1952 ..	233,699	2,017	90,444	791	324,143	1,408
1953 ..	228,724	1,919	82,035	695	310,759	1,310
1954 ..	240,698	1,979	90,579	751	331,277	1,367

Of the total persons employed, males formed 68 per cent. in 1944-45 and 73 per cent. in 1953-54. As compared with the year 1944-45, the number of males employed increased by 66,274 or 38 per cent. and the number of females employed by 7,370 or 9 per cent.



**Employment of females 1953-54.** Of the total number of females in factories, 59 per cent. were engaged in the textile and clothing groups of industries, 12 per cent. in the industrial metals, machine, &c., and 11 per cent. in the preparation of food and drink. The extent of female employment in certain industries is shown in the next table:—

**VICTORIA—FEMALE EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES, 1952-53  
AND 1953-54.**

Industry.	1952-53.			1953-54.		
	Number Employed.		Females per 100 Males.	Number Employed.		Females per 100 Males.
	Males.	Females.		Males.	Females.	
Pharmaceutical and toilet preparations	1,110	970	87	1,208	1,095	91
Inks—polishes .. .. .	390	225	58	416	250	60
Wireless .. .. .	971	451	46	1,174	623	53
Cotton .. .. .	1,434	1,570	109	1,957	2,140	109
Wool, spinning, weaving, &c. ..	4,913	5,338	109	5,500	6,155	112
Hosiery and knitting .. .. .	4,502	8,646	192	5,225	10,165	194
Silk, natural .. .. .	112	145	129	140	154	110
Rope and cordage .. .. .	897	565	63	931	594	64
Canvas goods, &c. .. .. .	252	209	83	275	211	77
Furriers and fur dressing .. ..	190	145	76	195	153	78
Bags, trunks, &c. .. .. .	664	692	104	694	741	107
Tailoring and ready-made clothing ..	3,119	6,861	220	3,139	7,454	237
Clothing, waterproof .. .. .	118	300	254	123	320	260
Dressmaking, hemstitching .. ..	1,450	8,627	593	1,459	8,738	599
Millinery .. .. .	223	906	406	249	863	347
Shirts, collars, underclothing .. ..	589	4,009	681	599	4,676	781
Foundation garments .. .. .	162	998	616	193	1,264	655
Handkerchiefs, ties, &c. .. .. .	103	418	406	83	377	454
Hats and caps .. .. .	309	230	74	305	246	81
Gloves .. .. .	94	345	367	68	362	532
Boots and shoes .. .. .	5,219	5,053	97	5,710	5,692	99
Boot accessories .. .. .	356	196	55	376	219	58
Umbrellas and walking sticks .. ..	21	50	238	23	65	283
Dyeworks and cleaning .. .. .	1,604	1,542	96	1,728	1,681	97
Cereal foods, &c. .. .. .	867	450	52	880	445	51
Biscuits .. .. .	749	719	96	741	796	107
Confectionery .. .. .	1,414	1,522	108	1,427	1,636	115

VICTORIA—FEMALE EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES  
1952-53 AND 1953-54—*continued.*

Industry.	1952-53.			1953-54.		
	Number Employed.		Females per 100 Males.	Number Employed.		Female per 100 Males.
	Males.	Females.		Males.	Females.	
Jams, fruit, and vegetable canning ..	2,150	1,448	67	2,004	1,614	81
Pickles, sauces, vinegar ..	469	302	64	427	269	63
Meat and fish preserving, &c. ..	786	463	59	650	414	64
Condiments, coffee, spices ..	678	524	77	628	534	85
Tobacco, cigarettes, &c. ..	961	1,010	105	970	1,053	109
Ice cream ..	261	141	54	269	155	58
Bedding mattresses (not wire) ..	406	230	57	422	246	58
Furnishing, drapery ..	164	275	168	166	264	159
Stationery, manufactured ..	578	441	75	607	473	78
Cardboard boxes, cartons ..	875	738	84	1,090	972	89
Paper bags ..	190	207	109	187	208	111
Plastic mouldings ..	2,080	1,046	50	2,461	1,410	57
Photographic material ..	739	591	80	742	613	83
Toys, games, &c. ..	428	295	69	521	383	73
Artificial flowers ..	27	126	466	32	146	456
All other factories ..	186,100	23,016	12	194,704	24,710	13
Total ..	228,724	82,035	36	240,698	90,579	38

**Child labour in factories.** The main reason for the small proportion of children engaged in factories is that daily attendance at school is compulsory between the ages of 6 and 14 years.

Another reason is the restriction imposed by the Victorian Factories Act on the employment of female children under the age of 15 years unless a special permit is granted by the Chief Inspector of Factories on the grounds of poverty or hardship.

VICTORIA—FACTORY EMPLOYMENT—AGE GROUPS.

On Payroll on Pay Day Nearest*	Males.				Females.			
	Under 16 Years.	16 and Under 21 Years.	21 Years and Over.	Total Males.	Under 16 Years.	16 and Under 21 Years.	21 Years and Over.	Total Females.
June 15th, 1945	4,607	20,379	142,117	167,103	3,609	18,473	58,195	80,277
„ „ 1946	3,449	20,836	155,504	179,789	3,007	17,568	54,630	75,205
„ „ 1947	2,938	20,091	161,232	184,261	2,801	16,943	56,824	76,568
„ „ 1948	2,743	18,851	171,096	192,690	2,564	16,627	59,915	79,106
„ „ 1949	2,806	18,305	179,039	200,150	2,354	16,374	65,245	83,973
„ „ 1950	2,670	17,113	188,788	208,571	2,181	15,093	70,598	87,872
„ 30th, 1951	2,790	16,274	198,053	217,117	2,139	14,550	75,508	92,197
„ „ 1952	2,981	16,417	199,303	218,701	1,911	13,051	65,530	80,492
„ „ 1953	2,972	17,890	200,533	221,395	2,432	13,546	67,056	83,034
„ „ 1954	3,093	18,778	211,311	233,182	2,527	14,180	74,260	90,967

## VICTORIA—FACTORY EMPLOYMENT—AGE GROUPS.

On Payroll on Pay Day Nearest*—	Males.				Females.			
	Under 16 Years.	16 and Under 21 Years.	21 Years and Over.	Total Males.	Under 16 Years.	16 and Under 21 Years.	21 Years and Over.	Total Females.
<i>Percentage—</i>								
	<i>To Total Males Employed</i>				<i>To Total Females Employed</i>			
June 15th, 1945	2·76	12·20	85·04	100·00	4·50	23·01	72·49	100·00
„ „ 1946	1·92	11·59	86·49	100·00	4·00	23·36	72·64	100·00
„ „ 1947	1·60	10·90	87·50	100·00	3·66	22·13	74·21	100·00
„ „ 1948	1·42	9·78	88·80	100·00	3·24	21·02	75·74	100·00
„ „ 1949	1·40	9·15	89·45	100·00	2·80	19·50	77·70	100·00
„ „ 1950	1·28	8·20	90·52	100·00	2·48	17·18	80·34	100·00
„ 30th, 1951	1·28	7·50	91·22	100·00	2·32	15·78	81·90	100·00
„ „ 1952	1·36	7·51	91·13	100·00	2·37	16·22	81·41	100·00
„ „ 1953	1·34	8·08	90·58	100·00	2·93	16·31	80·76	100·00
„ „ 1954	1·33	8·05	90·62	100·00	2·78	15·59	81·63	100·00

\* Prior to 1950-51—on payroll on payday nearest 15th June. From 1950-51 inclusive on payroll on payday nearest end of June.

In the following tables are shown the number of factories using mechanical power, and the value of the machinery and plant for each of the ten years, 1944-45 to 1953-54. The value recorded is the depreciated or book value less any existing depreciation reserve:—

## VICTORIA—MACHINERY IN FACTORIES.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Factories Equipped with Power-driven Machinery.	Rated Horse-power Used.*	Value of Machinery and Plant.
			£
1945 .. .. .	9,318	1,337,871	58,571,064
1946 .. .. .	9,851	1,413,958	58,537,394
1947 .. .. .	10,563	1,438,472	59,124,802
1948 .. .. .	11,270	1,543,848	65,829,201
1949 .. .. .	12,367	1,617,088	76,079,598
1950 .. .. .	12,882	1,758,222	92,748,475
1951 .. .. .	13,222	1,813,416	107,261,327
1952 .. .. .	14,463	1,881,550	128,933,958
1953 .. .. .	14,971	2,095,238	147,365,224
1954 .. .. .	15,429	2,388,237	181,058,520

\* See paragraph on page 589 relating to Horse-power.

The nature of the motive power used in the factories of the State is set out in the next table. Establishments using more than one kind of mechanical power are included once only in the table, usually under the power which is principally used.

## VICTORIA—NATURE OF POWER USED IN FACTORIES.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Factories with Engines Operated by—					Number of Factories employing Manual Labour only.
	Steam.	Gas.	Electricity.	Oil.	Water.	
1945 .. ..	231	59	8,651	370	7	351
1946 .. ..	210	59	9,175	396	11	344
1947 .. ..	211	41	9,897	405	9	386
1948 .. ..	215	38	10,550	462	5	372
1949 .. ..	216	34	11,609	504	4	335
1950 .. ..	212	22	12,088	553	7	349
1951 .. ..	207	20	12,412	578	5	282
1952 .. ..	219	12	13,605	623	4	295
1953 .. ..	182	10	14,157	616	6	183
1954 .. ..	174	11	14,607	630	7	104

The difficulty of obtaining an accurate measure of average horse-power of engines used in factories has been pointed out in the previous issues of the *Year-Book*. In 1937, Australian Statisticians decided to discard the "average" as a measure of horse-power and to substitute the "rated" horse-power of engines (a) ordinarily in use, and (b) in reserve or idle.

## VICTORIA—HORSE-POWER OF ENGINES IN FACTORIES, 1952-53 AND 1953-54.

Class of Engine.	1952-53.			1953-54.		
	Electric Generating Stations (Maximum Load).	Other Factories.	Total.	Electric Generating Stations (Maximum Load).	Other Factories.	Total.
Steam—	H.P.	H.P.	H.P.	H.P.	H.P.	H.P.
Reciprocating ..	295	23,626	23,921	120	24,516	24,636
Turbine ..	865,449	41,224	906,673	1,059,317	42,467	1,101,784
Internal Combustion—						
Gas ..	432	1,616	2,048	412	1,680	2,092
Petrol or other light oils ..	432	18,807	19,239	453	23,950	24,403
Heavy oils ..	35,562	22,318	57,880	41,219	19,629	60,848
Water ..	72,791	1,269	74,060	55,284	1,317	56,601
Total ..	974,961	108,860	1,083,821	1,156,805	113,559	1,270,364
Electric motors driven by—						
(a) Purchased electricity ..	..	933,703	933,703	..	976,138	976,138
(b) Electricity generated in own works ..	39,098	38,616	77,714	66,665	75,070	141,735

Reserve or idle horse-power capacity amounted to 155,315 (1953-54) exclusive of that in generating stations.

**Wages in Factories.** The total amount and the average amount of salaries and wages paid to persons employed in factories are given in the following table for each of the past ten years:—

### VICTORIA—SALARIES AND WAGES PAID IN FACTORIES.

Year ended 30th June.	Drawings by Working Proprietors (excluding Profits).		Salaries Paid to Managers and Clerks. †		Wages Paid to all other Factory Workers. ‡		Total Salaries and Wages Paid.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	

#### Aggregate Amounts.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1945 ..	3,417,682	248,642	8,878,188	2,342,123	47,237,597	12,103,013	74,227,245
1946 ..	*	*	8,415,206	2,157,676	48,357,567	11,568,765	70,499,214*
1947 ..	*	*	9,492,106	2,224,201	53,543,120	12,734,338	77,993,765*
1948 ..	*	*	10,876,982	2,627,096	65,435,234	14,862,876	93,802,188*
1949 ..	*	*	12,714,268	3,063,591	78,050,654	18,581,927	112,410,440*
1950 ..	*	*	14,806,317	3,599,526	90,329,170	21,519,681	130,254,694*
1951 ..	*	*	18,505,029	4,558,679	112,413,309	27,725,219	163,207,236*
1952 ..	*	*	23,285,504	5,832,810	140,402,349	33,065,217	202,585,880*
1953 ..	*	*	25,724,699	6,342,953	146,171,954	32,637,962	210,877,568*
1954 ..	*	*	27,875,406	6,877,286	162,697,890	38,586,004	236,036,586*

#### Average Amounts.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1945 ..	460 0 11	313 3 0	486 6 4	204 15 4	317 11 9	170 10 3	282 18 3
1946 ..	..	..	495 13 1	205 4 9	312 15 5	175 2 7	284 1 9*
1947 ..	..	..	520 9 9	215 15 1	330 0 10	193 2 9	303 16 5*
1948 ..	..	..	562 16 4	249 1 8	383 5 3	218 18 5	349 7 2*
1949 ..	..	..	623 9 3	276 13 5	438 17 2	258 15 7	399 17 3*
1950 ..	..	..	693 15 3	310 12 0	489 13 11	288 7 1	446 0 11*
1951 ..	..	..	816 17 1	374 5 6	586 1 4	352 13 6	534 12 9*
1952 ..	..	..	961 10 9	461 3 4	709 3 5	432 10 7	650 15 10*
1953 ..	..	..	1051 10 8	513 7 0	760 4 6	478 1 0	678 11 9*
1954 ..	..	..	1108 7 4	531 11 2	799 15 1	507 9 11	712 10 1*

\* From 1945-46 inclusive, particulars of drawings of working proprietors have not been included in the collection form and the average annual salaries and wages paid have been computed exclusive of the number of working proprietors and the drawings made by them.

† From 1945-46 inclusive, salaries paid to chemists, draftsmen and research staff are included.

‡ From 1945-46 inclusive, wages paid to foremen and overseers are included.

The average annual earnings of all employees (excluding working proprietors) increased by £27 15s. 11d. in 1952-53 and by £33 18s. 4d. in 1953-54.

The costs of production and the value of the output in each class of manufacturing industry during the year 1952-53 are given in the subjoined statement:—

## VICTORIA—FACTORY COSTS AND OUTPUT, 1952-53.

Class of Industry.	Costs of—				
	Raw Materials Used including Containers.	Fuel, Light, and Power Used.	Salaries and Wages Paid.	Tools Replaced, Repairs, to Plant, Oil and Water Used.	Value of Output
	£	£	£	£	£
1. Treatment of non-ferrous mine and quarry products .. ..	7,298,067	1,213,398	3,868,774	592,993	15,966,918
2. Bricks, Pottery, glass, &c.	2,060,419	1,683,746	3,534,867	829,582	9,782,869
3. Chemicals dyes, explosives, paint, oils, and grease	33,051,795	1,552,179	10,605,032	1,275,329	57,385,654
4. Industrial metals, machines, implements, and conveyances .. ..	112,448,593	3,473,651	80,740,863	4,424,899	243,436,159
5. Precious metals, jewellery, and plate .. ..	1,899,383	78,669	1,688,648	77,132	4,701,509
6. Textile and textile goods (not dress) .. ..	49,221,989	1,444,405	19,678,225	1,474,038	88,359,182
7. Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear) ..	11,878,841	342,274	3,747,236	367,690	19,205,604
8. Clothing .. ..	36,442,974	611,080	23,185,084	743,600	74,486,372
9. Food, drink, and tobacco	133,968,949	4,475,159	26,464,937	2,616,691	192,382,418
10. Woodworking and basket-ware .. ..	16,941,981	421,069	8,941,376	743,672	32,579,790
11. Furniture, bedding, &c. . .	6,349,751	65,000	3,435,470	96,365	12,512,272
12. Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, &c.	26,320,322	792,078	12,832,946	849,257	51,620,706
13. Rubber .. ..	8,411,699	603,284	3,333,188	483,533	16,590,505
14. Musical instruments .. ..	124,183	7,115	149,306	4,652	326,164
15. Miscellaneous products ..	9,685,936	279,185	5,028,914	341,550	18,446,638
16. Heat, light, and power ..	5,705,905	7,312,178	3,642,702	1,027,093	22,363,401
Total .. ..	461,810,787	24,354,470	210,877,568	15,948,076	860,146,161

The difference between the sum of the first four columns and the last column in the preceding table represents the amount available for taxation, depreciation, interest, rent, insurance, &c., and funds available for profit. The proportions which this margin and the chief items of the specified costs of production bear to the total value of production in each class of industry are shown in the following table:—

**VICTORIA—PROPORTIONATE VALUE OF COSTS, ETC., TO PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES, 1952-53.**

Class of Industry.	Proportion of Costs, &c., to Total Value of Output.				
	Materials Used, including Containers.	Fuel, Light, and Power.	Salaries and Wages.	Tools Replaced, Repairs to Plant, Oil and Water Used.	All Other Expenditure Interest, and Profit.
	%	%	%	%	%
1. Treatment of non-ferrous metal products .. ..	45·7	7·6	24·2	3·7	18·8
2. Bricks, pottery, glass, &c.	21·1	17·2	36·1	8·5	17·1
3. Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paint, oils, and grease	57·6	2·7	18·5	2·2	19·0
4. Industrial metals, machines, implements, and conveyances .. ..	46·2	1·4	33·2	1·8	17·4
5. Precious metals, jewellery, and plate .. ..	40·4	1·7	35·9	1·6	20·4
6. Textiles and textile goods (not dress) .. ..	55·7	1·6	22·3	1·7	18·7
7. Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear)	61·8	1·8	19·5	1·9	15·0
8. Clothing .. ..	48·9	0·8	31·1	1·0	18·2
9. Food, drink, and tobacco	69·6	2·3	13·8	1·4	12·9
10. Woodworking and basketware .. ..	52·0	1·3	27·4	2·3	17·0
11. Furniture, bedding, &c. . . .	50·7	0·5	27·5	0·8	20·5
12. Paper, stationery, printing bookbinding, &c. . . .	51·0	1·5	24·9	1·6	21·0
13. Rubber .. ..	50·7	3·6	20·1	2·9	22·7
14. Musical instruments .. ..	38·1	2·2	45·8	1·4	12·5
15. Miscellaneous products .. ..	52·5	1·5	27·3	1·9	16·8
16. Heat, light and power .. ..	25·5	32·7	16·3	4·6	20·9
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>53·7</b>	<b>2·8</b>	<b>24·5</b>	<b>1·9</b>	<b>17·1</b>

## VICTORIA—FACTORY COSTS AND OUTPUT, 1953-54.

Class of Industry.	Costs of—				Value of Output.
	Raw Materials Used, Including Containers.	Fuel, Light and Power Used.	Salaries and Wages Paid.	Tools Replaced, Repairs to Plant, Oil and Water Used.	
	£	£	£	£	£
1. Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products. . . . .	7,753,662	1,362,802	4,274,758	748,655	17,595,183
2. Bricks, pottery, glass, &c.	2,631,783	1,775,151	4,170,670	1,079,923	11,692,336
3. Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paint, oils and grease	40,321,022	1,816,282	11,247,851	1,353,826	70,836,980
4. Industrial metals, machines, implements, and conveyances . . . . .	133,371,456	3,906,336	89,637,013	5,315,345	281,161,991
5. Precious metals, jewellery, and plate . . . . .	2,259,137	94,706	1,960,050	88,650	5,545,988
6. Textiles and textile goods (not dress) . . . . .	61,025,831	1,637,680	24,546,288	1,724,112	108,247,448
7. Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear)..	12,427,585	347,453	3,949,154	356,331	19,595,770
8. Clothing . . . . .	43,252,587	666,993	26,556,059	825,380	86,031,234
9. Food, drink, and tobacco	143,849,851	4,458,618	27,395,009	2,695,383	206,235,235
10. Woodworking and basketware. . . . .	19,141,249	458,383	9,640,927	813,036	36,795,372
11. Furniture, bedding, &c..	6,971,118	68,377	3,701,862	100,309	13,440,450
12. Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, &c.	30,446,440	1,017,055	14,358,453	1,002,772	59,839,308
13. Rubber . . . . .	10,961,527	723,205	4,533,262	640,111	21,620,993
14. Musical instruments . .	230,921	10,813	206,530	11,891	549,463
15. Miscellaneous products . .	11,313,122	311,838	6,034,142	394,775	22,376,322
16. Heat, light, and power . .	5,570,632	8,883,498	3,824,558	972,799	23,941,054
Total . . . . .	531,527,923	27,539,190	236,036,586	18,123,298	985,505,127



**VICTORIA—PROPORTIONATE VALUE OF COSTS, ETC,  
TO PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES, 1953-54.**

Class of Industry.	Proportion of Costs, &c., to Total Value of Output.				
	Materials Used, Including Containers.	Fuel, Light, and Power.	Salaries and Wages.	Tools Replaced, Repairs to Plant, Oil and Water Used.	All Other Expenditure, Interest, and Profit.
	%	%	%	%	%
1. Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products .. .. .	44·1	7·7	24·3	4·3	19·6
2. Bricks, pottery, glass, &c.	22·5	15·2	35·7	9·2	17·4
3. Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paint, oils and grease	59·2	2·6	15·9	1·9	20·4
4. Industrial metals, machines, implements and conveyances ..	47·4	1·4	31·9	1·9	17·4
5. Precious metals, jewellery, and plate .. .. .	40·7	1·7	35·3	1·6	20·7
6. Textiles and textile goods (not dress) .. .. .	56·4	1·5	22·7	1·6	17·8
7. Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear) ..	63·4	1·8	20·2	1·8	12·8
8. Clothing .. .. .	50·3	0·8	30·9	2·0	16·0
9. Food, drink, and tobacco	69·7	2·2	13·3	1·3	13·5
10. Woodworking and basketware .. .. .	52·0	1·2	26·2	2·2	18·4
11. Furniture, bedding, &c.	51·9	0·5	27·5	0·7	19·4
12. Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, &c. ..	50·9	1·7	24·0	1·7	21·7
13. Rubber .. .. .	50·7	3·3	21·0	3·0	22·0
14. Musical instruments ..	42·0	2·0	37·6	2·2	16·2
15. Miscellaneous .. .. .	50·6	1·4	26·9	1·8	19·3
16. Heat, light and power ..	23·3	37·1	16·0	4·1	19·5
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>53·9</b>	<b>2·8</b>	<b>24·0</b>	<b>1·8</b>	<b>17·5</b>

There are considerable variations in the proportions which the cost of materials and the expenditure on wages bear to the value of the output in the different classes of industries. These are, of course, due to the difference in the treatment required to convert the raw material to its manufactured form. Thus, in class two, the sum paid in wages represents 35·7 per cent. and the cost of raw materials 22·5 per cent. of the value of the finished article, whilst, in class nine, the expenditure on wages amounts to 13·3 per cent. and that on raw materials to 69·7 per cent. of the value of the output.

**Costs of production.** In the next table the costs of production, the value of the output of factories, and the balance available for profit and miscellaneous expenses are compared for each of the years 1944-45 to 1953-54.

#### VICTORIA—COSTS OF PRODUCTION, ETC., AND VALUE OF OUTPUT OF FACTORIES.

Year ended 30th June—	Specified Costs of Production.				All other Costs, &c. *	Total Value of Output.
	Materials, Including Containers.	Fuel, Light, and Power.	Salaries and Wages.	Tools Replaced, Repairs to Plant, Oil and Water Used.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1945 .. ..	152,761,198	6,298,860	74,227,245	5,984,946	48,150,062	287,422,311
1946 .. ..	154,224,950	6,305,727	70,499,214	6,208,244	49,751,273	286,989,408
1947 .. ..	170,223,745	7,201,406	77,993,765	6,516,378	53,502,385	315,437,679
1948 .. ..	203,121,836	8,339,792	93,802,188	7,449,377	64,698,832	377,412,025
1949 .. ..	244,486,168	10,612,058	112,410,440	8,979,277	70,349,936	446,837,879
1950 .. ..	284,197,019	12,822,004	130,254,694	10,202,650	88,989,913	526,466,280
1951 .. ..	370,258,115	16,324,000	163,207,236	12,790,832	112,453,141	675,033,324
1952 .. ..	463,121,444	20,778,840	202,585,880	15,706,814	131,774,045	833,967,023
1953 .. ..	461,810,787	24,354,470	210,877,568	15,948,076	147,155,260	860,146,161
1954 .. ..	531,527,923	27,539,190	236,036,586	18,123,298	172,278,130	985,505,127

\* Includes all expenditure not specified on collection form, viz., taxation, depreciation, interest, rent, insurance, &c., and funds available for profit.

These figures are reduced in the succeeding statement to their respective percentages of the total output.

### VICTORIA—PROPORTION OF OUTLAY TO OUTPUT OF FACTORIES.

Year ended 30th June—	Proportion of Outlay to Output.					Total.
	Materials, Including Containers.	Fuel, Light, and Power.	Salaries and Wages.	Tools Replaced, Repairs to Plant, Oil and Water Used.	Other Expendi- ture Interest, and Profit.	
	%	%	%	%	%	%
1945 .. ..	53·1	2·2	25·8	2·1	16·8	100·0
1946 .. ..	53·7	2·2	24·6	2·2	17·3	100·0
1947 .. ..	54·0	2·3	24·7	2·1	16·9	100·0
1948 .. ..	53·8	2·2	24·9	2·0	17·1	100·0
1949 .. ..	54·7	2·4	25·1	2·0	15·8	100·0
1950 .. ..	54·0	2·4	24·8	1·9	16·9	100·0
1951 .. ..	54·8	2·4	24·2	2·0	16·6	100·0
1952 .. ..	55·5	2·5	24·3	1·9	15·8	100·0
1953 .. ..	53·7	2·8	24·5	1·9	17·1	100·0
1954 .. ..	53·9	2·8	24·0	1·8	17·5	100·0

The ratio of cost of materials to the value of the output of factories was 54·4 per cent. on the average of the last five years, as against 53·8 per cent. in the period 1944-45 to 1948-49. The ratio of salaries and wages to output averages 24·3 per cent. over the last five years, as against 25 per cent. over the period 1944-45 to 1948-49. The proportionate outlay on fuel, light, and power was 2·6 per cent. as against 2·2 per cent. After allocating the proportion for repairs to plant and buildings, replacement of tools, and costs of lubricating oil and of water, the balance available for miscellaneous expenses, rent, interest, and manufacturers' profit was £16 16s. 3d. in every £100 of the total output value in the period 1949-50 to 1953-54, as compared with £16 14s. 3d. in the preceding five-year period.

In 1953-54 wages and salaries took 57·8 per cent. of the value added in manufacturing (see page 550), leaving 42·2 per cent. for the payment of expenses not specified above (taxation, depreciation, interest, rent, insurance, &c.), and funds available for profits.

In the following statement the amount of capital invested in machinery, plant, land, and buildings used in connexion with the various classes of manufacturing industries is shown for the years, 1952-53 and 1953-54:—

**Capital  
invested in  
manufacturing  
plant and  
premises.**

**VICTORIA—VALUE OF MACHINERY AND PLANT, LAND,  
AND BUILDINGS, 1952-53 AND 1953-54.**

Class of Industry.	1952-53.		1953-54.	
	Value of Land and Buildings.	Value of Machinery and Plant.	Value of Land and Buildings.	Value of Machinery and Plant.
	£	£	£	£
1. Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products .. .. .	2,257,605	2,782,128	2,467,007	2,962,012
2. Bricks, pottery, glass, &c. . . . .	1,716,404	2,022,262	1,861,565	2,084,667
3. Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paint, oils and grease .. .. .	10,437,126	11,839,420	13,229,445	21,036,932
4. Industrial metals, machines, implements, and conveyances .. .. .	42,658,487	35,833,345	50,912,463	39,687,162
5. Precious metals, jewellery, and plate .. .. .	1,235,451	559,875	1,236,576	479,135
6. Textiles and textile goods (not dress) .. .. .	12,030,463	13,858,387	13,902,210	15,468,612
7. Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear) .. .. .	2,354,879	1,363,550	2,444,868	1,392,280
8. Clothing .. .. .	9,847,250	4,733,031	10,687,492	5,291,814
9. Food, drink and tobacco .. .. .	24,939,482	21,081,255	27,162,762	23,979,469
10. Woodworking and basketware .. .. .	4,402,610	4,133,985	4,829,316	4,462,531
11. Furniture, bedding, &c. .. .. .	2,431,583	872,374	2,582,028	874,536
12. Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, &c. .. .. .	10,053,426	16,033,575	10,995,061	16,633,277
13. Rubber .. .. .	2,230,833	1,966,428	2,632,324	2,287,052
14. Musical instruments .. .. .	89,279	54,504	104,339	85,501
15. Miscellaneous products .. .. .	3,272,278	2,668,121	3,628,780	3,152,761
16. Heat, light and power .. .. .	5,367,706	27,562,984	9,532,895	41,180,779
Total .. .. .	135,324,862	147,365,224	158,209,131	181,058,520

The capital invested in plant, buildings, &c., used in connexion with three classes of industry—food and drink, industrial metals, &c., and heat, light, and power—amounted, in 1953-54 to £192,455,530, approximately 57 per cent. of the total for all manufacturing industries.

The values of machinery and plant and of land and buildings used in connexion with manufacturing industries and the value of depreciation allowed thereon are shown in the next table for the years 1949-50 to 1953-54. The value recorded is the depreciated or book value less any existing depreciation reserve.

**VICTORIA—VALUE OF MACHINERY AND PLANT, LAND  
AND BUILDINGS AND DEPRECIATION.**

Year ended 30th June—	Land and Buildings.		Machinery and Plant.	
	Value at end of Year	Depreciation allowed during year.	Value at end of Year.	Depreciation allowed during Year.
	£	£	£	£
1950 .. .. .	84,123,894	812,456	92,748,475	7,946,598
1951 .. .. .	100,326,255	994,682	107,261,327	10,322,238
1952 .. .. .	119,464,698	922,497	128,933,958	9,739,083
1953 .. .. .	135,324,862	1,295,126	147,365,224	9,917,066
1954 .. .. .	158,209,131	1,624,240	181,058,520	12,157,694

**Accidents in factories.**

In the appended table the number of accidents reported under the Factories Act and the incidence rate thereof are given for the past ten years. Since 1920 the Factories Act provides for the reporting of all factory accidents which prevent the employee from returning to work within twenty-four hours.

## VICTORIA—ACCIDENTS IN FACTORIES

Year.					Number of Employees.	Number of Accidents.	Percentage of Accidents to Number of Employees.
1945	..	..	..	..	231,984	6,116	2·636
1946	..	..	..	..	241,705	6,387	2·642
1947	..	..	..	..	256,867	7,104	2·766
1948	..	..	..	..	275,365	6,659	2·416
1949	..	..	..	..	292,667	5,956	2·035
1950	..	..	..	..	305,066	6,418	2·104
1951	..	..	..	..	297,473	5,809	1·953
1952	..	..	..	..	279,736	4,910	1·755
1953	..	..	..	..	299,772	5,275	1·760
1954	..	..	..	..	312,735	7,772	2·485

**Manufactures—Penal Department and Blind Institute.**

The foregoing tables do not include particulars relating to work of various kinds done at the Pentridge Penal Establishment and at the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind. At the former establishment the manufacture and process treatment in relation to the following industries are carried on:—Textile, tailoring, clothing, footwear, brushware, coir-matting, wood and metal working, knitting, printing, bookbinding, &c. The approximate value of output during 1954 was £149,690 (£121,166) and of materials used £90,014 (£79,404). The articles produced are used principally by Government Departments. The work carried on by the latter establishment is the manufacture of brushware, brooms, basketware, mats, and matting, and in 1953-54 122 persons (111 males and 11 females) were employed. The value of the articles produced for the twelve months ending 30th June, 1953, was £98,709 and for the period ending 31st March, 1954, £118,310.

**Factory Statistics by Municipalities.**

Although approximately 70 per cent. of the factories in Victoria are located within the Metropolitan Area, some of the municipalities outside the Metropolitan Area also have important manufacturing industries.

The following tables give factory statistics for the Metropolitan and for the more important extra-metropolitan municipalities for the years 1952-53 and 1953-54:—

VICTORIA—FACTORY STATISTICS BY MUNICIPALITIES 1952-53.

Municipality.	Factories.	Persons Employed (a).		Salaries and Wages Paid (b).	Value of—			
		Males.	Females.		Materials Used.	Output.	Land and Buildings.	Plant and Machinery.
	No.	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Melbourne .. ..	2,626	34,654	18,880	35,480	72,592	135,659	22,827	17,743
Brunswick .. ..	612	7,719	5,150	7,976	15,527	31,517	5,039	4,019
Essendon .. ..	281	3,971	850	3,284	4,072	9,089	1,675	1,155
Coburg .. ..	255	2,654	1,352	2,519	4,729	9,564	1,546	1,142
Preston .. ..	314	4,225	1,304	3,559	6,499	12,570	2,645	1,523
Northcote .. ..	249	2,086	782	1,792	2,244	5,425	1,066	683
Fitzroy .. ..	479	7,079	3,820	7,009	13,211	25,103	3,317	3,539
Collingwood .. ..	563	11,502	6,684	12,151	23,127	44,430	6,519	4,518
Kew .. ..	86	262	114	179	390	758	197	95
Camberwell .. ..	250	1,580	1,034	1,427	2,431	5,120	1,135	779
Hawthorn .. ..	289	2,467	1,385	2,463	4,159	8,390	1,853	1,136
Richmond .. ..	479	11,338	4,864	11,304	21,687	43,877	8,316	7,941
Prahran .. ..	586	4,434	2,965	4,416	10,345	18,317	2,639	1,957
Malvern .. ..	254	1,886	798	1,477	2,719	5,500	1,264	619
Caulfield .. ..	345	1,441	756	1,173	2,462	4,636	1,124	662
Oakleigh .. ..	152	2,096	767	1,851	3,567	7,292	1,319	1,001
Sandringham .. ..	96	616	280	491	1,032	2,108	421	195
Brighton .. ..	148	1,016	395	857	2,942	4,599	735	812
St. Kilda .. ..	272	1,401	694	1,200	1,929	4,175	854	520

Factories, Fisheries, Mines, &c.

VICTORIA—FACTORY STATISTICS BY MUNICIPALITIES, 1952-53—*continued.*

Municipality.	Factories.	Persons Employed (a).		Salaries and Wages Paid (b).	Value of—			
		Males.	Females.		Materials Used.	Output.	Land and Buildings.	Plant and Machinery.
	No.	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
South Melbourne .. ..	563	15,140	3,594	13,926	29,006	54,568	6,605	5,453
Port Melbourne .. ..	139	15,360	2,077	14,810	25,717	50,882	6,917	6,997
Footscray .. ..	339	13,794	3,226	12,877	36,419	61,246	7,290	10,466
Williamstown .. ..	130	9,408	775	7,352	11,637	28,755	4,230	11,095
Sunshine .. ..	165	11,211	2,292	10,696	23,083	41,473	8,297	9,879
Heidelberg .. ..	145	1,806	458	1,603	4,341	8,091	2,864	3,985
Box Hill .. ..	112	944	431	862	1,537	3,081	883	913
Moorabbin .. ..	194	2,525	1,151	2,502	5,657	10,007	2,422	2,376
Mordialloc .. ..	94	970	293	810	2,483	4,132	473	469
Chelsea .. ..	33	241	136	222	384	722	95	35
Kellor .. ..	20	160	51	124	82	351	120	88
Broadmeadows .. ..	31	323	28	239	1,263	1,888	343	247
Nunawading .. ..	82	1,327	367	1,119	1,517	3,873	1,159	784
Mulgrave .. ..	28	378	31	314	386	868	498	465
Ringwood .. ..	51	342	196	298	379	935	289	177
<b>Total Metropolitan ..</b>	<b>10,462</b>	<b>176,356</b>	<b>67,980</b>	<b>168,362</b>	<b>339,555</b>	<b>649,001</b>	<b>106,976</b>	<b>103,468</b>

VICTORIA—FACTORY STATISTICS BY MUNICIPALITIES, 1952-53—*continued.*

Municipality.	Factories.	Persons Employed (a).		Salaries and Wages Paid (b).	Value of—			
		Males.	Females.		Materials Used.	Output.	Land and Buildings.	Plant and Machinery.
	No.	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Werribee .. ..	52	587	166	496	3,987	6,005	323	999
Dandenong .. ..	119	2,169	633	1,962	7,031	10,471	1,802	1,545
Lilydale .. ..	85	444	161	323	909	1,520	260	207
Bacchus Marsh .. ..	20	227	21	178	1,065	1,546	92	94
*Geelong .. ..	338	10,250	2,461	8,957	20,426	37,832	3,527	5,417
Frankston and Hastings .. ..	60	391	412	420	881	1,655	294	203
Korumburra .. ..	35	341	65	277	1,529	2,256	211	280
Alexandra .. ..	29	278	32	193	481	1,509	161	661
Castlemaine .. ..	57	982	311	785	1,102	2,472	319	444
Maryborough .. ..	48	912	347	771	1,623	2,837	203	337
†Ballarat (incl. Sebastopol)	272	4,850	1,616	4,060	6,735	13,580	2,248	2,265
†Colac .. ..	88	750	218	597	2,089	3,229	345	281
Hampden .. ..	57	519	132	417	1,890	2,769	231	357
Heytesbury .. ..	23	145	12	110	918	1,187	78	130
†Warrnambool .. ..	97	1,435	535	1,263	5,398	7,886	947	1,158
Hamilton .. ..	67	435	72	322	489	1,076	290	315
†Portland .. ..	64	816	66	619	1,272	2,439	228	381
Horsham .. ..	62	441	123	312	1,022	1,576	265	164
†Stawell .. ..	53	526	131	382	945	1,654	175	216
†Mildura .. ..	112	1,157	269	839	1,163	2,738	476	685

*Factories, Fisheries, Mines, &c.*



## VICTORIA—FACTORY STATISTICS BY MUNICIPALITIES, 1952-53—continued.

Municipality.	Factories.	Persons Employed (a).		Salaries and Wages Paid (b).	Value of—			
		Males.	Females.		Materials Used.	Output.	Land and Buildings.	Plant and Machinery
		No.	No.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
†Swan Hill .. ..	71	443	144	334	806	1,432	251	239
Marong .. ..	12	249	142	230	1,386	1,947	309	560
Bendigo (incl. Eaglehawk)	185	2,596	959	2,203	6,023	9,727	1,293	2,660
Strathfieldsaye .. ..	5	720	19	525	912	1,828	246	95
Echuca .. ..	43	453	107	340	1,055	1,580	322	567
Deakin .. ..	9	116	22	111	1,244	1,408	231	169
Kerang .. ..	47	279	101	216	703	1,248	150	196
Rodney .. ..	59	682	274	664	3,826	5,489	947	1,100
†Shepparton .. ..	84	918	298	798	3,378	5,222	929	1,502
Benalla .. ..	53	408	258	375	945	1,531	245	253
†Wangaratta .. ..	78	1,157	423	1,014	2,930	5,379	677	990
Bright .. ..	32	336	15	238	465	1,149	437	2,359
Sale .. ..	35	283	103	231	688	1,153	131	185
Maffra .. ..	26	858	109	753	4,491	5,898	332	771
Woorayl .. ..	20	173	25	136	1,812	2,088	129	122
Morwell (including Yallourn)	48	2,467	230	2,247	3,237	12,675	3,210	8,707
Narracan .. ..	59	398	116	301	1,033	1,667	212	247
Buln Buln .. ..	43	471	57	364	1,512	2,229	188	273
Other Municipalities ..	2,045	11,706	2,870	8,153	24,855	41,258	5,635	6,763
Total Country .. ..	4,692	52,368	14,055	42,516	122,256	211,145	28,349	43,897
Total State .. ..	15,154	228,724	82,035	210,878	461,811	860,146	135,325	147,365

\* Includes Corio, Geelong West, and Newtown and Chilwell.

† Includes Shire of same name.

(a) Includes Working Proprietors.

(b) Excludes drawings of Working Proprietors.

VICTORIA—FACTORY STATISTICS BY MUNICIPALITIES, 1953-54.

Municipality.	Factories.	Persons Employed (a)		Salaries and Wages Paid (b).	Value of—			
		Males.	Females.		Materials Used.	Output.	Land and Buildings.	Plant and Machinery.
	No.	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Melbourne .. ..	2,594	34,849	19,606	38,067	79,902	147,003	24,680	18,654
Brunswick .. ..	620	8,511	5,962	9,573	18,879	37,893	5,773	4,655
Essendon .. ..	286	4,084	1,026	3,652	4,611	10,210	1,620	1,271
Coburg .. ..	268	2,857	1,551	2,954	5,965	11,544	1,721	1,141
Preston .. ..	329	4,837	1,593	4,387	8,222	15,631.	3,349	2,409
Northcote .. ..	266	2,329	1,141	2,236	3,075	7,039	1,274	808
Fitzroy .. ..	479	7,091	4,117	7,549	14,605	27,099	3,369	2,966
Collingwood .. ..	555	12,212	7,292	13,547	27,144	49,683	6,958	5,541
Kew .. ..	87	289	189	247	537	1,027	272	120
Camberwell .. ..	270	1,542	851	1,424	2,916	5,916	1,284	847
Hawthorn .. ..	301	2,645	1,848	2,805	4,588	10,021	2,303	1,212
Richmond .. ..	479	11,659	5,509	12,513	24,066	47,812	8,702	8,579
Prahran .. ..	592	4,725	3,259	5,314	12,589	22,302	2,970	2,330
Malvern .. ..	248	1,882	833	1,688	2,873	5,967	1,177	622
Caulfield .. ..	368	1,573	938	1,372	2,934	5,708	1,259	711
Oakleigh .. ..	182	2,440	1,011	2,463	5,208	9,906	1,711	1,270
Sandringham .. ..	83	603	290	539	1,315	2,410	461	170
Brighton .. ..	150	1,090	435	1,012	2,726	4,707	874	772
St. Kilda .. ..	308	1,571	863	1,474	2,528	5,371	1,004	645

Factories, Fisheries, Mines, &c.

VICTORIA—FACTORY STATISTICS BY MUNICIPALITIES, 1953-54—*continued.*

Municipality.	Factories.	Persons Employed (a).		Salaries and Wages Paid (b).	Value of—			
		Males.	Females.		Materials Used.	Output.	Land and Buildings.	Plant and Machinery.
	No.	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
South Melbourne .. ..	545	15,283	3,836	14,836	31,874	60,041	7,461	5,564
Port Melbourne .. ..	137	17,050	2,042	16,580	25,222	56,247	10,427	8,514
Footscray .. ..	348	14,016	3,746	14,029	42,806	69,182	7,910	11,319
Williamstown .. ..	135	9,787	953	8,002	13,960	31,841	4,484	11,943
Sunshine .. ..	182	11,857	2,381	11,841	27,602	49,977	9,044	11,193
Heidelberg .. ..	159	2,090	484	1,876	5,281	10,080	3,039	3,957
Box Hill .. ..	110	931	411	907	2,029	3,888	964	1,002
Moorabbin .. ..	245	3,331	1,526	3,419	7,442	13,400	3,262	3,034
Mordialloc .. ..	102	1,121	425	977	3,112	5,296	531	578
Chelsea .. ..	32	233	144	239	379	752	104	45
Keilor .. ..	25	213	100	200	328	790	148	111
Broadmeadows .. ..	37	384	36	316	1,266	2,052	380	287
Nunawading .. ..	89	1,403	487	1,307	2,147	4,876	1,254	857
Mulgrave .. ..	41	778	198	726	989	2,484	1,391	1,061
Ringwood .. ..	51	375	237	355	487	1,097	350	193
<b>Total Metropolitan ..</b>	<b>10,703</b>	<b>185,641</b>	<b>75,320</b>	<b>188,426</b>	<b>389,607</b>	<b>739,252</b>	<b>121,510</b>	<b>114,381</b>

VICTORIA—FACTORY STATISTICS BY MUNICIPALITIES, 1953-54—continued.

Municipality.	Factories.	Persons Employed (a).		Salaries and Wages Paid (b).	Value of—			
		Males.	Females.		Materials Used.	Output.	Land and Buildings.	Plant and Machinery.
	No.	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Werribee .. ..	49	614	203	572	3,104	5,220	1,100	949
Dandenong .. ..	129	2,390	714	2,293	10,020	14,024	2,154	1,670
Ferntree Gully .. ..	73	481	210	431	712	1,422	301	277
Lilydale .. ..	88	577	227	460	1,064	1,960	280	251
Bacchus Marsh .. ..	21	193	17	171	835	1,212	101	84
*Geelong .. ..	351	11,467	2,655	10,614	29,112	52,413	5,249	16,236
Frankston and Hastings .. ..	62	438	438	496	864	1,739	277	226
Korumburra .. ..	39	337	65	285	1,396	2,484	225	333
Alexandra .. ..	31	263	14	185	438	1,133	181	656
Castlemaine .. ..	57	1,004	315	825	1,353	3,053	345	467
Maryborough .. ..	51	874	372	773	1,252	2,507	200	295
Ararat (a) .. ..	61	540	152	421	641	1,500	276	472
†Ballarat (including Sebastopol) .. ..	289	4,978	1,720	4,654	7,919	15,818	2,992	5,033
†Colac .. ..	86	723	248	639	2,310	3,647	358	314
‡Camperdown .. ..	28	198	79	164	715	1,087	160	238
Hampden .. ..	32	310	45	247	1,337	1,913	124	268
Heytesbury .. ..	20	156	14	126	973	1,323	80	139
†Warrnambool .. ..	99	1,531	615	1,412	6,182	8,987	1,328	1,257
Hamilton .. ..	68	458	122	351	576	1,212	278	303

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Municipality.	Factories.	Persons Employed (a).		Salaries and Wages Paid (b).	Value of—			
		Males.	Females.		Materials Used.	Output.	Land and Buildings.	Plant and Machinery.
	No.	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
†Portland .. .. .	68	879	73	696	1,498	2,773	269	411
Horsham .. .. .	61	429	108	312	812	1,387	288	168
†Stawell .. .. .	55	547	155	447	1,187	2,113	177	248
†Mildura .. .. .	120	1,152	273	844	1,101	2,814	755	1,979
†Swan Hill .. .. .	77	421	153	320	689	1,325	278	275
Marong .. .. .	13	356	165	350	1,682	2,543	323	575
Bendigo (including Eaglehawk) .. .. .	187	2,449	997	2,201	5,944	9,369	1,336	2,660
Strathfieldsaye .. .. .	5	753	18	556	774	1,650	238	85
Echuca .. .. .	50	465	86	354	1,374	2,019	330	593
Kerang .. .. .	50	297	109	234	777	1,186	156	208
Rodney .. .. .	63	675	351	745	4,895	7,080	962	1,231
†Shepparton .. .. .	84	962	324	927	4,004	6,440	1,129	1,605
†Benalla .. .. .	55	432	262	389	983	1,693	271	300
†Wangaratta .. .. .	73	1,344	550	1,240	3,500	6,781	764	1,024
Bright .. .. .	34	384	18	278	511	1,215	455	2,528
Sale .. .. .	35	291	113	250	723	1,210	142	179
Maflra .. .. .	25	851	104	769	4,622	6,197	386	823
Woorayl .. .. .	18	195	16	143	1,836	2,104	151	148
Morwell .. .. .	43	1,375	217	1,346	4,048	8,077	1,889	3,850
Narracan .. .. .	63	458	123	372	1,331	2,139	252	306
Bairnsdale .. .. .	52	403	56	285	724	1,165	223	188
Buln Buln .. .. .	38	467	62	398	1,972	2,770	220	291
Other Municipalities .. .. .	1,921	10,792	2,687	7,928	25,556	41,773	6,072	7,011
Yallourn Works Area .. .. .	6	1,148	14	1,107	575	7,776	3,804	10,524
Total Country .. .. .	4,830	55,057	15,259	47,610	141,921	246,253	36,879	66,678
Total State .. .. .	15,533	240,698	90,579	236,036	531,528	985,505	158,389	181,059

\* Includes Corio, Geelong West, and Newtown and Chilwell.

† Includes Shire of same name.

‡ Formerly included with the Shire of Hampden.

(a) and (b)—See footnotes on page 602.

Included in the item "Other Municipalities" in table on page 602 were *inter alia* :—Fern Tree Gully, 67 factories, £1,053,000 value of output; Upper Yarra, 38, £1,055,000; Healesville, 42, £854,000; Broadford, 10, £930,000; Kyneton, 54, £806,000; Daylesford, 23, £698,000; Ararat, 61, £1,396,000; Glenelg, 29, £680,000; St. Arnaud, 22, £754,000; Dunmunkle, 28, £1,110,000; Warracknabeal, 34, £669,000; Lowan, 24, £621,000; Cohuna, 17, £1,102,000; Charlton, 18, £735,000; Numurkah, 38, £897,000; Mansfield, 28, £630,000; Wodonga, 44, £1,096,000; Orbost, 40, £961,000; Bairnsdale, 55, £1,046,000; Alberton, 20, £881,000; South Gippsland, 20, £749,000; Warragul, 38, £1,506,000.

Included in the item "Other Municipalities" in table on page 606 were *inter alia* :—Upper Yarra, 31 factories, £1,088,000, value of output; Healesville, 40, £1,025,000; Broadford, 13, £983,000; Kyneton, 57, £937,000; Daylesford, 21, £819,000; Glenelg, 33, £751,000; St. Arnaud, 25, £804,000; Dunmunkle, 26, £858,000; Warracknabeal, 30, £446,000; Lowan, 25, £350,000; Cohuna, 16, £1,251,000; Charlton, 15, £471,000; Numurkah, 41, £1,064,000; Mansfield, 27, £740,000; Wodonga, 40, £1,071,000; Orbost, 43, £1,163,000; Alberton, 19, £925,000; South Gippsland, 28, £1,185,000; Warragul, 35, £1,662,000.

Certain information relating to quantities and values of commodities produced in Victoria is given in the tables relating to "Individual Industries" shown on page 566 *et seq.* The next table lists the principal articles of manufacture in Victoria irrespective of the sub-class of industry in which production took place. Due to the limited number of producers it is not permissible to publish particulars regarding some articles of manufacture which would otherwise appear hereunder.

### PRINCIPAL ARTICLES MANUFACTURED IN VICTORIA, 1952-53 and 1953-54.

Article.	1952-53.			1953-54.	
	Unit of Quantity.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Acid—Sulphuric .. .. .	ton	220,430	£ *	252,855	£ *
Aerated and Carbonated Waters	'000 gal.	12,255	2,180,081	12,487	2,347,363
Batteries—Auto, radio ..	No.	182,096	683,780	300,755	1,107,732
Beer .. .. .	'000 gal.	57,882	8,758,357	63,633	10,396,221
Biscuits .. .. .	'000 lb.	39,598	3,209,054	40,704	3,555,302
Blankets .. .. .	pair	265,832	1,547,838	339,924	2,294,492
Bolts and Nuts .. .. .	..	..	1,432,401	..	1,232,497
Boxes and Cartons—Cardboard †	..	..	4,656,692	..	6,125,717
Boxes and cases—Wooden ‡	..	..	2,962,683	..	2,886,066
Bread—2-lb. loaves .. ..	'000	187,050	8,226,338	186,997	9,575,777

\* Quantity only available.

† Other than butter boxes.

‡ Including cardboard butter boxes and those of cardboard with wooden ends.

PRINCIPAL ARTICLES MANUFACTURED IN VICTORIA—*continued.*

Article.	1952-53.			1953-54.	
	Unit of Quantity.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Bricks—Clay .. .. .	'000	164,266	2,255,569	198,478	2,918,233
Briquettes—Brown Coal .. .. .	ton	544,973	1,557,126	587,252	1,672,291
Butter .. .. .	ton	57,323	22,679,997	63,616	25,743,452
Cakes, Pastry, Pies, &c. .. .. .	..	..	6,286,719	..	6,463,641
Cans, Canisters, containers— Metal .. .. .	..	..	8,860,246	..	9,506,042
Cardboard .. .. .	ton	33,012	3,508,420	58,041	5,488,392
Cheese .. .. .	ton	22,377	5,581,759	25,977	6,108,125
Cigarettes .. .. .	'000	2,717,438	6,480,211	3,706,652	8,792,965
Canvas and Duck .. .. .	sq. yd.	2,793,946	1,997,748	3,342,299	1,590,190
Cloth Piece Goods— Woolen .. .. .	sq. yd.	6,913,261	4,617,119	6,966,526	7,548,864
Worsted .. .. .	sq. yd.	5,864,257	5,934,532	7,430,767	4,961,884
Confectionery— Chocolate .. .. .	'000 lb.	21,250	4,282,101	23,730	5,238,739
Other without chocolate .. .. .	'000 lb.	27,056	3,186,382	28,769	3,459,525
Electrical Appliances— Household Fittings (Switches, Fuses, &c.) .. .. .	..	..	1,329,897	..	1,660,611
Regulating, Starting, Controlling, &c. .. .. .	..	..	1,665,261	..	1,947,793
Electricity Generated .. .. .	Mill. kWh.	3,193	*	3,693	*
Enamels—(Natural and Synthetic) .. .. .	'000 gal.	532	1,264,846	640	1,465,005
Fibrous Plaster Sheets .. .. .	'000 sq. yds.	6,754	2,001,692	6,665	1,932,741
Flock .. .. .	'000 lb.	10,573	785,857	10,112	905,061
Flour—Wheaten .. .. .	Short ton	578,766	14,422,776	461,687	13,178,331
Footwear— Boots and Shoes— Men's and Youth's .. .. .	pair	2,337,532	5,018,297	2,450,596	5,581,541
Women's and Maid's .. .. .	pair	4,224,127	8,009,855	5,143,431	9,504,695
Children's .. .. .	pair	1,241,926	1,338,352	1,417,908	1,500,890
Sandals .. .. .	pair	494,483	579,803	620,013	731,857
Slippers .. .. .	pair	3,389,402	1,919,027	4,240,842	2,865,708
Fruit—Preserved— Peaches .. .. .	'000 lb.	52,596	2,975,618	79,874	4,744,699
Pears .. .. .	'000 lb.	50,092	2,884,862	64,193	3,931,778
Furniture and Office Equipment— Metal .. .. .	..	..	1,601,792	..	1,992,415
Wooden .. .. .	..	..	6,321,630	..	6,979,160
Gas—Town .. .. .	mill. cub. ft.	13,136	8,491,707†	13,715	9,091,993†
Ice .. .. .	ton	322,420	960,268	297,349	872,678
Ice Cream .. .. .	'000 gal.	4,240	1,945,639	4,075	1,916,397
Jams, Fruit Spreads, and Butters, &c. .. .. .	'000 lb.	26,429	1,473,332	30,814	1,725,247
Leather— Dressed and Upper from Hides (excluding Patent) .. .. .	'000 sq. ft.	17,748	2,082,134	17,815	2,152,637
Sole and belting .. .. .	'000 lb.	15,431	2,123,931	16,104	2,229,165
Machinery—Industrial— Hoists, Cranes, Lifting .. .. .	..	..	1,076,266	..	1,155,947
Food Processing and Canning .. .. .	..	..	850,253	..	1,207,369
Metal Working— Machine Tools .. .. .	..	..	1,355,006	..	1,365,753
Other .. .. .	..	..	766,811	..	343,923
Pumping (including Pumps) .. .. .	..	..	1,246,059	..	1,504,318
Refrigerating (not Household) .. .. .	..	..	785,381	..	856,642
Malt—Barley .. .. .	bus.	4,020,604	4,136,084	4,529,084	5,172,049

\* Quantity only available.

† Value of gas sold.

## PRINCIPAL ARTICLES MANUFACTURED IN VICTORIA—continued.

Article.	1952-53			1953-54.	
	Unit of Quantity.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
			£		£
Mattresses—All types ..	No.	286,458	1,963,497	316,711	2,085,323
Meat—Canned ..	'000 lb.	83,938	10,164,869	61,399	7,986,514
Medicines, &c. (Proprietary) ..	..	..	1,686,128	..	3,923,473
Milk					
Condensed ..	'000 lb.	74,824	5,262,543	80,637	5,469,304
Powdered—Full Cream ..	..	26,717	3,752,258	28,913	3,934,675
Paints—Ready Mixed ..	'000 gal.	1,179	2,472,655	1,423	2,866,766
Pipes—Concrete ..	..	..	1,045,246	..	1,149,592
Pollard ..	short ton	125,654	2,481,261	97,549	1,963,757
Ropes and Cables (excluding Wire) ..	..	..	..	..	..
Wire ..	cwt.	58,943	1,062,766	59,005	965,256
Sauce—Tomato ..	'000 pint	10,030	837,091	9,771	925,599
Sausage Casings—Mutton and Lamb ..	cwt.	21,784	1,223,845	20,095	1,065,762
Shirts (Men's and boy's) ..	doz.	351,537	*	522,978	*
Sinks—Stainless Steel ..	No.	72,689	1,027,927	81,216	1,168,296
Soap ..	cwt.	357,882	1,624,901	333,078	1,677,536
„ Extracts and Powders—					
Household ..	cwt.	337,407	1,182,267	359,927	2,131,667
Socks and Stockings—Men's and Boy's ..	doz. pair	1,293,900	4,116,641	1,522,154	4,401,724
Stockings—Women's, Girl's ..	doz. pair	1,425,152	6,714,125	1,659,849	7,798,953
Soup—Tomato ..	'000 pint	15,664	1,078,321	16,603	1,114,610
Steam Gas Water Fittings, Valves, &c. ..	..	..	2,612,933	..	2,458,482
Steel—Structural—Fabricated ..	ton	20,075	2,308,229	21,454	2,327,069
Tiles—Roofing— ..	..	..	..	..	..
Cement ..	'000	17,742	613,455	17,495	580,439
Terra Cotta ..	'000	14,571	643,182	15,159	693,533
Timber produced from logs—	'000 sup.				
Local ..	ft.	322,209	*	338,957	*
Tobacco ..	'000 lb.	7,150	4,886,952	7,637	5,284,298
Trailers ..	No.	1,686	793,386	1,418	420,081
Transformers and converters ..	No.	49,873	1,064,761	75,085	1,234,515
Tyres Retreaded and Recapped ..	No.	337,423	1,831,820†	361,103	1,675,322†
Underwear—Knitted Garments—					
Men's and boy's ..	doz.	473,651	*	620,524	*
Women's and Girl's ..	doz.	628,780	*	1,225,997	*
Vegetables, Preserved in Liquid ..	'000 lb.	18,305	1,262,326	14,784	1,097,275
Window Frames—Metal ..	..	..	1,024,834	..	1,295,871
Wool—Scoured or Carbonized ..	'000 lb.	50,328	*	54,489	*
Wool Tops ..	'000 lb.	10,411	*	14,046	*

\* Quantity only available. † Amount charged for retreading and recapping.

## VALUE OF VICTORIAN PRODUCTION.

The value of production as estimated in the following table is based to a large extent on returns received annually from individual producers throughout the State. As a measure of total production it is incomplete, as it does not include the building and construction industry, it omits factories employing less than four hands (unless power-driven machinery is used) and excludes agriculturists with holdings of less than 1 acre.



Gross value is defined as the value placed on recorded production at the wholesale price realized in the principal market. In cases where primary products are absorbed locally, or where they become raw material for secondary industry, these points are presumed to be the principal markets. Care is taken to prevent as far as possible all overlapping or double counting. The primary value of dairy production, in accordance with the above definition, is the price paid at the factory for milk or cream sold by the farmer; the value added by the process of manufacturing into butter, &c., is included in manufacturing production.

### VICTORIA—GROSS VALUE OF PRODUCTION.

Division of Industry.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Agriculture .. ..	72,100	88,629	93,350	89,374	84,305
Pastoral .. ..	171,833	110,830	124,305	123,226	130,680
Dairying* .. ..	35,991	47,285	51,865	57,730	62,000
Poultry and Bees ..	14,016	18,280	22,129	22,170	20,261
Trapping .. ..	3,395	3,572	2,970	2,227	2,315
Forestry .. ..	7,102	9,275	9,620	10,190	10,721
Fisheries .. ..	821	824	894	986	1,002
Mining .. ..	5,907	7,926	8,535	9,329	10,809
Manufacturing† ..	275,660	334,360	358,032	408,314	452,223
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>586,825</b>	<b>620,981</b>	<b>671,700</b>	<b>723,546</b>	<b>774,316</b>

\* Includes Subsidy—1950-51, £5,255,975; 1951-52, £7,117,003; 1952-53, £5,582,784; 1953-54, £6,811,943; 1954-55, £7,529,000.

† Manufacturing is included at its net or added value because the gross or wholesale selling value contains so much duplication of products, the finished article of one class of manufacture forming in numerous cases the raw material for others.

The ultimate aim of the valuation of production is to arrive at the sum available for distribution among those concerned in each class of industry, i.e.—

- (a) Workers in all grades of the industry.
- (b) Proprietors (including landlords) of any of the instruments of production concerned.
- (c) Providers of capital, including debenture holders and mortgagees.

It is, therefore, necessary to deduct from the gross values of realization all costs of marketing and production, the former including freight, cartage, brokerage, commission, insurance, and containers, and the latter such items as stock feed, seed costs, manures, spraying, animal dips, fuel, power, water, all other materials consumed in the process of production, and depreciation. Complete details of these costs are not available for the forestry and fishing industries in Victoria, but the following table gives the value of production in detail after deduction of marketing costs, and may be considered to represent with a fair degree of accuracy the value of Victorian production at the place of production.

## VICTORIA—VALUE AT THE PLACE OF PRODUCTION.

Produce.	Value in Year Ended 30th June—				
	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
<b>Agriculture</b> .. ..	<b>64,520</b>	<b>77,363</b>	<b>80,392</b>	<b>74,787</b>	<b>70,299</b>
Barley .. ..	2,045	2,238	2,890	2,840	2,494
Maize .. ..	177	154	142	225	147
Oats .. ..	3,135	4,431	2,383	2,398	3,292
Wheat .. ..	30,820	31,082	34,874	31,315	24,952
Onions .. ..	505	790	489	614	681
Potatoes .. ..	3,169	4,473	3,896	3,100	4,801
Other Vegetables .. ..	6,086	10,005	8,982	7,403	7,742
Hay and Straw .. ..	8,295	10,862	11,882	12,406	11,034
Fruit—					
Orchards .. ..	4,421	5,520	6,077	6,282	6,883
Vineyards .. ..	3,930	5,638	6,379	5,213	5,090
Other Crops .. ..	1,937	2,170	2,398	2,991	3,183
<b>Pastoral</b> .. ..	<b>165,368</b>	<b>103,870</b>	<b>113,856</b>	<b>113,254</b>	<b>119,424</b>
Wool .. ..	129,621	60,178	72,359	67,648	68,581
Sheep, slaughtered .. ..	13,664	14,238	16,676	15,924	19,965
Cattle, slaughtered .. ..	22,083	29,454	24,821	29,682	30,878
<b>Dairying*</b> .. ..	<b>34,351</b>	<b>45,426</b>	<b>49,823</b>	<b>55,552</b>	<b>59,677</b>
Cream for butter .. ..	12,376	16,275	19,080	21,624	27,069
Milk for cheese .. ..	2,612	3,535	4,396	5,003	4,011
Milk for condensing, concentrating, &c. .. ..	3,681	5,317	6,697	6,306	5,587
Whole milk consumed .. ..	7,066	8,801	9,747	11,087	11,282
Pigs .. ..	3,360	4,381	4,320	4,720	4,469
<b>Poultry and Bees</b> .. ..	<b>12,944</b>	<b>16,903</b>	<b>20,457</b>	<b>20,479</b>	<b>18,690</b>
Eggs .. ..	9,364	12,936	16,036	15,202	14,227
Poultry .. ..	3,311	3,754	4,152	4,875	4,110
Honey and beeswax .. ..	269	213	269	402	335

\* Inclusive of Subsidy—1950-51, £5,255,975; 1951-52, £7,117,003; 1952-53, £5,582,784; 1953-54, £6,811,943; 1954-55, £7,259,000.

VALUE AT THE PLACE OF PRODUCTION—*continued.*

Produce.	Value in Year Ended 30th June—				
	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
<b>Trapping, &amp;c.</b> .. ..	<b>3,193</b>	<b>3,327</b>	<b>2,717</b>	<b>2,047</b>	<b>2,153</b>
Rabbits and hares .. ..	1,869	2,671	2,140	1,361	1,454
Rabbit and hare skins, &c.	1,324	656	577	686	699
<b>Forestry</b> .. .. .	<b>6,437</b>	<b>8,479</b>	<b>8,904</b>	<b>9,475</b>	<b>9,987</b>
Sawmills .. .. .	3,854	5,399	6,127	6,686	7,130
Firewood .. .. .	2,448	2,939	2,617	2,631	2,695
Bark for tanning .. ..	135	141	160	158	162
<b>Fisheries</b> .. .. .	<b>699</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>849</b>
Fish .. .. .	678	649	676	714	757
Crayfish .. .. .	21	55	75	119	92
Oysters .. .. .	..	1	2	1	..
<b>Mining</b> .. .. .	<b>5,274</b>	<b>7,008</b>	<b>8,535</b>	<b>9,329</b>	<b>10,080</b>
Gold .. .. .	1,047	1,019	1,155	1,039	887
Coal—					
Black .. .. .	379	504	728	946	886
Brown .. .. .	1,685	2,729	3,255	3,628	3,945
Other Metals and Minerals	68	93	442	761	1,063
Quarrying .. .. .	2,095	2,573	2,955	2,955	3,299
<b>Total Primary</b> .. ..	<b>292,786</b>	<b>263,081</b>	<b>285,437</b>	<b>285,757</b>	<b>291,159</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b> .. ..	<b>275,660</b>	<b>334,360</b>	<b>358,032</b>	<b>408,314</b>	<b>452,223</b>
<b>Grand Total</b> .. .. .	<b>568,446</b>	<b>597,441</b>	<b>643,469</b>	<b>694,071</b>	<b>743,382</b>

The values of production of the various classes of industry, as they appear in the previous table for the years 1953-54 and 1954-55, are shown hereafter, together with the costs of production where available. The difference between the two figures represents the net value of production or the net return available to the producers for wages, rent, interest, and profits. As previously explained, the deductions are incomplete, and depreciation (see next page) has been here disregarded, but the margin of error is considered to be small in view of the comparative unimportance of the industries concerned from the point of view of production costs.

## VICTORIA—NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION, 1953-54.

Industry.	Value at Place of Production.	Cost of Production.*	Net Value.	Net Value per Head of Population.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.
Agriculture .. ..	74,786,697	9,162,595	65,624,102	27 1 8
Pastoral .. ..	113,253,748	4,324,071	108,929,677	44 19 2
Dairying .. ..	55,551,824	9,350,322	46,201,502	19 1 5
Poultry and Bees .. ..	20,479,598	6,086,044	14,393,554	5 18 10
Trapping, Forestry, and Fisheries .. ..	12,356,415	†	12,356,415	5 2 0
Mining .. ..	9,328,949	2,052,431	7,276,518	3 0 1
Manufacturing .. ..	408,314,716	..	408,314,716	168 10 6
Total .. ..	694,071,947	30,975,463	663,096,484	273 13 8

\* Cost of production include stock feed, seed costs and picking, manures, spraying, sheep and cattle dips, power, fuel, water, and all other materials used in production, but excludes depreciation, wages, and maintenance costs.

† Not available.

## VICTORIA—NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION 1954-55.

Industry.	Value at Place of Production.	Cost of Production.*	Net Value.	Net Value per Head of Population.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.
Agriculture .. ..	70,299,586	8,783,962	61,515,624	24 14 6
Pastoral .. ..	119,423,454	7,227,782	112,195,672	45 1 10
Dairying .. ..	59,677,280	13,249,930	46,427,350	18 13 2
Poultry and Bees .. ..	18,690,191	6,541,028	12,149,163	4 17 8
Trapping, Forestry, and Fisheries .. ..	12,989,368	†	12,989,368	5 4 5
Mining .. ..	10,079,901	1,933,865	8,146,036	3 5 6
Manufacturing .. ..	452,223,202	..	452,223,202	181 15 1
Total .. ..	743,382,982	37,736,567	705,646,415	283 12 2

\*, †, See notes above.

**Employment in factories.**

The index which follows has been compiled from the particulars of monthly employment furnished on Annual Factory Statistics Forms. These forms provide for the collection of the number of workers on the factory pay-roll on the last pay day of each month. (Prior to 1950-51 it was the pay day nearest the 15th day of the month.)

Due to the suspension of the tabulation—referred to in previous issues of the *Year-Book*—figures in respect of 1948-49 and 1949-50 have been estimated.

## INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT.

(Base—July, 1933, 136,793 = 1,000.)

Month.	1947-48.	1948-49.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
July .. .. .	1,930	1,988	2,070	2,171	2,289	2,143	2,227	2,372
August .. .. .	1,940	1,998	2,074	2,180	2,297	2,131	2,244	2,388
September .. .	1,943	2,005	2,083	2,191	2,300	2,128	2,260	2,398
October .. .. .	1,954	2,014	2,096	2,205	2,313	2,138	2,289	2,414
November .. .	1,954	2,027	2,113	2,228	2,310	2,139	2,305	2,429
December .. .	1,956	2,030	2,111	2,214	2,290	2,134	2,305	2,425
January .. .	1,944	2,033	2,118	2,220	2,283	2,152	2,339	2,445
February .. .	1,968	2,053	2,135	2,245	2,281	2,196	2,363	2,459
March .. .	1,977	2,074	2,161	2,245	2,272	2,227	2,389	2,474
April .. .	1,987	2,069	2,156	2,255	2,236	2,221	2,380	2,462
May .. .	1,984	2,078	2,161	2,257	2,212	2,219	2,365	2,454
June .. .	1,987	2,077	2,167	2,261	2,187	2,225	2,370	2,460

**Employment  
in Retail  
Trade.**

In peace-time the volume of employment in retail trade is a valuable indicator of economic conditions. A sample collection of 102 large Victorian retail stores was made by the Government Statist from July, 1933, to December, 1941. This collection was then discontinued because of institution of the pay-roll tax. Figures collected up to 30th September, 1953, in conjunction with this tax covered all retail establishments whose pay-roll was more than £20 per week. They form the basis of the monthly index of total employment in retail trade shown hereunder.

## VICTORIA—INDEX OF RETAIL EMPLOYMENT.

(Base July, 1941, 58,500 = 1,000.)

Month.	1941-42	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54
July .. .. .	1,000	1,052	1,107	1,130	1,146	1,191	1,132	1,118
August .. .. .	987	1,050	1,100	1,125	1,148	1,187	1,121	1,117
September .. .	993	1,058	1,104	1,132	1,150	1,183	1,110	1,125
October .. .. .	996	1,070	1,106	1,130	1,158	1,175	1,116	1,134
November .. .	1,004	1,096	1,137	1,154	1,191	1,199	1,131	1,156
December .. .	1,038	1,120	1,169	1,167	1,206	1,210	1,164	1,125
January .. .	964	1,083	1,125	1,139	1,182	1,179	1,130	1,154
February .. .	954	1,090	1,123	1,142	1,181	1,163	1,129	1,151
March .. .	949	1,093	1,125	1,144	1,182	1,158	1,131	1,157
April .. .	935	1,097	1,127	1,148	1,187	1,144	1,128	1,165
May .. .	907	1,099	1,128	1,148	1,192	1,131	1,131	1,166
June .. .	895	1,103	1,132	1,150	1,190	1,140	1,129	1,171

From 1st October, 1953, the exemption in regard to pay-roll tax was raised to £80 per week.

## BUILDING STATISTICS.

Building statistics collected by the Government Statist and published in the *Year-Books* from 1928-29 to 1947-48 inclusive, were of value in showing the trend of building activities in the State; but, due to acknowledged difficulties in getting complete information, they could not be regarded as an absolute measure of work done.

That particular collection has now been discontinued, and the tables which follow, comprise certain particulars of the building industry in Victoria, collected and compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician.

The figures shown relate to the operations of private contractors, Government authorities and "owner-builders." They exclude the value of land and refer only to new buildings—alterations, additions, renovations, &c., are excluded. The operations of "owner-builders" are included except when they relate to buildings in areas where building permits are not required, nor are they included in the tables relating to employment.

An "owner-builder" is one who is actually building his own house or is having it built under his own direction without the services of a contractor.

VICTORIA—(a) NUMBER OF NEW BUILDINGS AND (b) VALUE  
(WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.  
(Including owner-built houses.)

Period.	New Houses, Flats, Shop Dwelling.*			Other New Buildings.†		
	Com- menced During Period.	Com- pleted* During Period.	Under Con- struction at End of Period.	Com- menced During Period.	Com- pleted During Period.	Under Con- struction at End of Period.
(a) Number of New Buildings.						
Year ended—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
30th June, 1951 ..	27,774	21,751	28,523	4,114	2,662	2,578
" " 1952 ..	24,172	24,757	27,938	1,918	2,003	2,493
" " 1953 ..	16,952	22,225	22,607	2,160	2,302	2,351
" " 1954 ..	21,935	22,582	21,951	2,950	3,658	1,643
" " 1955 ..	24,028	24,851	21,124	2,865	2,784	1,724
" " 1956 ..	22,060	24,045	19,118	3,114	2,861	1,976
(b) Value (when completed) of Buildings mentioned above.						
Year ended—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
30th June, 1951 ..	59,870	45,653	62,613	14,880	6,487	22,363
" " 1952 ..	59,634	59,871	67,947	19,106	9,054	34,331
" " 1953 ..	44,846	60,302	56,998	15,398	16,291	36,141
" " 1954 ..	59,640	61,087	57,599	28,093	24,163	41,773
" " 1955 ..	68,311	70,439	57,879	33,684	27,447	48,317
" " 1956 ..	68,154	71,914	56,668	53,416	39,018	66,777

\* See next table for separate details.

† Includes Shops without dwellings, Hotels, Boarding houses, Factories, etc.

VICTORIA—NUMBER (a) AND VALUE (b) OF HOUSES, FLATS AND SHOP DWELLINGS COMPLETED DURING THE PERIODS SHOWN.

(Including owner-built houses.)

Period.	Houses.			Flats (Units).	Shops with Dwelling.	All Other than Private Dwellings.
	Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete, &c.	Wood.	Other (including Fibro-Cement).			

(a) Number of New Buildings.

Year ended—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
30th June, 1951 ..	6,698	12,681	1,815	333	224	2,662
" " 1952 ..	6,952	15,165	1,971	416	253	2,003
" " 1953 ..	6,416	12,878	1,947	692	292	2,302
" " 1954 ..	6,346	13,313	1,934	689	300	3,658
" " 1955 ..	7,255	14,804	1,780	781	231	2,784
" " 1956 ..	6,938	13,983	1,731	1,273	120	2,861

(b) Value (when completed) of Buildings mentioned above.

Year ended—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
30th June, 1951 ..	16,521	24,960	2,799	684	689	6,487
" " 1952 ..	21,032	33,490	3,473	1,011	865	9,054
" " 1953 ..	22,239	31,139	3,656	2,088	1,180	16,291
" " 1954 ..	21,666	32,649	3,722	1,766	1,284	24,163
" " 1955 ..	25,624	38,361	3,653	1,744	1,057	27,447
" " 1956 ..	25,692	38,711	3,805	3,152	554	39,018

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ACCORDING TO LOCATION (METROPOLITAN OR OTHER).

(Including owner-built houses but excluding flats, shops, with dwellings, converted military huts, &c.).

Period.	Commenced During Period.		Completed During Period.		Under Construction at End of Period.	
	Metropolitan.	Other.	Metropolitan.	Other.	Metropolitan.	Other.
Year ended—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
30th June, 1951 ..	13,402	13,547	11,096	10,098	14,859	12,449
" " 1952 ..	10,434	13,072	12,039	12,049	13,254	13,472
" " 1953 ..	7,782	8,472	10,629	10,612	10,401	11,274
" " 1954 ..	11,107	9,808	11,364	10,229	10,144	10,851
" " 1955 ..	15,298(b)	7,881	15,919(b)	7,320	13,214(b)	6,613
" " 1956 ..	14,316(b)	6,929	15,453(b)	7,199	12,056(b)	6,343

(b) In the above table "metropolitan" comprises Melbourne and suburbs within boundaries re-defined for statistical purposes as from 1st January, 1954.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES  
ENGAGED ON JOBS CARRIED OUT BY BUILDERS OF  
NEW BUILDINGS.

(Excluding persons working on houses being built by owner-builders.)

Particulars.	As at 30th June—				
	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Contractors (a) ..	2,878	2,260	2,353	2,519	2,617
Sub-contractors (a) ..	3,561	2,743	3,486	4,124	4,039
Wage Earners ..	25,214	21,561	22,637	25,753	25,650
Total ..	31,653	26,564	28,476	32,396	32,306

(a) Actually working on jobs.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF TRADESMEN ENGAGED ON JOBS  
CARRIED OUT BY BUILDERS OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including contractor and sub-contractor principals, but excluding  
persons working on houses being built by owner-builders.)

Tradesmen.	As at 30th June—				
	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Carpenters .. ..	13,927	11,727	12,180	14,075	13,489
Bricklayers .. ..	2,242	2,078	2,474	2,695	2,643
Painters .. ..	2,674	2,154	2,346	2,604	2,877
Electricians .. ..	1,052	897	934	1,118	1,192
Plumbers .. ..	2,166	1,729	1,905	2,154	2,326
Builders' Labourers ..	5,833	5,205	5,483	6,124	6,045
Other .. ..	3,759	2,774	3,149	3,626	3,734
Total .. ..	31,653	26,564	28,476	32,396	32,306



**FISHERIES.**

Certain particulars relating to the fishing industry in Victoria are given hereunder:—

**VICTORIAN FISHERIES—MEN AND BOATS EMPLOYED;  
QUANTITY AND VALUE OF PRODUCTION DURING EACH  
OF THE YEARS 1949-50, 1952-53 AND 1953-54.**

Year Ended 30th June.	Number of Men.	Boats Employed.		Value of Nets and Other Plant.	Production in Victoria.			
		Number.	Value.		Fish.		Crayfish.	
					Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
1950 ..	1,049	793	£ 515,633	£ 102,211	lb. 11,581,000	£ 677,604	doz. 26,297	£ 55,234
1953 ..	988	695	£ 622,000	£ 130,000	lb. 10,820,208	£ 807,014	lb. 852,380	£ 85,234
1954 ..	1,045	745	£ 697,528	£ 151,548	lb. 10,719,188	£ 848,602	1,209,952	£ 136,119

**Fish  
Imported.**

Particulars of imports of fish into Victorian Ports from oversea countries in each of the years 1952-53 and 1953-54 are given in the following statement:—

**VICTORIA—FISH IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA,  
1952-53 AND 1953-54.**

	Year Ended 30th June.			
	1953.		1954.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
<b>Fish—</b>	lb.	£	lb.	£
Fresh or Preserved by Cold Process .. .. .	3,579,739	257,881	5,989,652	435,091
Potted or Concentrated, &c. ..	5,795	1,915	33,161	9,644
Preserved in tins, &c. ..	1,308,614	196,343	4,720,601	757,368
Smoked or dried .. .. .	728,664	51,479	868,345	59,955
Other .. .. .	268,464	13,567	446,432	25,800
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>5,891,276</b>	<b>521,185</b>	<b>12,058,191</b>	<b>1,287,858</b>

**RABBITS, ETC.**

**Frozen Rabbits, &c., Exported.** Large quantities of frozen rabbits and hares and of rabbit and hare skins are exported from Victorian Ports to oversea countries. The following table shows the quantities and value so exported during each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 :—

**VICTORIA—RABBITS AND HARES AND RABBIT AND HARE SKINS EXPORTED OVERSEA 1949-50 TO 1953-54.**

Year Ended 30th June—	Frozen Rabbits and Hares.*		Rabbit and Hare Skins.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Pairs.	£	lb.	£
1950 .. .. .	12,517,165	2,259,068	3,989,228	598,594
1951 .. .. .	6,572,064	1,752,639	5,797,834	1,152,272
1952 .. .. .	8,920,434	2,346,806	2,834,858	484,596
1953 .. .. .	6,231,997	1,842,763	3,433,068	476,323
1954 .. .. .	3,875,900	1,044,999	2,537,618	475,485

\* Excluding rabbit and hare meat.

**MINES AND MINERALS.**

The supervision of mining and the inspection of mines are regulated by Act of Parliament.

Interesting information regarding the rights of the Crown to all minerals on or below the surface of the ground, with reference to the position obtaining towards lands alienated from the Crown will be found in the *Year-Book* for 1940-41 and subsequent issues.

**Miners' Rights.** The taking out of a "Miner's Right" entitles the holder to prospect for gold on Crown lands. The "Right" may be had for any number of years not exceeding fifteen on payment

of a fee at the rate of 2s. 6d. per annum. The holder is entitled to take possession for mining purposes of a defined parcel of Crown lands which is called a "claim," "Claims" may also be taken up under certain conditions on private land. The authority to occupy Crown land under a Miner's Right as a residence area was withdrawn in 1935 by Act No. 4319. The number of miners' rights issued throughout Victoria in each of the years 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, and 1954, were respectively 2,359, 1,537, 1,659, 1,512, and 1,665.

**Mining Leases.** Leases of Crown land and of private land for the purpose of mining for gold are granted for a term not exceeding fifteen years at a yearly rental of 2s. 6d. per acre, except for land that was alienated before 29th December, 1884, where the rental is 6d. per acre. For mining leases of land to be worked by means of dredging or hydraulic sluicing, the yearly rental is 5s. per acre. Other mineral and coal-mining leases are also issued at varying rates.

**Mineral Search Licences.** Mineral Search Licences are issued for metals (other than gold) and minerals on Crown or private land. The maximum area to be occupied under this type of licence is 6,400 acres for radioactive minerals, 640 acres for coal, 100 acres for iron, or 50 acres for other metals or minerals. The term of the licence is twelve months (not renewable). The fee is £1 for an area not exceeding 160 acres, £1 5s. 0d. up to 320 acres, £2 10s. 0d. up to 640 acres, and £20 for a Licence to search for radioactive minerals.

**Petroleum Leases and Licences.** Under the Mines (Petroleum) Acts Petroleum Mineral Leases of not more than 100 square miles and Petroleum Prospecting Licences covering a maximum area of 200 square miles are granted at yearly rentals of £10 or 5s. per square mile respectively. Petroleum "Exploration Permits" were introduced in 1955.

**Areas occupied for mining.** The areas of Crown and of private lands occupied under the Mines Act at 31st December, 1953 and 1954 were 957,794 and 2,978,253 acres respectively. The following table shows the area being worked for different minerals under such Acts :—

VICTORIA—AREAS OCCUPIED UNDER THE MINES ACTS.  
1953 AND 1954.  
(Crown Land and Private Land.)

Nature of Lease or Licence.	Years ended 31st December—	
	1953.	1954.
	Acres.	Acres.
Gold .. .. .	20,618	16,425
Coal (black)* .. .. .	9,199	9,199
Coal (brown)† .. .. .	3,902	3,902
Antimony .. .. .	217	103
Antimony and Gold .. .. .	37	37
Barytes .. .. .	45	
Basalt .. .. .	88	89
Bauxite .. .. .	305	305
Bluestone .. .. .	32	32
Clay .. .. .	255	256
Clay and Kaolin .. .. .	21	
Copper and Gold .. .. .	39	39
Diatomaceous Earth .. .. .	14	14
Felspar .. .. .	10	10
Felspar and Retractory Clay .. .. .	19	
Freestone .. .. .	5	5
Granite .. .. .	46	46
Gypsum .. .. .	2,374	2,534
Iron .. .. .	63	63
Iron Oxide .. .. .	18	18
Kaolin .. .. .	98	98
Kaolin and Gold .. .. .	5	20
Limestone .. .. .	185	185
Magnesite .. .. .	57	
Mineral Water .. .. .	1	1
Molybdenite .. .. .	30	30
Ochre .. .. .	6	
Petroleum Prospecting .. .. .	917,880	2,881,280
Quartz Crystal .. .. .	297	297
Sand .. .. .	26	30
Sandstone .. .. .	6	6
Scheelite and Tin .. .. .		3
Silver and Lead .. .. .	26	30
Silver, Lead and Fluorspar .. .. .	23	22
Slate .. .. .	14	18
Slate and Gold .. .. .	94	93
Slate and Sandstone .. .. .	6	6
Stone .. .. .	28	28
Stone and Slate .. .. .	7	7
Tailings Licences .. .. .	669	326
Tin .. .. .	414	413
Water Right Licences .. .. .	307	297
Wolfram .. .. .	225	131
Wolfram and Molybdenum .. .. .	39	39
Wolfram and Tin .. .. .	44	44
Mineral Search Licences—		
Radioactive Minerals .. .. .		38,742
Uranium .. .. .		23,030
Total .. .. .	957,794	2,978,253

\* Includes State Coal Mine Area, 7,575 acres.

† Includes State Electricity Commission Area, 2,800 acres.

Certain gold mining leases include the right to mine for other minerals.

Certain mineral leases include the right to mine for gold.

The advances from loan moneys and revenue to mining companies under the provisions of the Mining Development Acts to 30th June, 1930, when assistance under these Acts was discontinued, totalled £285,705.

Since 1935 advances to mining companies have been made under the joint Commonwealth-State scheme for the development of metalliferous mining. The amount spent from this source up to 31st December, 1954, amounted to £118,652. Further moneys expended up to the same date in "Assistance to the Mining Industry" were £5,297 under the Commonwealth *Gold Mining Encouragement Act* 1940 and a special advance of £36,984 provided by the Government of Victoria.

### VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE CONNECTED WITH MINING, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Item.	Expenditure from Consolidated Revenue.				
	Year ended 30th June.				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>EXPENDITURE.</b>					
Mines Department .. ..	60,851	72,068	102,908	121,279	127,263
State Coal Mine .. ..	413,466	472,938	642,097	814,399	822,367
Boring for gold, coal, oil, &c. ..	15,657	22,627	26,132	13,737	16,998
State Batteries—Expenses of operation and maintenance, &c.	9,104	8,308	4,659	4,153	3,351
Geological and underground surveys of mines .. ..	5,003	4,165	6,167	5,168	5,159
Laboratory expenses, &c. ..	624	774	899	1,379	1,409
Assistance to Mining Industry ..	12,133	3,805	288	..	..
Miscellaneous .. ..	6,166	2,492	4,046	6,252	4,626
Total .. ..	523,004	587,177	787,196	966,367	981,173
<b>REVENUE.</b>					
State Coal Mine .. ..	366,077	389,654	551,443	751,132	753,230
All other .. ..	21,846	23,149	30,326	41,225	33,577
Total .. ..	387,923	412,803	581,769	792,357	786,807

**Total Mineral Production.** The mineral production of the State from lands occupied under the Mines Act (excluding stone raised in quarries, and salt) for the years 1953 and 1954 and the aggregate mineral production up to 31st December, 1954, are shown in the subjoined statement:—

## VICTORIA—MINERAL PRODUCTION.

Metals and Minerals.	During 1953.		During 1954.		Total to 31st December, 1954 (a)	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	fine oz.	£	fine oz.	£	fine oz.	£
Gold .. .. .	63,917	996,128	52,665	820,179	73,450,630	333,051,960
Silver .. .. .	6,268	2,351	3,443	1,277	1,706,054	267,263
	oz.		oz.		oz.	
Platinum .. .. .	..	..	..	..	311	1,671
	Tons.		Tons.		Tons.	
Antimony concentrates (b)	..	..	..	..	106,314	652,428
Antimony Ore (c) ..	4	161	5	643	23	2,529
Barytes .. .. .	..	..	..	..	69	270
Bauxite .. .. .	2,200	6,074	2,243	6,388	47,419	71,526
Coal, black .. .. .	151,907	979,541	141,318	901,413	21,382,474	21,398,004
Coal, brown .. .. .	8,257,299	3,636,668	9,331,255	3,945,031	131,425,861	26,936,878
Copper ore .. .. .	..	..	..	..	18,740	218,620
Diatomaceous earth	669	3,528	905	6,176	24,988	138,877
Felspar .. .. .	126	1,511	..	..	788	3,873
Fireclay (d) .. .. .	28,094	17,878	27,035	15,127	..	..
Fluorspar .. .. .	..	..	..	..	3,858	13,899
Gypsum .. .. .	36,286	31,711	75,012	55,782	628,810	408,797
Iron ore .. .. .	..	..	..	..	5,461	12,552
Kaolin and other pottery clays .. .. .	..	..	..	..	143,243	216,182
Kaolin and other white clays(e)	259,004	198,630	313,429	211,000	..	..
Limestone .. .. .	575,787	378,539	694,684	464,883	9,385,845	..
Manganese ore .. .. .	..	..	..	..	422	2,009
Magnesite .. .. .	572	2,288	..	..	4,430	15,717
Molybdenite .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,005	63,984
Phosphatic rock .. .. .	..	..	..	..	15,781	16,704
Pigment clays .. .. .	..	..	..	..	4,502	5,623
Red oxide ex Jarosite .. .. .	..	..	..	..	109	1,359
Silver lead ore .. .. .	..	..	..	..	804	5,992
Talc .. .. .	..	..	..	..	82	410
Tin concentrates (b) ..	44	22,756	35	23,090	18,912	1,466,612
Wolfram .. .. .	..	..	..	..	139	22,307

(a) Diamonds valued at £128 and sapphires £630 have been discovered.

(b) Contents vary.

(c) Includes revised 1951 figures. Since 1st January, 1951, values have been computed on ex-mine basis.

(d) Production recorded for the first time.

(e) This statistical classification was instituted in 1953. The preceding classification "Kaolin and other pottery clays" has been terminated.

*Note.*—The value of gold as shown above is based on the average value of Victorian gold received at the Melbourne Mint.

**Gold  
Production  
in Victoria.**

The quantities of gold produced in Victoria in different periods are shown in the next table :—

**GOLD PRODUCTION IN VICTORIA, 1851 TO 1954.**

Period.		Quality (Gross oz.)	Period.		Quality (Fine oz.)
1851-60	.. ..	23,334,263	1926-30	.. ..	171,927
1861-70	.. ..	16,276,566	1931-35	.. ..	307,370
1871-80	.. ..	10,156,297	1936-40	.. ..	744,727
1881-90	.. ..	7,103,438	1941-45	.. ..	423,653
1891-1900	.. ..	7,476,038	1946-50	.. ..	376,534
1901-10*	.. ..	7,095,061	1951	.. ..	66,063
1911-15	.. ..	2,161,349	1952	.. ..	66,777
1916-20	.. ..	905,561	1953	.. ..	63,917
1921-25	.. ..	421,250	1954	.. ..	52,665

\* Gross oz. 1851-1900; fine oz. from 1901 inclusive.

The gold yield which had continued to decline from 1906 reached its lowest in 1930 at 24,119 fine ounces. Since that year the highest yield recorded was in 1946 when 86,993 fine ounces were produced. The gold production in 1954 was the lowest recorded since 1932.

The price of gold in Australia in 1930 was £4 8s. 9d. per fine ounce (export parity calculated from London price). On the 19th September, 1949, consequent on the devaluation of the £ sterling the Australia Mint price which had been £10 15s. 3d. from 1946 inclusive, was increased to £15 9s. 10d. per fine ounce. This rate obtained until 1st May, 1954, when it was raised to £15 12s. 6d. Whereas previously the price was based on the price for which gold could be sold abroad in official markets less costs of movement, the current official rate reflects the "parity" value of Australian currency established by the International Monetary Agreement Act, 1947.

The number of men employed in gold mining in Victoria during each of the last five years is shown hereunder :—

**MEN EMPLOYED IN GOLD MINING.**

Year.				Alluvial.	Quartz.	Total.
				No.	No.	No.
1950	..	..	..	300	750	1,050
1951	..	..	..	203	558	761
1952	..	..	..	205	518	723
1953	..	..	..	184	430	614
1954	..	..	..	163	391	554

The two main headings under which financial assistance is rendered to miners and companies are (a) loans to approved mining companies, syndicates or individual miners, and (b) subsidies paid to gold producers by the Commonwealth Government under the *Gold Mining Industry Assistance Act*, 1954. This latter Act, which came into operation on the 24th November, 1954, provides that for the two years ending 30th June, 1955, and 30th June, 1956 (later extended), small producers whose output is not more than 500 fine oz. per year may receive a subsidy of 30s. per fine oz., and larger producers whose production costs exceed £13 10s. Od. per fine oz. may be granted a subsidy equal to three-quarters of production cost per fine oz. less £13 10s. Od. up to a maximum of £2 per fine oz. Premiums received by producers from the sale of gold overseas by the Gold Producers' Association are offset against subsidy payments.

The yields in fine ounces in the other principal gold-producing States in 1954 were 861,992 (823,331) in Western Australia, 97,951 (91,887) in Queensland and 31,374 (26,461) in New South Wales. The Northern Territory produced 54,338 (52,423) fine ounces. Figures for 1953 shown in brackets.

The total production of the Commonwealth in fine ounces was 1,645,697 in 1939, 937,654 in 1947, 885,507 in 1948, 889,058 in 1949, 869,537 in 1950, 895,551 in 1951, 980,435 in 1952, 1,075,450 in 1953, and 1,117,742 in 1954.

The total production of gold in the world in fine ounces (thousands) as shown in the Review for 1955, published by the Commonwealth Bureau of Mineral Resources, has been estimated as follows:—1951, 23,600; 1952, 24,400; 1953, 24,200; 1954, 25,400; and 1955, 27,700. The foregoing estimates exclude the U.S.S.R. and satellite countries.

**Government  
Batteries,  
Cyanidation  
and Dredging  
and Sluicing.**

Particulars relating to the operations of Government batteries, all cyanide works, and of dredging and sluicing plants for the years 1950 to 1954 are as follows:—



VICTORIA—GOVERNMENT BATTERIES, CYANIDATION, AND  
DREDGING AND SLUICING, 1950 TO 1954.

Year.	Government Batteries.			Cyanidation.			Dredging and Sluicing.		
	Number of Batteries Operating.	Quantity of Ore Treated for Gold.	Yield of Gold.	Number of Plants.	Quantity of Tailings Treated.	Yield of Gold.	Number of Plants.	Quantity of Material Treated.	Yield of Gold.
		tons.	fine oz.		tons.	fine oz.		tons.	fine oz.
1950 ..	9	506	302	27	468,758	10,834	23	6,721,530	14,381
1951 ..	11	358	195	17	220,625	5,093	19	6,704,314	18,679
1952 ..	6	186	49	9	60,446	1,453	14	6,668,394	24,478
1953 ..	6	335	219	11	15,807	1,025	14	7,618,997	22,625
1954 ..	6	158	126	11	14,677	789	13	5,574,195	16,253

The first Government battery was erected in 1897. Since that date Government batteries have crushed 249,815 tons of ore for 137,619 oz. of gold.

Up to the end of 1954, tailings aggregating 27,046,427 tons had been treated by the cyanide and other processes, and 1,652,159 oz. of gold had been won therefrom.

Since the inception of mechanical dredge and sluice mining, 2,281,132 oz. of gold have been won by these methods.

**Mining District Gold Yields.** The following table shows the yield of alluvial and quartz gold in fine ounces in the various mining districts :—

VICTORIA—DISTRICT YIELDS OF GOLD (ALLUVIAL AND QUARTZ) 1953 AND 1954.

Mining District.	1953 Year.			1954 Year.		
	Quartz.	Alluvial.	Total.	Quartz.	Alluvial.	Total.
	gross oz.	gross oz.	gross oz.	gross oz.	gross oz.	gross oz.
Beechworth (North-east) ..	31,772	13,372	45,144	12,885	20,173	33,058
Bendigo .. .. .	5,919	110	6,029	5,099	81	5,180
Castlemaine .. .. .	11,064	4,194	15,258	7,324	7,382	14,706
Gippsland .. .. .	468	94	562	953	245	1,198
Maryborough .. .. .	1,574	6,492	8,066	719	4,654	5,373
Total .. .. .	50,797	24,262	75,059*	26,980	32,535	59,515†

\* A yield of 63,917 fine ozs.

† A yield of 52,665 fine ozs.

**Coal.**

Bituminous coal was mined during 1954 at Jumbunna, Kilcunda, Korumburra, Outtrim, and Wonthaggi, and brown coal at Bacchus Marsh, Thorpdale, Yan Yan Gurt (near Winchelsea), Yallourn and Yallourn North. The coal resources of Victoria have been described in detail in previous issues of the *Year-Book*.

Production of  
Black Coal  
Brown Coal  
and Briquettes.

The production and value of black and brown coal respectively, and the production of briquettes are shown hereunder for specified periods:—

### VICTORIA—COAL PRODUCTION AND VALUE.

Period.	Black Coal.		Brown Coal.		Briquettes— Annual Production.
	Annual Production.	Value.	Annual Production.	Value.	
	tons.	£	tons.	£	
1921-25 .. .. .	520,705*	591,703	258,094*	61,558	77,945†
1926-30 .. .. .	668,177*	892,734	1,515,592*	192,612	135,185*
1931-35 .. .. .	472,030*	444,003	2,445,215*	256,261	311,020*
1936 .. .. .	426,725	390,743	3,044,897	323,914	355,088
1937 .. .. .	257,945	254,126	3,393,919	325,950	390,493
1938 .. .. .	307,258	286,679	3,675,450	351,721	414,059
1939 .. .. .	364,895	259,814	3,651,014	385,952	414,598
1940 .. .. .	267,694	230,452	4,278,475	391,549	427,530
1941 .. .. .	326,441	303,761	4,565,638	422,993	419,104
1942 .. .. .	312,854	411,107	4,933,861	469,699	416,928
1943 .. .. .	257,100	429,358	5,091,729	528,666	411,355
1944 .. .. .	247,692	407,793	5,016,437	566,444	428,844
1945 .. .. .	173,683	494,690	5,445,108	641,069	455,076
1946 .. .. .	191,290	397,662	5,707,039	706,504	504,275
1947 .. .. .	167,540	299,784	6,140,140	937,429	513,891
1948 .. .. .	173,683	347,687	6,692,291	1,187,715	542,189
1949 .. .. .	122,507	379,464	7,375,559	1,469,455	576,603
1950 .. .. .	126,431	382,230	7,327,119	1,706,612	526,781
1951 .. .. .	147,743	600,734	7,836,056	2,754,822	562,621
1952 .. .. .	143,820	753,007	8,103,764	3,476,627	554,249
1953 .. .. .	151,907	979,541	8,257,299	3,636,668	559,522
1954 .. .. .	141,318	901,413	9,331,255	3,945,031	614,145

\* Average annual production. † 1,392 tons in 1924, 76,553 tons in 1925.

The number of men employed in coal mining during the last five years was as follows:—

### MEN EMPLOYED IN COAL MINING.

Year.	Black Coal.	Brown Coal.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.
1950 .. .. .	777	889	1,666
1951 .. .. .	773	898	1,671
1952 .. .. .	914	934	1,848
1953 .. .. .	903	807	1,710
1954 .. .. .	824	771	1,595

The quantities of black coal which were produced in the other States during the last five years were as follows:—

#### COAL PRODUCTION—IN STATES OTHER THAN VICTORIA.

Year.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
1950 .. ..	12,798,201	2,327,614	255,659	801,440	209,419
1951 .. ..	13,513,244	2,473,775	388,303	848,495	236,888
1952 .. ..	15,022,100	2,742,236	418,582	830,461	247,899
1953 .. ..	14,173,831	2,516,812	448,484	886,182	233,629
1954 .. ..	15,083,260	2,760,810	495,106	1,018,343	264,202

#### Tin Production in Victoria.

According to returns supplied to the Mines Department by the various mining companies, the amount of tin concentrates obtained in Victoria up to 31st December, 1954, was 18,912 tons, valued at £1,466,612. A large proportion of this yield was obtained as an incidental return from gold-mining operations.

#### Uranium.

In April, 1954, it was announced that radioactive material had been found at Mount Kooyoora near Inglewood. Investigation carried out by the Mines Department, including a number of test bores, showed that the quantity of uranium oxide present in the deposit was too small to be worked economically.

#### Mining Accidents.

The numbers of fatal and of non-fatal accidents which occurred in gold and coal mines and quarries during the past five years are shown in the following table. Only those non-fatal accidents have been recorded which rendered the injured unfit for work for a period of at least fourteen days.

## VICTORIA—MINING ACCIDENTS, 1950 TO 1954.

Year.	Gold Mines.		Coal Mines.		Quarries.	
	Fatal Accidents.	Serious Accidents.	Fatal Accidents.	Serious Accidents.	Fatal Accidents.	Serious Accidents.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1950 .. ..	2	7	..	3	3	10
1951 .. ..	1	1	..	20	4	6
1952 .. ..	..	3	..	10	2	14
1953 .. ..	2	5	1	12	3	5
1954 .. ..	2	2	2	17	5	6

**Quarries.** The recorded quantities and values of the principal kinds of stone raised in Victoria during the past five years are set out in the following table:—

## VICTORIA—QUARRYING CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS. \*

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Returns.	Main Kinds of Stone Extracted:—				Approximate Value of Stone Raised †.
		Bluestone.	Sandstone.	Granite.	Limestone.	
		cub. yds.	cub. yds.	tons.	tons.	£
1950 ..	112	1,406,807	52,200	77,772	475,879	1,503,334
1951 ..	115	1,582,796	51,000	135,745	484,505	2,095,464
1952 ..	156	1,905,026	51,474	145,068	515,250	2,572,557
1953 ..	142	2,035,909	56,738	136,567	46,808	2,955,014
1954‡ ..	137	2,338,758	77,885	245,290	12,205	3,299,490

\* Prior to 1952-53, limestone quarried for the manufacture of cement, lime, &c., has not been included in this table. It will be found in "Mineral Production" on page 623.

† Wholesale selling value of stone at works, exclusive of delivery charges.

‡ Year ended 31st December.

Information in the foregoing table has been obtained from "regular" quarries which are known to have a fixed plant and which are in permanent production. It is realized that there is considerable quarry production unrecorded due mainly to contractors who, requiring material from a source adjacent to the work for which they are suppliers, open up quarries for that purpose or exploit stone outcrops, mine tailings, &c. This work is usually only of a temporary nature.

Much of the sand and gravel used in road, railway, and general building is obtained from sources other than regular sand and gravel pits; limestone rubble extensively used on roads in the north-western portion of the State is usually obtained from adjacent outcrops. It has been found impracticable to obtain quantities and values of all such materials.

### THE SEARCH FOR OIL IN VICTORIA.

The earlier history of the search for oil in Victoria is recorded in the *Year-Book* 1937-38, page 504.

Oil production in Victoria ceased towards the end of 1951 when operations at Lakes Entrance were suspended. Crude oil yield from tests carried out aggregated 287,873 gallons during a period of approximately ten years. There was a revival of interest in potential oil-bearing areas in Victoria, late in 1953 following the discovery of oil in Western Australia, which resulted in the issue of 22 Petroleum Prospecting Licences during the year 1954. A great deal of preliminary exploration was carried out in Gippsland, and test drilling began in 1955 on two areas covered by these licences.

## PART XI.

### LAND SETTLEMENT; AGRICULTURE; PASTORAL AND DAIRYING; FORESTRY.

#### LAND AND SETTLEMENT.

The total area of the State is 56,245,760 acres. On 31st December, 1953 and 31st December, 1954 respectively, this comprised:—

	31st December, 1953.	31st December, 1954.
	Acres.	Acres.
Lands alienated in fee-simple ..	30,698,560	30,715,199
Lands in process of alienation ..	2,329,161	2,275,631
Crown lands .. ..	23,218,039	23,254,930
Total .. ..	56,245,760	56,245,760

The Crown lands comprise:—

Permanent forests (under Forests Act)	4,453,884	4,475,704
Timber reserves (under Forests Act)	717,351	717,633
State Forests and timber reserves (under Land Act) .. ..	175,177	175,155
Water reserves .. ..	318,434	318,239
Reserves in the Mallee .. ..	410,000	410,000
Other reserves .. ..	551,479	551,591
Roads .. ..	1,794,218	1,794,218
Water frontages, beds of rivers, lakes, &c., unsold land in cities, towns, and boroughs .. ..	4,045,371	4,309,706
Land in occupation under—		
Perpetual leases .. ..	72,075	60,911
Leases of former Agricultural College lands .. ..	37,085	33,138
Other leases and licences ..	19,906	19,826
Temporary grazing licences ..	7,372,248	6,252,978
Unoccupied .. ..	3,250,811	4,135,831
Total .. ..	23,218,039	23,254,930

**Alienation of Land.** In the following table are shown the area of Crown lands sold absolutely and conditionally, and the area of lands alienated in fee-simple during the six years 1948-53. A portion of the area conditionally sold reverts to the Crown each year in consequence of the non-fulfilment of conditions by the selectors. The lands alienated each year include areas selected in previous years :—

VICTORIA—ALIENATION OF CROWN LANDS, 1948  
TO 1953.

Year Ended 31st December.	Area of Crown Lands Sold.		Crown Lands Alienated in Fee-simple.	
	Absolutely, at Auction, &c.	Total.	Area.	Purchase Money.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	£
1948 .. ..	3,450	3,450	169,258	197,367
1949 .. ..	2,596	2,596	128,699	237,476
1950 .. ..	2,557	2,557	108,142	278,913
1951 .. ..	3,976	3,976	174,347	374,214
1952 .. ..	3,993	3,993	308,744	440,529
1953 .. ..	3,846	3,846	148,359	505,078

**Amount Realized by Sale of Crown Lands.** From the period of the first settlement of the State to the end of 1953 the amount realized by the sale of Crown lands was £39,896,909. Payment of a considerable portion of this amount extended over a series of years without interest, upon very easy terms.

**Transfer of Land Act.** The "Torrens System", whereby a person becomes registered as the proprietor of land by means of a Certificate of Title, indefeasible and guaranteed by the State, was introduced into Victoria in 1862. The system has been the means of simplifying procedure in, and reducing the cost of, dealing in real estate, and gives a title to the registered owner free of any latent defect. The original Crown grant or subsequent Certificate of Title in lieu thereof issues through the Titles Offices.

In order to bring under the Transfer of Land Act land that was alienated by the Crown prior to 1862 (5,142,321 acres), application must be made accompanied by the deeds in the claim of title or, if adverse possession is relied on, strict proofs of the applicant's interest in the property. During 1952 and 1953 there were submitted 287 such

applications in respect of land amounting in area to 7,568 acres, and in value to £926,596; while the land actually brought under the Act as a result of applications was 1,731 acres valued at £1,456,546. Up to the end of 1953 there had been brought under the Act 3,320,070 acres valued at £77,584,770. The area of land still under the Old Law System at the end of 1953 was 1,822,149 acres. A summary of dealings under the Transfer of Land Acts will be found in part "Accumulation" of the *Year-Book*.

**Assurance Fund.** In granting an application to have land brought under the *Transfer of Land Act* 1928, the Registrar of Titles is required to issue a perfect Title save as to any circumstances of which he has had notice. To assure and indemnify the Government in a case where the Supreme Court or some higher Tribunal has decided that some person other than the applicant has an interest in the property, and it has consequently been found necessary to compensate such other person, there has been constituted an Assurance Fund which is built up of contributions of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the £ on the value of the land covered by the application. During 1951-52 receipts of the Fund comprised contributions, £2,780, and interest on stock, £3,269. Claims during the year amounted to £843, and the sum of £5,095 was paid out in accordance with section 3 of the *Special Funds Act* 1920 to provide for the interest on loan moneys expended on University buildings. The balance at the credit of the Assurance Fund on 30th June, 1952, was £124,517. The amount paid up to 31st December, 1953, as compensation and for judgments recovered, including costs, was £12,315 in respect of 93 claims.

#### DISCHARGED SOLDIERS' SETTLEMENT.

**Soldier Settlement Commission.** The *Soldier Settlement Act* 1945, No. 5107, *inter alia*, (a) authorized the ratification of an agreement between the State of Victoria and the Commonwealth of Australia relating to the settlement on land of discharged members of the forces; (b) provided for the constitution of a Soldier Settlement Commission consisting of three members to administer soldier settlement and the appointment of the necessary officers and employees of the Commission and local advisory committees; (c) provided for the raising of £15,000,000 towards soldier settlement and the application thereof; (d) prescribed the powers and functions of the Commission relating to the acquisition and setting apart of land for purposes of soldier settlement; (e) provided for the valuation of land and the determination of disputed claims for compensation; and (f) set out the general duties of the Commission as to the settlement of discharged soldiers on the land and the advances to such soldiers.



The *Soldier Settlement (Amendment) Act* 1946, No. 5133, (a) extended the powers of the Commission to subdivide land by enabling the setting aside of portions of the land for public purposes and the disposal of unsuitable positions; (b) provided for the appointment of assessors, two of whom will sit with the judge during hearings of disputed claims for compensation; and (c) extended the power of the Commission to make advances to discharged soldiers to include the making of "advances in kind" of stock, implements, and equipment.

Section 41 of the principal Act imposed the duty on the Commission to recommend such other legislation considered to be necessary or expedient in order to give effect to the War Service Land Settlement Agreement. The performance of this duty resulted in the *Soldier Settlement Act* 1946, No. 5179, which (a) legislated in detail for the subdivision of lands acquired for soldier settlement and the settling of discharged soldiers thereon; (b) authorized the making of advances to discharged soldiers in connexion with single-unit farms and for "carrying-on" expenses and for the purchase of stock, plant, equipment, &c.; and (c) contained miscellaneous administrative provisions and made consequential amendments to the Soldier Settlement Acts.

In October, 1951, the Soldier Settlement Acts were amended by Parliament. The amendment, in brief, increased the Loan Raising Authority for Soldier Settlement purposes, authorized the Registrar-General and the Registrar of Titles to make notations on memorials and titles that land has been vested in the Crown, and increased the rate of interest to be credited to amounts paid to Settlers' and Mortgagors' Credit accounts, from 2 per cent. per annum to a rate equal to that payable on Commonwealth Government Bonds of the longest term appertaining to the last Commonwealth Loan raised before the 30th June in each financial year.

The *Land Settlement Act* No. 5768 of 1953, which became operative from 1st July, 1954, made provision for a land settlement scheme which is not limited to registered ex-servicemen and which will enable the settlement on land of suitable applicants with farming experience who otherwise may not have the opportunity of becoming farmers in their own right. The Act, which is administered by the Soldier Settlement Commission, also contained certain amendments to existing soldier settlement legislation, such amendments including a provision to increase the maximum advance to assist a discharged soldier purchase a Single Unit Farm to £9,000.

**Land Acquired.** To 30th June, 1954, the Commission had acquired by voluntary negotiation or compulsory acquisition land as follows:—

	Acres.	Price Paid. £
Land acquired prior to 1st July, 1953 ..	911,509	10,910,242
Land acquired 1st July, 1953, to 30th June, 1954 .. .. .	49,152	1,174,176
	960,661	12,084,418

In addition to the land acquired, 107,370 acres of Crown Land have been set apart for settlement purposes to 30th June, 1954.

In order to maintain production from acquired properties, it is the policy of the Commission to lease the land back to the vendors or to other suitable tenants pending sub-division and allocation to Settlers.

**Applications for Land.** To 30th June, 1954, 16,415 ex-servicemen had lodged applications for classification as to eligibility and suitability.

Of this number, 14,708 have appeared before Classification Boards with the following results:—

Suitable for farm ownership .. .. .	10,883
Suitable for further training .. .. .	1,612
Unsuitable, withdrawn, deferred, and ineligible ..	2,213
	14,708

**Land Allocated.** Of the land acquired and set apart, 868,732 acres have been sub-divided into 2,199 holdings. These holdings were made available for application and to 30th June, 1954, 2,141 holdings, comprising 850,035 acres, have been allocated.

**Development of Holdings.** The War Settlement Land Agreement provides that the State shall, *inter alia*, develop and improve land to a stage when it can be brought into production within a reasonable time. This work envisaged the erection of residences, fencing, and improvements, clearing, provision of water points, pasture improvement, planting of orchards, vineyards, &c., construction of roads, and arrangements for electricity supply if available. During 1953-54, 281 new houses were built and 22 existing ones renovated. A total of 1,850 new houses has now been handed over for occupation by settlers and 146 existing houses have been renovated.

Close co-operation exists between the Commission, the Country Roads Board, and the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission in connexion with the construction of necessary roads and the lay-out of irrigation farms, &c.

**Single Unit Farms.**

Financial assistance afforded to ex-servicemen to enable them to purchase farms of their own choosing is solely a State responsibility and is outside the terms of the War Service Land Settlement Agreement. The evidence to date shows that this form of re-habilitation has resulted in the settlement of more ex-servicemen than would have been physically possible if soldier settlement in Victoria had been confined to that provided under the agreement mentioned.

Financial assistance amounting to £9,254,213 has been approved for 2,434 ex-servicemen. In addition, advances were approved in some 176 cases where the applicants did not proceed with their purchases. As advances of up to 90 per cent. of the Commission's valuations of the farms are provided for under the Act it is expected that some losses must be incurred.

**Commonwealth Agricultural Loans and Allowances.**

The Commission as agent for the Commonwealth Government administers the *Re-Establishment and Employment Act 1945* as far as it relates to the granting of agricultural loans and allowances. Loans are limited to £1,000 in each case and all capital is provided and administrative expenses are borne by the Commonwealth Government.

Loans totalling £1,796,239 were made to 2,970 ex-servicemen during the year ended 30th June, 1954. Of this amount £1,311,403 had been repaid.

**IRRIGATION AND WATER SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT.****General.**

The State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, which was constituted by the Victorian *Water Act* of 1905, is responsible for the development of practically the whole of the water resources of the State, exclusive of the area controlled by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works. The Commission's activities include the supply of water for irrigation, for domestic and stock purposes, and for urban systems; flood protection and drainage works; river improvement works; and sewerage in country cities and towns.

At the 30th June, 1953 (1954) the storages controlled by the Commission had a combined capacity of 2,373,680 (2,430,800) acre feet. Of this figure, 802,400 acre feet was Victoria's share of the River Murray storages, the water from which is shared with New South Wales and South Australia.

Water from these storages was used primarily to irrigate 755,030 (821,025) acres of land, mainly in the valleys of the Goulburn and Murray Rivers, with 916,079 (1,011,556) acre feet of water. Another large undertaking is the supply of water for domestic and stock purposes to more than 11,000 square miles of the Wimmera and Mallee.

In addition, the Commission was responsible at 30th June, 1953 (1954) for the supply of water to 268 (273) towns with a population of 545,000 (615,000) persons while the supervision of sewerage systems in the rural areas—approximately a quarter of the non-metropolitan population being served—is another important function.

### VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE AND LOAN LIABILITY OF WATERWORKS\* TO 30TH JUNE, 1953 (1954).

Description of Works.	Capital Expenditure to 30th June, 1953. (1954).	Loan Redemption Paid. 1953. (1954).	Loan Liability at 30th June, 1953. (1954).
	£	£	£
Free Headworks .. .. .	1,259,826 (1,263,206)	3,422 (3,422)	1,256,404 (1,259,784)
Capital Works and Charges not apportionable to Districts .. .. .	5,927,231 (6,092,311)	447,118 (471,076)	5,480,113 (5,621,235)
Headworks Costs not yet apportioned to District	20,405,886 (26,964,838)	42,199 (163,102)	20,363,687 (26,801,736)
Irrigation and Water Supply Districts (exclusive of Headworks Costs) .. .. .	18,189,977 (18,739,862)	192,316 (198,383)	17,997,661 (18,541,479)
Urban Divisions of Irrigation Districts .. .. .	114,132 (120,346)	2,459 (2,530)	111,673 (117,816)
Waterworks Districts (inclusive of Headworks Costs) .. .. .	5,223,957 (5,278,625)	94,885 (96,028)	5,129,072 (5,182,597)
Urban Districts of Waterworks Districts (exclusive of Headworks Costs) .. .. .	5,772,399 (6,091,953)	83,541 (90,689)	5,688,858 (6,001,264)
Flood Protection and Drainage Districts .. .. .	571,368 (592,108)	10,265 (11,347)	561,103 (580,761)
Waterworks Trusts and Local Governing Bodies	7,856,006 (8,333,022)	1,044,257 (1,078,311)	6,811,749 (7,254,711)
River Improvement Trusts .. .. .	69,488 (145,065)	248 (403)	69,240 (144,661)
Latrobe Valley Drainage .. .. .	18,921 (289,026)	.. .. . .. .. .	18,921 (289,026)
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>65,409,190 (73,910,362)</b>	<b>1,920,710 (2,115,291)</b>	<b>63,488,480 (71,795,071)</b>

\* Excluding Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust, and the Ballarat Water Commission, particulars of which appear in Part "Local Government" of this issue.

#### Storage Capacity.

In 1906, the storages throughout the State had a combined capacity of 280,000 acre-feet. At 30th June, 1953 (1954) this figure had risen to 2,373,680 (2,430,800) acre-feet. The additional capacity to be provided by works then under construction—notably by the enlargement of Eildon Reservoir on the Goulburn River from 306,000 to 2,750,000 acre-feet—will raise the total capacity to 5,360,680 (5,362,800) acre-feet.

The table below gives the principal storages excluding those which supply water to Melbourne. Figures for 1953-54 shown in brackets.

## EXISTING STORAGES—CAPACITY.

<i>Goulburn System—</i>	Acre-feet	Acre-feet
Eildon .. .. .	306,000	
	(361,000)	
Waranga .. .. .	333,400	
Goulburn Weir .. .. .	20,700	
	—————	660,100
		(715,100)
 <i>Murray-Loddon System—</i>		
Hume .. .. .	691,000*	
Yarrawonga Weir .. .. .	47,560*	
Other Murray storages .. .. .	63,860*	
Kow Swamp .. .. .	40,860	
Other Loddon storages .. .. .	107,350	
	—————	950,630
 <i>Wimmera-Mallee System—</i>		
Rocklands .. .. .	272,000	
Toolondo .. .. .	58,000	
	(60,000)	
Lake Lonsdale .. .. .	53,300	
Pine Lake .. .. .	52,000	
Other Storages .. .. .	101,560	
	—————	536,860
		(538,900)

\* The figures shown for the capacity of the River Murray storages represent Victoria's half share of the total capacity of those storages. Under the River Murray Agreement of 1915, a body representing the Commonwealth and the States of Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia is responsible for the control of the River Murray waters. *Inter alia*, the Agreement provides for the water to be shared equally between New South Wales and Victoria, after setting aside a fixed volume for South Australian needs.

EXISTING STORAGES—CAPACITY—*continued.*

<i>Gippsland System—</i>				Acre-feet	Acre-feet
Glenmaggie	..	..	..	106,000	106,040*
 <i>Other Systems—</i>					
Coliban System	..	..	..	62,730	
Werribee—Bacchus Marsh System	..	..	..	34,900	
Bellarine Peninsula System	..	..	..	10,850	
Mornington Peninsula System	..	..	..	5,800	
Otway System	..	..	..	1,080	
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	4,690	
Total capacity of existing Storages ..				2,373,680	(2,430,800)

\* Includes Service Basins, 40 acre-feet.

Further capacity will be provided by the enlargement of Eildon Reservoir mentioned above, the construction of Cairn Curran Reservoir on the Loddon River (capacity 120,000 acre-feet) and the enlargement of Hume Reservoir to 2,000,000 acre-feet and Glenmaggie Reservoir to 154,000 acre-feet.

**Irrigation.** At the inception of the Commission in 1905, the area irrigated was estimated at about 105,000 acres, half of this being under native grasses, and the remainder mainly devoted to growing lucerne, cereals and fodder crops. Since that date the area irrigated has grown to 755,030 (821,025) acres in 1952-53 (1953-54.) The most notable development has been the extensive use of sown pastures since 1925. These now comprise 472,400 (523,000) acres or 63 (64) per cent. of the area now under irrigation. Another feature has been the five-fold increase in the area of orchards, vineyards and market gardens.

The following table gives details of the distribution and extent of irrigation in the State:—

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## LANDS UNDER IRRIGATED CULTURE, 1952-53

System or District.	Total Area.	Area classified as irrigable.	Area Irrigated (Acres).							
			Pastures.		Lucerne, Sorghum, etc.	Vine-yards.	Orchards.	Market Gardens.	Other.	Total.
			Native.	Sown.						
	Acres.	Acres.								
Goulburn System .. .. .	1,257,715	670,102	31,326	259,344	23,499	237	19,138	4,960	14,752	353,256
River Murray System—										
Torrumbarry System .. .. .	378,031	164,282	50,360	119,168	7,780	5,576	2,053	1,634	14,895	201,466
Murray Valley District .. .. .	268,782	173,353	3,102	36,544	13,809	50	3,029	781	285	57,600
Pumped Supply (a) .. .. .	76,669	40,310	60	297	877	35,028	2,255	244	318	39,077
<b>Total River Murray .. .. .</b>	<b>721,462</b>	<b>377,945</b>	<b>53,522</b>	<b>156,009</b>	<b>22,466</b>	<b>40,652</b>	<b>7,337</b>	<b>2,659</b>	<b>15,498</b>	<b>298,143</b>
Other Northern Systems .. .. .	19,736	14,220	1,512	5,785	991	..	4,087	1,062	3,323	16,760
Werribee-Bacchus Marsh .. .. .	16,456	11,456	752	4,370	1,109	..	553	3,786	243	10,813
Gippsland .. .. .	131,375	31,673	306	24,390	1,183	..	..	8	115	26,002
Other Southern Systems .. .. .	..	..	..	..	30	..	..	1,260	359	1,649
Private Diversions (b) .. .. .	..	..	5,995	22,542	4,519	2,605	3,001	3,155	6,590	48,407
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>2,146,744</b> (c)	<b>1,105,396</b> (c)	<b>93,413</b>	<b>472,440</b>	<b>53,797</b>	<b>48,494</b>	<b>34,116</b>	<b>16,890</b>	<b>40,880</b>	<b>755,030</b>

(a) Including the First Mildura Irrigation Trust, an area of 15,000 irrigable acres outside the control of the Commission.

(b) Area authorized to be irrigated. Excludes 22,098 acres irrigated by private diverters in the Torrumbarry System.

(c) Plus a few thousand acres in "Other Northern Systems" and "Other Southern Systems".

# STATE RIVERS AND WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION

## LANDS UNDER IRRIGATED CULTURE, 1953-54.

System or District.	Total Area.	Area Classified as Irrigable.	Area Irrigated (Acres).							
			Pastures.		Lucerne, Sorghum, etc.	Vine-yards.	Orchards.	Market Gardens.	Other.	Total.
			Native.	Sown.						
	Acres.	Acres.								
Goulburn System .. .. .	1,257,683	670,107	27,736	271,640	23,510	299	18,805	2,936	18,630	363,556
River Murray System—										
Torrumbarry System .. .. .	377,678	164,662	47,872	135,626	8,141	5,588	2,191	835	19,561	219,814
Murray Valley District .. .. .	267,012	187,365	2,457	46,127	15,727	52	3,227	686	44	68,320
Pumped Supply (a) .. .. .	76,658	40,319	60	293	889	35,236	2,533	241	90	39,342
<b>Total River Murray .. .. .</b>	<b>721,348</b>	<b>392,346</b>	<b>50,339</b>	<b>182,046</b>	<b>24,757</b>	<b>40,876</b>	<b>7,951</b>	<b>1,762</b>	<b>19,695</b>	<b>327,476</b>
Other Northern Systems .. .. .	19,736	14,225	3,552	9,031	1,837	19	4,238	914	6,241	25,832
Werribee-Bacchus Marsh .. .. .	16,446	11,446	635	5,108	1,160		551	3,047	275	10,782
Gippsland .. .. .	131,409	33,559	485	27,145	887			9	72	28,548
Other Southern Systems .. .. .					30			1,260	359	1,649
Private Diversions (b) .. .. .			6,667	28,037	5,996	3,264	4,853	3,679	10,686	63,182
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>2,146,622</b>	<b>1,121,683</b>	<b>89,414</b>	<b>523,007</b>	<b>58,183</b>	<b>44,458</b>	<b>36,398</b>	<b>13,607</b>	<b>55,958</b>	<b>821,025</b>
	(c)	(c)								

(a) Including the First Mildura Irrigation Trust, an area of 15,000 irrigable acres outside the control of the Commission.

(b) Area authorized to be irrigated. Excludes 26,425 acres irrigated by private diverters in the Torrumbarry System.

(c) Plus a few thousand acres in "Other Northern Systems" and "Other Southern Systems".



The value of irrigation to the State is reflected in the production from the irrigation areas. From an area of about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. of the State comes approximately 15 per cent. of its total primary production. Contrary to popular belief, livestock products contribute nearly two-thirds of the value of this production from 200,000 dairy cattle, 45,000 beef cattle, 50,000 pigs and 1,500,000 sheep and lambs. However, horticulture is also of great importance to the State, notably the vine and citrus areas around Mildura and the canning and fresh fruits in the Goulburn System near Shepparton. Output of canning fruits is normally about two-thirds of the Australian total. Further substantial contributions are being made by the orchards in the new Murray Valley District, and the new vineyards at Robinvale.

**Supply of Water for Domestic and Stock Purposes.**

The Commission controls extensive areas for the supply of water for domestic and stock purposes. The most notable system is that by which more than 11,000 square miles of land in the arid Wimmera and Mallee areas are supplied each year with about 70,000 acre feet of water. This is distributed from the Grampian storages mentioned earlier—Rocklands, Toolondo, Lake Lonsdale, &c.—in the winter time and early spring through 6,500 miles of Commission channels and 3,000 miles of farm channels, into the farmers' dams. The Commission requires every farmer taking water from the system to construct a storage with a capacity of at least 3,000 cubic yards to provide him with enough water for stock and home use.

During 1952-53, Rocklands Reservoir was opened. This storage has a capacity of 272,000 acre feet, 42 per cent. more than the capacity of the system before it was constructed. Toolondo Reservoir, completed in the same year, added a further 60,000 acre feet of capacity, so that the storage capacity available for the Wimmera Mallee System has doubled. Not only will this give greater assurance to domestic and stock users, but it will also permit a small amount of irrigation.

**Urban Supplies.** When the Commission first began its activities, 111 towns outside Melbourne with a population of 260,000 persons had a reticulated water supply. At the 30th June, 1953 (1954) the following position had been attained:—

	No of Towns	Populations
Controlled by Commission ..	130 (130)	162,000 (175,000)
Controlled by Waterworks Trusts .. ..	123 (127)	295,000 (339,000)
Controlled by Local Governing Bodies .. ..	15 (16)	88,000 (101,000)
	<hr/> 268 (273)	<hr/> 545,000 (615,000)

Areas of special importance supplied by the Commission include the City of Bendigo and surrounding towns supplied from the Coliban System; the rapidly-expanding Mornington and Bellarine Peninsulas; and the urban population of 40,000 persons served in the principal towns of the Wimmera and Mallee districts.

**Sewerage.** When the Commission began its operations, sewerage outside the metropolitan area was unknown. At 30th June, 1953 (1954) however, the Commission was controlling the operations of systems in 30 towns with a population of 188,000 (229,000) persons. This figure is about a quarter of the population outside Melbourne.

**Drainage and Flood Protection.** Drainage works are important in all irrigation districts, but apart from this aspect of the drainage problem the most important single work of the Commission is the area of 80,000 acres along the seaboard of Westernport which was once known as the Kooweerup Swamp. This fertile district now yields primary products worth about £2,000,000 annually. Other important works are the Loch Garry and Kanyapella Flood Protection Districts which protect some 60,000 acres of land along the Goulburn River in time of flood, while the drainage of an area of 18,500 acres near Carrum along Port Phillip Bay is also significant.

**River Improvement.** In recent years, interest in river improvement has increased greatly owing to a succession of years with above-average rainfall, and this work cannot fail to grow in importance.

River improvement in Victoria takes two forms. Firstly there is the work of the River Improvement Trusts which are local bodies with power to levy rates and carry out works with the money so obtained. At 30th June, 1953 (1954) there were nine (eleven) of these Trusts in operation, two being drainage Trusts. Secondly there is the Rivers and Streams Fund comprising fees paid for the use of river frontage reserves. Grants are made from the Fund to subsidize local contributions for works of river improvement, the work being carried out by local bodies such as shire councils.

## METEOROLOGY.

Particulars in regard to climate and weather conditions have been furnished by the Meteorological Bureau, and are given in the following tables. In the first are shown the rainfall for each district and for the whole State for each of the years 1901 to 1955, together with the average rainfall covering a period of 30 years:—

## VICTORIA—RAINFALL IN DISTRICTS.

Year Ended 31st December.	Districts.								Whole State.
	Mallee.	Wimmera.	North-ern.	North-Central.	North-Eastern.	Western.	Central.	Gipps-land.	
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
1901	9.39	16.61	13.58	24.78	28.08	27.90	28.98	33.66	22.05
1902	7.64	11.94	11.26	18.41	20.10	23.54	24.88	33.35	18.55
1903	16.34	22.76	22.22	32.07	33.13	33.43	32.86	33.68	27.44
1904	10.75	17.22	17.32	28.00	33.56	28.54	31.29	30.02	23.49
1905	12.01	18.40	16.39	25.36	31.72	28.79	29.61	37.84	24.53
1906	15.22	23.42	24.16	32.00	42.11	32.53	30.13	34.81	28.49
1907	9.25	17.07	14.74	22.42	26.19	26.16	25.36	27.20	20.40
1908	12.33	17.72	14.38	19.98	26.40	25.81	20.08	24.29	20.02
1909	14.35	22.38	20.04	29.77	35.62	31.37	30.57	34.09	26.52
1910	15.96	22.36	20.13	29.13	32.10	32.45	28.28	30.80	25.96
1911	17.84	19.89	19.87	29.79	33.24	31.13	36.88	39.71	28.08
1912	12.50	17.52	18.12	23.00	30.93	25.94	24.92	26.60	21.86
1913	12.66	16.38	16.76	24.22	29.69	25.85	27.64	34.65	22.96
1914	7.29	9.76	9.73	14.95	19.94	18.56	20.05	23.81	14.66
1915	12.42	18.98	16.75	25.65	34.17	27.44	24.67	27.63	22.35
1916	17.72	22.54	25.60	34.44	44.01	30.72	38.78	37.78	30.27
1917	19.55	21.96	26.34	35.86	56.09	31.70	32.41	34.63	30.77
1918	13.59	16.44	21.96	28.30	36.96	25.70	30.11	33.39	24.70
1919	11.46	13.86	15.06	21.21	27.27	26.47	25.48	37.03	22.77
1920	14.93	16.04	20.15	28.37	34.42	25.99	31.38	33.37	25.43
1921	16.29	19.99	23.69	31.75	39.57	27.36	31.13	31.73	25.35
1922	10.44	17.15	13.15	20.85	26.10	28.09	27.82	32.92	21.35
1923	15.07	20.21	17.60	27.30	34.80	33.51	30.11	33.88	26.12
1924	16.08	22.17	23.29	34.74	40.70	31.13	40.30	37.37	28.10
1925	9.87	14.20	14.09	20.28	27.42	22.43	23.12	29.69	19.74
1926	12.64	17.00	16.85	24.25	35.36	26.70	24.20	29.72	22.90
1927	7.66	13.93	11.14	18.67	26.15	23.20	22.16	28.43	18.56
1928	14.04	19.10	21.27	29.56	37.21	30.46	29.86	33.98	26.14
1929	9.10	15.56	13.65	24.20	27.24	29.28	31.13	32.36	22.00
1930	15.32	20.94	19.68	30.59	32.49	29.43	30.85	33.66	25.76
1931	14.86	19.25	21.77	31.20	43.18	28.79	32.88	32.65	26.97
1932	14.96	18.90	20.60	29.63	34.33	31.85	32.91	34.19	26.34
1933	14.13	20.96	20.25	31.09	32.09	26.87	27.56	30.65	24.47
1934	13.21	16.64	21.01	28.57	42.81	29.20	35.60	43.39	27.60
1935	10.84	17.71	19.53	29.14	35.86	30.49	34.23	42.53	26.63
1936	14.39	19.41	19.50	28.47	35.52	26.91	30.24	36.38	25.63
1937	12.69	17.19	13.70	20.08	26.25	26.39	25.20	28.33	21.02
1938	6.30	11.39	8.66	15.62	20.49	22.63	20.47	26.39	16.28
1939	15.32	20.33	27.72	37.83	53.05	32.94	38.10	38.16	31.37
1940	6.82	11.26	9.67	17.13	21.21	21.51	22.81	26.94	16.73
1941	12.23	20.14	17.31	25.39	30.41	29.78	31.53	33.13	24.29
1942	14.31	22.04	19.66	31.91	38.28	30.54	29.68	31.59	26.28
1943	8.25	13.48	10.98	20.22	26.76	25.86	22.46	30.05	19.44
1944	6.59	10.46	9.24	17.10	20.72	24.30	23.97	27.54	17.09
1945	9.63	15.20	14.84	21.72	29.97	25.21	22.25	28.60	20.50
1946	14.07	22.07	17.76	29.86	39.85	40.20	33.04	41.19	29.37
1947	15.16	22.71	20.35	32.93	40.91	33.80	33.00	36.10	28.46
1948	11.29	19.15	16.46	24.82	31.98	28.37	25.93	34.37	23.61
1949	11.80	16.67	20.45	31.35	33.72	26.91	32.62	36.72	25.05
1950	17.57	20.04	23.67	31.63	35.03	24.01	30.82	36.65	26.52
1951	12.09	19.61	20.26	31.87	37.45	33.32	34.71	41.78	27.91
1952	15.22	21.87	21.86	35.56	46.24	39.30	40.66	48.71	32.75
1953	12.27	19.62	16.81	28.69	35.57	30.40	30.75	35.29	25.38
1954	13.41	17.68	21.22	29.88	35.58	25.92	30.93	34.02	25.02
1955	17.68	22.44	26.00	49.05	49.05	32.40	34.12	33.86	30.24
Averages*	12.49	17.52	18.09	28.16	34.81	27.59	28.89	33.47	24.30

\* Averages for a standard 30 years' period 1911-1940.

The heaviest rainfall in the State occurs in the Eastern highlands (from the Yarra watershed to the Upper Murray), in the Cape Otway Forest in the Western District, and in the South Gippsland, Latrobe and Thomson Basin sections of the Gippsland District. The lightest rainfall is in the Mallee District, the northern portion of which receives on the average from 10 to 12 inches only per year.

The means of the climatic elements for the seasons in Melbourne deduced from all available official records are given in the following table:—

#### MEANS OF CLIMATIC ELEMENTS IN MELBOURNE.

Meteorological Elements.	Spring.	Summer.	Autumn.	Winter.
Mean pressure of air in inches .. ..	29·974	29·920	30·079	30·077
Monthly range of pressure of air—inches	·886	·768	·816	·974
Mean temperature of air in shade—° Fahr.	57·8	66·6	59·4	50·0
Mean daily range of temperature of air in shade—° Fahr. .. ..	18·7	21·1	17·4	14·0
Mean relative humidity. Saturation = 100	65	59	69	74
Mean rainfall in inches .. ..	7·27	6·09	6·59	5·83
Mean number of days of rain .. ..	40	25	34	44
Mean amount of spontaneous evaporation in inches .. ..	10·25	17·35	8·05	3·79
Mean daily amount of cloudiness—Scale 0 to 8 .. ..	4·8	4·2	4·7	5·1
Mean number of days of fog .. ..	1	1	7	12

In the subjoined statement are shown the yearly means of the climatic elements in Melbourne for 1952–53 together with averages and number of years of record for each element as well as the extremes between which the yearly mean values of such elements have oscillated in the latter periods.

YEARLY MEANS AND EXTREMES OF CLIMATIC  
ELEMENTS IN MELBOURNE.

Meteorological Elements.	Mean for Year 1952.	Mean for Year 1953.	Means Over Period of Years.			
			Number of Years Recorded.	Mean for Period.	Extremes between which the yearly mean values have oscillated during the number of years shown in second column.	
					Highest.	Lowest
Mean atmospheric pressure (inches) .. ..	29·968	30·012	96	30·012	30·106	29·945
Highest atmospheric pressure (inches) .. ..	30·540	30·555	96	30·603	30·770	30·405
Lowest atmospheric pressure (inches) .. ..	29·287	29·070	96	29·251	29·495	28·942
Range (inches) .. ..	1·253	1·485	96	1·354	1·719	1·074
Mean temperature of air in shade (° Fahr.) .. ..	58·2	58·9	98	58·5	59·9	57·0
Mean daily maximum (° Fahr.) .. ..	66·7	68·0	98	67·4	69·4	65·4
Mean daily minimum (° Fahr.) .. ..	49·5	49·9	98	49·5	51·2	47·2
Absolute maximum (° Fahr.)	109·7	107·7	98	104·9	114·1	96·6
Absolute minimum (° Fahr.)	32·4	33·6	98	31·0	34·2	27·0
Mean daily range (° Fahr.)	17·3	18·1	98	17·9	20·4	15·0
Absolute annual range (° Fahr.) .. ..	77·1	74·1	98	73·9	84·1	66·0
Terrestrial radiation (mean minima) (° Fahr.) ..	45·4	46·0	93	44·0	47·1	39·5
Rainfall (in inches) ..	34·39	28·38	98	25·78	38·04	15·61
Number of wet days ..	177	148	98	143	187	102
Year's amount of free evap- oration (in inches) ..	38·53	44·60	81	39·44	45·66	31·59
Percentage of humidity (sat- uration = 100) ..	66	65	97	67	76	58
Cloudiness (scale 8 = over- cast, 0 = clear) ..	5·4	4·8	96	4·7	5·4	3·8
Number of days of fog ..	13	10	96	21	50	5

An estimate of the areas of the State, subject to different degrees of rainfall, is contained in the following statement :—

VICTORIA—DISTRIBUTION OF AVERAGE RAINFALL.

Rainfall.							Area.
Inches.							Square Miles.
Under 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
10 to 15	..	..	..	..	..	..	19,686
15 to 20	..	..	..	..	..	..	13,358
20 to 25	..	..	..	..	..	..	15,731
25 to 30	..	..	..	..	..	..	15,819
30 to 40	..	..	..	..	..	..	14,150
Over 40	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,140

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION.

**Department of Agriculture.** This Department is controlled by a Minister of the Crown under whom there is a staff of experts with the Director of Agriculture as Permanent Head. The Department is actively engaged in research, advisory and regulatory activities relating to the agricultural, horticultural, and live stock industries of the State.

**Research Stations.** Research and experimental work is conducted at the State Research Farm, Werribee, the Rutherglen Research Station, the Mallee Research Station, Walpeup, the Horticultural Research Stations at Tatura and Scoresby, the Potato Research Station, Healesville, the Tobacco Research Station, Myrtleford, the School of Dairy Technology and Dairy Research Institute, Werribee, and the Plant Research Laboratory, Burnley. A Pasture Research Station and Plant Breeding Centre are also situated at Burnley. Cereal experimental centres are located at Longerenong and Dookie Agricultural Colleges. The Department is developing a property at Ellinbank, near Warragul, as a Dairy Cattle Research Station, and an Animal Husbandry Research Institute is being established at Werribee. Crop and pasture investigations have been initiated at Glenormiston in the Western District and experimental work and demonstrations are also conducted on numerous selected private farms and orchards throughout the State.

The work in progress at the State Research Farm, Werribee, is directed towards the production of improved varieties of wheat, oats, barley, flax, and other crops. Investigations are also being undertaken into soil fertility problems, irrigated pastures, and the breeding, feeding, and management of dairy cattle, sheep, and poultry. At the School of Dairy Technology, the training of dairy factory operatives and research and investigation into problems arising in the manufacture of dairy products are carried out.

Work at the Rutherglen Research Station, which serves as a research centre for the North-East, includes investigations into various aspects of cereal growing, pasture improvement, and fat lamb raising. It was here that the initial experiments were conducted (1911-1918) which resulted in the widespread practice of the top-dressing of pastures with superphosphate. Clover ley farming was developed also from this centre.

The Mallee Research Station was established in 1932. In addition to cereal and fat lamb investigations, an important feature of the work on this Station is the testing of various species of grasses, clovers, and other legumes with a view to developing types especially suitable for Mallee conditions. Special attention is being paid to the problem of sand drift control.

At Longerenong and Dookie experimental work relating to cereal production in these districts is undertaken.

The Horticultural Research Station at Tatura serves as a research centre for investigation of problems associated with fruit growing in the Goulburn Valley district while the Research Station at Scoresby is engaged in experimental work associated with fruit and vegetable production under southern Victorian conditions.

At the Plant Research Laboratory, Burnley, plant pathological and entomological research is undertaken. Also situated at Burnley is the School of Horticulture and Primary Agriculture which provides a two year course for the Certificate of Competency in Horticulture and part-time classes for Home Gardeners and persons engaged in the horticultural industry.

The work being undertaken on the departmental experimental plots on private farms and orchards embraces investigations into pasture improvement and the cultivation of various crops including cereals, flax, linseed, potatoes, tobacco, maize, oil-seed crops, fruit, and vegetables.

**Agricultural Colleges.** The Dookie and Longerenong Agricultural Colleges, which are administered by the Agricultural Education Division of the Department, provide a three-year course for the Diploma of Agriculture. Accommodation is provided at Dookie for 130 and at Longerenong for 70 students. The fee for students in residence at the Agricultural Colleges is £60 10s. per

annum for maintenance. No charge is made for instruction. At Dookie a special annexe which was established for the training of discharged servicemen is now used for farmers' classes, women's classes, and other similar short term instruction.

A property at Glenormiston in the Western District is being developed as an Agricultural College where it is intended that specialized training in dairying will be provided.

**Advisory and Extension Services.** The Department is actively engaged in bringing the results of scientific research and investigation prominently before primary producers with a view to reducing the lag in time between the discovery of new facts and their being put into practice and in this regard, the advisory services of the Department play an important part. A number of officers is engaged full time on advisory duties; these include expert officers in a number of branches of animal and crop husbandry and also District Agricultural officers who are stationed in a number of country districts and undertake general agricultural advisory duties in those districts. In addition to these full time extension officers, approximately 150 officers including Veterinary Officers, Stock Inspectors, Dairy Supervisors, and Orchard Supervisors, undertake advisory work in conjunction with their inspection duties.

Methods adopted by the Department in bringing up to date technical information to primary producers include the publication of advisory pamphlets, the holding of farmers' field days, agricultural competitions, lectures, and demonstrations. A Mobile Extension Unit also undertakes tours throughout the State. The Department has a well equipped film production branch and operates two mobile film units in country districts.

**Melbourne University School of Agriculture.** The School of Agriculture at the University of Melbourne, for the maintenance of which a special grant is provided by the State, provides a four year degree course in Agricultural Science. The first year is devoted to pure science; during the second year students are in residence at the Dookie Agricultural College and receive practical farm training together with lectures on preparatory subjects. The remaining two years at the University are devoted to a more specialized study of agriculture and allied subjects on a scientific basis. A large number of graduates of this School is employed in the Victorian Department of Agriculture on research and advisory work. The School of Agriculture also carries out research on special agricultural projects.

**Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization.** The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization was established on 19th May, 1949, when the *Science and Industry Research Act 1949* was proclaimed. Under that Act the Organization took the place of the existing Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, which in turn had in 1926 taken the place of the former Institute of Science and Industry.



The powers and functions of the Organization are similar to those of the Council and include the initiation and carrying out of research in connexion with, or for the promotion of, primary and secondary industries in the Commonwealth or any territory of the Commonwealth, or in connexion with any matter referred to the Organization by the Minister; the training of research workers; the making of grants in aid of pure scientific research; the testing and standardization of scientific apparatus and instruments, and the carrying out of scientific investigations connected with standardization; the collection and dissemination of information relating to scientific and technical matters; the publication of scientific and technical reports and periodicals; and acting as a means of liaison with other countries in matters of scientific research.

**Bureau of  
Agricultural  
Economics.** The Commonwealth Bureau of Agricultural Economics was established in August, 1945, in order to meet the need for a Commonwealth research and investigating authority in the fields of agricultural economics and rural policy.

The Bureau was developed from the rural division of the Ministry of Post-War Reconstruction in which Department it was first established. In 1946, it was transferred to the Department of Commerce and Agriculture, and is comprised of the following sections:—(1) General and Statistics; (2) Agricultural Commodities; (3) Land Use; and (4) Wool.

No administrative functions are vested in the Bureau. It is specifically a service institution charged with the duty of undertaking fact-finding researches, studying and interpreting the facts and making the results available to all concerned, including Commonwealth and State Departments, semi-governmental and private institutions and individuals.

Reference to the activities of the wool section of the Bureau appears on page 722 of this issue of the *Year-Book*.

## AGRICULTURE.

**Progress of  
Cultivation.** In all divisions of the State there are areas suitable for cultivation. In 1953-54 the area cultivated was 6,766,658 acres and in 1952-53 6,580,661 acres. This compares with 6,297,477 acres in the previous season, and an annual average of 7,346,711 acres for the seasons 1946-50, 5,977,754 acres for the seasons 1941-45, 7,779,443 acres for the seasons 1936-40, 7,739,251 acres for the seasons 1926-35, 6,446,389 acres for the seasons 1916-25, 5,032,359 acres for the seasons 1906-15, and 3,547,111 acres for the seasons 1896-1905.

The following table shows the area under cultivation from period to period during the last 99 years:—

VICTORIA—ACREAGE CULTIVATED ANNUALLY, 1856 TO 1954.

Period or Year (ended March).	Annual average area in each decennium, 1856 to 1925, and actual area each year 1928-1954, under—		
	Crop.	Fallow.	Total Cultivation.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1856-65 .. .. .	325,676	12,146	337,822
1866-75 .. .. .	624,377	57,274	681,651
1876-85 .. .. .	1,306,920	137,536	1,444,456
1886-95 .. .. .	2,109,326	364,282	2,473,608
1896-1905 .. .. .	3,022,914	524,197	3,547,111
1906-15 .. .. .	3,756,211	1,276,148	5,032,359
1916-25 .. .. .	4,594,244	1,852,145	6,446,389
1928 .. .. .	4,942,258	2,692,044	7,634,302
1929 .. .. .	5,505,651	2,683,462	8,189,113
1930 .. .. .	5,579,258	2,482,662	8,061,920
1931 .. .. .	6,715,660	2,590,629	9,306,289
1932 .. .. .	5,407,109	2,145,819	7,552,928
1933 .. .. .	5,115,745	2,633,287	7,749,032
1934 .. .. .	5,266,913	2,543,043	7,809,956
1935 .. .. .	4,677,683	2,216,464	6,894,147
1936 .. .. .	4,438,761	2,358,777	6,797,538
1937 .. .. .	4,407,312	2,483,163	6,890,475
1938 .. .. .	4,662,354	2,604,556	7,266,910
1939 .. .. .	5,019,299	2,543,225	7,562,524
1940 .. .. .	5,002,362	2,377,405	7,379,767
1941 .. .. .	4,467,191	1,887,418	6,354,609
1942 .. .. .	4,731,712	2,101,360	6,833,072
1943 .. .. .	3,838,415	1,660,171	5,498,586
1944 .. .. .	3,478,889	1,719,363	5,198,252
1945 .. .. .	4,310,152	1,694,097	6,004,249
1946 .. .. .	5,327,122	2,394,032	7,721,154
1947 .. .. .	5,102,980	2,460,350	7,563,330
1948 .. .. .	5,023,149	2,527,306	7,550,455
1949 .. .. .	4,644,841	2,343,685	6,988,526
1950 .. .. .	4,480,202	2,429,888	6,910,090
1951 .. .. .	4,351,220	2,153,611	6,504,831
1952 .. .. .	4,270,512	2,026,965	6,297,477
1953 .. .. .	4,285,770	2,294,891	6,580,661
1954 .. .. .	4,479,568	2,287,090	6,766,658





Size of Holdings Showing Areas Cultivated and Grazed.

The following table is a classification of rural holdings in Victoria (including Crown lands held) in which sizes of holdings together with areas under wheat and numbers of stock carried are shown. More detailed information in respect of earlier years appears on pages 436 to 438 of the 1938-39 Year-Book.

VICTORIA—SIZE OF HOLDINGS SHOWING AREAS UNDER WHEAT AND STOCK DEPASTURED, MARCH, 1948.

Size of Holdings (Including Crown Lands Held).	Number of Holdings.	Area Occupied.	Wheat 1947-48.	Sheep.	Dairy Cattle.	Beef-cattle.	Pigs.
Acres.		Acres.	Acres.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1- 19..	9,031	88,300	76	6,111	21,814	1,751	8,622
20- 49..	8,087	254,641	1,476	26,918	53,392	4,395	12,206
50- 99..	7,692	555,551	7,194	94,277	165,765	11,651	29,249
100- 199..	11,521	1,635,705	40,153	413,987	417,074	39,190	70,121
200- 299..	6,356	1,543,814	55,901	641,809	243,915	43,030	40,857
300- 399..	5,251	1,783,528	120,947	932,934	168,517	45,301	30,149
400- 499..	3,233	1,444,597	131,476	849,165	92,899	39,975	16,223
500- 599..	2,635	1,435,835	151,991	832,256	59,185	37,653	11,400
600- 699..	3,252	2,084,106	319,137	1,070,259	52,912	38,042	10,886
700- 799..	1,895	1,416,178	177,530	835,474	33,602	34,932	6,714
800- 899..	1,487	1,252,002	168,006	773,377	21,217	22,491	4,596
900- 999..	1,447	1,376,205	210,929	781,922	17,980	18,290	3,384
1,000- 1,999..	5,995	8,251,645	1,169,743	4,441,713	71,489	123,118	15,789
2,000- 4,999..	2,345	6,711,384	576,066	3,478,018	28,789	105,102	5,559
5,000- 9,999..	445	2,980,900	80,330	1,538,023	6,688	44,553	797
10,000-19,999..	144	2,005,186	13,331	756,703	1,828	30,601	183
20,000-49,999..	70	2,155,521	1,678	352,568	2,749	39,719	88
50,000-99,999..	15	917,872	618	16,690	292	3,659	232
100,000 and over	9	1,451,632	580	34,458	117	6,070	24
Totals ..	70,910	39,344,602	3,227,162	17,876,662	1,460,224	689,523	267,079

Principal Crops (Area, Production, and Average Yield).

The following table shows the annual average area, production, and yield per acre during each decennium, 1855 to 1945, and the actual area, production and yield per acre for the principal crops (excluding vegetables and fruit) during each of the four seasons, 1951-1954 :—

VICTORIA—ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD  
OF FIVE PRINCIPAL CROPS, 1855 TO 1955.

Period or Season.	Wheat.*	Oats.*	Barley.*	Potatoes.	Hay.
ANNUAL AREA.					
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1855-65 ..	119,001	83,296	4,843	24,123	80,117
1865-75 ..	278,077	129,384	19,262	36,744	117,393
1875-85 ..	776,031	147,343	41,188	39,089	226,775
1885-95 ..	1,236,501	210,901	64,310	48,009	437,087
1895-1905 ..	1,898,280	340,957	52,829	45,243	540,472
1905-15 ..	2,190,336	390,642	60,378	56,272	848,587
1915-25 ..	2,633,945	428,372	84,205	61,195	1,122,978
1925-35 ..	3,268,656	445,987	88,358	65,677	1,057,905
1935-45 ..	2,448,954	493,634	141,836	48,060	982,276
1950-51 ..	2,735,473	527,217	217,096	52,482	557,454
1951-52 ..	2,463,574	676,503	186,224	42,108	640,418
1952-53 ..	2,232,097	756,129	234,597	52,851	752,932
1953-54 ..	2,389,304	583,075	374,555	52,745	807,223
1954-55 ..	2,390,173	644,444	280,595	44,075	739,099
ANNUAL PRODUCTION.					
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.
1855-65 ..	2,198,874	2,068,648	103,575	62,723	111,806
1865-75 ..	4,385,814	2,636,747	390,337	111,800	153,852
1875-85 ..	8,593,308	3,297,468	799,938	135,614	276,771
1885-95 ..	12,268,905	4,649,393	1,187,007	170,905	547,092
1895-1905 ..	14,032,145	6,649,453	947,580	134,357	672,982
1905-15 ..	22,906,743	7,342,468	1,243,442	158,445	1,084,726

\* For grain.

VICTORIA—ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD  
OF FIVE PRINCIPAL CROPS, 1855 TO 1955—*continued.*

Period or Season.	Wheat.*	Oats.*	Barley*	Potatoes.	Hay.
ANNUAL PRODUCTION— <i>continued.</i>					
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.
1915-25 ..	39,171,358	7,965,864	1,923,654	169,864	1,511,298
1925-35 ..	38,661,077	5,696,134	1,772,099	167,965	1,242,808
1935-45 ..	31,723,840	5,144,194	2,126,636	165,756	1,145,099
1950-51 ..	51,235,929	9,034,005	4,510,079	139,391	894,585
1951-52 ..	45,994,752	11,151,260	3,619,576	178,399	1,046,764
1952-53 ..	50,334,634	12,599,050	4,734,175	133,148	1,245,217
1953-54 ..	53,697,611	9,851,708	7,932,103	213,714	1,360,662
1954-55 ..	48,484,543	10,020,742	4,945,720	206,577	1,207,679
AVERAGE ANNUAL YIELD PER ACRE.					
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.
1855-65 ..	18·48	24·83	21·39	2·60	1·40
1865-75 ..	15·77	20·38	20·27	3·04	1·31
1875-85 ..	11·07	22·38	19·42	3·47	1·22
1885-95 ..	9·92	22·05	18·46	3·56	1·21
1895-1905 ..	7·39	19·50	17·94	2·97	1·25
1905-15 ..	10·46	18·79	20·59	2·82	1·28
1915-25 ..	14·87	18·60	22·84	2·78	1·35
1925-35 ..	11·83	12·77	20·06	2·56	1·17
1935-45 ..	12·95	10·42	14·99	3·45	1·17
1950-51 ..	18·73	17·14	20·77	2·66	1·60
1951-52 ..	18·67	16·48	19·44	4·24	1·63
1952-53 ..	22·55	16·66	20·18	2·52	1·65
1953-54 ..	22·47	16·90	21·18	4·05	1·69
1954-55 ..	20·28	15·55	17·63	4·69	1·63

\* For grain.

**Growers of Certain Crops, Season 1952-53.** The following table shows the numbers of growers of certain primary products, in each statistical district of the State, for the season 1952-53.

The information has no relation to the number of rural holdings in the State, as numbers of occupiers engaged in the cultivation of more than one of the crops enumerated :—

**VICTORIA—GROWERS OF CERTAIN CROPS—SEASON 1952-53.**

Crops Grown.	Growers in each Statistical District.								State Total.
	Central.	North-Central.	Western.	Wimmera.	Mallee.	Northern.	North-Eastern.	Gippsland.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>Grain Crops—</b>									
Wheat ..	309	258	463	3,712	2,932	3,108	361	13	11,156
Oats ..	232	273	574	2,539	2,233	2,523	404	13	8,796
Barley ..	567	79	221	828	1,031	673	35	74	3,508
Maize ..	5	2	..	..	1	..	74	210	292
<b>Hay—</b>									
All kinds ..	5,003	1,988	5,823	3,021	971	5,072	2,821	4,883	29,582
<b>Green Fodder—</b>									
Maize ..	646	45	163	6	2	18	74	823	1,777
Lucerne ..	85	33	37	15	23	103	21	34	351
Millet ..	288	37	131	6	37	167	187	428	1,281
All other ..	178	120	184	12	8	37	61	160	760
<b>Other—</b>									
Potatoes ..	2,117	596	898	36	8	65	225	953	4,898
Onions ..	354	1	303	6	5	30	2	18	719
Other Vegetables	1,605	26	107	108	289	706	53	129	3,023
Orchards ..	2,110	175	112	202	1,037	1,070	196	77	4,979
Vineyards ..	2	2	..	24	2,238	133	42	..	2,441
Grass and Clover Seed..	11	26	58	9	3	20	19	4	150
Tobacco ..	..	..	..	1	..	8	91	..	100*
Flax ..	2	2	52	..	..	..	33	1	90

\* Excluding Share-farmers.



Area Cultivated  
1952-53.A summary of the area under cultivation in each County  
VICTORIA—AREA UNDER CULTIVATION

Districts and Counties.	Grain Crops.					Potatoes.	Onions.	Hay (Wheaten, Oaten, Lucerne, Grass, &c.).
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Peas.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
<b>Central District—</b>								
Bourke .. ..	4,962	3,517	5,137	..	144	4,063	379	39,441
Grant .. ..	6,506	6,523	20,104	..	1,975	8,294	588	47,825
Mornington .. ..	11	5	2	45	150	7,895	273	37,867
Evelyn .. ..	..	21	105	2	30	3,678	5	7,387
<b>North-Central District—</b>								
Anglesey .. ..	318	522	74	2	172	798	15	5,953
Dalhousie .. ..	501	886	32	..	4	2,549	..	10,137
Talbot .. ..	10,674	6,804	1,912	..	274	6,686	..	39,785
<b>Western District—</b>								
Grenville .. ..	2,662	3,148	1,901	..	716	593	1,141	27,272
Polwarth .. ..	12	184	673	..	495	3,298	593	10,725
Heytesbury .. ..	..	1	4	..	..	163	1	15,857
Hampden .. ..	3,604	4,471	970	..	4	147	60	27,579
Ripon .. ..	21,061	13,433	1,387	..	58	405	..	29,153
Villiers .. ..	780	1,606	183	..	995	2,752	594	25,180
Normanby .. ..	446	327	602	..	259	714	..	18,155
Dundas .. ..	762	2,919	158	..	281	17	..	18,304
Follett .. ..	433	215	60	..	..	169	..	2,693
<b>Wimmera District—</b>								
Lowan .. ..	156,067	71,210	20,357	..	30	20	1	25,772
Borong .. ..	469,718	68,970	31,337	..	30	143	10	31,184
Kara Kara .. ..	119,716	51,863	5,662	..	..	36	..	13,377
<b>Mallee District—</b>								
Millewa .. ..	48,090	12,694	382	..	..	3	..	931
Weeah .. ..	113,827	41,067	29,203	..	..	..	..	3,781
Karkaroc .. ..	594,775	159,792	66,936	..	..	15	4	11,845
Tatchera .. ..	341,494	123,715	15,046	1	1	5	7	9,668
<b>Northern District—</b>								
Gunbower .. ..	10,633	6,889	8,335	..	4	37	..	17,137
Gladstone .. ..	82,966	53,640	3,064	..	..	1	..	14,207
Bendigo .. ..	54,458	28,935	5,405	..	..	5	3	22,656
Rodney .. ..	33,731	20,768	11,634	..	2	33	5	44,222
Moira .. ..	135,192	59,116	589	..	13	113	27	41,984
<b>North-Eastern District—</b>								
Delatite .. ..	2,595	4,238	142	582	56	882	1	29,601
Bogong .. ..	15,664	8,236	192	333	33	388	1	24,531
Benambra .. ..	108	236	91	24	4	7	..	6,187
Wonnangatta .. ..	21	..	..	21	..	1	..	701
<b>Gippsland District—</b>								
Croajingolong .. ..	..	..	15	721	30	35	..	1,239
Tambo .. ..	..	46	24	1,143	72	36	..	1,903
Dargo .. ..	10	..	13	882	22	147	..	2,478
Tanjil .. ..	286	108	2,603	1,412	71	765	4	26,312
Buln Buln .. ..	14	24	213	2	115	7,958	154	59,903
<b>Total for State ..</b>	<b>2,232,097</b>	<b>756,129</b>	<b>234,597</b>	<b>5,175</b>	<b>6,040</b>	<b>52,851</b>	<b>3,866</b>	<b>752,932</b>

of the State for the season 1952-53 is given in the following table :—  
**FOR THE SEASON 1952-53.**

Flax.	Green Fodder.	Grass and Clover for Seed.	Tobacco.	Vines.	Area Sown to Vegetables (Other than Potatoes and Onions).	Orchards.	All Other Crops.	Total Area under Crops.	Land in Fallow.	Total Area under Cultivation.
Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
43	1,995	88	..	..	12,188	8,231	1,207	81,395	21,897	103,292
..	1,320	140	..	..	1,812	1,017	190	96,294	21,556	117,850
..	4,379	96	..	..	5,645	10,152	877	67,397	8,908	76,305
..	723	..	..	2	2,650	5,736	540	20,879	3,301	24,180
..	531	27	..	..	36	9	18	8,475	1,836	10,311
25	1,092	143	..	40	12	4	3	15,428	1,383	16,811
2	2,137	717	..	3	37	2,759	279	72,069	16,447	88,516
..	348	1,008	..	..	62	131	139	39,150	5,602	44,752
28	1,256	1,494	..	..	630	77	40	19,505	1,463	20,968
25	797	..	..	..	5	28	205	17,086	5,786	22,872
525	430	613	..	..	30	4	195	38,632	10,786	49,418
542	162	464	..	..	19	4	216	66,904	7,149	74,053
8	539	81	..	..	14	..	265	32,997	5,164	38,161
301	1,338	33	..	..	28	552	654	23,409	5,220	28,629
197	816	612	..	..	..	23	422	24,511	9,257	33,768
112	319	..	..	..	..	33	78	4,112	1,230	5,342
..	249	629	..	8	24	945	386	275,698	161,670	437,368
..	304	..	3	653	423	3,235	350	606,360	452,456	1,058,816
..	103	20	..	40	..	155	65	191,037	131,136	322,173
..	35	..	..	422	119	139	758	63,573	27,320	90,893
..	17	230	..	..	..	..	15,719	203,844	120,292	324,136
..	476	..	..	33,282	1,357	3,227	12,722	884,481	534,567	1,419,048
..	815	..	..	7,302	1,846	1,591	1,594	503,085	307,236	810,321
..	1,906	55	57	14	244	971	1,071	47,353	17,974	65,327
..	553	..	..	..	29	152	14	154,626	94,576	249,202
..	383	115	..	20	1,095	1,531	67	114,673	77,720	192,393
..	1,962	8	..	196	2,283	10,746	75	125,665	39,883	165,548
..	1,224	479	19	646	3,773	13,583	92	256,850	164,697	421,547
433	2,197	599	757	111	74	568	531	43,367	3,725	47,092
459	1,015	227	777	3,229	254	1,250	182	56,776	9,707	66,483
..	460	..	..	..	2	8	76	7,203	514	7,717
..	31	60	..	..	..	1	..	886	47	883
..	300	..	..	..	118	14	181	2,653	162	2,815
..	757	1	..	..	511	15	206	4,714	1,619	6,333
..	617	..	..	..	542	59	143	4,913	1,804	6,717
..	2,073	..	..	..	53	68	118	33,873	5,457	39,330
111	6,644	3	..	..	228	216	362	75,947	15,344	91,291
2,840	40,303	7,942	1,613	45,968	36,143	67,234	40,040	4,285,770	2,294,891	6,580,661

Yields of  
Principal Crops.

The table which follows shows the yields, in Counties,

## VICTORIA—YIELDS OF PRINCIPAL

Districts and Counties.	Grain Crops.					Potatoes.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Peas.	
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.
Central District—						
Bourke .. ..	73,499	63,604	89,828	..	4,718	13,852
Grant .. ..	132,848	141,859	629,117	..	55,626	20,037
Mornington .. ..	194	F	22	700	9,644	20,667
Evelyn .. ..	..	414	1,336	65	1,625	11,848
North-Central District—						
Anglesey .. ..	7,149	15,544	1,468	104	5,056	2,111
Dalhousie .. ..	12,629	22,739	362	..	112	5,416
Talbot .. ..	224,507	170,277	63,606	..	9,247	16,567
Western District—						
Grenville .. ..	27,041	35,522	37,161	..	17,977	1,136
Polwarth .. ..	158	1,226	11,519	..	9,359	8,979
Heytesbury .. ..	..	6	38	..	..	211
Hampden .. ..	36,258	51,916	15,307	..	31	231
Ripon .. ..	381,312	270,436	39,286	..	1,317	789
Villiers .. ..	14,080	7,881	4,660	..	34,550	3,817
Normanby .. ..	6,940	4,291	17,926	..	5,332	1,614
Dundas .. ..	6,848	22,272	2,668	..	4,634	28
Follett .. ..	220	2,054	87	..	..	346
Wimmera District—						
Lowan .. ..	3,910,809	1,280,735	398,340	..	115	8
Borong .. ..	13,791,741	1,245,343	633,384	..	1,457	206
Kara Kara .. ..	3,487,917	1,058,670	122,926	..	..	74
Mallee District—						
Millewa .. ..	526,697	132,850	6,178	..	..	10
Weeah .. ..	1,827,557	510,934	501,469	..	..	..
Karkaroc .. ..	11,364,769	2,118,356	1,144,115	..	..	47
Tatchera .. ..	7,534,188	1,911,004	261,427	30	3	19
Northern District—						
Gunbower .. ..	202,953	136,736	180,052	..	465	121
Gladstone .. ..	1,874,715	1,119,632	66,811	..	..	F
Bendigo .. ..	1,119,044	602,103	123,120	..	..	42
Rodney .. ..	794,906	443,715	293,529	..	93	101
Moira .. ..	2,663,840	1,004,071	11,071	..	1,435	317
North-Eastern District—						
Delatite .. ..	49,236	71,805	3,264	16,270	1,349	1,288
Bogong .. ..	252,978	148,807	3,449	9,121	3,342	812
Benambra .. ..	1,794	2,677	2,699	1,110	9	13
Wonnangatta .. ..	372	..	..	400	..	1
Gippsland District—						
Craoingolong .. ..	..	..	238	33,144	211	93
Tambo .. ..	..	752	247	45,044	4,278	116
Dargo .. ..	..	..	247	28,914	2,712	390
Tanjil .. ..	7,218	569	65,040	68,515	1,705	1,839
Buln Buln .. ..	74	250	2,178	10	12,307	20,002
Total for State .. ..	50,334,634	12,599,050	4,734,175	203,427	188,709	133,148

NOTE.—The letter "F" signifies that the crop was a failure.

of the principal crops for the season 1952-53 :—  
CROPS FOR THE SEASON 1952-53.

Onions.	Hay (Wheaten, Oaten, Lucerne, Grass, &c.).	Grass and Clover for Seed.	Tobacco.	Wine Made.	Dried Vine-Fruits.		
					Raisins.	Sultanas.	Currants.
Tons.	Tons.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Gallons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
2,412	66,624	212	..	} 2,266,446	..	..	..
2,657	80,936	255	..		..	..	..
1,309	65,332	62	..		..	..	..
21	12,277	..	..		..	..	..
..	..	..	..		..	..	..
64	10,958	18	..		..	..	..
..	18,240	216	..		..	..	..
..	74,354	909	..		..	..	..
..	..	..	..		..	..	..
7,314	45,170	1,117	..		..	..	..
4,528	17,487	2,226	..		..	..	..
3	26,813	..	..		..	..	..
315	48,478	1,239	..		..	..	..
..	52,422	475	..		..	..	..
3,774	40,212	206	..		..	..	..
..	27,875	31	..		..	..	..
..	26,676	680	..		..	..	..
..	4,617	..	..		..	..	..
..	..	..	..		..	..	..
2	35,266	980	..		..	..	..
47	45,059	..	4	..	..	..	
..	19,706	1	..	..	..	..	
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
..	826	..	..	..	75	349	47
..	3,501	268	..	..	..	..	..
2	11,110	..	..	..	6,168	41,289	6,196
28	13,428	..	..	..	794	6,408	345
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	24,954	70	549	..	..	..	..
..	20,134	..	..	..	..	..	..
10	32,699	160	..	..	..	..	..
19	69,641	6	..	..	13	..	..
77	67,662	740	126	..	2	..	1
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2	57,419	600	6,482	..	..	..	..
6	44,148	319	5,981	..	..	..	..
..	12,100	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1,350	71	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1,891	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	3,224	4	..	..	..	..	..
..	4,785	..	..	..	..	..	..
4	47,392	..	..	..	..	..	..
1,096	110,401	5	..	..	..	..	..
23,690	1,245,217	10,870	13,142	2,266,446	7,052	48,046	6,589

Area Cultivated  
1953-54.

A summary of the area under cultivation in each County

## VICTORIA—AREA UNDER CULTIVATION

Districts and Counties.	Grain Crops.					Potatoes.	Onions.	Hay (Wheaten, Oaten, Lucerne Grass, &c.).
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Peas.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
<b>Central District—</b>								
Bourke .. .. .	5,282	3,827	10,589	..	250	4,318	409	36,032
Grant .. .. .	10,596	5,243	29,241	..	2,597	7,730	659	40,417
Mornington .. ..	7	25	101	213	47	8,210	228	41,019
Evelyn .. .. .	2	51	42	6	20	4,217	5	7,596
<b>North-Central District—</b>								
Anglesey .. .. .	208	477	40	3	145	837	3	7,523
Dalhousie .. ..	850	725	66	..	25	2,546	..	9,373
Talbot .. .. .	14,729	8,228	1,860	..	285	6,539	..	30,412
<b>Western District—</b>								
Grenville .. ..	6,744	4,588	3,550	..	744	513	1,086	26,128
Polwarth .. ..	202	490	1,174	..	391	3,533	542	12,353
Heytesbury .. ..	..	10	..	..	..	141	..	18,705
Hampden .. .. .	6,151	7,107	2,081	..	20	127	70	31,267
Ripon .. .. .	27,465	14,960	2,499	..	133	413	1	29,441
Villiers .. .. .	919	2,348	912	1	1,167	2,194	473	30,723
Normanby .. ..	372	785	515	..	182	674	1	22,230
Dundas .. .. .	754	4,876	538	..	459	28	..	21,742
Follett .. .. .	57	305	20	..	..	67	..	3,966
<b>Wimmera District—</b>								
Lowan .. .. .	146,544	50,199	30,759	..	10	36	1	37,815
Borong .. .. .	456,484	50,487	46,038	..	63	99	12	31,431
Kara Kara .. ..	136,176	31,986	10,830	..	7	38	..	14,338
<b>Mallee District—</b>								
Millewa .. .. .	48,529	10,140	1,123	..	..	2	..	1,171
Weeah .. .. .	109,623	30,629	38,964	..	..	..	..	5,041
Karkaroc .. ..	581,637	112,485	109,502	..	6	34	4	11,316
Tatchera .. ..	353,687	100,833	25,776	2	..	30	..	12,416
<b>Northern District—</b>								
Gunbower .. ..	13,460	5,740	13,979	..	..	..	19	19,200
Gladstone .. ..	102,758	44,936	8,375	..	..	..	..	12,824
Bendigo .. .. .	79,141	23,799	8,637	4	..	20	2	21,440
Rodney .. .. .	43,396	16,627	17,994	2	4	18	34	44,917
Moira .. .. .	207,421	40,155	2,467	..	10	233	30	53,347
<b>North-Eastern District—</b>								
Delatite .. .. .	4,645	4,609	339	779	28	914	..	30,769
Bogong .. .. .	28,982	5,369	518	201	17	274	3	28,082
Benambra .. ..	40	5153	96	41	5	31	..	9,299
Wonnangatta ..	..	15	..	13	..	6	..	658
<b>Gippsland District—</b>								
Croajingolong ..	14	..	1	1,029	45	51	..	2,017
Tambo .. .. .	8	67	12	1,233	100	40	..	2,559
Dargo .. .. .	28	69	18	811	100	130	..	3,111
Tanjil .. .. .	2,282	407	5,132	1,268	49	615	2	29,841
Buln Buln .. ..	111	325	767	7	56	8,068	76	66,704
<b>Total for State ..</b>	<b>2,389,304</b>	<b>583,075</b>	<b>374,555</b>	<b>5,613</b>	<b>6,965</b>	<b>52,745</b>	<b>3,641</b>	<b>807,223</b>

of the State for the season 1953-54 is given in the following table:—  
**FOR THE SEASON 1953-54.**

Flax.	Green Fodder.	Grass and Clover for Seed.	Tobacco.	Vines.	Area Sown to Vegetables (other than Potatoes and Onions).	Orchards.	All Other Crops.	Total Area under Crops.	Land in Fallow.	Total Area under Cultivation.
Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
17	2,240	14	..	..	11,051	8,247	1,281	83,557	22,687	106,244
749	1,805	375	..	..	1,967	973	333	102,685	21,839	124,524
16	5,110	87	..	..	4,998	10,161	1,033	71,255	9,735	80,990
..	1,455	..	..	1	2,068	5,677	591	21,731	2,901	24,632
..	708	16	..	..	40	13	27	10,040	1,573	11,613
..	1,764	99	..	110	1	3	7	15,569	1,164	16,733
174	2,647	1,037	..	3	34	2,753	378	69,079	15,193	84,272
271	814	730	..	..	76	96	307	45,647	4,789	50,436
436	2,476	1,376	..	..	800	71	316	24,160	1,235	25,395
65	1,552	..	..	..	5	24	300	20,802	5,732	26,534
1,856	1,098	1,183	..	..	17	4	1,032	52,013	7,618	59,631
1,196	307	128	..	..	12	2	233	76,790	9,547	86,337
320	1,133	56	..	..	12	1	417	40,675	4,553	45,228
937	3,160	..	..	..	50	497	526	29,980	3,770	33,700
698	1,319	325	..	..	..	22	229	30,990	4,512	35,502
219	629	..	..	..	..	42	122	5,427	632	6,059
..	1,068	1,083	..	7	12	863	260	268,657	154,430	423,087
..	354	90	3	654	264	3,040	299	589,318	472,951	1,062,269
..	80	..	..	42	..	114	50	193,661	125,138	318,799
..	80	..	..	530	155	154	672	62,556	26,915	89,471
..	42	180	..	..	..	..	15,134	199,613	120,180	319,793
..	97	..	..	33,068	1,156	3,239	9,567	862,105	563,817	1,425,922
..	1,591	..	10	7,183	1,035	1,648	1,354	505,571	321,034	826,605
..	3,174	80	98	18	140	979	574	57,461	17,254	74,715
..	431	..	..	..	16	171	79	169,590	90,602	260,192
..	505	215	..	14	621	1,434	20	135,852	73,400	209,252
..	1,656	..	..	171	1,403	10,140	4	136,366	35,567	171,933
..	962	878	38	632	2,643	13,723	51	322,590	140,536	463,126
978	2,399	772	1,085	108	35	508	245	48,491	2,954	51,445
965	991	169	1,012	3,236	215	1,210	252	71,562	6,505	78,067
..	541	..	..	..	7	9	66	10,288	240	10,528
..	17	30	..	..	..	1	..	740	109	849
..	301	..	..	..	57	20	258	3,793	102	3,895
..	827	..	..	..	395	15	305	5,561	270	5,831
..	547	..	..	..	483	57	124	5,478	524	6,002
91	2,956	..	..	..	53	71	67	42,834	3,695	46,529
562	9,374	2	..	..	422	198	459	87,131	13,387	100,518
9,550	56,210	8,925	2,246	45,777	30,243	66,180	36,972	4,479,568	2,287,090	6,766,658

Yields of  
Principal Crops.

The table which follows shows the yields, in Counties,

## VICTORIA—YIELDS OF PRINCIPAL

Districts and Counties.	Grain Crops.					Potatoes.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Peas.	
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	
<b>Central District—</b>						
Bourke .. .. .	152,680	120,889	322,104	..	6,070	18,242
Grant .. .. .	281,489	142,984	1,055,512	..	75,482	32,386
Mornington .. .. .	121	190	1,582	5,683	1,398	36,624
Evelyn .. .. .	29	717	1,536	160	914	18,583
<b>North-Central District—</b>						
Angelsey .. .. .	3,458	10,229	1,070	122	3,323	2,847
Dalhousie .. .. .	19,154	20,477	1,774	..	400	6,871
Talbot .. .. .	425,452	239,180	70,232	..	6,578	26,740
<b>Western District—</b>						
Grenville .. .. .	184,605	146,150	125,008	..	25,138	2,137
Polwarth .. .. .	6,286	10,804	32,214	..	12,124	17,283
Heytesbury .. .. .	..	63	..	..	..	675
Hampden .. .. .	111,557	220,290	57,387	..	310	496
Ripon .. .. .	781,372	527,417	69,768	..	1,820	1,012
Villiers .. .. .	17,830	48,689	25,757	..	31,142	9,122
Normanby .. .. .	6,770	14,236	15,989	(F)	4,743	2,908
Dundas .. .. .	10,656	70,569	11,304	..	7,803	119
Follett .. .. .	971	3,590	370	..	..	353
<b>Wimmera District—</b>						
Lowan .. .. .	3,702,088	924,193	619,584	..	217	146
Borung .. .. .	13,123,025	841,944	895,965	..	1,594	330
Kara Kara .. .. .	3,553,437	584,372	176,277	..	189	136
<b>Mallee District—</b>						
Millewa .. .. .	496,057	91,103	18,072	..	..	12
Weeah .. .. .	1,603,234	320,999	602,104	..	..	..
Karkaroc .. .. .	10,519,417	1,296,785	1,832,384	..	..	147
Tatchera .. .. .	7,100,157	1,294,108	449,081	25	124	55
<b>Northern District—</b>						
Gunbower .. .. .	277,244	112,095	334,675	..	..	34
Gladstone .. .. .	2,346,255	836,793	185,777	..	..	..
Bendigo .. .. .	2,046,501	508,125	238,849	350	..	68
Rodney .. .. .	1,164,566	364,351	528,074	90	28	57
Molra .. .. .	4,938,085	860,933	55,551	..	189	653
<b>North-Eastern District—</b>						
Delatite .. .. .	96,834	80,229	6,228	30,013	446	2,412
Bogong .. .. .	662,800	138,471	14,232	8,096	431	969
Benambra .. .. .	1,313	2,171	2,834	2,180	93	92
Wonnangatta .. .. .	..	449	..	410	..	10
<b>Gippsland District—</b>						
Croajingolong .. .. .	425	..	16	69,799	729	194
Tambo .. .. .	327	1,611	464	68,866	2,077	136
Dargo .. .. .	681	1,504	522	47,942	3,540	641
Tanjil .. .. .	61,151	10,441	169,067	64,242	2,154	1,744
Buln Buln .. .. .	1,584	4,557	10,740	66	1,172	29,480
<b>Total for State</b> .. .. .	<b>53,697,611</b>	<b>9,851,708</b>	<b>7,932,103</b>	<b>298,044</b>	<b>190,228</b>	<b>213,714</b>

NOTE.—The letter "F" signifies that the crop was a failure.

of the principal crops for the season 1953-54 :—

CROPS FOR THE SEASON 1953-54.

Onions.	Hay (Wheaten, Oaten, Lucerne, Grass, &c.).	Grass and Clover for Seed.	Tobacco.	Wine Made.	Dried Vine-Fruits.		
					Raisins.	Sultanas.	Currants.
Tons.	Tons.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Gallons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
2,564	62,591	17	..	2,327,302	..	..	..
3,515	68,394	277	..		..	..	..
1,095	71,378	17	..		..	..	..
22	12,222	..	..		..	..	..
..	12,341	26	..		..	..	..
..	15,663	120	..		..	..	..
..	57,413	1,701	..		..	..	..
7,314	48,834	875	..		..	..	..
3,927	24,097	2,265	..		..	..	..
..	34,589	..	..		..	..	..
482	59,401	668	..		..	..	..
5	57,370	122	..		..	..	..
3,147	55,794	93	..		..	..	..
6	39,410	..	..		..	..	..
..	33,667	528	..		..	..	..
..	7,321	..	..		..	..	..
1	47,153	1,957	..		..	..	..
30	43,845	80	5		..	..	..
..	20,876	..	..		..	..	..
..	959	..	..		..	96	386
..	4,434	124	..	..	..	..	..
11	9,389	..	..	..	6,428	37,727	4,432
..	13,915	..	54	..	584	5,848	194
..	26,702	143	719	..	..	..	..
..	16,748	..	..	..	..	..	..
6	31,021	439	..	..	..	..	..
82	71,177	..	..	..	..	..	..
102	86,990	493	302	..	3	1	..
..	58,664	585	9,852	..	..	..	..
11	53,401	40	8,305	..	..	..	..
..	19,903	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1,210	24	..	..	..	..	..
..	3,553	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	4,603	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	6,566	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	56,761	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	122,307	2	..	..	..	..	..
22,733	1,360,662	10,646	19,237	2,327,302	7,111	43,962	4,669



The following tables show the area under, the yield from, and the gross value of each of the principal crops in Victoria for the seasons 1952-53 and 1953-54:—

VICTORIA—AREA, YIELD, AND GROSS VALUE OF CROPS, 1952-53.

Crop.	Area.	Yield.	Gross Value.(a)
	Acres.		£
<b>Cereals for Grain—</b>			
Barley—			
2 row .. .. .	205,960	4,202,643 bushels .. .. .	3,233,406
6 row .. .. .	28,637	531,532 bushels .. .. .	324,747
Maize .. .. .	5,175	203,427 bushels .. .. .	169,687
Oats .. .. .	756,129	12,599,050 bushels .. .. .	3,931,954
Rye .. .. .	31,690	257,409 bushels .. .. .	183,404
Wheat .. .. .	2,232,097	50,334,634 bushels .. .. .	39,269,962
<b>Hay—</b>			
Barley and Rye .. .. .	1,137	1,486 tons .. .. .	13,704
Lucerne .. .. .	44,907	91,354 tons .. .. .	1,111,663
Meadow .. .. .	454,888	786,418 tons .. .. .	7,806,465
Oaten .. .. .	219,448	315,193 tons .. .. .	3,212,361
Wheaten .. .. .	32,552	50,766 tons .. .. .	489,908
Green Fodder .. .. .	40,303	.. .. .	198,458
Straw .. .. .	.. .. .	30,000 tons .. .. .	287,850
Grass and Clover Seed .. .. .	7,942	10,870 cwt. .. .. .	138,120
<b>Industrial Crops—</b>			
Broom Millet .. .. .	285	1,441 cwt., fibre .. .. .	10,347
Flax .. .. .	2,840	796 cwt., seed .. .. .	758
Linseed .. .. .	1,063	4,379 tons of straw .. .. .	70,301
Hops .. .. .	367	7,036 bushels .. .. .	11,082
Mustard .. .. .	160	5,202 cwt. .. .. .	191,786
Tobacco .. .. .	1,613	529 cwt. .. .. .	3,532
		13,142 cwt. .. .. .	613,293
<b>Vegetables—</b>			
Onions .. .. .	3,866	23,690 tons .. .. .	598,173
Potatoes .. .. .	52,851	133,148 tons .. .. .	4,641,187
Other .. .. .	36,143	197,980 tons .. .. .	9,713,718
<b>Stock Fodder—</b>			
Grey and Other Field Peas .. .. .	6,040	188,709 bushels .. .. .	183,048
Pumpkins .. .. .	321	1,711 tons .. .. .	20,052
Turnips, Beet, &c. .. .. .	1,538	8,883 tons .. .. .	146,570
<b>Vineyards—</b>			
Grapes—			
Table .. .. .	1,569	5,835 tons .. .. .	326,760
Wine .. .. .	5,435	11,403 tons .. .. .	244,544
Drying .. .. .	35,706	Wine made 2,266,446 gallons .. .. .	
		238,735 tons producing— .. .. .	
		48,046 tons of sultanas .. .. .	5,648,808
		7,052 tons of raisins .. .. .	812,714
		6,589 tons of currants .. .. .	707,219
Vines, unproductive .. .. .	3,258	.. .. .	.. .. .
<b>Orchards—</b>			
Productive .. .. .	52,729	.. .. .	8,482,854
Unproductive .. .. .	14,505	.. .. .	.. .. .
<b>All Other Crops .. .. .</b>	<b>4,616</b>	<b>.. .. .</b>	<b>551,296</b>
<b>Total Crops .. .. .</b>	<b>4,285,770</b>	<b>.. .. .</b>	<b>93,349,731</b>

(a) The gross value is based on the wholesale price realized in the principal markets. The places where primary products are absorbed locally or where they become raw materials for a secondary industry are presumed to be the principal markets.

VICTORIA—AREA, YIELD, AND GROSS VALUE OF CROPS,  
1953-54.

Crop.	Area.	Yield.	Gross Value (a).
Cereals for Grain—	Acres.		£
Barley—			
2 row .. .. .	344,346	7,360,055 bushels .. .. .	3,894,695
6 row .. .. .	30,209	572,043 bushels .. .. .	269,339
Maize—Hybrid .. .. .	4,238	242,913 bushels .. .. .	270,235
Not Hybrid .. .. .	1,375	55,131 bushels .. .. .	
Oats .. .. .	583,075	9,851,708 bushels .. .. .	3,608,681
Rye .. .. .	27,754	200,907 bushels .. .. .	107,988
Wheat .. .. .	2,389,304	53,697,611 bushels .. .. .	37,009,282
Hay—			
Barley and Rye .. .. .	2,137	2,792 tons .. .. .	25,719
Lucerne .. .. .	48,674	95,155 tons .. .. .	1,124,341
Meadow .. .. .	476,588	835,464 tons .. .. .	7,922,664
Oaten .. .. .	240,031	366,109 tons .. .. .	3,559,067
Wheaten .. .. .	39,793	61,142 tons .. .. .	563,785
Green Fodder .. .. .	56,210	.. .. .	267,920
Straw .. .. .	.. .. .	30,000 tons .. .. .	251,700
Grass and Clover Seed .. .. .	8,925	10,646 cwt. .. .. .	164,799
Industrial Crops—			
Broom Millet .. .. .	139	698 cwt. fibre .. .. .	4,872
Flax .. .. .	9,550	225 cwt. seed .. .. .	248
Linseed .. .. .	1,226	12,984 tons of straw .. .. .	230,585
Hops .. .. .	344	8,072 bushels .. .. .	13,965
Mustard .. .. .	250	5,517 cwt. .. .. .	212,412
Tobacco .. .. .	2,246	925 cwt. .. .. .	9,022
Chicory .. .. .	210	19,237 cwt. .. .. .	1,062,459
.. .. .		180 tons .. .. .	17,010
Vegetables—			
Onions .. .. .	3,641	22,783 tons .. .. .	769,017
Potatoes .. .. .	52,745	213,714 tons .. .. .	4,087,124
Other .. .. .	30,243	.. .. .	8,011,744
Stock Fodder—			
Grey and Other Field Peas .. .. .	6,965	190,223 bushels .. .. .	175,657
Pumpkins .. .. .	394	1,557 tons .. .. .	31,140
Turnips, Beet, &c. .. .. .	2,697	15,512 tons .. .. .	387,800
Vineyards—			
Grapes—			
Table .. .. .	1,740	5,834 tons .. .. .	373,376
Wine .. .. .	5,318	11,755 tons .. .. .	209,832
Drying .. .. .	35,735	Wine made 2,327,302 gallons .. .. .	
.. .. .		222,821 tons producing—	
.. .. .		43,962 tons of sultanas .. .. .	4,512,882
.. .. .		7,111 tons of raisins .. .. .	640,331
.. .. .		4,669 tons of currants .. .. .	470,013
Vines, unproductive .. .. .	2,984	.. .. .	.. .. .
Orchards—			
Productive .. .. .	52,519	.. .. .	8,516,538
Unproductive .. .. .	13,661	.. .. .	.. .. .
All Other Crops .. .. .	4,302	.. .. .	592,133
Total Crops .. .. .	4,479,568	.. .. .	89,374,395

(a) The gross value is based on the wholesale price realized in the principal markets. The places where primary products are absorbed locally or where they become raw materials for a secondary industry are presumed to be the principal markets.

The following table shows the number of growers of certain primary products, in each statistical district of the State, for the season 1953-54.

The information has no relation to the number of rural holdings in the State, as numbers of occupiers engaged in the cultivation of more than one of the crops enumerated:—

VICTORIA—GROWERS OF CERTAIN CROPS—SEASON  
1953-54.

Crops Grown.	Growers in each Statistical District.								State Total.
	Central.	North-Central.	Wes-tern.	Wim-mera.	Mallee.	Nor-thern.	North-East-ern.	Gipps-land.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>Grain Crops—</b>									
Wheat .. .. .	371	299	635	3,767	2,915	3,501	470	58	12,016
Oats .. .. .	301	318	845	2,153	1,903	2,290	400	40	8,250
Barley .. .. .	708	88	335	1,050	1,350	943	59	119	4,652
Maize .. .. .	17	3	1	..	2	2	101	256	382
<b>Hay—</b>									
All kinds .. .. .	5,108	1,958	6,420	3,124	1,041	5,626	3,064	5,332	31,673
<b>Green Fodder—</b>									
Maize .. .. .	736	54	242	4	3	15	70	963	2,087
Lucerne .. .. .	82	32	60	20	19	93	28	35	369
Millet .. .. .	343	37	206	17	47	237	183	489	1,559
All other .. .. .	239	176	346	23	23	63	79	202	1,151
<b>Other—</b>									
Potatoes .. .. .	2,099	605	943	39	15	89	217	982	4,989
Onions .. .. .	382	1	291	10	5	28	2	16	735
Other Vegetables	1,601	19	122	80	262	554	38	127	2,803
Orchards .. .. .	2,110	179	107	203	1,102	1,084	202	84	5,071
Vineyards .. .. .	1	2	..	19	2,230	129	39	..	2,420
Grass and Clover Seed .. .. .	11	31	54	13	2	26	25	2	164
Tobacco .. .. .	..	..	..	1	1	11	131	..	144*
Flax .. .. .	21	9	181	..	..	..	63	26	300

\* Excluding Share-farmers.

## THE GRAIN ELEVATOR SYSTEM FOR THE BULK HANDLING OF WHEAT IN VICTORIA.

The *Grain Elevator Act* 1934 provided for the handling of grain in bulk, for wheat within defined areas to be delivered to elevators, and for the constitution of the Grain Elevators Board. It also empowered the Board to borrow money to the extent that the money owing at any one time shall not exceed £2,000,000 (increased to £4,500,000 by legislation in 1950.)

When a contract for the erection of 48 additional country elevators is completed, the scheme will comprise 186 country elevators with a total storage capacity of 26,186,000 bushels serving a terminal at Geelong. That terminal has a storage capacity of 22,050,000 bushels and is designed to receive wheat from railway trucks at the rate of 44,400 bushels per hour and to load into ships at 60,000 bushels per hour.

In addition to the elevators within the scheme, fourteen mill silos are leased by the Board and these provide a further storage capacity of 1,979,000 bushels. The total country storage capacity provided by the Board is 28,165,000 bushels.

Receipts for the seasons 1952-53, 1953-54 and 1954-55 amounted to 46,349,479, 49,957,863 and 44,390,148 bushels respectively.

**Wheat Growing in Counties.** The principal wheat-growing areas are in the Wimmera, Mallee, and Northern districts. In the season 1953-54 these districts were responsible for 95 per cent. of the total wheat production of the State. Although other districts provided only small proportions of the total area, they are not to be regarded as unsuitable for wheat growing, as their average yield per acre is usually greater than in the areas mentioned. The yield in 1953-54 was 53,697,611 bushels, or an average yield per acre of 22.47 bushels in comparison with an average of 22.55 bushels in 1952-53 and an average of 18.67 bushels in 1951-52. The area sown and the production of wheat for grain in different counties for each of the three seasons, 1952-54, are shown in the following table:—

**VICTORIA—WHEAT AREAS AND YIELDS IN COUNTIES  
FOR THE THREE SEASONS, 1952-1954.**

Districts and Counties.	Year ended March.								
	Area.			Produce.			Average per Acre.		
	1952.	1953.	1954.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.
<b>Central—</b>									
Bourke ..	3,408	4,962	5,282	57,837	73,499	152,680	16·97	14·81	28·91
Grant ..	7,622	6,506	10,596	122,591	132,848	281,489	16·08	20·42	26·57
Mornington ..	..	11	7	..	194	121	..	17·64	17·29
Evelyn ..	..	..	2	..	..	29	..	..	14·50
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>11,030</b>	<b>11,479</b>	<b>15,887</b>	<b>180,428</b>	<b>206,541</b>	<b>434,319</b>	<b>16·36</b>	<b>17·99</b>	<b>27·34</b>
<b>North-Central—</b>									
Anglesey ..	162	318	208	3,772	7,149	3,458	23·28	22·48	16·63
Dalhousie ..	167	501	850	2,900	12,629	19,154	17·36	25·21	22·53
Talbot ..	10,849	10,674	14,729	175,467	224,507	425,452	16·95	21·03	28·89
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>10,678</b>	<b>11,493</b>	<b>15,787</b>	<b>182,139</b>	<b>244,285</b>	<b>448,064</b>	<b>17·06</b>	<b>21·26</b>	<b>28·88</b>
<b>Western—</b>									
Grenville ..	2,278	2,662	6,744	38,433	27,041	184,605	16·87	10·16	27·37
Polwarth ..	33	12	202	433	158	6,286	13·12	13·17	31·12
Heytesbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hampden ..	3,773	3,604	6,151	73,793	36,258	111,557	19·56	10·06	18·14
Ripon ..	19,906	21,061	27,465	407,159	381,312	781,372	20·45	18·11	28·45
Villiers ..	378	780	919	7,833	14,080	17,830	20·72	18·05	19·40
Normanby ..	122	446	372	2,391	6,940	6,770	19·60	15·56	18·20
Dundas ..	338	762	754	3,321	6,848	10,656	9·82	8·99	14·13
Follett ..	57	433	57	727	220	971	12·75	0·51	17·03
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>26,885</b>	<b>29,760</b>	<b>42,664</b>	<b>534,090</b>	<b>472,857</b>	<b>1,120,047</b>	<b>19·87</b>	<b>15·89</b>	<b>26·25</b>
<b>Wimmera—</b>									
Lowan ..	175,090	156,067	146,544	3,834,735	3,910,809	3,702,088	21·90	25·06	25·26
Borung ..	523,465	469,718	456,484	13,181,539	13,791,741	13,123,025	25·18	29·36	28·75
Kara Kara	629,861	594,775	581,637	9,075,901	11,364,769	10,519,417	14·41	19·11	18·09
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>838,405</b>	<b>745,501</b>	<b>739,204</b>	<b>20,245,300</b>	<b>21,190,467</b>	<b>20,378,550</b>	<b>24·15</b>	<b>28·42</b>	<b>27·67</b>
<b>Mallee—</b>									
Millewa ..	42,662	48,090	48,529	570,052	526,697	496,057	13·36	10·95	10·22
Weeah ..	133,309	113,827	109,623	1,645,775	1,827,557	1,603,234	12·36	16·06	14·62
Karkaroc ..	629,861	594,775	581,637	9,075,901	11,364,769	10,519,417	14·41	19·11	18·09
Tatchera ..	362,223	341,494	353,687	6,633,418	7,534,188	7,100,157	18·31	22·06	20·07
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>1,168,055</b>	<b>1,098,186</b>	<b>1,093,478</b>	<b>17,925,146</b>	<b>21,253,211</b>	<b>19,718,865</b>	<b>15·35</b>	<b>19·35</b>	<b>18·03</b>

## VICTORIA—WHEAT AREAS AND YIELDS IN COUNTIES FOR THE THREE SEASONS, 1952-1954—continued.

Districts and Counties.	Year ended March.								
	Area.			Produce.			Average per Acre.		
	1952.	1953.	1954.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bus.	Bus.	Bus.
Northern—									
Gunbower ..	8,903	10,633	13,460	128,396	202,953	277,244	14·42	19·09	20·60
Gladstone ..	86,937	82,066	102,758	1,490,960	1,874,715	2,346,255	17·15	22·60	22·83
Bendigo ..	60,623	54,458	79,141	851,115	1,119,044	2,046,501	14·04	20·55	25·86
Rodney ..	26,458	33,731	43,396	401,817	794,906	1,164,566	15·10	23·57	26·84
Moira ..	194,118	135,192	207,421	3,471,977	2,663,840	4,938,085	17·89	19·70	23·81
Total ..	377,039	316,980	446,176	6,344,265	6,655,458	10,772,651	16·83	21·00	24·14
North Eastern—									
Delatite ..	3,303	2,595	4,645	65,769	49,236	96,834	19·91	18·97	20·85
Bogong ..	26,469	15,664	28,982	490,657	252,978	662,800	18·54	16·15	22·87
Benambra ..	41	108	40	724	1,794	1,313	17·66	16·61	32·83
Wonnangatta ..	..	21	..	..	372	..	..	17·71	..
Total ..	29,813	18,388	33,667	557,150	304,380	760,947	18·69	16·55	22·60
Gippsland—									
Croajingolong ..	..	..	14	..	..	425	..	..	30·36
Tambo ..	..	..	8	..	..	327	..	..	40·88
Dargo ..	13	10	28	121	143	681	9·31	14·30	24·32
Tanjil ..	1,598	286	2,282	25,822	7,218	61,151	16·16	25·24	26·80
Buln Buln ..	58	14	111	291	74	1,584	5·02	5·29	14·27
Total ..	1,669	310	2,443	26,234	7,435	64,168	15·72	23·98	26·27
Total (State) ..	2,463,574	2,232,097	2,389,304	45,994,752	50,334,634	53,697,611	18·67	22·55	22·47

The production of wheat in the other Australian States in 1953-54 was as follows:—New South Wales, 63,681,000 bushels; South Australia, 30,409,000 bushels; Western Australia, 39,700,000 bushels; Queensland, 10,180,000 bushels; and Tasmania, 263,000 bushels. The total production for the Commonwealth was 197,960,000 bushels.

In the following table the average yield per acre in each of the main wheat growing counties for the seasons 1943-44 to 1954-55 is shown in conjunction with the approximate mean rainfall recorded each month. The rainfall during the growing season is shown separately to indicate its effect on wheat production. While the table is useful as a general reference in respect of the relationship of wheat yields to rainfall, it should be remembered that temperatures, winds, and other factors such as the extent to which fallowing, rotational cropping, and fertilizing are practised have also considerable effect on average yields, as do also the varieties of wheat used:—

Monthly  
Rainfall and  
Average Yields  
of Wheat 1943-  
44 to 1954-55.

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County and Year.	Approximate Mean Rainfall each Month.											Total for Year.	Total Wheat-growing Period.	Average Wheat Yield per Acre.	
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	Wheat-growing Months.									Dec.
						June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.				
	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Bushels.
<b>Lowan—</b>															
1943	57	123	18	163	85	206	227	242	256	109	95	52	1,633	1,135	22-60
1944	39	62	26	161	213	45	122	19	66	189	77	139	1,158	518	4-88
1945	74	224	18	11	148	180	124	307	134	199	155	104	1,678	1,099	11-80
1946	293	447	359	57	123	221	421	174	120	90	76	190	2,571	1,102	24-63
1947	28	149	317	117	82	272	408	232	212	304	200	317	2,638	1,628	17-24
1948	17	65	23	425	165	226	151	173	141	368	181	199	2,134	1,240	23-60
1949	74	311	33	14	202	74	138	75	139	314	258	17	1,649	998	25-56
1950	13	175	261	96	329	90	120	165	227	114	81	65	1,736	797	20-82
1951	77	170	16	170	337	224	270	287	79	306	71	161	2,168	1,237	21-90
1952	300	116	50	122	295	354	175	172	179	160	252	87	2,262	1,292	25-06
1953	107	6	18	113	91	358	313	315	234	191	212	142	2,100	1,623	25-26
1954	131	4	34	371	88	182	175	186	112	174	144	182	1,783	973	25-27
<b>Borung—</b>															
1943	68	90	16	119	78	150	178	200	184	102	42	38	1,265	856	15-65
1944	53	61	22	143	178	27	142	7	52	142	69	156	1,052	439	1-69
1945	67	227	18	10	87	251	161	268	93	125	134	49	1,490	1,032	10-27
1946	291	359	273	70	134	200	296	139	102	77	81	111	2,133	895	20-09
1947	19	112	300	90	47	215	288	168	169	311	181	228	2,128	1,332	19-38
1948	15	40	10	265	157	233	150	88	127	401	116	189	1,791	1,115	25-86
1949	31	310	67	11	170	65	181	60	160	336	192	21	1,604	994	25-95
1950	6	321	279	146	331	66	156	153	224	148	113	70	2,013	860	22-64
1951	58	219	26	131	240	234	267	245	65	270	45	106	1,906	1,126	25-18
1952	143	99	73	110	306	301	123	192	139	277	286	82	2,131	1,318	29-36
1953	148	16	10	109	72	309	293	273	199	137	243	105	1,914	1,454	28-75
1954	158	14	38	368	82	121	147	190	97	170	173	280	1,838	898	22-66
<b>Kara Kara—</b>															
1943	79	96	14	104	81	146	203	193	187	84	52	31	1,270	865	12-87
1944	37	37	52	165	178	26	162	10	63	131	57	135	1,053	449	0-86
1945	49	107	13	8	85	318	182	254	95	133	135	33	1,412	1,117	10-84
1946	330	340	256	87	129	185	261	133	91	110	93	141	2,161	878	19-49
1947	11	118	317	93	43	234	298	176	157	378	169	228	2,227	1,412	18-39
1948	40	64	9	195	143	203	158	94	118	358	103	97	1,537	1,034	21-28
1949	28	316	146	11	159	77	201	53	146	337	253	22	1,759	1,077	24-76
1950	5	340	319	149	323	72	200	192	291	189	135	77	2,292	1,079	22-26
1951	68	323	12	134	269	274	279	259	46	319	45	83	2,111	1,222	23-09
1952	115	89	77	172	354	342	116	216	161	288	328	99	2,357	1,451	29-13
1953	93	22	11	114	88	291	262	288	250	168	226	100	1,913	1,485	26-09
1954	136	21	50	294	76	115	154	199	117	182	199	362	1,905	966	21-35

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County and Year.	Approximate Mean Rainfall each Month.												Total for Year.	Total Wheat-growing Period.	Average Wheat Yield per Acre.	
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	Wheat-growing Months.						Nov.	Dec.				
					May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.						
Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Bushels.	
Millewa—																
1943	7	36	3	38	23	33	43	93	81	52	59	66	534	325	0-01	
1944	35	15	5	18	98	16	58	14	13	65	74	74	485	264	0-04	
1945	4	12	4	1	56	176	82	89	39	142	65	69	739	584	3-97	
1946	125	218	88	48	80	131	153	40	22	38	187	91	1,221	464	3-45	
1947	13	211	250	30	2	107	123	92	106	153	84	135	1,306	583	3-15	
1948	9	2	1	143	60	140	69	76	23	186	62	80	851	554	5-94	
1949	34	103	57	10	262	27	69	20	136	181	47	12	958	695	8-16	
1950	..	434	369	15	113	31	88	72	70	123	109	48	1,472	497	8-47	
1951	29	23	13	76	128	331	102	154	83	104	11	12	1,066	902	13-36	
1952	139	45	72	72	300	63	48	62	58	244	177	17	1,297	775	10-95	
1953	80	47	1	20	19	110	118	159	297	119	98	35	1,103	822	10-22	
1954	70	3	5	203	39	38	80	193	44	120	183	168	1,146	514	10-52	
Weeah—																
1943	41	70	8	85	35	101	83	132	107	151	82	62	957	609	7-84	
1944	35	15	22	57	143	8	92	7	35	79	71	101	665	364	2-53	
1945	10	64	6	5	77	198	88	126	77	135	90	86	962	701	6-10	
1946	147	306	154	36	77	127	140	105	51	45	105	70	1,363	545	10-36	
1947	3	180	196	38	35	103	181	139	135	183	132	179	1,504	776	8-68	
1948	4	29	5	195	106	159	104	68	47	313	131	144	1,305	797	11-84	
1949	20	112	28	3	163	29	88	30	167	262	87	12	1,001	739	13-63	
1950	1	382	304	51	249	60	77	86	168	101	109	57	1,645	741	12-31	
1951	66	51	14	47	121	281	152	199	47	155	13	74	1,220	955	12-36	
1952	177	51	82	80	235	162	79	106	76	192	190	31	1,461	850	16-06	
1953	136	22	7	46	53	212	188	190	132	110	141	80	1,317	885	14-62	
1954	146	3	11	314	68	83	115	164	49	129	118	243	1,443	608	16-04	
Karkaroc—																
1943	34	42	5	61	38	88	88	133	99	94	56	35	773	540	7-13	
1944	22	15	8	95	121	7	74	7	29	73	71	88	610	311	1-14	
1945	20	51	6	4	55	239	85	136	42	148	74	54	914	705	5-69	
1946	213	275	101	29	134	133	131	92	33	44	115	68	1,368	567	9-18	
1947	6	176	221	55	24	117	168	108	98	195	159	145	1,472	710	10-51	
1948	6	21	2	133	96	155	67	38	42	285	94	91	1,030	683	10-32	
1949	27	181	89	10	251	27	113	30	121	246	90	12	1,197	788	15-58	
1950	1	373	341	33	195	55	106	82	120	139	123	62	1,630	697	15-61	
1951	49	68	5	54	168	244	147	170	42	141	22	36	1,146	912	14-41	
1952	99	42	90	138	295	164	64	98	71	248	238	29	1,566	940	19-11	
1953	120	40	4	41	37	154	154	177	220	112	127	38	1,224	854	18-09	
1954	128	22	15	223	53	52	99	184	67	132	127	229	1,331	587	17-03	

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County and Year.	Approximate Mean Rainfall each Month.												Total for Year.	Total Wheat-growing Period.	Average Wheat Yield per Acre.
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	Wheat-growing Months.						Nov.	Dec.			
					May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.					
	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Bushels.
<b>Tatchera—</b>															
1943 ..	15	36	4	63	27	90	88	121	93	107	43	28	715	526	4.42
1944 ..	20	9	11	117	119	10	70	5	26	75	68	106	636	305	0.14
1945 ..	17	28	13	..	54	276	95	162	39	219	112	44	1,059	845	6.44
1946 ..	271	313	99	28	132	145	124	105	27	50	120	75	1,489	583	9.35
1947 ..	15	159	237	49	25	127	174	96	105	228	172	137	1,524	755	11.44
1948 ..	9	55	2	107	118	130	55	29	64	279	79	94	1,021	675	8.38
1949 ..	15	155	253	22	231	46	159	32	106	278	116	9	1,422	852	18.74
1950 ..	1	344	373	63	208	81	137	83	140	178	139	50	1,797	827	19.26
1951 ..	59	132	5	84	240	289	167	190	23	96	34	20	1,339	1,005	18.31
1952 ..	61	21	94	182	306	176	61	96	83	242	187	44	1,553	964	22.06
1953 ..	114	40	6	67	36	144	114	193	159	134	126	31	1,164	780	20.07
1954 ..	144	22	18	201	48	57	96	150	80	152	159	261	1,388	583	18.58
<b>Gunbower—</b>															
1943 ..	88	32	7	66	46	78	105	79	94	91	50	34	770	493	3.72
1944 ..	31	13	33	138	156	19	89	4	26	85	66	88	748	379	0.33
1945 ..	54	56	22	2	43	209	124	215	49	175	122	37	1,108	815	7.95
1946 ..	227	338	77	34	109	112	131	85	29	67	148	39	1,396	533	6.95
1947 ..	10	116	205	52	21	89	253	118	130	304	144	232	1,674	915	12.10
1948 ..	13	86	1	149	147	189	71	31	74	259	89	104	1,213	771	9.39
1949 ..	20	233	314	24	120	85	183	49	146	381	196	17	1,768	964	21.32
1950 ..	2	180	543	107	202	89	153	91	191	180	161	70	1,969	906	18.90
1951 ..	110	359	..	58	262	312	170	185	17	94	33	33	1,633	1,040	14.42
1952 ..	50	19	65	216	297	226	78	78	107	268	247	62	1,713	1,054	19.09
1953 ..	114	40	6	109	42	162	129	224	160	180	116	25	1,307	897	20.60
1954 ..	189	48	14	166	61	65	93	156	100	139	225	279	1,535	614	16.62
<b>Gladstone—</b>															
1943 ..	88	54	10	89	62	120	199	158	134	87	50	36	1,087	760	10.97
1944 ..	21	26	34	149	154	23	129	9	46	106	48	83	828	467	1.01
1945 ..	47	110	18	4	100	345	165	250	83	130	132	29	1,413	1,073	11.77
1946 ..	290	305	140	67	129	152	222	111	60	96	116	86	1,774	770	14.30
1947 ..	4	102	292	82	37	190	297	147	150	347	169	200	2,017	1,168	16.55
1948 ..	35	138	4	135	160	194	118	65	90	342	113	130	1,524	969	16.05
1949 ..	20	304	276	9	151	60	165	46	136	349	289	22	1,827	907	21.60
1950 ..	6	372	406	141	297	68	214	176	246	206	140	76	2,348	1,207	19.28
1951 ..	66	325	2	91	281	311	241	252	34	198	51	47	1,899	1,317	17.15
1952 ..	103	55	79	206	348	306	109	177	138	245	303	74	2,143	1,323	22.60
1953 ..	102	34	3	89	48	228	198	231	207	162	170	65	1,537	1,074	22.82
1954 ..	132	25	27	237	81	107	140	215	126	168	213	364	1,835	837	20.85

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County and Year.	Approximate Mean Rainfall each Month.												Total for Year.	Total Wheat-growing Period.	Average Wheat Yield per Acre.	
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	Wheat-growing Months.						Nov.	Dec.				
					May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.						
Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Points.	Bushels.	
<b>Bendigo—</b>																
1943 ..	150	41	5	76	55	96	167	101	190	119	57	38	1,035	668	9-39	
1944 ..	30	23	29	155	177	15	107	10	31	94	45	78	794	434	1-31	
1945 ..	63	81	19	2	71	267	161	266	66	151	101	32	1,280	982	12-07	
1946 ..	197	294	102	76	114	113	199	88	34	99	131	85	1,532	647	12-20	
1947 ..	5	225	53	29	126	263	130	157	331	118	234	1,762	1,036	16-31		
1948 ..	20	200	1	172	174	221	119	40	81	250	97	125	1,509	885	15-26	
1949 ..	21	361	333	14	100	54	180	49	153	438	387	25	2,115	974	19-46	
1950 ..	7	298	517	194	220	76	192	124	264	194	180	88	2,354	1,070	17-79	
1951 ..	81	589	3	87	304	340	199	205	18	138	52	44	2,060	1,204	14-04	
1952 ..	94	21	48	198	330	278	108	122	134	239	272	66	1,910	1,211	20-55	
1953 ..	115	53	1	72	42	183	182	227	213	186	158	38	1,470	1,033	25-86	
1954 ..	249	79	21	176	73	86	137	227	128	149	234	341	1,900	800	23-65	
<b>Rodney</b>																
1943 ..	168	34	4	100	73	127	169	136	164	116	64	24	1,179	785	13-58	
1944 ..	13	28	47	165	231	42	126	2	35	114	63	82	948	550	1-80	
1945 ..	146	52	12	4	66	244	173	322	85	217	141	34	1,496	1,107	14-40	
1946 ..	264	372	121	89	94	139	222	114	33	121	188	71	1,828	723	16-32	
1947 ..	14	98	225	72	44	132	303	171	208	357	120	339	2,083	1,215	17-71	
1948 ..	25	252	218	180	279	147	54	114	234	126	145	145	1,774	1,008	19-15	
1949 ..	29	232	354	29	108	79	239	64	177	550	479	36	3,426	1,217	22-42	
1950 ..	6	208	831	199	194	70	170	119	218	190	116	106	2,427	961	19-70	
1951 ..	123	370	2	121	341	391	247	228	28	194	57	57	2,159	1,429	15-19	
1952 ..	72	10	74	220	288	327	142	105	162	298	345	111	2,154	1,322	23-57	
1953 ..	203	50	10	77	70	225	212	301	253	258	134	26	1,819	1,319	26-84	
1954 ..	450	54	14	164	95	108	127	258	161	154	326	408	2,319	903	25-76	
<b>Molra—</b>																
1943 ..	140	32	12	129	72	114	153	154	168	126	58	12	1,170	787	12-72	
1944 ..	5	16	52	163	270	51	129	2	36	100	86	148	1,058	588	2-22	
1945 ..	222	31	4	17	55	264	164	298	92	252	180	34	1,613	1,125	15-97	
1946 ..	216	442	137	91	98	150	267	133	33	113	236	60	1,976	794	14-88	
1947 ..	20	117	263	52	48	155	342	185	185	284	122	348	2,121	1,199	18-39	
1948 ..	18	198	1	173	213	253	106	66	129	243	208	223	1,831	1,010	18-05	
1949 ..	51	175	326	43	171	120	163	52	173	484	352	23	2,133	1,163	20-12	
1950 ..	6	294	691	160	176	92	166	91	188	237	145	80	2,326	950	19-26	
1951 ..	121	288	8	151	302	318	271	229	68	208	65	46	2,075	1,396	17-89	
1952 ..	33	13	81	247	354	362	175	120	183	309	402	154	2,433	1,503	19-70	
1953 ..	133	81	24	79	114	244	184	322	263	288	131	14	1,877	1,415	23-81	
1954 ..	510	53	14	151	94	170	110	232	126	157	384	427	2,428	889	23-92	

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The following statement shows the areas under the principal varieties of wheat, including wheat for hay, for the seasons 1952-53 and 1953-54. Varieties are tabulated in order of popularity for the last-mentioned season. The percentages shown indicate the fluctuation which has taken place amongst the popular varieties.

Over 60 varieties of wheat were sown. A more extended list showing the area and percentage of each variety, and the ten principal varieties grown in the wheat-growing districts, may be obtained on application to the Government Statist:—

VICTORIA—VARIETIES OF WHEAT SOWN IN EACH OF THE SEASONS 1952-53 AND 1953-54.

Variety (in order of Popularity, Season 1953-54.)	1952-53.		1953-54.	
	Area Sown.	Percentage of Total Area Sown.	Area Sown.	Percentage of Total Area Sown.
	Acres.		Acres.	
Insignia .. .. .	866,728	38.27	995,189	40.97
Quadrat .. .. .	725,901	32.05	641,622	26.42
Pinnacle .. .. .	403,338	17.81	519,747	21.40
Magnet .. .. .	62,286	2.75	66,550	2.74
Bencubbin .. .. .	54,786	2.42	56,340	2.32
Baldmin .. .. .	29,534	1.30	38,301	1.58
Gabo .. .. .	37,408	1.65	36,554	1.50
Pindar .. .. .	20,518	0.91	16,847	0.69
Ghurka .. .. .	13,620	0.60	10,046	0.41
Koorda .. .. .	7,381	0.33	7,992	0.33
Diadem .. .. .	9,765	0.43	6,859	0.28
Bungulia .. .. .	2,421	0.11	3,534	0.15
Javelin .. .. .	2,750	0.12	3,165	0.13
Kendee .. .. .	1,974	0.09	2,858	0.12
Blue Stem .. .. .	998	0.04	2,231	0.09
Ranee .. .. .	2,964	0.13	1,970	0.08
Regalia .. .. .	2,625	0.12	1,563	0.06
Turvey .. .. .	903	0.04	1,396	0.06
Celebration .. .. .	1,984	0.09	1,228	0.05
Glucub .. .. .	1,932	0.09	1,059	0.04
Bobin .. .. .	970	0.04	877	0.04
Rajah .. .. .	794	0.04	789	0.03
Gluyas .. .. .	596	0.03	748	0.03
Dundee .. .. .	515	0.02	716	0.03
Federation .. .. .	520	0.02	621	0.03
Bordan .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	536	0.02
Warigo .. .. .	1,220	0.05	517	0.02
Insignia 49 .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	377	0.02
All other varieties .. .. .	10,218	0.45	8,865	0.36
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>2,264,649</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>2,429,097</b>	<b>100.00</b>

It will be noted from the foregoing statement that changes have occurred in the leading varieties during the seasons shown. Free Gallopoli became the leading variety in Victoria in 1929-30, and continued as such until the season 1934-35, when it was superseded by Ghurka. This variety continued as the most popular until it was displaced by Quadrat at the 1946 sowing. Quadrat increased in favour until in the season 1948-49, 47·20 per cent. of wheat sown was of that variety. Due to the rapid headway made by the varieties Insignia and Pinnacle, which were openly released from the Werribee Research Station in 1946 and 1947, the percentage of area sown with Quadrat has declined and was 32·05 in the 1952-53 season, falling further to 26·42 in 1953-54. The varieties Insignia and Pinnacle have increased in popularity to the extent that in 1952-53 their percentages of the area sown were 38·27 and 17·81 respectively, whilst in 1953-54 they had advanced to 40·97 and 21·40 respectively.

Many changes have also taken place in the leading varieties of wheat in other Australian wheat-growing States during recent years. In New South Wales, Bencubbin and Gabo are now the leading varieties. In South Australia the area sown with Gabo was only ·05 per cent. of the total area sown in 1947-48, but the area now sown with this variety amounts to 22·9 per cent., of the total area sown. In Western Australia, Bungulla, Bencubbin, Kondut, Wongoondy, and Gluclub occupy 73 per cent. of the area sown.

### PRINCIPAL VARIETIES OF WHEAT SOWN IN AUSTRALIAN STATES, 1952-53.

New South Wales.		Victoria.		South Australia.		Western Australia.	
Variety.	Per-centage of Total Area.	Variety.	Per-centage of Total Area.	Variety.	Per-centage of Total Area.	Variety.	Per-centage of Total Area.
Bencubbin ..	38·4	Insignia ..	38·3	Gabo ..	23·3	Bungulla ..	26·6
Gabo ..	15·8	Quadrat ..	32·1	Bencubbin ..	12·5	Bencubbin ..	22·4
Kendee ..	7·2	Pinnacle ..	17·8	Quadrat ..	4·2	Kondut ..	10·6
Charter ..	5·4	Magnet ..	2·8	Scimitar ..	4·1	Gluclub ..	7·7
Ford ..	5·2	Bencubbin ..	2·4	Insignia ..	3·9	Wongoondy ..	7·4
Celebration ..	4·6	Gabo ..	1·6	Dirk 48 ..	3·8	Eureka 2 ..	3·7
Bordan ..	3·4	Baldmin ..	1·3	Warigo ..	3·8	Gabo ..	3·4
Glen Wari ..	2·2	Pindar ..	0·9	Reldep ..	3·3	Bluclub ..	3·0
Koala ..	2·1	Ghurka ..	0·6	Dirk ..	2·7	Koorda ..	2·7
Quadrat ..	1·8	Diadem ..	0·4	Waratah ..	2·7	Insignia ..	2·5
All others ..	13·9	All others ..	1·8	All others ..	35·7	All others ..	10·0
Total ..	100·0		100·0		100·0		100·0

PRINCIPAL VARIETIES OF WHEAT SOWN IN AUSTRALIAN STATES, 1953-54.

New South Wales.		Victoria.		South Australia.		Western Australia.	
Variety.	Per-centage of Total Area.	Variety.	Per-centage of Total Area.	Variety.	Per-centage of Total Area.	Variety.	Per-centage of Total Area.
Bencubbin ..	38.2	Insignia ..	41.0	Gabo ..	22.9	Bungulla ..	25.6
Gabo ..	15.8	Quadrat ..	26.4	Bencubbin	9.9	Bencubbin ..	21.8
Kendee ..	7.6	Pinnacle ..	21.4	Insignia ..	6.1	Kondut ..	10.4
Ford ..	4.5	Magnet ..	2.7	Dirk 48 ..	5.0	Wongoondy	8.9
Bordan ..	4.2	Bencubbin	2.3	Bencubbin 48	4.9	Glucub ..	6.4
Celebration ..	3.3	Baldmin ..	1.6	Insignia 49	4.2	Gabo ..	5.7
Charter ..	3.2	Gabo ..	1.5	Quadrat ..	3.7	Insignia ..	4.5
Glen Wari ..	3.1	Pindar ..	0.7	Scimitar ..	3.5	Eureka 2 ..	4.0
Koala ..	2.2	Ghurka ..	0.4	Pinnacle ..	3.0	Koorda ..	2.4
Quadrat ..	2.2	Koorda ..	0.3	Dirk ..	2.9	Blucub ..	2.3
Insignia ..	1.7	Diadem ..	0.3	Reldep ..	2.3	Ranee 4H ..	1.2
Magnet ..	1.6	Bungulla ..	0.2	Warigo ..	2.3	Regalia ..	1.1
All others ..	12.4	All others	1.2	All others	29.3	All others ..	5.7
Total ..	100.0		100.0		100.0		100.0

NOTE.—The percentages of the principal varieties of wheat sown in Victoria in 1954-55 were:—Insignia 45.78; Pinnacle 24.81; Quadrat 20.54.

**Wheat Growing in conjunction with Sheep Grazing and Dairying.**

For the season 1947-48, statistics showing the extent to which mixed farming was practised in conjunction with wheat growing were compiled in respect of each State in the Commonwealth. The tabulations were prepared by the Commonwealth Statistician from data prepared by each State.

An analysis of the tables for the State of Victoria for that season discloses that wheat for grain was grown on 13,836 holdings, and the area sown with wheat for grain 3,227,162 acres. On 10,526 holdings, or 76.1 per cent. of the total growing wheat for grain, there were 6,114,977 sheep, or 34.1 per cent. of the State's total of 17,931,173 sheep at 31st March, 1948.

On 10,827 of the holdings growing wheat for grain, or 78·3 per cent. of the total, there were 126,078 dairy cattle at 31st March, 1948. Pigs numbering 42,801 were held on 3,198 holdings which also grew wheat for grain.

The following table shows the total area of holdings growing wheat for grain with particulars of wheat growing, sheep, dairy cattle, and pigs thereon :—

VICTORIA—HOLDINGS GROWING WHEAT FOR GRAIN TOGETHER WITH SHEEP, DAIRY CATTLE, AND PIGS THEREON, SEASON 1947-48.

Area under Wheat for Grain.	Holdings Growing Wheat.		Sheep.		Dairy Cattle.		Pigs.	
	Number.	Total Area under Wheat.	Holdings With.	Total.	Holdings With.	Total.	Holdings With.	Total.
Acres.		Acres.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1- 19	1,133	11,250	767	472,472	1,043	25,620	402	7,109
20- 49	1,295	41,216	966	624,595	1,080	20,547	334	6,187
50- 99	1,750	124,510	1,332	844,231	1,340	18,920	357	6,563
100- 199	3,164	448,128	2,372	1,328,432	2,322	23,459	662	9,084
200- 299	2,314	544,665	1,726	889,242	1,756	14,554	518	5,217
300- 399	1,646	540,386	1,269	621,127	1,238	9,235	366	3,489
400- 499	994	422,612	794	456,467	781	5,074	214	1,624
500- 599	523	276,117	432	252,356	426	2,810	102	813
600- 699	403	251,335	328	178,485	317	2,208	80	1,057
700- 799	216	157,119	185	126,805	182	1,279	53	437
800- 899	150	123,955	133	101,122	131	903	46	498
900- 999	92	85,725	79	67,224	76	465	27	331
1,000-1,999	149	184,429	136	142,637	128	924	36	355
2,000 and over ..	7	15,715	7	9,782	7	80	1	37
Total ..	13,836	3,227,162	10,526	6,114,977	10,827	126,078	3,198	42,801

Seed and Fertilizers used on Wheat Areas (grain and hay), 1953-54.

The total seed wheat used for grain and hay areas amounted to 2,667,508 bushels, and estimated total fertilizers to 79,550 tons. The average rate of sowing in the principal wheat-growing counties ranged from 44 lb. of seed per acre in the County of Millewa to 90 lb. in Ripon.

SEED AND FERTILIZERS USED ON WHEAT AREAS  
SEASON 1953-54.

(GRAIN AND HAY.)

District.	Area Sown.	Seed Used.		Fertilizers Used. (Estimated).
		Per Acre.	Total.	
	Acres.	lb.	Bushels.	Tons.
Central .. .. .	19,461	88	28,543	880
North-Central .. .. .	17,090	85	24,211	739
Western .. .. .	46,162	86	66,166	2,409
Wimmera .. .. .	757,092	73	921,129	27,739
Mallee .. .. .	1,095,864	57	1,041,071	29,224
Northern .. .. .	455,959	71	539,552	16,931
North-Eastern .. .. .	34,445	75	43,056	1,495
Gippsland .. .. .	3,024	75	3,780	133
Total State .. .. .	2,429,097	66	2,667,508	79,550

**Fallow.**

The large area of land fallowed for the next season's cropping operations is a feature of the three wheat-growing districts. Of the 2,287,090 acres in fallow during the season 1953-54, 1,031,946 were in the Mallee, 752,519 in the Wimmera, and 357,359 in the Northern districts. The total area of fallow in these three districts—2,141,824 acres—represented 94 per cent. of the land fallowed in the State.

The following table shows the acreage in fallow in various years, together with the area sown to wheat in each succeeding season:—

## VICTORIA—LAND IN FALLOW AND WHEAT SOWN.

Season.	Land in Fallow.	Season.	Area Sown to Wheat.
	Acres.		Acres.
1901-02 .. ..	681,778	1902-03 .. ..	2,155,928
1911-12 .. ..	1,469,608	1912-13 .. ..	2,471,586
1921-22 .. ..	2,052,964	1922-23 .. ..	2,857,533
1931-32 .. ..	2,145,819	1932-33 .. ..	3,320,504
1940-41 .. ..	1,887,418	1941-42 .. ..	2,889,853
1941-42 .. ..	2,101,360	1942-43 .. ..	2,212,915
1942-43 .. ..	1,660,171	1943-44 .. ..	1,864,895
1943-44 .. ..	1,719,363	1944-45 .. ..	2,246,217
1944-45 .. ..	1,694,097	1945-46 .. ..	3,365,558
1945-46 .. ..	2,394,032	1946-47 .. ..	3,566,489
1946-47 .. ..	2,460,350	1947-48 .. ..	3,279,182
1947-48 .. ..	2,527,306	1948-49 .. ..	3,033,395
1948-49 .. ..	2,343,685	1949-50 .. ..	2,867,390
1949-50 .. ..	2,429,888	1950-51 .. ..	2,770,549
1950-51 .. ..	2,153,611	1951-52 .. ..	2,498,538
1951-52 .. ..	2,026,965	1952-53 .. ..	2,264,649
1952-53 .. ..	2,294,891	1953-54 .. ..	2,429,097
1953-54 .. ..	2,287,090	1954-55 .. ..	2,430,155

**Wheat standard.**

The weight of an imperial bushel of wheat is 60 lb., but the actual weight of a bushel of Victorian wheat of fair average quality standard is determined annually by the Chamber of Commerce.



The following table shows the standard determined in Victoria for each of the ten seasons, 1944-45 to 1953-54 :—

Season.			Weight of Bushel of Wheat, f.a.q.	Season.			Weight of Bushel of Wheat, f.a.q.
			lb.				lb.
1944-45	..	..	63½	1949-50	..	..	64
1945-46	..	..	62½	1950-51	..	..	62½
1946-47	..	..	63½	1951-52	..	..	64
1947-48	..	..	60½	1952-53	..	..	64½
1948-49	..	..	63	1953-54	..	..	64½

**Farmers  
Growing  
Wheat  
for Grain.**

The following statement shows the number of farmers engaged in the growing of wheat for grain :—

**VICTORIA—NUMBER OF HOLDINGS WITH TWENTY OR MORE ACRES OF WHEAT FOR GRAIN, SEASONS 1948-49 TO 1953-54.**

1948-49.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.
12,105	11,491	11,203	10,076	10,049	10,900

**Oats.**

Oats may be cut for hay, stripped for grain or fed off to stock. The proportion of the oat crop used for each of the above purposes varies according to seasonal conditions. Oats as hay or grain form a very suitable fodder reserve on Mallee farms. For many years past, increasing areas of oats have been sown with the object of providing feed for sheep during the winter and early spring months. Some varieties of oats show high powers of recovery, particularly for a grain yield, after such grazing. More than 40 varieties are generally sown, but Algerian, with 49 per cent., Orient, with 24 per cent., and Algeribee, with 11 per cent. of the area predominate. The area harvested (season 1952-53) for hay was 219,448 acres, and for grain 756,129 acres, which produced 315,193 tons of hay, and 12,599,050 bushels of grain respectively. The area of oats sown for grazing purposes amounted to 179,235 acres. The figures for the 1953-54 season were :—Hay, 240,031 acres (366,109 tons), grain, 583,075 acres (9,851,708 bushels), and for grazing, 219,194 acres.

**Hay.** Particulars of areas harvested and production of the several kinds of hay appear in the following table:—

**VICTORIA—HAY PRODUCTION, 1952-53 and 1953-54.**

Kind.			Area.	Production.	Average Yield.
			Acres.	Tons.	Tons.
Wheaten .. ..	..	1952-53	32,552	50,766	1·56
		1953-54	39,793	61,142	1·54
Oaten .. ..	..	1952-53	219,448	315,193	1·44
		1953-54	240,031	366,109	1·53
Lucerne .. ..	..	1952-53	44,907	91,354	2·03
		1953-54	48,674	95,155	1·95
Barley, rye, &c. ..	..	1952-53	1,137	1,486	1·31
		1953-54	2,137	2,792	1·31
Grasses and clovers	..	1952-53	454,888	786,418	1·73
		1953-54	476,588	835,464	1·75
Totals .. ..	..	1952-53	752,932	1,245,217	1·65
		1953-54	807,223	1,360,662	1·69

The quantities of hay (in districts) held on rural holdings on the 31st March, 1952, 1953, and 1954, are shown in the following table:—

**STOCKS OF HAY HELD ON FARMS.**

District.	At 31st March—		
	1952.	1953.	1954.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Central .. ..	162,365	200,236	203,235
North-Central .. ..	64,963	91,812	93,465
Western .. ..	265,972	266,787	320,905
Wimmera .. ..	135,713	162,046	164,642
Mallee .. ..	44,755	49,403	48,418
Northern .. ..	189,090	264,760	293,804
North-Eastern .. ..	116,977	140,314	159,782
Gippsland .. ..	149,328	172,005	195,048
State .. ..	1,129,163	1,347,363	1,479,299

**Barley.** The area under barley for grain in 1953-54 was 374,555 acres, of which 344,346 were under malting (2 row), and 30,209 under feed (6 row) barley. Although barley is grown generally throughout the State, 254,502 acres, or 68 per cent. of the total area for the season 1953-54, were sown in the counties of Grant, Lowan, Borung, Weeah, and Karkaroc. The figures in the subjoined table show the acreage, production, and yield per acre, for each of the five seasons 1949-50 to 1953-54.

#### VICTORIA—BARLEY PRODUCTION, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Year ended March—	Area under Crop.		Produce.		Average per Acre.		
	Malting (2 row).	Other (6 row).	Malting (2 row).	Other (6 row).	Malting (2 row).	Other (6 row).	Total.
	Acres.	Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1950 ..	211,852	24,271	4,406,009	470,171	20·80	19·37	20·65
1951 ..	196,253	20,843	4,080,473	429,606	20·79	20·61	20·77
1952 ..	160,702	25,522	3,146,415	473,161	19·58	18·54	19·44
1953 ..	205,960	28,637	4,202,643	531,532	20·41	18·56	20·18
1954 ..	344,346	30,209	7,360,055	572,048	21·37	18·94	21·18

**Maize.** Maize for grain is cultivated mainly in Gippsland, but one or two thousand acres are regularly grown in the Mornington and the North-Eastern districts. It is grown in Victoria both for grain and for green fodder. The area, production, and average yield for each of the five seasons, 1949-50 to 1953-54, are given in the following table :—

#### VICTORIA—MAIZE PRODUCTION, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Season.	For Green Fodder.	For Grain.		
		Area.	Production.	Yield per Acre.
	Acres.	Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1949-50 .. ..	8,311	5,136	194,121	37·80
1950-51 .. ..	6,753	4,089	186,672	45·65
1951-52 .. ..	7,943	4,115	167,942	40·81
1952-53 .. ..	7,019	5,175	203,427	39·31
1953-54 .. ..	8,621	5,613	298,044	53·10

The annual average yield of the last five seasons was 43·53 bushels per acre, as compared with 45·0 in 1910-15, and 65·4 in 1900-05. The relatively light yield per acre for the latest five-year period was probably due to the cultivation of new areas, which are less fertile than the rich river flats upon which this cereal was grown exclusively in earlier periods.

**Potatoes.** Victoria is the chief potato-producing State in the Commonwealth. Of a total area of 128,367 acres planted in 1953-54 to potatoes, 52,745 acres were grown in this State.

The cultivation of potatoes in Victoria is confined mainly to the Central Highlands, the South-western district, and the Gippsland district. These districts are favoured with good average rainfall varying from 30 to 50 inches per annum, which is fairly well distributed throughout the year.

The following table shows the area, yield, and value of potatoes for each of the five seasons, 1949-50 to 1953-54 :—

#### VICTORIA—POTATO PRODUCTION, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Season.		Area.	Production.*	Average Yield.	Gross Value.
		Acres.	Tons.	Tons.	£
1949-50	.. ..	50,651	167,881	3·31	3,259,460
1950-51	.. ..	52,482	139,391	2·66	3,661,748
1951-52	.. ..	42,108	178,399	4·24	5,512,002
1952-53	.. ..	52,851	133,148	2·52	4,641,187
1953-54	.. ..	52,745	213,714	4·05	4,087,124

\* Includes amounts held on farms for seed, stock feed, &c., as follow :—38,374 tons in 1949-50; 27,102 tons in 1950-51; 30,620 tons in 1951-52; 26,177 tons in 1952-53; and 45,176 tons in 1953-54.

**Onions.** Onions are grown in nearly every county south of the Dividing Range. The returns for the season 1953-54 shows that in Bourke the yield was 2,564 tons from 409 acres; in Grant 3,515 tons from 659 acres; in Mornington 1,095 tons from 228 acres; in Grenville 7,314 tons from 1,086 acres; in Polwarth

3,927 tons from 542 acres; in Villiers 3,147 tons from 473 acres; and in Buln Buln 462 tons from 76 acres. The following statement shows the area, yield, and value for each of the last five years:—

VICTORIA—ONION PRODUCTION, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Season.			Area.	Production.	Average Yield.	Gross Value.
			Acres.	Tons.	Tons.	£
1949-50	..	..	4,093	25,436	6·21	558,886
1950-51	..	..	4,148	18,182	4·38	571,142
1951-52	..	..	4,745	31,150	6·56	946,181
1952-53	..	..	3,866	23,690	6·13	598,173
1953-54	..	..	3,641	22,783	6·26	769,017

**Vine Production.** The production of dried vine-fruits for the season 1953-54 amounted to 55,742 tons, as compared with a production of 61,687 tons for the previous season. This far exceeds the requirements for home consumption. Overseas exports of Victorian produce for the season 1953-54 amounted to 45,837 tons and 50,255 tons in 1952-53.

Australian production of dried vine-fruits for the season 1953-54 was 89,914 (100,733) tons, of which the Victorian portion represented 62 (61) per cent. (1952-53 figures shown in brackets).

Particulars of vine production for the five seasons 1949-50 to 1953-54 are given in the following table:—

VICTORIA—VINE-FRUIT PRODUCTION, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Season.	Number of Growers.	Area.		Produce.				
		Bearing.	Not Bearing.	Grapes gathered.	Wine made.	Dried Fruits.		
						Raisins.		Currants.
						Lexias.	Sultanas.	
Acres.	Acres.	Cwt.	Gallons.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.		
1949-50 ..	2,468	42,552	2,834	4,101,620	3,230,129	87,421	756,458	138,600
1950-51 ..	2,467	42,204	3,109	3,097,254	2,357,716	74,194	485,936	121,611
1951-52 ..	2,409	42,812	2,455	4,391,017	3,472,352	105,113	791,552	77,165
1952-53 ..	2,441	42,710	3,258	5,119,464	2,266,446	141,036	960,917	131,787
1953-54 ..	2,420	42,793	2,984	4,808,185	2,327,302	142,222	879,240	93,377

Of the total quantity of grapes gathered in 1953-54, it is estimated that 235,091 cwt. were used for making wine and spirits, 4,456,422 cwt. for raisins and currants, and 116,672 cwt. for table consumption. The figures for 1952-53 were 228,052 cwt., 4,774,709 cwt., and 116,703 cwt. respectively.

**Tobacco.** The imposition of emergency tariff rates about 1931 greatly stimulated the growing of tobacco in Victoria and, as a result, the area planted increased in the 1932-33 season to 13,418 acres. Due, however, to economic circumstances and to disease in the crops, the acreage subsequently declined.

The following table furnishes details of the area, production, and average yield in each of the five seasons, 1949-50 to 1953-54:—

VICTORIA—TOBACCO PRODUCTION, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Season.			Area.	Production.	Produce per Acre.	Gross Value.
			Acres.	Cwt. (dry).	Cwt. (dry).	£
1949-50	..	..	919	5,967	6·49	163,939
1950-51	..	..	1,021	8,138	7·97	336,099
1951-52	..	..	1,500	12,329	8·22	463,159
1952-53	..	..	1,613	13,142	8·08	613,293
1953-54	..	..	2,246	19,237	8·57	1,062,459

**Flax.** The production of flax is confined mainly to the Central, Western, and Gippsland Districts.

The following table shows the area, the quantity of straw delivered at mills, and the produce obtained therefrom for each of the seasons 1949-50 to 1953-54. Australian imports of certain flax products for each of the years ended 30th June, 1949 to 1954 are also shown:—

**VICTORIAN FLAX PRODUCTION AND AUSTRALIAN IMPORTS  
OF FLAX PRODUCTS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.**

Season.	Area.	Straw Delivered at Mills.	Produce Obtained.		Australian Imports (Year ended 30th June).		
			Fibre.	Seed.	Fibre.	Linseed.	Linseed Oil.
	Acres.	Tons.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Gallons.
1949-50 ..	5,261	6,925	15,020	17,771	..	388,631	1,498,572
1950-51 ..	3,633	5,071	14,107	11,664	..	274,531	2,104,712
1951-52 ..	2,821	4,065	17,387	9,433	804	40,319	4,598,718
1952-53 ..	2,840	4,379	16,891	13,706	9,932	5,000	1,487,008
1953-54 ..	9,550	12,984	16,900	13,498	5,821	..	3,567,404

**Linseed.**

Linseed oil is one of the chief components of paints, varnishes, and linoleum, and has many other industrial uses. The presscake or meal, which remains after the oil has been extracted from the ground and partly-cooked seed, is a valuable stock food.

The area sown to linseed in Victoria for the season 1953-54 was 1,226 acres which produced 8,072 bushels valued at £13,985 (gross.) Figures for 1952-53 were 1,063 acres, 7,036 bushels and gross value £11,082.

**Orchards.**

The extent of cultivation of each important class of fruit on holdings of one acre and upwards during the seasons 1949-50 and 1952-53 is shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—FRUIT TREES, PLANTS, ETC., IN ORCHARDS  
AND GARDENS, 1949-50 AND 1952-53.

Fruit.	Number of Trees, Plants, &c.					
	1949-50.			1952-53.		
	Bearing.	Not Bearing.	Total.	Bearing.	Not Bearing.	Total.
Apples .. ..	1,677,923	290,612	1,968,535	1,548,037	355,595	1,903,632
Pears .. ..	1,087,865	178,737	1,266,602	1,119,195	174,878	1,294,073
Quinces .. ..	49,968	21,665	71,633	47,569	15,117	62,686
Plums .. ..	213,366	87,630	300,996	201,660	63,045	264,705
Prunes .. ..	26,735	14,540	41,275	29,912	15,263	45,175
Cherries .. ..	108,696	76,374	185,070	113,649	57,078	170,727
Peaches .. ..	1,123,251	290,123	1,413,374	988,675	214,262	1,202,937
Apricots .. ..	400,453	116,757	517,210	402,902	95,311	498,213
Nectarines .. ..	27,376	7,793	35,169	24,100	3,555	27,655
Oranges .. ..	336,213	118,540	454,753	371,481	102,156	473,637
Mandarins .. ..	7,322	1,272	8,594	6,497	2,249	8,746
Grapefruit .. ..	20,090	11,957	32,047	26,647	3,457	30,104
Lemons .. ..	124,427	51,894	176,321	117,908	27,927	145,835
Figs .. ..	14,906	3,268	18,174	10,102	1,303	11,405
<b>Total Large Fruits</b>	<b>5,218,591</b>	<b>1,271,162</b>	<b>6,489,753</b>	<b>5,008,334</b>	<b>1,131,196</b>	<b>6,139,530</b>
Raspberries .. ..	333,912	44,252	378,164	254,170	26,152	280,322
Loganberries .. ..	114,347	19,931	134,278	97,793	13,586	111,379
Strawberries .. ..	5,208,842	447,550	5,656,392	3,727,540	405,870	4,133,410
Gooseberries .. ..	72,172	29,462	101,634	55,818	6,597	62,415
Olives .. ..	3,609	96,197	99,806	14,377	88,451	102,828
Passion-fruit .. ..	18,891	10,588	29,479	15,496	15,023	30,519
Almonds .. ..	42,552	36,688	79,240	41,025	16,681	57,706
Walnuts .. ..	7,966	3,643	11,609	9,250	3,534	12,784
Pilberts .. ..	4,584	2,174	6,758	3,777	2,875	6,652
<b>Total Nuts</b>	<b>55,102</b>	<b>42,505</b>	<b>97,607</b>	<b>54,052</b>	<b>23,090</b>	<b>77,142</b>



The distribution of the fruit industry over the State is set out fruit and the number of trees of each kind in each county are

Statistical Districts and Counties.	Growers.	Area.	Apples.	Pears.	Peaches.
	No.	Acres.	Trees.	Trees.	Trees.
<b>Central District—</b>					
Bourke .. ..	572	8,231	256,098	230,592	168,296
Grant .. ..	126	1,017	47,156	5,346	3,065
Mornington .. ..	738	10,152	840,378	53,734	20,703
Evelyn .. ..	674	5,736	203,223	43,731	44,888
<b>North-Central District—</b>					
Anglesey .. ..	4	9	381	159	13
Dalhousie .. ..	3	4	230	23	
Talbot .. ..	168	2,759	193,521	63,621	1,695
<b>Western District—</b>					
Grenville .. ..	18	131	4,182	379	23
Polwarth .. ..	18	77	6,192	404	22
Heytesbury .. ..	7	28	1,875	116	5
Hampden .. ..	2	4	162	30	7
Elpon .. ..	2	4	182	64	16
Villiers .. ..					
Normanby .. ..	49	552	51,312	1,022	45
Dundas .. ..	8	23	429	89	8
Follett .. ..	8	33	2,649	109	12
<b>Wimmera District—</b>					
Lowan .. ..	38	945	1,446	293	750
Borong .. ..	135	3,235	40,119	16,199	31,104
Kara Kara .. ..	29	155	9,314	971	490
<b>Mallee District—</b>					
Millewa .. ..	15	139	..	..	..
Weeah .. ..					
Karkaroc .. ..	742	3,227	1,095	1,988	5,235
Tatchera .. ..	280	1,591	7,031	1,380	4,266
<b>Northern District—</b>					
Gunbower .. ..	75	971	2,665	496	976
Gladstone .. ..	22	152	10,115	1,753	1,950
Bendigo .. ..	148	1,531	38,947	29,972	14,186
Rodney .. ..	338	10,746	33,038	421,092	424,812
Moira .. ..	487	13,583	49,659	417,969	477,198
<b>North-Eastern District—</b>					
Delatite .. ..	69	568	15,929	291	1,526
Bogong .. ..	120	1,250	58,934	973	799
Benambra .. ..	6	8	444	18	88
Wonnangatta .. ..	1	1	..	..	..
<b>Gippsland District—</b>					
Croajingolong .. ..	12	14	189	49	36
Tambo .. ..	10	15	506	174	138
Dargo .. ..	22	59	2,809	82	130
Tanjil .. ..	11	68	5,347	384	93
Buln Buln .. ..	22	216	18,075	570	362
<b>Total for State ..</b>	<b>4,979</b>	<b>67,234</b>	<b>1,903,632</b>	<b>1,294,073</b>	<b>1,202,937</b>

in the following table, where the number of growers, the area under given for the season 1952-53 :—

Apricots.	Plums.	Cherries.	Quinces.	Oranges.	Mandarins.	Grape-fruit.	Lemons and Limes.
Trees.	Trees.	Trees.	Trees.	Trees.	Trees.	Trees.	Trees.
43,487	26,331	28,539	17,785	151	1	70	61,083
35,216	4,470	704	615	2	..	1	840
4,043	29,686	27,165	4,839	72	2	14	17,390
5,920	80,428	91,530	8,032	61	4	70	30,301
8	363	5	69	2	..	..	1
731	11,220	4,812	2,126	1	..	..	54
4,513	1,004	109	126	..	..	..	..
165	218	3	28	..	..	..	..
8	80	2	9	..	..	..	..
20	25	1	10	2	..	..	5
4	6	1	4	..	..	..	1
112	188	5	25	..	..	..	1
330	40	..	3	..	..	..	1
38	34	..	7	1	..	..	2
7,614	389	49	131	19	..	..	4
25,964	4,067	2,963	3,809	168	3	..	455
487	210	963	37	..	..	..	4
80	..	..	..	10,507	168	1,020	560
10,683	950	57	642	203,984	6,306	15,352	7,980
26,738	2,847	132	379	81,627	217	4,129	3,025
1,790	69	11	43	73,923	498	4,535	1,767
528	161	245	23	61	6	5	28
10,050	13,491	381	4,632	16,386	12	496	3,265
143,956	20,789	146	8,649	11,373	32	120	2,460
174,153	61,942	6,024	10,264	71,861	1,377	4,042	15,334
948	197	2,131	102	1,796	61	164	789
160	4,583	4,024	87	1,554	50	27	267
11	101	3	3	14	4	..	9
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
23	59	24	15	18	..	2	9
100	66	54	18	9	1	1	16
121	100	317	29	18	2	6	41
98	145	68	34	20	2	..	36
114	426	259	111	7	..	50	109
498,213	264,705	170,727	62,686	473,637	8,746	30,104	145,835

The following tables show the numbers of growers (in counties) of

Districts and Counties.	Apples.		Pears.		Peaches.	
	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.
<b>Central District—</b>						
Bourke .. .. .	316	75	329	47	327	39
Grant .. .. .	68	53	21	42	14	24
Mornington .. .. .	670	74	175	103	72	26
Evelyn .. .. .	275	91	101	62	136	49
<b>North-Central District—</b>						
Anglesey .. .. .	2	4	..	2	..	1
Dalhousie .. .. .	..	5	..	..	..	14
Talbot .. .. .	167	12	114	35	10	..
<b>Western District—</b>						
Grenville .. .. .	10	7	3	11	..	2
Polwarth .. .. .	13	15	2	6	..	1
Heytesbury .. .. .	3	5	..	1	..	..
Hampden .. .. .	1	..	..	1	..	..
Ripon .. .. .	1	1	..	1	..	1
Villiers .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..
Normanby .. .. .	57	13	3	12	..	1
Dundas .. .. .	3	6	..	3	..	2
Follett .. .. .	5	3	1	1	..	..
<b>Wimmera District—</b>						
Lowan .. .. .	8	12	..	10	3	7
Borong .. .. .	53	43	46	52	56	35
Kara Kara .. .. .	24	9	3	15	3	10
<b>Mallee District—</b>						
Millewa .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..
Weeah .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..
Karkaroo .. .. .	1	12	4	22	11	34
Tatchera .. .. .	4	22	1	17	6	34
<b>Northern District—</b>						
Gunbower .. .. .	5	13	1	11	3	6
Gladstone .. .. .	14	7	2	7	4	6
Bendigo .. .. .	55	41	61	25	37	38
Rodney .. .. .	29	34	263	19	270	8
Moira .. .. .	96	75	294	22	313	34
<b>North-Eastern District—</b>						
Delatite .. .. .	23	35	1	7	4	9
Bogong .. .. .	62	55	4	23	2	18
Benambra .. .. .	2	9	..	3	..	4
Wonnangatta .. .. .	1	3	..	..	..	..
<b>Gippsland District—</b>						
Crosajingolong .. .. .	..	18	..	1	..	2
Tambo .. .. .	3	17	..	7	1	2
Dargo .. .. .	7	18	..	6	..	5
Tanjil .. .. .	6	11	2	3	1	3
Buln Buln .. .. .	11	20	2	3	2	..
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>1,995</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>1,433</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>415</b>

each kind of fruit and nuts grown in the State for the season 1949-50 :—

Apricots.		Plums.		Cherries.		Quinces.		Passion-fruit.		Oranges.	
100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.	100 vines and over.	10 and under 100 vines.	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.
92	80	131	141	121	70	80	93	..	1	..	2
78	44	18	50	7	6	8	17	1	..	1	..
24	59	149	127	100	33	17	35	7	6	..	4
23	50	273	173	223	45	29	59	7	7	..	1
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
4	18	48	36	22	17	5	14	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
17	3	7	7	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..
1	2	2	11	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	6	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	3	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
23	9	2	8	..	1	..	4	..	..	1	1
70	42	21	40	9	12	8	33	..	3	1	6
3	6	1	3	3	8	..	1	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
27	62	1	14	..	1	1	5	3	4	238	246
61	74	5	23	..	2	..	10	1	..	90	48
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	7	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	63	7
..	4	..	5	1	3	..	..	..	..	1	1
33	38	37	34	3	12	13	22	..	..	32	15
252	20	52	21	1	3	22	6	..	..	26	19
306	29	200	69	9	8	43	47	5	1	96	37
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3	6	..	7	4	9	1	2	16	3	3	7
..	7	2	14	6	3	..	2	2	..	8	31
..	1	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
..	3	..	6	1	2	..	..	1	1	..	..
..	5	..	5	1	4	..	2	4	2	..	1
1	1	2	4	..	1	..	..	2	1	..	1
1	1	..	4	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
1,021	585	952	829	512	244	222	360	52	30	617	430

Number of Growers—*continued.*

Districts and Counties.	Man-darins.		Grape-fruit.		Lemons.		Almonds.		Walnuts.	
	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.	100 trees and over.	10 and under 100 trees.
<b>Central District—</b>										
Bourke .. .. .	..	..	1	1	228	100	1	7	1	..
Grant .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	16	..	3
Mornington .. .. .	..	..	..	1	66	57	1	11	..	3
Evelyn .. .. .	..	..	..	..	111	101	2	7	3	6
<b>North-Central District—</b>										
Anglesey .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dalhousie .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1
Talbot .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	3	..	..
<b>Western District—</b>										
Grenville .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Polwarth .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Heytesbury .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hampden .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ripon .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Villiers .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Normanby .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundas .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Follett .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Wimmera District—</b>										
Lowan .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	1	4	4	..	..
Borong .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	16	10	24	..	1
Kara Kara .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..
<b>Mallee District—</b>										
Millewa .. .. .	..	1	1	5	1	1	..	..	..	..
Weeah .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Karkaroo .. .. .	8	82	34	126	21	76	19	93	..	11
Tatchera .. .. .	3	10	12	24	14	36	39	73	..	3
<b>Northern District—</b>										
Gunbower .. .. .	5	11	24	17	11	17	4	9	..	..
Gladstone .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2
Bendigo .. .. .	..	1	1	5	14	13	13	13	..	2
Rodney .. .. .	..	1	2	3	7	15	12	16	..	2
Molra .. .. .	5	17	9	31	39	55	16	33	1	6
<b>North-Eastern District—</b>										
Delatite .. .. .	..	..	1	1	..	2	1	10	10	10
Bogong .. .. .	..	1	..	1	2	17	17	16	6	7
Benambra .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3
Wonnangatta .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
<b>Gippsland District—</b>										
Croajingolong .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
Tambo .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Dargo .. .. .	..	..	..	1	2	3	1	..	2	2
Tanjil .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	..
Buln Buln .. .. .	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	3
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>66</b>

The principal fruits grown in the State are apples, pears, peaches, and citrus. The apple and pear crops for the season 1953-54 amounted to 2,338,903 and 3,152,432 bushels respectively.

A considerable quantity of apricots, peaches, and pears is grown, mostly in irrigated areas, for canning purposes. The total output of 3,734,000 cases of canned fruits for the 1954 season comprised apricots, 579,000 cases; peaches (including 98,000 cases of mixed fruits), 1,753,000 cases; and pears, 1,402,000 cases. This output represented 66 per cent. of the total Australian pack of these fruits. In addition to the fruits shown in the subjoined table, large quantities of melons, rhubarb, and tomatoes are produced in orchards. The gross value of all fruit grown in the season 1952-53 was £8,482,854 and in 1953-54, £8,516,538.

VICTORIA—FRUIT GROWING, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.
Number of Growers .. ..	5,482	5,541	5,117	4,979	5,071
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Area .. ..	71,046	69,911	68,715	67,234	66,180
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Kind of Fruit—					
Apples .. ..	810,836	1,987,059	1,579,123	1,962,604	2,338,903
Pears .. ..	1,884,012	2,515,219	2,538,109	2,438,616	3,152,432
Quinces .. ..	47,005	60,184	72,755	43,231	36,888
Apricots .. ..	608,515	387,650	519,190	399,813	583,695
Cherries .. ..	44,359	59,673	69,919	60,753	81,834
Nectarines .. ..	17,940	25,531	8,473	13,223	21,573
Peaches .. ..	1,236,733	1,359,951	1,590,702	1,419,969	1,804,896
Plums .. ..	151,157	206,085	168,535	166,813	173,925
Prunes .. ..	17,933	26,287	22,057	26,376	34,979
Lemons .. ..	142,887	150,934	182,682	154,715	151,022
Oranges .. ..	638,816	744,930	484,235	579,151	678,064
Mandarins .. ..	13,852	16,259	15,784	18,014	16,623
Grapefruit .. ..	52,953	44,757	48,610	46,133	52,289
Figs .. ..	12,825	11,330	7,048	7,740	6,087
Passion-fruit .. ..	6,894	5,878	5,687	6,989	6,721
Other Large Fruits .. ..	1,142	1,764	1,761	1,776	3,371
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.
Gooseberries .. ..	1,469	1,761	1,841	1,643	1,509
Loganberries .. ..	2,528	2,386	2,667	2,213	2,025
Raspberries .. ..	3,186	2,947	2,569	2,879	2,390
Strawberries .. ..	4,077	5,048	4,799	4,162	3,447
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
Almonds .. ..	146,081	134,656	89,329	128,197	129,165
Filberts .. ..	18,028	19,536	6,955	8,522	6,545
Walnuts .. ..	59,109	73,580	148,398	81,464	116,385

**Dried fruit  
(exclusive of  
Raisins and  
Currants).**

The production of the various kinds of dried tree-fruits for each of the last five seasons is shown in the following statement. Particulars in respect of dried vine-fruits appear on page 686 :—

**VICTORIA—DRIED TREE-FRUITS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.**

Year ended June—	Apples.	Apricots.	Figs.	Nectarines.	Peaches.	Pears.	Prunes.	Total.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1950 ..	72	230,771	4,112	28	334,194	133,059	301,865	1,004,101
1951 ..	799	56,000	4,862	1,021	257,600	179,200	448,018	947,500
1952 ..	550	46,450	4,147	363	318,686	105,005	381,135	856,336
1953 ..	200	71,756	5,322	21	189,999	94,684	445,191	807,173
1954 ..	66	177,237	6,687	120	124,280	111,809	688,652	1,108,851

**Vegetable  
growing.**

Prior to the season 1942-43, statistics relating to vegetable growing were collected only from those market gardeners who cropped an area of 1 acre or more. Only the surface area employed for vegetable growing was tabulated and, as a consequence, due to double-cropping, the actual area utilized was understated. Furthermore, vegetables grown between trees and vines in orchards and vineyards were not recorded.

From the season 1942-43, however, particulars were obtained of all vegetables grown on areas of 1 acre and upwards, including those grown in orchards and vineyards, and allowance was made for double cropping. These changes in practice therefore invalidate any comparison with previous years.

Excluding potatoes and onions, which are shown under separate headings in this issue of the *Year-Book*, the area sown to vegetables in Victoria for the season 1952-53 was 36,143 acres and the gross value of the estimated production therefrom was £9,713,718. The relative figures for 1953-54 were 30,242 acres and £8,011,744.

The areas sown to the different kinds of vegetables were :—

	Acres.			Acres.	
	1952-53	1953-54		1952-53	1953-54
Carrots	1,917	1,736	Beans, Broad	56	55
Parsnips	988	843	Peas, green	8,024	7,240
Beetroot	684	605	Peas, blue	80	30
Cabbage	2,379	2,081	Asparagus	1,710	1,819
Cauli- flower	3,581	3,289	Brussels Sprouts	899	916
Lettuce	2,217	2,146	Silver beet	38	43
Tomatoes	6,561	3,695	Cucumber	256	214
Pump- kins	2,543	1,864	Marrows	186	139
Turnips	408	341	Melons	398	351
Beans, French	2,662	2,239	Other	556	596

**Minor Crops.** There are other crops cultivated in Victoria in addition to those enumerated on pages 658 to 665. The most important of these are:—Nursery products, cut flowers, sweet corn, mustard, sunflowers, garlic, scent plants, and agricultural seeds.

**Fertilizers.** The following table shows the number of holdings upon which fertilizers were applied and the quantities used in the various seasons. The fertilizer mainly used on wheat areas is "Superphosphate 22 per cent." (reduced to 18 per cent. in July, 1941, and then increased to 19 per cent. in October, 1946, 21 per cent. in December, 1947, and 22 per cent. in September, 1948). It is also used on 90 per cent. of the oat areas fertilized:—

VICTORIA—ARTIFICIAL FERTILIZERS USED.

Season.	Number of Holdings.	Area Fertilized.	Quantity Used.	
		Acres.	Tons.	
1947-48	Crops .. .. .	30,853	3,769,125	157,816
	Pastures .. .. .	29,056	4,461,025	244,826
1948-49	Crops .. .. .	29,634	3,654,753	158,889
	Pastures .. .. .	31,047	5,513,693	308,801
1949-50	Crops .. .. .	35,418	3,839,023	175,559
	Pastures .. .. .	35,444	6,726,723	374,461
1950-51	Crops .. .. .	30,930	3,616,640	168,891
	Pastures .. .. .	34,284	7,185,111	394,195
1951-52	Crops .. .. .	33,098	3,378,601	163,205
	Pastures .. .. .	34,755	7,453,543	415,817
1952-53	Crops .. .. .	39,839	3,702,344	185,285
	Pastures .. .. .	39,200	7,946,709	434,042
1953-54	Crops .. .. .	33,416	3,555,999	170,168
	Pastures .. .. .	36,782	7,554,522	422,236
1954-55	Crops .. .. .	34,034	3,608,540	176,132
	Pastures .. .. .	38,484	8,118,147	459,158

**Machinery used on Holdings.** Statistics in respect of most kinds of serviceable farming implements for the year 1950 are shown in the table which follows. From 1951 the collection was confined to milking plants, shearing plants, rotary hoes, and tractors.



VICTORIA—MACHINERY AND IMPLEMENTS IN USE ON  
RURAL HOLDINGS AT 31st MARCH, 1950 TO 1954.

	Number.				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Milking machines—Number of units .. .. .	54,180	60,339	63,066	65,932	70,845
Shearing machines—Number of stands .. .. .	20,485	24,755	26,512	27,455	28,688
Tractors—					
Wheeled type .. .. .	23,235	28,132	33,678	37,484	41,953
Crawler or track type .. .. .	884	926	1,187	1,271	1,214
Ploughs—					
Single furrow .. .. .	32,753				
Multiple furrow .. .. .	43,428				
Cultivators (including scarifiers, harrows)—					
Tandem Disc .. .. .	7,607	} Not collected			
Other Disc .. .. .	14,569				
Spring tooth .. .. .	13,996				
Rigid time .. .. .	5,120				
Scarifiers .. .. .	18,988				
Harrows—Number of leaves .. .. .	191,776				
Rotary Hoes .. .. .	3,345	} 3,867	} 5,235	} 6,054	} 7,025
Other .. .. .	1,138				
Fertilizer distributors and broadcasters .. .. .	18,935				
Grain drills—					
Combine type .. .. .	16,145				
Other types .. .. .	9,781				
Maize planters .. .. .	2,988*				
Harvesting machinery—					
Headers, strippers, and harvesters .. .. .	14,471	} Not collected			
Binders .. .. .	16,979				
Mowers .. .. .	22,059				
Hay rakes .. .. .	17,133				
Hay pressers and balers .. .. .	3,973				
Potato diggers .. .. .	914				
Chaff cutters .. .. .	20,324				
Spraying plants .. .. .	3,428				
Fruit graders .. .. .	920				
Motor trucks, utilities or motor lorries .. .. .	27,838				
Stationary engines .. .. .	39,549				
Electric motors ( $\frac{1}{2}$ h.p. and over)	12,827				

\* Seed Planters.

Information is collected annually as to the number of persons ordinarily engaged in farm work on rural holdings of one acre or more. Persons absent from their farms for the greater portion of the year following other occupations, as well as temporary hands engaged in harvesting, &c., are excluded from the tabulation. In respect of female employees, it is evident that numbers of occupiers misinterpret the questions and wrongly include those who, though they may give some assistance out-doors, are primarily engaged in domestic duties. Particulars for the years 1946-47 to 1953-54 are as follows:—

Persons  
employed on  
Rural  
Holdings.

VICTORIA—PERSONS PERMANENTLY ENGAGED ON RURAL HOLDINGS, INCLUDING WORKING PROPRIETORS, ETC., BUT EXCLUDING CASUAL AND SEASONAL WORKERS, 1946-47 TO 1953-54.

Year ending March.	Males.	Females.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.
1947 .. .. .	92,533	8,784	101,317
1948 .. .. .	92,178	7,353	99,531
1949 .. .. .	88,728	6,509	95,237
1950 .. .. .	86,943	7,676	94,619
1951 .. .. .	89,917	6,380	96,297
1952 .. .. .	88,663	5,814	94,477
1953 .. .. .	91,376	7,017	98,393
1954 .. .. .	92,323	6,896	99,219

NOTE.—Information relating to wages of males temporarily employed was collected in addition to the numbers of those permanently engaged. Such wages amounted to £5,058,642, £6,943,195, £7,463,662 and £8,114,226 during the seasons 1950-51, 1951-52, 1952-53 and 1953-54 respectively.

Rates of Wages—Rural Holdings.

In the next table will be found particulars of the rates of wages paid (with rations) upon rural holdings during 1952-53 and 1953-54. The information has been furnished by the occupiers of holdings:—

VICTORIA—RATES OF WAGES ON RURAL HOLDINGS, 1952-53 AND 1953-54.

Occupations.	Prevalling Rate.	Range.									
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Ploughman .. .. per week	1952-53	13	0	0	10	10	0	to	15	0	0
	1953-54	12	0	0	8	10	0	to	13	0	0
Farm Labourers .. per week	1952-53	13	0	0	10	0	0	to	17	10	0
	1953-54	12	0	0	8	10	0	to	15	0	0
Threshing machine hands per hour	1952-53	6	0	0	5	0	0	to	7	0	0
	1953-54	7	0	0	5	0	0	to	10	0	0
Harvest hands .. per day	1952-53	2	15	0	2	0	0	to	4	0	0
	1953-54	3	0	0	2	0	0	to	3	10	0
Milkers .. .. per week	1952-53	13	0	0	11	10	0	to	15	0	0
	1953-54	12	0	0	10	0	0	to	13	0	0
Maize pickers (without rations) per bag of cobs	1952-53	2	0	0	..	..	..	to	..	..	..
	1953-54	3	0	0	..	..	..	to	..	..	..
Married couples .. per week	1952-53	19	0	0	15	10	0	to	21	0	0
	1953-54	14	0	0	12	0	0	to	17	0	0
Female servants .. per week	1952-53	8	0	0	6	0	0	to	9	10	0
	1953-54	6	0	0	4	0	0	to	8	0	0
Shearers, hand (without rations) per 100	1952-53	8	7	0	7	10	0	to	10	0	0
	1953-54	7	15	0	7	3	0	to	7	16	0
Shearers machine (without rations) per 100	1952-53	8	0	0	7	0	0	to	11	0	0
	1953-54	7	0	0	6	15	0	to	10	0	0
Gardeners, market .. per week	1952-53	12	10	0	..	..	..	to	..	..	..
	1953-54	10	0	0	..	..	..	to	..	..	..
,, orchard .. per week	1952-53	12	0	0	..	..	..	to	..	..	..
	1953-54	11	0	0	..	..	..	to	..	..	..
Vineyard hands .. per week	1952-53	12	10	0	..	..	..	to	..	..	..
	1953-54	11	10	0	..	..	..	to	..	..	..

Financial Assistance to Primary Producers.

In recent years legislative provision has been made by both the Commonwealth and State Parliaments for granting financial relief to primary producers. These provisions have been described in previous issues of the *Year-Book*.

**PASTORAL AND DAIRYING INDUSTRIES.**

**Live Stock.** The pastoral and dairying industries have always been important sources of wealth to the State, and the indications are that both pastures and stock are, on the whole, steadily improving. The next table, which shows the number of horses, dairy cows, other cattle, sheep and pigs, illustrates the progress of stock breeding in Victoria:—

**LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA, 1861 TO 1954.**

At 1st March—	Horses (including Foals).	Cattle—		Sheep.	Pigs.
		Dairy Cows.*	Other.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1861 .. ..	76,536	197,332	525,000	5,780,896	61,259
1871 .. ..	167,220	197,814	523,282	10,761,887	130,946
1881 .. ..	275,516	329,198	957,069	10,360,285	241,936
1891 .. ..	436,469	395,192	1,387,689	12,692,843	282,457
1901 .. ..	392,237	521,612	1,080,772	10,841,790	350,370
1911 .. ..	472,080	668,777	878,792	12,882,665	333,281
1921 .. ..	487,503	620,005	955,154	12,171,084	175,275
1931 .. ..	379,872	669,132	760,788	16,477,995	281,245
1941 .. ..	318,441	942,107	980,229	20,412,362	397,945
1950 at 31st March	200,143	1,036,370	1,194,578	19,161,043	212,901
1951 " " ..	186,415	1,021,249	1,195,004	20,011,933	237,127
1952 " " ..	169,246	993,201	1,221,329	21,537,229	213,670
1953 " " ..	153,662	1,024,303	1,272,905	21,368,196	182,824
1954 " " ..	140,818	1,074,573	1,295,611	21,438,007	232,384

\* Includes cows (in milk and dry), and springing heifers.

While the preceding table shows the actual number of live stock each year, it is difficult to determine the progress or otherwise of the pastoral industry unless the total number of live stock is brought to a common denomination. In the table which follows an arbitrary equivalent of ten sheep to each head of the larger kinds of live stock (omitting pigs) has been adopted and the total live stock grazed expressed as sheep:—

**VICTORIA—LIVE STOCK GRAZED, 1861-1954.**

Year.	Equivalent in Sheep of Live Stock Grazed.	Year.	Equivalent in Sheep of Live Stock Grazed.
	No.		No.
1861 .. ..	13,769,576	1931 .. ..	34,575,915
1871 .. ..	20,335,496	1941 .. ..	42,820,132
1881 .. ..	25,978,115	1950 .. ..	43,471,953
1891 .. ..	34,886,343	1951 .. ..	44,038,613
1901 .. ..	30,788,000	1952 .. ..	45,374,989
1911 .. ..	33,079,155	1953 .. ..	45,876,896
1921 .. ..	32,797,704	1954 .. ..	46,548,027

When making comparisons of the figures in the foregoing table, consideration should be given to the varying acreage under cultivation as shown on page 651.

**Size of holdings and numbers of Live Stock.**

A table showing the sizes of holdings and the numbers of live stock thereon as at March, 1948, appears on page 654 of this issue of the *Year-Book*.

**Live Stock in Australia.**

In the following statement are given the numbers of horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs in the various Australian States at 31st March, 1953 and 1954:—

### LIVE STOCK IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

1953.

State.	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.
	('000.)	('000.)	('000.)	No.
Victoria .. .. .	154	2,297	21,368	182,824
New South Wales .. .. .	298	3,649	57,461	298,690
Queensland .. .. .	282	6,751	17,030	335,809
South Australia .. .. .	57	483	12,036	58,657
Western Australia .. .. .	50	846	12,475	76,195
Tasmania .. .. .	18	275	2,421	39,378
Northern Territory .. .. .	35	936	34	799
Australian Capital Territory	1	10	247	180
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>15,247</b>	<b>123,072</b>	<b>992,532</b>

1954.

State.	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.
	('000.)	('000.)	('000.)	No.
Victoria .. .. .	141	2,370	21,438	232,384
New South Wales .. .. .	280	3,554	59,639	371,608
Queensland .. .. .	273	7,086	18,194	384,453
South Australia .. .. .	52	491	11,838	60,619
Western Australia .. .. .	49	830	13,087	100,912
Tasmania .. .. .	17	295	2,465	46,256
Northern Territory .. .. .	37	966	31	1,132
Australian Capital Territory	1	9	252	276
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>15,601</b>	<b>126,944</b>	<b>1,197,640</b>

Distribution  
of Live Stock.

The next table contains particulars of Live Stock

VICTORIA—DISTRIBUTION

Statistical Districts and Counties.	Horses.	Dairy Cattle.					
		Cows.		Springing Heifers.	Other Heifers for Dairying.	Calves.	Bulls.
		Milking.	Dry.				
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>Central District—</b>							
Bourke .. .. .	23,110	25,235	12,336	3,353	8,571	6,730	1,281
Grant .. .. .	6,568	15,677	7,363	1,753	5,839	5,645	1,125
Mornington .. .. .	10,598	82,919	22,968	5,483	20,101	20,006	4,004
Evelyn .. .. .	3,645	9,886	3,510	970	3,889	3,933	686
<b>North-Central District—</b>							
Anglesey .. .. .	2,229	3,793	3,205	974	1,413	1,734	283
Dalhousie .. .. .	2,526	3,300	1,595	333	1,332	1,264	240
Talbot .. .. .	4,224	9,602	3,502	935	3,402	3,741	661
<b>Western District—</b>							
Grenville .. .. .	3,651	9,349	9,908	2,194	3,921	3,275	841
Polwarth .. .. .	2,495	21,684	9,860	1,932	6,806	6,379	1,282
Heytesbury .. .. .	3,047	34,084	20,927	3,953	10,107	9,877	2,149
Hampden .. .. .	3,768	25,052	18,746	3,134	9,836	8,599	1,755
Ripon .. .. .	2,142	3,525	1,979	536	1,413	1,700	371
Villiers .. .. .	4,448	21,945	18,023	3,958	8,855	7,552	1,533
Normanby .. .. .	3,820	13,646	14,108	2,959	5,315	6,914	1,235
Dundas .. .. .	2,919	3,641	5,192	1,368	1,382	2,226	416
Follett .. .. .	1,111	1,548	2,052	552	286	1,004	149
<b>Wimmera District—</b>							
Lowan .. .. .	3,300	3,961	2,676	904	1,255	2,139	581
Borong .. .. .	3,783	5,513	2,696	789	1,489	2,612	690
Kara Kara .. .. .	1,919	1,987	1,208	263	649	998	205
<b>Mallee District—</b>							
Millewa .. .. .	491	378	176	46	75	162	47
Weeah .. .. .	545	773	436	86	192	370	112
Karkaroc .. .. .	3,263	3,405	1,226	402	697	1,611	312
Tatchera .. .. .	3,413	8,325	2,572	1,254	2,548	3,487	585
<b>Northern District—</b>							
Gunbower .. .. .	3,085	25,937	5,771	2,202	7,156	9,126	1,231
Gladstone .. .. .	2,182	2,063	1,122	295	686	855	208
Bendigo .. .. .	4,709	13,654	3,509	1,561	3,813	4,957	788
Rodney .. .. .	4,822	41,748	8,105	3,948	11,094	13,776	2,078
Moira .. .. .	8,092	22,930	8,295	3,836	7,599	10,681	1,704
<b>North-Eastern District—</b>							
Delatite .. .. .	4,906	15,212	11,111	4,263	5,590	8,162	1,196
Bogong .. .. .	5,938	26,686	17,033	6,817	7,204	11,628	1,622
Benambra .. .. .	3,214	14,065	5,832	2,215	3,286	4,651	631
Wonnangatta .. .. .	300	738	342	83	149	218	42
<b>Gippsland—</b>							
Croajingolong .. .. .	1,028	6,120	1,619	473	1,752	1,874	288
Tambo .. .. .	1,422	4,942	1,868	468	1,463	1,811	284
Dargo .. .. .	1,262	5,293	1,417	741	1,873	2,024	285
Tanjil .. .. .	3,790	38,612	11,037	3,527	10,413	10,277	1,619
Buin Buin .. .. .	11,897	146,747	29,761	8,682	31,690	38,275	6,744
<b>Total for State ..</b>	<b>153,662</b>	<b>673,975</b>	<b>273,086</b>	<b>77,242</b>	<b>193,141</b>	<b>220,273</b>	<b>39,263</b>

in each County of the State as at March, 1953 :—

OF LIVE STOCK, 1953.

Beef Cattle.				Total Cattle (Dairy and Beef).	Pigs.	Sheep.		
Cows.	Calves (under Twelve Months).	Bulls.	Other Cattle.			Sheep.	Lambs.	Total.
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
11,995	5,965	389	9,899	85,754	14,491	509,204	84,807	594,011
13,602	8,044	855	7,899	67,802	4,711	710,479	157,765	868,244
25,669	10,736	641	14,700	207,227	11,525	219,766	61,149	280,915
5,463	3,147	227	4,639	36,350	6,665	46,412	13,222	59,634
9,607	6,002	380	8,621	36,012	1,878	457,494	67,565	525,059
4,908	3,268	247	4,622	21,109	803	459,462	76,072	535,534
4,582	3,816	278	5,332	35,851	2,819	492,228	124,749	616,977
4,684	2,328	150	5,240	41,890	3,073	682,876	144,130	827,006
5,207	2,745	173	4,491	60,559	6,643	144,968	45,621	190,589
3,921	2,086	174	2,736	90,014	3,340	76,689	22,933	99,622
15,723	8,688	641	13,506	105,680	1,874	842,359	247,859	1,090,218
4,623	2,714	188	3,156	20,205	727	946,303	209,252	1,155,555
21,929	13,186	746	11,754	109,481	1,156	852,653	254,343	1,106,996
13,366	9,060	587	8,203	75,398	2,929	682,550	193,651	876,201
10,318	6,808	447	6,923	38,721	1,118	945,626	238,391	1,184,017
6,606	4,079	299	2,335	18,910	154	241,933	56,686	298,619
2,836	2,298	134	1,641	18,425	1,103	1,271,860	315,597	1,587,457
789	1,224	96	1,850	17,748	3,600	831,700	193,434	1,025,134
1,063	941	57	1,349	8,720	972	552,376	128,123	680,499
128	202	14	72	1,300	193	99,347	34,662	134,009
209	200	18	116	2,512	399	118,496	30,762	149,258
668	710	43	685	9,759	2,238	450,736	112,930	563,666
1,891	1,898	71	2,137	24,768	5,087	414,315	109,963	524,278
5,511	4,763	215	6,434	68,346	12,316	347,956	101,137	449,093
521	649	39	815	7,253	994	423,467	110,299	533,766
3,143	2,872	130	3,050	37,477	7,481	491,245	145,465	636,710
6,262	4,961	264	6,120	98,356	15,169	508,988	173,438	682,426
9,414	7,413	543	10,287	82,702	11,998	1,002,363	246,001	1,248,364
20,349	13,011	744	26,532	106,170	5,970	681,072	159,358	840,430
21,824	14,398	734	17,382	125,323	10,312	386,653	83,702	470,355
28,404	18,673	1,014	17,208	95,979	5,040	242,182	53,830	296,012
1,892	1,143	82	1,756	6,445	152	46,218	8,677	54,895
4,239	2,343	139	2,199	21,046	3,459	42,813	8,730	51,543
10,167	5,605	275	3,652	30,535	1,951	107,128	23,675	130,803
6,940	3,802	191	4,118	26,684	1,646	85,073	19,588	104,661
17,949	11,219	589	16,861	122,103	3,750	310,136	78,807	388,943
25,854	16,432	898	29,506	334,589	25,088	410,222	96,475	506,697
332,256	207,429	12,712	267,831	2,297,208	182,824	17,135,348	4,232,848	21,368,196

Distribution  
of Live Stock.The next table contains particulars of Live Stock  
VICTORIA—DISTRIBUTION

Statistical Districts and Counties.	Horses.	Dairy Cattle.					
		Cows.		Spring- ing Heifers.	Other Heifers for Dairy- ing.	Calves	Bulls.
		Milk- ing.	Dry.				
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
<b>Central District—</b>							
Bourke .. .. .	22,285	25,429	13,097	2,642	8,051	6,902	1,283
Grant .. .. .	6,158	16,514	7,187	1,861	5,520	5,787	1,147
Mornington .. .. .	9,497	82,179	26,037	7,161	19,596	20,460	4,113
Evelyn .. .. .	3,518	10,103	4,009	1,107	4,272	3,696	683
<b>North-Central District —</b>							
Anglesey .. .. .	2,095	3,827	3,161	861	1,414	1,612	302
Dalhouse .. .. .	2,252	3,537	1,799	417	1,277	1,519	276
Talbot .. .. .	3,726	9,239	4,480	1,101	3,465	3,932	675
<b>Western District—</b>							
Greenville .. .. .	3,309	9,978	9,182	2,155	4,482	3,437	884
Polwarth .. .. .	2,272	22,492	10,193	2,919	6,771	7,280	1,315
Heytesbury .. .. .	2,842	37,547	18,729	4,797	10,347	9,819	2,176
Hampden .. .. .	3,584	24,502	19,900	3,608	10,573	8,751	1,821
Ripon .. .. .	1,975	3,538	2,270	511	1,624	1,691	391
Villiers .. .. .	4,178	21,653	18,825	4,187	9,399	7,298	1,596
Normanby .. .. .	3,568	13,290	15,568	3,273	6,078	6,522	1,263
Dundas .. .. .	2,633	3,177	5,421	1,180	1,915	1,913	435
Follett .. .. .	1,032	1,188	2,225	600	820	675	140
<b>Wimmera District —</b>							
Lowan .. .. .	2,980	4,204	3,109	864	1,549	2,080	597
Borong .. .. .	3,274	5,621	2,879	696	1,855	2,778	723
Kara Kara .. .. .	1,679	2,087	1,198	261	681	990	204
<b>Mallee District—</b>							
Millera .. .. .	416	382	195	71	102	108	45
Weeah .. .. .	382	867	329	72	174	321	96
Karkaroc .. .. .	2,591	3,345	1,328	294	728	1,584	317
Tatchera .. .. .	2,886	8,616	2,718	1,356	2,656	3,268	537
<b>Northern District—</b>							
Gunbower .. .. .	2,874	25,304	7,073	2,236	7,743	8,463	1,270
Gladstone .. .. .	1,857	2,087	1,042	240	686	1,045	204
Bendigo .. .. .	4,263	15,080	3,617	1,720	3,979	5,212	847
Rodney .. .. .	4,237	44,901	9,341	4,814	12,203	14,592	2,249
Moir .. .. .	7,297	26,328	10,495	3,761	8,773	11,612	2,044
<b>North-Eastern District—</b>							
Delatite .. .. .	4,472	13,633	13,656	4,086	5,530	8,504	1,225
Bogong .. .. .	5,463	24,857	20,907	7,076	6,846	11,516	1,715
Benambra .. .. .	3,103	13,413	8,515	2,511	3,307	5,031	709
Wonnangatta .. .. .	268	581	512	46	208	188	34
<b>Gippsland District—</b>							
Croajingolong .. .. .	961	5,942	1,221	424	1,624	2,323	319
Tambo .. .. .	1,239	5,822	1,584	582	1,975	2,007	292
Dargo .. .. .	1,134	5,446	1,690	718	1,782	2,069	277
Tanjil .. .. .	3,516	39,092	12,335	4,061	10,247	11,138	1,736
Bulu Bulu .. .. .	11,002	148,373	36,734	12,959	31,152	39,705	7,011
<b>Total for State</b> .. .. .	<b>140,818</b>	<b>685,084</b>	<b>302,261</b>	<b>87,228</b>	<b>199,404</b>	<b>225,802</b>	<b>40,951</b>

in each County of the State as at March, 1954 :—  
**OF LIVE STOCK, 1954 :—**

Beef Cattle.					Total Cattle (Dairy and Beef).	Pigs.	Sheep.		
Cows.	Calves (under Twelve Months).	Bulls.	Other Cattle.	Sheep.			Lambs.	Total.	
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
12,093	5,673	394	12,325	87,889	17,466	516,539	109,239	625,778	
14,248	8,081	735	7,248	68,338	5,518	713,151	189,446	902,597	
22,787	10,507	660	14,850	208,350	15,051	232,432	74,807	307,039	
5,293	2,394	250	4,543	36,850	10,043	46,505	14,529	61,034	
9,756	6,462	362	8,647	36,404	2,649	439,010	73,495	512,505	
4,990	3,463	208	4,956	22,442	1,365	455,024	84,716	539,740	
4,532	3,444	232	6,214	37,314	3,752	492,649	146,355	639,004	
4,266	1,858	158	4,907	41,307	3,803	685,038	144,991	830,029	
5,414	2,575	142	3,706	62,807	8,529	143,317	46,721	190,038	
3,658	1,932	191	3,342	92,538	4,096	82,456	17,930	100,386	
16,486	9,475	668	11,981	107,729	2,511	836,263	220,894	1,057,157	
5,223	3,204	235	3,391	22,078	763	981,020	210,321	1,191,341	
23,096	13,201	828	12,782	112,865	1,138	864,013	242,923	1,106,941	
15,120	8,997	643	10,141	80,895	3,449	725,384	180,601	905,985	
11,112	6,578	452	7,769	39,952	1,014	933,773	226,686	1,210,459	
6,796	3,531	258	2,413	18,646	198	232,317	55,044	287,361	
3,744	2,562	160	2,670	21,539	1,342	1,309,324	283,326	1,592,650	
867	860	87	2,440	18,806	3,195	802,983	205,736	1,008,719	
1,026	841	46	1,617	8,951	1,001	527,997	126,133	654,130	
136	91	18	205	1,353	259	102,563	31,737	134,300	
90	85	5	260	2,299	538	115,936	32,522	148,458	
972	693	41	1,245	10,547	2,875	879,542	122,448	501,990	
1,985	1,802	90	2,293	25,121	6,235	332,957	114,838	447,795	
5,531	4,205	219	7,645	69,689	15,583	338,285	111,836	450,121	
497	488	35	930	7,254	1,285	398,645	111,936	510,581	
3,219	2,578	105	3,728	40,085	8,611	472,455	165,991	638,446	
6,491	5,102	284	7,531	107,508	22,097	482,491	188,323	670,819	
10,072	7,346	477	11,751	92,659	17,663	1,015,508	306,295	1,321,803	
18,623	12,352	745	23,664	102,023	7,815	689,335	163,302	852,337	
21,795	13,583	681	17,671	126,347	12,764	377,775	95,853	473,628	
23,575	17,619	996	16,701	97,382	5,988	241,543	52,112	293,655	
1,943	1,090	81	1,373	6,056	146	43,412	8,680	52,092	
4,347	2,622	130	3,248	22,200	4,643	42,137	7,827	49,964	
9,648	5,445	294	3,807	31,456	2,603	105,176	29,073	134,254	
6,769	4,152	233	4,949	28,085	2,065	87,099	21,415	108,514	
18,220	11,323	547	19,705	129,804	5,259	299,380	96,939	396,319	
24,448	15,396	880	27,953	344,616	29,072	409,732	120,006	529,738	
<b>333,873</b>	<b>202,410</b>	<b>12,570</b>	<b>280,601</b>	<b>2,370,184</b>	<b>232,384</b>	<b>17,003,166</b>	<b>4,434,841</b>	<b>21,438,007</b>	



**Dairying.** The dairying industry is one of the principal sources of the wealth of the community. The gross value of dairy produce in the season 1953-54 was £57,730,000 as compared with £51,865,000 in 1952-53 and £47,285,000 in 1951-52. The following table shows the numbers of cow-keepers and cows and the estimated total production of milk for each of the last five years:—

VICTORIA—DAIRYING, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

As at 31st March—	Number of Cow-keepers.	Number of Dairy Cows.*	Estimated Total Production of Milk for all Purposes (Year ended 30th June).
			'000 Gallons.
1950 .. .. .	Not tabulated	1,036,370	469,253
1951 .. .. .	51,497	1,021,249	445,671
1952 .. .. .	50,635	993,201	446,818
1953 .. .. .	50,492	1,024,303	436,417
1954 .. .. .	50,402	1,074,573	474,358

\* Includes Cows (in milk and dry) and Springing Heifers.

**Butter, Cheese, Condensed Milk and Casein.**

The quantities of butter, cheese, condensed and powdered milk, &c., and casein made during the last five years were as follow:—

VICTORIA—BUTTER, CHEESE, CONDENSED AND POWDERED MILK, CASEIN MADE, ETC., 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Year Ended 30th June—	Butter.*	Cheese.*	Condensed and Full-Cream Powdered Milk.	Casein.	Other Milk Products and By-Products
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
1950 .. .. .	144,827	47,492	122,997	7,077	39,889
1951 .. .. .	132,263	50,573	116,255	8,657	41,238
1952 .. .. .	135,167	49,852	115,081	8,436	63,896
1953 .. .. .	128,072	49,495	120,664	4,817	70,056
1954 .. .. .	144,247	58,211	109,551	7,682	79,167

\* Including that made on farms.

**AUSTRALIA—MILK PRODUCTION.**

**Australian Milk Production.**

Victoria is the principal milk-producing State, and in 1952-53 the Victorian output (436.4 million gallons) represented 35.8 per cent. of the Australian production.

The statistics over the last five years are as follow :—

**PRODUCTION OF WHOLE MILK.**  
(’000 gallons.)

Period.	Victoria.	New South Wales	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
1949-50 ..	469,253	311,580	281,125	89,388	49,476	40,243	694	1,241,759
1950-51 ..	445,671	298,159	278,111	83,545	52,407	41,136	687	1,199,716
1951-52 ..	446,818	241,209	181,148	86,482	48,937	46,100	593	1,051,287
1952-53 ..	436,417	317,385	285,757	84,249	49,830	44,269	688	1,218,595
1953-54 ..	472,296	277,747	251,010	85,584	50,582	52,415	781	1,190,415

**Numbers and Sizes of Dairy Herds.**

The following table shows the number of dairy herds in Victoria, grouped, according to size, for each of the four years, 1951-54 :—

**VICTORIA—DAIRY HERDS, CONTAINING FIVE COWS OR MORE, GROUPED ACCORDING TO SIZE.**

As at March—	Number of Herds.							Total.
	5 to 9 Cows.	10 to 14 Cows.	15 to 19 Cows.	20 to 29 Cows.	30 to 49 Cows.	50 to 99 Cows.	100 and Over.	
1951 ..	6,703	2,944	2,021	3,741	6,779	5,780	874	28,842
1952 ..	6,395	2,775	1,959	3,666	6,601	5,698	816	27,910
1953 ..	6,563	2,952	2,004	3,683	6,858	5,863	874	28,797
1954 ..	6,421	3,058	1,969	3,816	7,020	6,410	913	29,607

The numbers of farmers with less than five cows were :—22,655 in 1951, 22,725 in 1952, 21,695 in 1953, and 20,795 in 1954. These numbers were excluded from the foregoing table as the groups were considered too small to be classed as dairy herds.

**Regulation, Control and Distribution of the Metropolitan Milk Supply.**

Information in respect of the regulation, control, and distribution of the Metropolitan Milk Supply appears on pages 335 to 337 of the 1943-44 *Year-Book*.

Herds of  
Dairy Cattle.

In the following table, dairy cattle (as distinct from into herds which are depastured on the differently sized

### HERDS OF DAIRY CATTLE IN

Total Area of Holding.	Total in Victoria.				Size of Herd.			
	Herds.		Dairy Cattle.		Number. 1 to 4.		Number. 5 to 9.	
	No.	Percentage to Total.	No.	Percentage to Total.	Herds.	Dairy Cattle.	Herds.	Dairy Cattle.
Under 10 .. ..	1,880	3.54	7,096	0.47	1,418	2,954	338	2,125
10 and under 25	3,832	7.21	22,393	1.48	2,313	4,610	767	5,128
25 .. 50	3,694	6.95	44,053	2.92	1,586	3,190	533	3,601
50 .. 100	6,167	11.60	175,426	11.62	1,188	2,636	628	4,256
100 .. 150	5,742	10.80	243,961	16.17	645	1,475	444	3,008
150 .. 250	7,369	13.86	366,369	24.23	874	2,077	563	3,769
250 .. 500	8,838	16.62	365,681	24.23	2,026	5,011	1,271	8,512
500 .. 750	5,396	10.15	124,624	8.26	1,951	5,034	1,338	8,817
750 .. 1,000	2,999	5.64	51,262	3.40	1,206	3,149	825	5,464
1,000 .. 1,500	3,299	6.21	47,583	3.15	1,409	3,627	1,018	6,732
1,500 .. 2,500	2,332	4.39	32,513	2.15	1,047	2,772	710	4,698
2,500 .. 5,000	1,129	2.12	16,277	1.08	461	1,218	353	2,336
5,000 .. 10,000	347	0.65	7,031	0.47	89	233	110	719
10,000 .. 20,000	92	0.17	1,886	0.13	27	69	21	135
20,000 and over ..	46	0.09	2,873	0.19	18	46	10	65
Totals ..	53,162	100.00	1,509,028	100.00	16,258	38,101	8,929	59,365

Pigs.

The numbers of pigs in Victoria at 31st March, 1952, About 75 per cent. of these are held in the Central, to dairying. The following tables show classifications (in counties)

dairy cows shown in the table on page 707), have been classified holdings as set out :—

VICTORIA AS AT MARCH, 1950.

Size of Herd—continued.

Number. 10 to 14.		Number. 15 to 19.		Number. 20 to 29.		Number. 30 to 49.		Number. 50 to 99.		Number. 100 and over.	
Herd.	Dairy Cattle.	Herd.	Dairy Cattle.	Herd.	Dairy Cattle.	Herd.	Dairy Cattle.	Herd.	Dairy Cattle.	Herd.	Dairy Cattle.
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
79	892	24	397	12	285	5	179	4	264	..	..
375	4,401	198	3,337	131	3,054	41	1,477	7	386	..	..
380	4,520	339	5,733	463	11,112	330	12,071	62	3,722	1	104
440	5,265	401	6,818	744	18,099	1,596	62,365	1,140	72,557	30	3,430
248	2,948	263	4,476	518	12,669	1,267	50,850	2,166	146,442	191	22,093
361	4,267	299	5,174	547	13,372	1,137	45,112	2,879	207,028	709	85,570
658	7,760	395	6,630	577	13,973	907	35,562	1,845	132,560	1,159	155,673
507	5,896	238	3,949	268	6,388	310	12,043	463	33,224	321	49,273
303	3,532	140	2,347	116	2,734	125	4,714	181	13,207	103	16,115
342	3,920	115	1,906	108	2,543	79	2,937	116	8,233	112	17,685
243	2,815	86	1,430	69	1,589	61	2,368	57	4,164	59	12,677
121	1,424	58	949	53	1,247	21	774	31	2,320	31	6,009
57	665	23	378	31	716	13	474	12	866	12	2,980
11	130	15	249	4	98	8	327	3	223	3	655
4	48	2	33	2	45	2	75	2	132	6	2,429
4,129	48,483	2,596	43,806	3,643	87,924	5,902	231,328	8,968	625,328	2,737	374,693

1953, and 1954 were 213,670, 182,824, and 232,384 respectively. Western, Northern, and Gippsland districts which are so largely devoted to pigs together with the numbers of pig-keepers :—

## VICTORIA—PIGS AND PIG-KEEPERS—MARCH 31st, 1953.

Districts and Counties.	Boars.	Breeding Sows.	All Other.	Total Pigs.	Pig-Owners.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>Central District—</b>					
Bourke .. ..		1,580	12,746	14,491	192
Grant .. ..	165	652	3,909	4,711	283
Mornington .. ..	150	1,865	9,264	11,525	635
Evelyn .. ..	396	1,154	5,325	6,665	316
	186				
<b>North-Central District—</b>					
Anglesey .. ..	60	324	1,494	1,878	108
Dalhousie .. ..	20	107	676	803	67
Talbot .. ..	87	408	2,324	2,819	243
<b>Western District—</b>					
Grenville .. ..	55	267	2,751	3,073	126
Polwarth .. ..	195	999	5,449	6,643	346
Heytesbury .. ..	137	565	2,638	3,340	192
Hampden .. ..	58	289	1,527	1,874	98
Ripon .. ..	22	80	625	727	45
Villiers .. ..	34	169	953	1,156	77
Normanby .. ..	101	445	2,383	2,929	267
Dundas .. ..	34	149	935	1,118	104
Follett .. ..	7	25	122	154	18
<b>Wimmera District—</b>					
Lowan .. ..	60	159	884	1,103	273
Borong .. ..	130	476	2,994	3,600	427
Kara Kara .. ..	24	128	820	972	91
<b>Mallee District—</b>					
Millewa .. ..	13	36	144	193	30
Weeah .. ..	19	91	289	399	66
Karkaroc .. ..	64	350	1,824	2,238	222
Tatchera .. ..	130	650	4,307	5,087	321
<b>Northern District—</b>					
Gunbower .. ..	365	1,853	10,008	12,316	525
Gladstone .. ..	26	172	796	994	105
Bendigo .. ..	166	949	6,366	7,481	326
Rodney .. ..	392	2,092	12,685	15,169	618
Moira .. ..	336	1,830	9,832	11,998	593
<b>North-Eastern District—</b>					
Delatite .. ..	193	913	4,864	5,970	391
Bogong .. ..	323	1,642	8,347	10,312	578
Benambra .. ..	130	666	4,244	5,040	224
Wonnangatta .. ..	8	48	96	152	19
<b>Gippsland District—</b>					
Croajingolong .. ..	83	625	2,751	3,459	113
Tambo .. ..	89	303	1,559	1,951	128
Dargo .. ..	42	251	1,353	1,646	124
Tanjil .. ..	108	631	3,011	3,750	198
Buln Buln .. ..	719	3,613	20,756	25,088	1,291
<b>Total for State ..</b>	<b>5,127</b>	<b>26,556</b>	<b>151,141</b>	<b>182,824</b>	<b>9,780*</b>

\* Of this number 3,275 had herds of under 5 pigs, 1,634 herds of 5 and under 10 pigs, 2,057 herds of 10 and under 20 pigs, and 2,814 herds of 20 pigs and over.

VICTORIA—PIGS AND PIG-KEEPERS—MARCH 31st, 1954.

Districts and Counties.	Boars.	Breeding Sows.	All Other.	Total Pigs.	Pig-Owners.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>Central District—</b>					
Bourke .. .. .	254	1,927	15,285	17,466	251
Grant .. .. .	135	860	4,523	5,518	308
Mornington .. .. .	439	2,480	12,132	15,051	700
Evelyn .. .. .	240	1,893	7,910	10,043	396
<b>North-Central District—</b>					
Anglesey .. .. .	70	424	2,155	2,649	135
Dalhousie .. .. .	25	141	1,199	1,365	75
Talbot .. .. .	106	583	3,063	3,752	287
<b>Western District—</b>					
Grenville .. .. .	64	420	3,319	3,803	148
Polwarth .. .. .	215	1,447	6,867	8,529	395
Heytesbury .. .. .	147	788	3,161	4,096	186
Hampden .. .. .	74	414	2,023	2,511	105
Ripon .. .. .	22	105	636	763	48
Villiers .. .. .	32	180	926	1,138	81
Normanby .. .. .	125	605	2,719	3,449	314
Dundas .. .. .	34	163	817	1,014	97
Follett .. .. .	8	43	147	198	22
<b>Wimmera District—</b>					
Lowan .. .. .	68	240	1,034	1,342	273
Borong .. .. .	130	549	2,516	3,195	424
Kara Kara .. .. .	28	150	823	1,001	104
<b>Mallee District—</b>					
Millewa .. .. .	15	52	192	259	33
Weeah .. .. .	22	106	410	538	59
Karkaroc .. .. .	89	490	2,286	2,875	275
Tatchera .. .. .	166	951	5,118	6,235	360
<b>Northern District—</b>					
Gunbower .. .. .	432	2,523	12,628	15,583	563
Gladstone .. .. .	40	207	1,038	1,285	126
Bendigo .. .. .	193	1,222	7,196	8,611	345
Rodney .. .. .	509	3,596	17,992	22,097	701
Moira .. .. .	484	3,112	14,067	17,663	739
<b>North-Eastern District—</b>					
Delatite .. .. .	233	1,468	6,114	7,815	437
Bogong .. .. .	363	2,226	10,175	12,764	631
Benambra .. .. .	167	1,006	4,815	5,983	261
Wonnangatta .. .. .	6	28	112	146	14
<b>Gippsland District—</b>					
Croajingolong .. .. .	88	719	3,836	4,643	111
Tambo .. .. .	76	477	2,050	2,603	143
Dargo .. .. .	68	421	1,576	2,065	139
Tanjil .. .. .	132	873	4,254	5,259	223
Bulu Bulu .. .. .	788	5,022	23,262	29,072	1,344
<b>Total for State ..</b>	<b>6,097</b>	<b>37,911</b>	<b>188,376</b>	<b>232,384</b>	<b>10,853*</b>

\* Of this number 3,330 had herds of under 5 pigs, 1,727 herds of 5 and under 10 pigs, 2,266 herds of 10 and under 20 pigs, and 3,530 herds of 20 pigs, and over.

The following tabulation shows the number of dairy herds (in size groups) separated into those where pigs are held in conjunction therewith, and those where no pigs are held. The sizes of pig herds are also shown:—

VICTORIA—PIG-KEEPING IN CONJUNCTION WITH DAIRYING AS AT MARCH, 1948.

Size of Dairy Cattle Herd.	Size of Pig Herd.								Holdings with Pigs.	Holdings with no Pigs.	Holdings with Dairy Cattle.
	Number. 1-4.	Number. 5-9.	Number. 10-14.	Number. 15-19.	Number. 20-29.	Number. 30-49.	Number. 50-99.	Number. 100 and over.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1-4 ..	786	119	90	56	56	49	39	35	1,230	15,103	16,333
5-9 ..	1,037	191	122	62	77	68	42	19	1,618	7,547	9,165
10-14 ..	628	126	114	26	64	39	30	11	1,038	3,409	4,447
15-19 ..	355	132	94	52	53	33	15	6	740	2,044	2,784
20-29 ..	506	270	182	102	115	66	20	9	1,270	2,677	3,947
30-49 ..	529	610	425	293	336	213	57	16	2,479	3,631	6,110
50-99 ..	333	499	575	483	769	770	324	49	3,802	4,527	8,329
100 and over	61	47	92	86	177	308	253	73	1,097	1,407	2,504
Totals ..	4,235	1,994	1,694	1,160	1,647	1,546	780	218	13,274	40,345	53,619

Sheep.

The numbers of sheep in Victoria in various years since 1861 are shown in the table on page 700. Sheep are depastured in practically all districts of the State, but are relatively more numerous in the Wimmera, Western, and Northern districts. The distribution of all live stock is shown in tables on pages 702 to 705.

Factors such as seasonal conditions, prices of wool, mutton, and lamb and, to a less degree, wheat, affect the number of sheep in the State in any given year. In an adverse season flocks may be reduced by mortality due to lack of fodder or water, by the increase in the slaughtering of fat stock or by the decrease in lambing. Decreased imports from other States is another factor. In addition to the seasonal movements of sheep from New South Wales and South Australia for agistment, there is a regular importation of sheep from those States for slaughtering purposes.

**Lambing.** Climatical conditions also play a large part in determining the proportion of lambs dropped to ewes mated, and thus the natural increase from season to season may vary considerably. The following table shows the numbers of ewes mated and lambs dropped, in each of the six years 1949 to 1954:—

## VICTORIA—LAMBING, 1949 TO 1954.

Season.	Lambs Marked.	Ewes Mated to produce such Lambs.	Proportion of Lambs Marked to Ewes Mated
	No.	No.	%
1949 .. .. .	6,995,650	8,558,079	81.7
1950 .. .. .	7,063,583	8,613,812	82.0
1951 .. .. .	7,054,934	8,908,544	79.2
1952 .. .. .	7,118,392	9,131,780	78.0
1953 .. .. .	6,969,950	9,256,489	75.3
1954 .. .. .	7,502,337	8,857,348	84.7

**Flocks of Sheep in Districts.**

The following table contains a classification of the flocks of sheep in each district of Victoria as at March, 1948. Sheep travelling on roads or located in cities or towns are excluded. The classification discloses that, although the four groups with sheep under 500 comprise 63.28 per cent. of the owners, the number of sheep in those groups was only 21.44 per cent. of the total sheep in the State:—



## FLOCKS OF SHEEP IN

Size of Flock.	Total in Victoria.				Districts.			
	Flocks.		Sheep.		Central.		North-Central.	
	No.	Percentage to Total.	No.	Percentage to Total.	Flocks.	Sheep.	Flocks.	Sheep.
Under 50 .. ..	3,147	10.78	71,156	0.40	448	10,167	202	5,178
50 and under 100	2,106	7.22	153,219	0.86	274	20,968	209	14,923
100 .. 250	6,144	21.05	1,040,000	5.82	750	125,004	520	88,433
250 .. 500	7,069	24.23	2,568,710	14.37	702	252,439	635	231,130
500 .. 1,000	6,184	21.19	4,296,458	24.03	509	355,229	577	404,753
1,000 .. 2,000	3,150	10.79	4,277,266	23.93	259	355,453	259	355,465
2,000 .. 5,000	1,115	3.82	3,198,694	17.89	80	236,904	105	287,993
5,000 .. 10,000	207	0.71	1,387,366	7.76	12	78,434	12	81,236
10,000 .. 20,000	52	0.18	645,666	3.61	5	64,553	3	38,622
20,000 and over ..	9	0.03	238,127	1.33	..	..	..	..
Totals .. ..	29,183	100.00	17,876,662	100.00	3,039	1,499,151	2,522	1,507,733

Breeds of  
Sheep as  
at March,  
1953.

Although the principal breed of sheep in the State is the "Merino", the percentage of pure Merino sheep, at the 31st March, 1953, was only 39 as compared with 76 in New South Wales. In 1950 the percentages were 36 in Victoria and 75 in New South Wales.

The method of collecting particulars of breeds was changed considerably in 1950 and, apart from Merinos, all comparison with breeds of previous years is nullified. Merino Comebacks were previously collected as a whole, irrespective of whether they were fine or coarse. The 1950 collection made provision for segregating those "finer than half-bred" while those not up to that standard were included with other crossbreds.

Similarly, it cannot be determined if any increase in the numbers of other Pure Breeds (British and Australasian) has occurred as another very important change in method was the substitution of the category "Other Recognized Breeds" in place of the former category "Other Pure Breeds". Other Pure Breeds in 1947 numbered 1,407,349 whereas in 1953 Other Recognized Breeds numbered

## VICTORIA AS AT MARCH, 1948.

Districts—continued.

Western.		Wimmera.		Mallee.		Northern.		North-Eastern.		Gippsland.	
Flocks.	Sheep.	Flocks.	Sheep.	Flocks.	Sheep.	Flocks.	Sheep.	Flocks.	Sheep.	Flocks.	Sheep.
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
818	17,033	286	8,117	108	2,814	326	7,735	460	9,630	499	10,482
374	27,320	335	24,471	144	10,564	341	24,779	202	14,029	227	16,165
759	123,278	1,060	182,699	735	127,135	1,369	233,210	501	84,348	450	75,893
855	316,801	1,164	432,575	939	336,768	1,724	619,148	611	222,187	439	157,062
1,229	886,174	1,016	689,506	581	382,945	1,282	885,199	612	432,320	378	260,332
961	1,315,420	464	632,706	140	180,274	524	700,848	312	424,114	231	312,986
490	1,456,109	180	500,750	32	83,744	98	277,631	65	179,459	65	176,104
130	876,260	25	173,183	3	22,322	10	63,953	7	41,069	8	45,904
36	449,696	5	58,734	..	..	2	22,601	1	11,460	..	..
7	192,825	..	..	1	21,602	1	23,700	..	..	..	..
5,659	5,660,916	4,535	2,702,741	2,683	1,168,168	5,677	2,863,809	2,771	1,418,616	2,297	1,055,528

5,220,326. Crossbreds, which numbered 6,923,603 in 1947 dropped to 5,625,483 in 1953 notwithstanding the inclusion of half-bred and coarser Merino Comebacks.

Australasian breeds are the Polwarth and the Corriedale. The Polwarth is a Merino-Lincoln cross (approximately three-quarters Merino and one-quarter Lincoln). It was evolved to meet the conditions of light wool-growing localities found to be too wet and cold for the pure Merino. The Corriedale was evolved by heavily culling the progeny of Lincoln rams and Merino ewes and by judicious mating over several years. The Corriedale is a dual purpose sheep, being favoured by many breeders both for lamb raising and for wool production.

Tables showing the breeds of sheep in Victoria and in Australia appear on page 720 of this issue of the *Year-Book*.

The following tables set out the numbers of rams, ewes, wethers and lambs depastured on rural holdings in each county of the State as at March, 1952, 1953, and 1954, also the numbers of ewes mated, classified according to whether the progeny is intended for wool or for fat lamb production. The breeds of rams are also shown.

Rams, Ewes,  
&c., in  
Counties at  
March, 1952,  
1953, and  
1954.

**VICTORIA — RAMS, EWES, ETC.; EWES MATED;  
OF TRAVELLING SHEEP AND SHEEP**

Statistical Districts and Counties.	Rams.	Ewes.		Wethers.	Lambs.	Total Sheep and Lambs.
		Breeding. (Mated and not mated.)	Other.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>Central District—</b>						
Bourke .. .. .	8,163	290,684	26,624	183,733	84,807	594,011
Grant .. .. .	9,304	403,224	50,376	247,575	157,705	868,244
Mornington .. .. .	5,092	175,560	7,560	31,554	61,149	280,915
Evelyn .. .. .	710	29,045	3,121	13,536	13,222	59,634
<b>North-Central District—</b>						
Anglesey .. .. .	4,812	205,886	17,638	229,158	67,565	525,059
Dalhousie .. .. .	4,916	214,562	21,029	218,955	76,072	535,534
Talbot .. .. .	8,489	305,112	26,469	152,158	124,749	616,977
<b>Western District—</b>						
Grenville .. .. .	11,866	339,588	62,007	269,415	144,130	827,006
Polwarth .. .. .	2,881	89,971	10,870	41,246	45,621	190,589
Heytesbury .. .. .	1,622	65,049	2,152	7,866	22,933	99,822
Hampden .. .. .	15,218	474,959	72,033	280,144	247,859	1,090,218
Ripon .. .. .	13,607	425,289	101,401	406,006	209,252	1,155,555
Villiers .. .. .	11,935	451,999	69,252	319,467	254,343	1,100,996
Normanby .. .. .	7,748	325,695	59,400	239,707	193,651	876,201
Dundas .. .. .	10,988	451,448	78,379	404,801	238,391	1,184,017
Follett .. .. .	2,465	105,632	9,109	124,727	56,686	298,619
<b>Wimmera District—</b>						
Lowan .. .. .	14,093	597,925	86,048	573,794	315,597	1,587,457
Borung .. .. .	11,310	454,923	51,406	314,056	193,434	1,025,134
Kara Kara .. .. .	8,024	282,137	41,808	220,407	128,123	680,499
<b>Mallee District—</b>						
Millewa .. .. .	1,465	69,779	3,329	24,774	34,662	134,009
Weeah .. .. .	1,551	82,890	1,632	32,423	30,762	149,258
Karkaroc .. .. .	6,067	340,561	5,497	95,611	112,930	563,666
Tatchera .. .. .	6,800	350,637	6,201	50,627	109,963	524,278
<b>Northern District—</b>						
Gunbower .. .. .	6,601	269,294	7,974	64,087	101,137	449,093
Gladstone .. .. .	5,430	242,949	28,537	146,551	110,299	533,766
Bendigo .. .. .	8,689	339,180	14,430	128,946	145,465	696,710
Rodney .. .. .	10,285	394,942	10,826	92,935	173,438	682,426
Moira .. .. .	17,982	785,656	15,433	183,242	246,001	1,248,364
<b>North-Eastern District—</b>						
Delatite .. .. .	10,651	452,272	25,561	192,588	159,358	840,430
Bogong .. .. .	6,523	283,324	14,172	82,634	83,702	470,355
Benambra .. .. .	2,881	136,659	10,732	91,850	53,830	296,012
Wonnangatta .. .. .	470	24,249	1,909	19,590	8,677	54,895
<b>Gippsland District—</b>						
Croajingolong .. .. .	394	16,225	8,132	18,062	8,730	51,543
Tambo .. .. .	1,297	62,172	6,505	37,154	23,675	130,803
Dargo .. .. .	825	43,793	6,035	34,362	19,588	104,661
Tanjil .. .. .	3,534	169,663	17,844	119,095	78,907	383,943
Buln Buln .. .. .	5,716	246,353	21,543	136,610	96,475	506,997
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>250,427</b>	<b>9,999,346</b>	<b>1,003,129</b>	<b>5,882,446</b>	<b>4,232,848</b>	<b>21,363,196</b>

BREEDS OF RAMS IN EACH COUNTY (EXCLUSIVE  
IN TOWNS) AS AT MARCH, 1953.

Ewes Mated (for Lambing during Season 1953).		Breeds of Rams (as at March, 1953).						
To Mérino, Corriedale or Polwarth Rams (Wool Production).	To Rams of British Breeds (Fat-lamb Production).	Mérino.	Corriedale.	Polwarth.	Border Leicester.	Dorset Horn.	South-down.	Other.
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
67,170	209,101	722	1,337	213	604	3,026	1,156	1,105
225,532	137,235	2,306	2,290	1,112	699	1,832	363	702
21,590	146,236	65	775	38	405	818	1,557	1,434
7,904	18,846	40	147	34	52	90	163	184
98,036	94,591	1,463	879	189	88	597	1,240	356
91,012	103,362	1,590	547	133	515	1,243	635	253
175,675	112,348	3,361	1,938	121	1,031	1,268	95	675
243,134	54,619	7,443	1,625	1,427	224	666	119	362
45,874	37,185	47	378	1,512	82	118	248	496
5,091	58,194	13	65	28	55	142	882	437
366,044	62,560	6,505	3,734	3,238	112	436	348	845
358,337	30,798	11,756	747	281	149	479	69	126
344,582	53,770	5,640	3,157	1,800	239	273	176	650
239,384	48,453	2,979	2,802	593	95	374	128	777
545,260	39,441	6,164	3,285	348	44	461	249	447
57,423	39,102	563	730	145	113	211	48	655
454,579	71,899	9,996	2,177	103	146	793	96	782
279,586	145,414	5,011	2,170	100	1,439	1,516	264	810
174,963	74,940	5,357	834	41	1,001	639	4	148
54,158	10,829	1,137	156	..	66	76	1	29
46,975	34,265	476	465	50	206	296	31	27
101,498	234,678	751	1,108	67	2,138	1,723	11	269
70,981	273,348	558	677	53	3,541	1,521	101	344
102,831	161,612	1,703	1,144	143	1,082	1,877	200	452
153,984	75,930	2,783	999	29	1,028	323	24	244
132,247	194,450	2,520	1,419	78	2,540	1,626	83	423
92,748	290,285	723	1,656	66	2,688	2,901	1,080	1,171
178,656	586,878	1,004	2,905	257	3,613	5,092	3,578	1,533
187,084	244,606	2,265	1,739	398	1,568	1,246	1,641	1,704
84,475	187,173	799	1,009	253	2,274	798	632	758
68,601	52,033	968	542	121	221	512	140	387
13,938	8,502	115	86	71	15	59	24	100
7,633	6,029	196	41	1	52	15	..	89
40,304	16,159	575	281	115	78	68	32	148
25,729	12,017	381	172	26	95	49	23	132
92,834	57,474	1,537	473	191	105	586	104	538
72,585	158,690	700	1,015	43	489	1,474	891	1,104
6,113,437	4,143,052	90,162	45,504	13,423	28,892	35,224	16,436	20,786

**VICTORIA — RAMS, EWES, ETC.; EWES MATED;  
OF TRAVELLING SHEEP AND SHEEP**

Statistical Districts and Counties.	Rams.	Ewes.		Wethers.	Lambs.	Total Sheep and Lambs.
		Breeding. (Mated and not mated).	Other.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>Central District—</b>						
Bourke .. ..	7,868	274,266	26,927	207,478	109,239	625,578
Grant .. ..	9,004	375,368	48,114	280,665	189,446	902,597
Mornington .. ..	5,204	176,883	12,601	37,744	74,607	307,039
Evelyn .. ..	819	27,662	1,627	16,397	14,529	61,034
<b>North-Central District—</b>						
Anglesey .. ..	4,765	197,331	14,237	222,627	73,495	512,505
Dalhousie .. ..	4,876	209,929	21,892	218,327	84,716	539,740
Talbot .. ..	8,580	301,148	20,278	162,643	146,355	639,004
<b>Western District—</b>						
Grenville .. ..	11,313	328,472	64,642	280,611	144,991	830,029
Polwarth .. ..	2,869	91,765	13,763	34,920	46,721	190,038
Heytesbury .. ..	1,905	72,771	1,690	6,090	17,930	100,386
Hampden .. ..	14,776	475,612	67,308	278,567	220,894	1,057,157
Ripon .. ..	13,948	439,734	98,343	428,995	210,321	1,191,341
Villiers .. ..	12,953	452,442	77,820	320,798	242,928	1,106,941
Normanby .. ..	7,967	330,733	62,012	324,672	180,601	905,985
Dundas .. ..	10,874	454,407	81,319	437,173	226,686	1,210,459
Follett .. ..	2,546	101,579	10,023	118,169	55,044	287,361
<b>Wimmera District—</b>						
Lowan .. ..	14,278	568,677	107,112	619,257	283,326	1,592,650
Borong .. ..	10,475	407,644	54,839	330,025	205,736	1,008,719
Kara Kara .. ..	7,880	251,494	45,553	223,070	126,133	654,130
<b>Mallee District—</b>						
Millewa .. ..	1,343	66,462	5,842	28,916	31,737	134,300
Weeah .. ..	1,451	80,737	736	33,012	32,522	148,458
Karkaroo .. ..	5,935	280,692	10,298	82,617	122,448	501,990
Tatchera .. ..	6,257	274,367	5,423	46,910	114,838	447,795
<b>Northern District—</b>						
Gunbower .. ..	6,236	258,622	11,470	61,907	111,836	450,121
Gladstone .. ..	5,288	221,886	23,987	147,484	111,936	510,581
Bendigo .. ..	8,081	321,898	15,180	127,296	165,991	638,446
Rodney .. ..	9,696	362,092	17,217	93,486	188,328	670,819
Moira .. ..	18,308	773,406	27,737	196,057	306,295	1,321,803
<b>North-Eastern District—</b>						
Delatite .. ..	10,355	449,975	22,342	206,663	163,302	852,637
Bogong .. ..	6,816	279,797	13,102	78,060	95,853	473,628
Benambra .. ..	2,767	131,472	10,893	96,411	52,112	293,655
Wonnangatta .. ..	438	22,764	2,332	17,878	8,680	52,092
<b>Gippsland District—</b>						
Croajlong .. ..	363	19,022	3,773	18,979	7,827	49,964
Tambo .. ..	1,432	63,837	5,772	34,135	29,078	134,254
Dargo .. ..	840	43,203	5,848	37,208	21,415	108,514
Tanjil .. ..	3,435	165,440	16,342	114,163	96,939	396,319
Buln Buln .. ..	5,804	251,216	17,171	135,541	120,006	529,738
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>247,795</b>	<b>9,604,805</b>	<b>1,045,615</b>	<b>6,104,951</b>	<b>4,434,841</b>	<b>21,438,007</b>

**BREEDS OF RAMS IN EACH COUNTY (EXCLUSIVE IN TOWNS) AS AT MARCH, 1954.**

Ewes Mated (for Lambing during Season 1954).		Breeds of Rams (as at March, 1954).						
To Merino, Corriedale or Polwarth Rams (Wool Production).	To Rams of British Breeds (Fat-lamb Production).	Merino.	Corriedale.	Polwarth.	Border Leicester.	Dorset Horn.	South-down.	Other.
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
63,613	192,033	897	983	207	525	2,844	1,016	1,396
214,585	125,717	2,213	2,130	1,397	653	1,841	181	589
17,163	149,224	63	774	22	302	1,002	1,550	1,491
9,839	17,157	50	186	21	64	137	156	205
95,582	87,625	1,585	854	159	85	550	1,132	400
88,732	100,051	1,520	663	60	549	1,280	599	205
167,319	113,333	3,637	1,796	120	951	1,098	120	858
244,401	49,873	7,422	1,383	1,311	183	595	79	340
45,293	39,637	60	373	1,389	81	160	249	557
3,561	68,393	7	67	24	21	146	1,103	537
365,201	61,647	6,342	3,275	3,299	93	659	300	808
362,055	32,941	11,796	1,006	289	117	536	55	149
349,647	52,337	6,703	3,015	1,919	202	321	183	610
242,479	54,250	2,852	2,976	599	87	489	134	330
344,471	45,778	6,549	2,495	349	30	674	216	561
62,993	38,917	576	542	134	198	332	84	680
438,338	65,925	10,553	1,954	65	68	700	97	841
258,304	118,566	5,299	1,928	77	1,087	1,441	135	508
165,196	57,863	5,577	563	250	792	533	5	160
52,391	6,929	1,076	149	..	50	65	..	3
46,038	33,769	404	457	43	182	325	28	12
32,944	189,052	528	1,281	26	1,940	1,875	7	278
52,385	215,486	397	654	48	3,178	1,632	59	289
91,008	159,506	1,378	1,278	44	992	2,050	121	423
144,187	58,018	2,902	978	12	957	310	18	111
121,548	183,162	2,148	1,306	89	2,246	1,765	99	428
75,890	273,153	631	1,589	68	2,388	2,926	1,130	964
169,056	583,742	1,011	2,993	335	3,515	5,572	3,499	1,383
176,678	247,315	2,014	1,621	496	1,402	1,383	1,657	1,782
80,404	186,834	932	933	280	2,251	1,092	653	675
74,054	47,394	945	552	184	184	480	147	275
9,588	9,634	85	73	51	13	48	30	138
7,724	6,293	185	25	..	37	20	6	90
43,915	13,453	737	274	109	76	52	33	151
26,652	11,049	367	172	43	84	46	9	119
99,621	50,882	1,576	340	149	102	743	110	415
75,228	162,327	653	1,051	57	470	1,427	1,020	1,126
4,948,083	3,909,265	91,670	42,689	13,725	26,155	37,149	16,020	20,387

## AUSTRALIA—BREEDS OF SHEEP—31ST MARCH, 1953.

State.	Merino.	Other Recognized Breeds.	Merino Comeback (Finer than Half-bred).	Crossbred (including Half-bred and coarser Comebacks).	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
New South Wales .. .. .	43,713,685	3,541,545	4,141,779	6,063,991	57,461,000
Victoria .. .. .	8,271,360	5,220,326	2,251,027	5,625,483	21,668,196
Queensland .. .. .	16,775,974	54,165	50,063	149,421	17,029,623
South Australia .. .. .	10,135,154	813,772	209,144	873,444	12,036,514
Western Australia .. .. .	11,273,462	461,235	185,544	554,431	12,474,672
Tasmania .. .. .	278,659	1,100,155	338,464	704,261	2,421,539
A.C.T. and Northern Territory	257,000	16,000	3,000	5,000	281,000
Australia .. .. .	90,705,000	11,212,000	7,179,000	13,976,000	123,072,000

## VICTORIA—BREEDS OF SHEEP—31ST MARCH, 1953.

Statistical District.	Merino.	Other Recognized Breeds.	Merino Comeback (Finer than Half-bred).	Crossbred (including Half-bred and coarser Comebacks).
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central .. .. .	320,426	554,488	163,732	764,158
North-Central .. .. .	635,593	368,903	226,366	448,708
Western .. .. .	3,037,881	2,400,363	640,216	709,363
Wimmera .. .. .	2,369,406	439,574	133,912	359,198
Mallee .. .. .	408,976	187,202	212,833	582,200
Northern .. .. .	743,539	641,106	472,918	1,682,746
North-Eastern .. .. .	379,384	398,932	182,983	700,393
Gippsland .. .. .	326,105	229,758	218,067	403,717
State .. .. .	8,271,360	5,220,326	2,251,027	5,625,483

## Production of Wool.

Statistics of wool production are obtained direct from the growers, from fellmongeries and, in respect of wool exported on skins, from the Customs Department.

## VICTORIA—SHEEP AND LAMBS SHORN (IN DISTRICTS), SEASON 1952-53.

Statistical District.	Shorn.		Wool Clipped (including Crutchings).		Average.	
	Sheep.	Lambs.	Sheep's.	Lamb's.	Per Sheep.	Per Lamb.
	No.	No.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
Central .. .. .	1,671,629	416,565	15,277,795	1,235,778	9.14	2.97
North-Central .. .. .	1,667,215	350,646	14,770,472	949,421	8.86	2.71
Western .. .. .	6,609,732	1,683,125	65,331,683	4,620,229	9.83	2.75
Wimmera .. .. .	3,233,318	779,696	33,979,333	2,324,933	10.49	2.98
Mallee .. .. .	1,295,103	364,703	13,259,437	1,064,736	10.24	2.92
Northern .. .. .	3,419,320	959,609	31,532,095	2,853,683	9.22	2.97
North-Eastern .. .. .	1,645,250	406,860	14,734,772	1,060,201	8.96	2.61
Gippsland .. .. .	1,117,523	313,893	10,219,513	820,477	9.14	2.61
State Total .. .. .	20,664,590	5,275,102	199,105,150	14,929,508	9.64	2.83

### VICTORIA—SHEEP AND LAMBS SHORN (IN DISTRICTS), SEASON 1953-54.

Statistical District.	Shorn.		Wool Clipped (including Crutchings).		Average.	
	Sheep.	Lambs.	Sheep's.	Lamb's.	Per Sheep.	Per Lamb.
	No.	No.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
Central .. .. .	1,590,476	444,854	14,223,086	1,198,225	8.94	2.69
North-Central .. .. .	1,616,763	358,727	14,586,023	864,996	9.02	2.41
Western .. .. .	6,512,076	1,538,684	57,855,422	3,637,685	8.89	2.36
Wimmera .. .. .	3,171,835	732,100	30,496,744	1,910,951	9.61	2.61
Mallee .. .. .	1,086,906	318,366	10,550,038	866,871	9.71	2.72
Northern .. .. .	3,186,038	1,027,579	28,637,062	2,777,852	8.99	2.70
North-Eastern .. .. .	1,594,545	412,536	13,544,956	995,028	8.49	2.41
Gippsland .. .. .	1,041,730	337,186	9,198,341	840,266	8.83	2.49
State Total .. .. .	19,800,369	5,170,032	179,091,672	13,091,874	9.04	2.53

### VICTORIA—SHEEP SHORN AND WOOL CLIPPED.

Season.	Shorn.		Wool Clipped (including Crutchings).		Average.	
	Sheep.	Lambs.	Sheep's.	Lamb's.	Per Sheep.	Per Lamb.
	No.	No.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1949-50 .. .. .	16,922,401	5,322,921	158,500,000	15,367,000	9.37	2.89
1949-50 .. .. .	17,985,003	4,648,333	175,453,000	12,630,000	9.76	2.72
1950-51 .. .. .	18,039,029	5,054,730	178,898,000	14,313,000	9.92	2.88
1951-52 .. .. .	19,378,191	5,380,821	186,342,000	15,434,000	9.62	2.71
1952-53 .. .. .	20,664,590	5,275,102	199,105,000	14,929,000	9.64	2.83
1953-54 .. .. .	19,800,369	5,170,032	179,092,000	13,092,000	9.04	2.53

### VICTORIA—WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE.

Season.	Clip.	Stripped from and Exported on Skins, &c. (Greasy).	Total Quantity (Greasy).	Gross Value.	Average Price per lb.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	£	d.
1948-49 .. .. .	173,867,000	30,212,458	204,079,458	38,894,704	45.74
1949-50 .. .. .	188,089,000	37,159,564	225,242,564	57,415,306	61.18
1950-51 .. .. .	193,211,000	25,055,009	218,266,009	132,945,656	146.18
1951-52 .. .. .	201,776,000	23,182,638	224,958,638	63,637,774	67.89
1952-53 .. .. .	214,034,658	38,160,707	252,195,365	78,760,501	74.95
1953-54 .. .. .	192,183,546	31,297,490	223,481,036	73,384,149	78.81



The annual collection of statistics is carefully and efficiently carried out by the police. It is realized, however, that the wool clip as recorded is not likely to cover the whole clip, which was shorn some months prior to the collection. After investigation, and examination of the results of investigations elsewhere, it is considered that the quantity not recorded does not exceed 5 per cent. of the Victorian clip.

There is some uncertainty also associated with skin wool. Allowance is made for skins from other States which are exported from Victoria, so that they are not included in Victorian production. The Victorian figures do, however, include skin wool from all sheep and lambs slaughtered in Victoria, even though some of such sheep were brought over from other States for slaughter.

**Economic  
Wool  
Research.**

A Wool Section of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, whose activities are mentioned on page 650 of this issue of the *Year-Book*, has been developed in order to discharge the Bureau's responsibility for economic wool research under the *Wool Use Promotion Act* of 1945 and is financed from the Wool Research Trust Account. Briefly, under this Act, the proceeds from the wool tax of 4s. per bale are paid into the Wool Use Promotion Fund, which is available to the Wool Board for promoting the use of wool throughout the world. The Commonwealth Government pays a similar amount from Consolidated Revenue into the Wool Research Trust Account to be used in scientific, economic, and cost research and in the co-ordination and application of the results of such research. The C.S.I.R.O. is responsible for biological and textile research and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics for economic research. The two organizations work in co-operation in their wool research programme.

The work of the Wool Section falls into two main categories—Farm Production economics (dealing with the economics of wool growing and sheep station management) and Marketing economics (dealing with the economic aspects of wool marketing both within Australia and overseas).

**Marketing  
of Wool.**

The long established system of marketing wool by public auctions re-commenced in 1946-47. During the seasons 1939-40 to 1945-46 clip values were established on appraisalment methods under an agreement between the British and the Australian Governments.

Upon the resumption of open auction sales an insatiable world-wide demand for wool, particularly in respect of the finer descriptions, was responsible for creating the most remarkable range of values in wool trade history and demonstrated the fact that the world's supply of the finer descriptions of the staple is considerably short of trade requirements. The results achieved were not secured on any promise of lessened production, but in the face of normal full-clip figures, plus heavy offerings of old wool, the legacy of war-time appraisalment.

The highest prices obtained for greasy merino fleece wool sold in Victoria and in Australia during each season from 1930-31 to 1953-54 are shown hereunder. Average weighted prices for wool of Victorian production appear on page 721 of this issue of the *Year-Book* :—

Season.	Victoria	Australia.	Season.	Victoria.	Australia.
	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
1930-31 ..	31½	31½	1942-43 ..	39	39½
1931-32 ..	38½	38½	1943-44 ..	40¾	40¾
1932-33 ..	22½	28½	1944-45 ..	39	40¾
1933-34 ..	36½	42	1945-46 ..	41½	41½
1934-35 ..	22½	24½	1946-47 ..	121½	153
1935-36 ..	29½	35½	1947-48 ..	135	138½
1936-37 ..	36½	46¾	1948-49 ..	181	210
1937-38 ..	33½	33½	1949-50 ..	183	188
1938-39 ..	26½	28	1950-51 ..	351	354½
1939-40 ..	31	33½	1951-52 ..	244	287
1940-41 ..	33½	33½	1952-53 ..	264	367
1941-42 ..	33½	34½	1953-54 ..	250	255

**Prices of Wool.**

The following information as to the average prices of wool per lb. which have prevailed during the last three seasons has been obtained from Victorian wool brokers. These prices are for wool auctioned in Victoria. Wool from the Riverina and the south-east of South Australia is included in Victorian sales:—

**PRICES OF WOOL IN VICTORIA, 1952-53  
AND 1953-54.**

Class of Wool.	Average Price per lb. in—	
	1952-53.	1953-54.
<b>GREASY MERINO.</b>		
Extra Super (Western District) .. .. .	160 to 264	150 to 250
Super .. .. .	132 to 174	120 to 160
Good .. .. .	100 to 130	103 to 124
Average .. .. .	80 to 110	86 to 102
Wasty and Inferior .. .. .	70 to 90	65 to 85
Extra Super Lambs .. .. .	350 to 428½	330 to 570
Super Lambs .. .. .	225 to 325	200 to 310
Good Lambs .. .. .	85 to 110	75 to 110
Average Lambs .. .. .	65 to 90	60 to 90
Inferior Lambs .. .. .	40 to 60	45 to 65
<b>GREASY CROSSBRED.</b>		
Extra Super Comebacks .. .. .	114 to 148½	120 to 146
Super Comebacks .. .. .	90 to 138	95 to 125
Fine Crossbred .. .. .	65 to 100	66 to 106
Medium Crossbred .. .. .	56 to 90	60 to 94
Coarse Crossbred and Lincoln .. .. .	52 to 80	54 to 82
Super Fine Crossbred Lambs .. .. .	84 to 105	82 to 104
Good Crossbred Lambs .. .. .	66 to 90	70 to 92
Coarse and Lincoln Lambs .. .. .	60 to 75	65 to 82
<b>SCOURED.</b>		
Extra Super Fleece .. .. .	160 to 210	160 to 200
Super Fleece .. .. .	150 to 190	145 to 180
Good Fleece .. .. .	130 to 170	125 to 165
Average Fleece .. .. .	110 to 150	115 to 145
<b>RECORD PRICES FOR THE SEASON.</b>		
Greasy Merino Fleece .. .. .	264	250
„ Comeback Fleece .. .. .	148½	146
„ Merino Lambs .. .. .	428½	570
„ Comeback Lambs .. .. .	160	135
Scoured Fleece .. .. .	210	200

In the following table will be found a statement of the average prices of live stock ruling in metropolitan saleyards at Newmarket during the years 1950-51 to 1953-54. The averages stated are the mean of the monthly prices

realized. Prices of live stock vary each year under the influence of seasonal conditions, prices of wool, &c. During periods of dry weather, stock are hastened to market and consequently prices decline but, with the advent of relief rains, stock are withheld for fattening, breeding, &c., and prices rise:—

## VICTORIA—PRICES OF LIVE STOCK, 1950-51 TO 1953-54.

Stock.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.
	Average.	Average.	Average.	Average.
<i>Fat Cattle.</i>				
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<b>Bullocks—</b>				
Extra prime .. ..	46 4 3	59 13 6	58 2 0	61 3 4
Prime .. ..	42 3 8	55 2 4	53 5 5	54 11 1
Good .. ..	38 2 10	50 4 4	48 9 4	48 16 3
Good light and handy weights .. ..	33 19 2	45 0 6	43 6 8	44 5 0
Second .. ..	Not Available	Not Available	37 9 10	37 0 8
<b>Cows—</b>				
Best .. ..	29 8 5	39 2 1	38 4 8	38 6 1
Others .. ..	24 0 11	33 11 10	32 16 0	32 7 0
<i>Dairy Cattle.</i>				
Milkers (best) .. ..	28 9 0	39 10 8	47 6 4	48 19 7
Springers (best) .. ..	24 18 6	32 3 0	39 16 3	43 1 7
<i>Fat Sheep.</i>				
<b>Crossbred Wethers—</b>				
Extra Prime .. ..	6 0 9	4 15 3	3 14 5	4 7 9
Prime .. ..	5 4 1	4 3 1	3 6 5	3 16 11
Good .. ..	4 8 3	3 12 5	2 16 10	3 3 0
<b>Crossbred Ewes—</b>				
Extra Prime .. ..	4 14 9	3 9 1	2 11 6	3 0 3
Prime .. ..	3 17 3	2 16 8	2 2 8	2 11 10
Good .. ..	2 12 4	2 1 9	1 8 7	1 12 11
<i>Fat Lambs.</i>				
Extra Prime .. ..	5 16 0	4 15 0	4 12 11	4 16 2
Prime .. ..	4 18 8	4 2 9	4 0 11	4 4 8
Good .. ..	3 15 3	3 8 8	3 3 0	3 6 4
<i>Pigs.</i>				
<b>Back Fatters—</b>				
Extra heavy prime ..	29 5 7	30 2 4	34 5 7	44 17 6
Prime medium and weighty .. ..	23 7 9	23 17 9	26 2 1	32 15 11
<b>Baconers—</b>				
Medium and heavy ..	13 18 10	17 9 10	19 18 6	21 15 1
Light .. ..	11 7 10	14 9 3	16 12 0	19 0 5
Porkers .. ..	8 16 6	10 15 11	12 4 6	13 10 4

The following table shows the number of slaughtering establishments and of the stock slaughtered in the State during each of the five years, 1950-54 :—

VICTORIA—STOCK SLAUGHTERED, 1950 TO 1954.

Kind of Stock.	Stock Slaughtered in Establishments and on Farms and Stations.				
	Year Ended June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952*	1953*	1954*
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Sheep .. .. .	4,059,490	2,844,887	3,188,512	4,593,639	4,454,528
Lambs .. .. .	4,315,233	3,008,921	2,845,674	3,810,855	3,254,271
Bullocks .. .. .	567,940	597,901	602,326	558,574	646,632
Cows .. .. .					
Young Cattle .. .. .					
Calves .. .. .	333,161	323,335	357,213	289,462	361,628
Pigs .. .. .	299,753	312,334	337,864	296,962	297,891
Number of Slaughterhouses ..	449	444	412	412	392

\* Average dressed weights per carcass during 1952-53 were : Sheep 44·97 lb. ; Lambs 35·00 lb. ; Bullocks, Cows and Young Cattle 439·75 lb. ; Calves 57·14 lb. ; Pigs 132·19 lb.

The Average weights in 1953-54 were : 43·90 lb., 33·26 lb., 442·83 lb., 56·72 lb, and 128·64 lb.

Frozen Mutton  
and Lamb  
Exported.

The importance of the mutton and lamb export trade to sheep owners is indicated by the export figures for the years 1947 to 1954 as shown in the statement hereunder :—

FROZEN MUTTON AND LAMB EXPORTED FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Exports from all Australian ports are shown in parentheses.)

Year Ended 30th June.	Carcasses Exported (exclusive of certain service requirements consumed outside Australia).			
	Mutton.		Lamb.	
	Number.	Average Weight.	Number.	Average Weight.
		lb.		lb.
1947 .. .. .	623,151	53	1,948,097	39
	(1,063,095)	(49)	(2,801,618)	(38)
1948 .. .. .	283,934	50	1,628,867	38
	(483,151)	(48)	(2,544,966)	(38)
1949 .. .. .	258,110	49	1,154,564	38
	(567,115)	(48)	(2,281,531)	(37)
1950 .. .. .	881,724	54	2,217,789	37
	(1,313,036)	(53)	(3,331,843)	(37)
1951 .. .. .	58,770	53	710,575	38
	(149,832)	(52)	(1,192,311)	(37)
1952 .. .. .	80,740	54	426,420	41
	(105,682)	(56)	(581,017)	(40)
1953 .. .. .	789,000	56	1,309,000	38
	(1,496,000)	(54)	(2,235,000)	(37)
1954 .. .. .	447,000	51	700,000	34
	(1,008,000)	(51)	(1,312,000)	(34)

**Cattle.** Cattle-raising has always been one of the more important primary industries in this State, despite the gradual increase in the areas devoted to dairy farming, sheep-raising, and cultivation. This has been due mainly to the considerable improvement in methods of pasture management, including the practice of top-dressing. Vigilant inspection of stock and the rigid quarantine of stock imported from overseas have kept herds in Victoria free from many forms of contagious diseases and animal pests with which stock in other countries are afflicted. The numbers of live stock in each county of the State will be found on pages 702 to 705 of this issue.

**Silage.** Ensilage, an economical and safe method of conserving fodder in a succulent form, is relished by stock during dry periods. Expensive precautions against damage by fire, rodents, and stock, required for other fodders, are not necessary in the case of silage.

The following table gives particulars of the silage made in Victoria during the seasons 1949-50 to 1953-54 :—

SILAGE IN VICTORIA, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Season ended March.	Farms on which Silage Made.		Districts in which Made.							
			Central.	North Central.	Western.	Wimmera.	Mallee.	Northern.	North Eastern.	Gippsland.
	No.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1950 ..	596	25,687	6,523	826	1,704	604	614	1,248	2,873	11,295
1951 ..	590	26,105	6,481	576	2,191	932	354	1,990	2,985	10,596
1952 ..	611	24,591	5,323	481	4,193	745	402	1,554	2,815	9,078
1953 ..	890	45,643	9,583	1,451	7,716	2,013	605	2,646	7,599	14,030
1954 ..	1,245	69,830	15,672	1,197	11,897	3,194	391	3,168	10,108	24,203

**Apiculture.** Prior to the season 1936, the statistics of honey and beeswax were based on returns received from apiarists who were permanent occupiers of holdings of 1 acre and upwards. As a consequence, production was understated because of the exclusion of (a) hives on areas of less than 1 acre, and (b) travelling beekeepers who were not occupiers of rural holdings. Commencing with the season 1935-36, all beekeepers have been required to furnish returns. Particulars relating to apiculture for the five years 1950-54 are given in the following table:—

VICTORIA—BEE-HIVES, HONEY, AND BEESWAX, 1949-50  
TO 1953-54.

Season Ended May—	Bee-keepers.*	Hives.	Production.		Gross Value.	
			Honey.	Beeswax.	Honey.	Beeswax.
	No.	No.	lb.	lb.	£	£
1950 .. ..	1,584	114,676	7,743,866	78,124	258,129	11,719
1951 .. ..	1,562	115,976	8,087,654	90,605	286,438	27,182
1952 .. ..	1,494	104,652	5,207,972	55,963	216,999	19,587
1953 .. ..	1,382	109,120	6,234,904	71,536	285,766	19,672
1954 .. ..	1,319	107,971	9,382,259	100,562	430,020	35,197

\* Apiarists with 20 hives and over numbered 950 in 1950, 943 in 1951, 874 in 1952, 877 in 1953 and 874 in 1954.

**Poultry Census.** A table showing the number of poultry owners and of poultry in Victoria, as at the date of the Census in each of the years 1881, 1891, 1901, 1911, and 1933 was published on page 488 of the 1938-39 issue of the *Year-Book*.

**Establishment of Marketing Boards.** A summary of the principal legislative provisions of the *Marketing of Primary Products Act* 1935 was published on pages 446 to 448 of the *Victorian Year-Book* for 1934-35.

Pursuant to such Act, Marketing Boards have been constituted for onions, chicory, maize, eggs and egg pulp, and potatoes. The Potato Marketing Board was constituted on 17th November, 1948.

**Wholesale  
Prices of  
Principal  
Products.**

The following table gives the monthly average of the Melbourne wholesale prices of the principal agricultural, dairying, and pastoral food products for the year ended June, 1953:—

**MELBOURNE—WHOLESALE PRICES—YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1953.**

	1952.						1953.					
	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.
<b>Agriculture—</b>												
Wheat .. per bushel	s. d. 10 9½	s. d. 10 9½	s. d. 10 9½	s. d. 10 9½	s. d. 10 9½	s. d. 10 9½	s. d. 12 8½	s. d. 12 8½	s. d. 12 8½	s. d. 12 8½	s. d. 12 8½	s. d. 12 8½
Barley—												
English .. ..	12 5	12 5	13 5½	13 5½	13 5½	13 5½	17 4½	17 4½	17 4½	17 4½	17 4½	17 4½
Cape .. ..	11 2¼	11 2¼	12 5½	12 5½	12 5½	12 5½	15 9	15 9	15 9	15 9	15 9	15 9
Oats, Milling .. ..	8 9	8 0	8 3	7 10	7 4	6 8	6 7	6 9	6 10½	7 0	6 10½	6 10
Maize .. ..	21 0	21 0	21 0	21 0	21 0	21 0	21 0	21 0	21 0	21 0	21 0	17 3
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bran .. .. per ton	20 18 3	20 18 3	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0
Pollard .. ..	20 18 3	20 18 3	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0
Flour (first quality) ..	24 13 1	24 13 1	24 2 0	24 2 0	24 2 0	28 3 0	28 3 0	28 3 0	28 3 0	28 3 0	28 3 0	28 3 0
Chaff .. ..	19 10 0	19 10 0	19 10 0	19 15 0	20 5 0	20 0 0	19 10 0	18 10 0	17 5 0	17 5 0	17 10 0	17 15 0
Potatoes .. ..	33 10 0	29 0 0	29 0 0	21 0 0	21 0 0	28 3 4	30 17 1	20 0 0	20 0 0	30 10 0	30 10 0	31 10 0
Onions .. ..	41 4 0	41 4 0	34 4 0	25 0 0	31 5 0	29 11 0	32 4 0	33 5 0	33 10 0	33 10 0	34 0 0	34 0 0
<b>Dairy and Farmyard</b>												
Produce—												
Butter .. per lb.	s. d. 3 9½	s. d. 3 9½	s. d. 3 9½	s. d. 3 9½	s. d. 3 9½	s. d. 3 9½	s. d. 3 9½	s. d. 3 9½	s. d. 3 9½	s. d. 3 9½	s. d. 3 9½	s. d. 3 9½
Bacon .. ..	3 10	3 10	3 6	3 6	3 6	3 6	3 6	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 3
Ham .. ..	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 3	4 6	4 6	4 6	4 6	4 3	4 3	4 6
Cheese (matured) ..	2 9½	2 9½	2 9½	2 9½	2 9½	2 9½	2 9½	2 9½	2 9½	2 9½	2 9½	2 9½
Honey .. ..	0 11	0 11	0 11	0 11	0 11	0 11	0 11	0 11	0 11	0 11	0 11	0 11
Eggs .. .. per doz.	5 1	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 6	4 10	5 1	5 1	5 1
<b>Butchers' Meat—</b>												
Beef, prime .. per 100 lb.	£ s. d. 7 17 6	£ s. d. 8 2 1	£ s. d. 7 10 5	£ s. d. 6 13 11	£ s. d. 6 5 0	£ s. d. 6 11 8	£ s. d. 6 2 6	£ s. d. 6 5 5	£ s. d. 6 1 3	£ s. d. 6 2 11	£ s. d. 6 5 10	£ s. d. 6 5 0
	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Mutton .. per lb.	9-75	9-87	9-50	8-00	8-48	8-44	8-23	8-89	8-78	9-00	9-44	9-94
Veal .. ..	18-17	17-08	15-50	15-50	16-50	16-67	18-00	17-33	17-50	16-83	17-17	17-50
Pork .. ..	33-00	34-25	38-00	33-62	33-50	36-13	35-63	33-88	34-50	35-12	35-38	34-63
Lamb .. ..	22-50	21-50	19-75	18-25	17-69	19-50	19-00	23-50	25-25	26-00	26-25	28-00

*Land Settlement, &c.*



The following table gives the monthly average of the Melbourne wholesale prices of the principal agricultural, dairying, and pastoral food products for the year ended June, 1954:—

MELBOURNE—WHOLESALE PRICES—YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1954.

	1953.						1954.					
	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.
<b>Agriculture—</b>												
Wheat .. per bushel	s. d. 12 8½	s. d. 12 8½	s. d. 12 8½	s. d. 12 8½	s. d. 12 8½	s. d. 12 8½	s. d. 14 1½	s. d. 14 1½	s. d. 14 1½	s. d. 14 1½	s. d. 14 1½	s. d. 14 1½
Barley—												
English .. "	17 4½	17 4½	17 4½	17 4½	17 4½	17 4½	13 8½	13 8½	13 8½	13 8½	13 8½	13 8½
Cape .. "	15 9	15 9	15 9	15 9	15 9	15 9	12 0	12 0	12 0	12 0	12 0	12 0
Oats, Milling .. "	7 0	7 0	7 2	7 2	7 2	6 8	7 4	7 10	7 10	8 3	8 6	8 7
Maize .. "	17 0	18 6	18 0	16 0	16 0	16 0	16 0	16 0	18 3	18 3	18 3	19 6
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bran .. per ton	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	21 6 0	21 6 0	21 6 0	21 6 0
Pollard .. "	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	20 5 0	21 6 0	21 6 0	21 6 0	21 6 0
Flour (first quality) .. "	28 4 0	28 4 0	28 4 0	28 4 0	28 4 0	28 4 0	33 6 3	33 6 3	33 0 0	33 0 0	33 0 0	33 0 0
Chaff .. "	18 5 0	17 5 0	17 5 0	16 10 0	16 5 0	16 5 0	16 5 0	16 5 0	16 10 0	16 10 0	15 15 0	15 10 0
Potatoes .. "	37 10 0	60 0 0	62 10 0	68 0 0	65 0 0	55 0 0	32 0 0	32 12 6	26 10 0	26 10 0	24 0 0	17 10 0
Onions .. "	34 10 0	34 0 0	34 0 0	45 0 0	32 0 0	55 0 0	55 0 0	39 10 0	39 10 0	39 10 0	36 0 0	39 0 0
<b>Dairy and Farmyard</b>												
Produce—												
Butter .. per lb.	s. d. 3 9½	s. d. 3 9½	s. d. 3 9½	s. d. 3 9½	s. d. 3 9½	s. d. 3 9½	s. d. 3 9½	s. d. 3 9½	s. d. 3 9½	s. d. 3 9½	s. d. 3 9½	s. d. 3 9½
Bacon .. "	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 5	4 4	4 3	4 3	4 3	4 3	4 3	4 0	4 0
Ham .. "	4 6	4 6	4 9	5 0	5 3	5 3	5 3	5 3	5 0	5 0	4 9	4 8
Cheese (matured) .. "	2 9½	2 9½	2 9½	2 11	2 11	2 11	2 11	2 11	2 11	2 11	2 11	2 11
Honey .. "	0 11	0 11	0 11	0 11	0 11	0 11	0 11	0 11	0 11	0 11	0 11	0 11
Eggs .. per doz.	5 1	4 8	4 8	4 8	4 8	4 8	4 8	4 8	5 0	5 0	5 0	5 0
<b>Butchers' Meat—</b>												
Beef, prime .. per 100 lb.	£ s. d. 6 13 9	£ s. d. 7 10 9	£ s. d. 7 11 3	£ s. d. 7 5 10	£ s. d. 6 16 9	£ s. d. 6 14 1	£ s. d. 6 11 9	£ s. d. 6 18 9	£ s. d. 6 14 4	£ s. d. 6 15 11	£ s. d. 6 17 4	£ s. d. 7 1 1
	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Mutton .. per lb.	11·31	12·81	11·13	9·52	8·92	8·64	9·23	9·36	9·23	9·23	10·16	11·13
Veal .. "	17·83	17·83	17·50	17·50	17·00	18·00	17·33	19·50	18·50	18·00	18·67	18·00
Pork .. "	38·00	40·88	40·38	40·75	39·75	41·88	38·75	38·88	39·13	38·75	36·13	35·06
Lamb .. "	32·50	33·25	27·75	22·00	20·25	20·13	22·25	23·63	23·63	23·75	23·00	23·00

**Retail  
Prices.**

The following table gives the monthly average of the Melbourne retail prices of certain items of groceries, &c., for the year ended June, 1953 :—

**MELBOURNE—RETAIL PRICES—YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1953.**

Article.	Unit.	1952.						1953.					
		July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
<b>Groceries, &amp;c.—</b>													
Bread .. .. .	2 lb.	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.50	12.50	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
Flour, self-raising .. .. .	..	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.40	16.00	15.95	15.95	15.95	15.95	15.95
Tea .. .. .	lb.	47.74	47.63	47.06	47.58	47.20	47.22	47.10	47.10	47.10	47.10	47.10	55.55
Sugar .. .. .	..	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.80	8.90	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Jam, plum .. .. .	1½ lb.	27.10	27.10	26.75	26.40	26.50	26.50	26.95	26.95	27.20	27.25	27.20	27.20
Oats, flaked .. .. .	lb.	11.00	10.92	11.08	10.92	10.92	10.92	10.92	10.92	10.60	8.80	8.20	8.33
Raisins, seeded .. .. .	..	31.72	31.61	31.72	31.72	31.50	31.55	31.70	31.70	31.70	31.70	31.89	31.89
Currants .. .. .	..	21.57	21.57	21.57	21.65	22.13	22.19	21.71	21.64	21.86	22.57	22.69	22.71
Apricots, dried .. .. .	..	56.13	59.50	59.50	59.50	59.50	59.60	59.60	59.60	59.38	59.38	59.38	60.42
Peaches, canned .. .. .	30 oz.	33.60	33.10	32.50	32.80	33.40	33.40	33.11	33.30	33.35	33.45	33.45	33.55
Pears, canned .. .. .	..	35.85	35.65	34.11	34.70	35.00	35.25	34.77	34.90	35.00	35.00	34.70	35.05
Potatoes .. .. .	7 lb.	35.00	31.50	31.50	23.92	23.83	23.80	35.00	21.00	24.50	31.50	31.50	31.33
Onions, brown .. .. .	lb.	6.00	5.90	5.90	4.60	4.90	5.00	5.00	4.90	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
<b>Dairy Produce—</b>													
Butter, factory .. .. .	lb.	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50	49.50
Eggs, new laid .. .. .	doz.	59.00	58.90	59.00	58.90	58.90	58.90	58.90	61.70	65.50	66.00	69.00	69.00
Bacon, rashers .. .. .	lb.	67.38	67.38	67.38	67.38	67.38	67.75	67.38	67.38	67.75	68.50	73.75	73.63
Milk, fresh .. .. .	quart	17.50	17.50	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.50	18.50	18.50
<b>Meat—</b>													
Beef .. .. .	lb.	September Quarter			December Quarter			March Quarter			June Quarter		
" rib .. .. .	..	38.40			37.74			38.13			38.43		
" steak, rump .. .. .	..	33.70			32.74			32.43			32.75		
" chuck .. .. .	..	48.43			48.17			48.33			48.33		
" sausages .. .. .	..	32.80			32.17			32.27			32.50		
" corned silverside .. .. .	..	21.09			20.83			20.30			20.15		
" corned brisket .. .. .	..	37.40			36.73			37.23			37.27		
Mutton, leg .. .. .	..	29.80			28.57			28.97			28.66		
" forequarter .. .. .	..	24.60			23.68			23.76			23.81		
" loin .. .. .	..	16.55			14.96			14.67			15.05		
" chops, loin .. .. .	..	22.52			21.89			22.38			22.76		
" leg .. .. .	..	24.21			22.55			23.74			23.95		
Pork, leg .. .. .	..	25.13			23.95			25.17			24.83		
" chops .. .. .	..	48.56			49.81			51.74			51.00		
" .. .. .	..	49.58			50.37			52.40			51.87		

Land Settlement, &c.

**Retail Prices.**

The following table gives the monthly average of the Melbourne retail prices of certain items of groceries, &c., for the year ended June, 1954:—

**MELBOURNE—RETAIL PRICES—YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1954.**

Article.	Unit.	1953.						1954.							
		July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.		
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.		
<b>Groceries, &amp;c.—</b>															
Bread .. .. .	2 lb.	13-00	13-00	13-00	13-00	13-00	14-00	14-00	14-00	14-00	14-00	14-00	14-00		
Flour, self-raising .. .. .	"	15-95	16-00	16-00	16-00	16-00	17-50	17-50	17-50	17-50	17-50	17-50	17-50		
Tea .. .. .	lb.	55-30	55-05	55-05	55-05	55-05	55-05	55-05	55-05	55-05	55-05	55-15	55-15		
Sugar .. .. .	"	9-00	9-00	9-00	9-00	9-00	9-00	9-00	9-00	9-00	9-00	9-00	9-00		
Jam, plum .. .. .	1½ lb.	27-20	27-10	27-10	27-10	27-10	27-20	27-20	27-20	27-20	27-20	27-30	27-30		
Oats, flaked .. .. .	lb.	8-17	8-17	8-17	8-17	8-17	8-17	8-17	8-17	8-17	8-17	8-80	8-80		
Raisins, seeded .. .. .	"	31-89	31-89	31-89	31-89	31-89	31-89	31-89	31-89	31-89	31-25	31-25	30-56		
Currants .. .. .	"	22-79	22-83	22-83	22-83	22-83	22-83	22-75	22-75	22-75	22-69	22-69	22-56		
Apricots, dried .. .. .	"	60-64	61-07	60-69	60-93	60-56	60-56	59-92	59-92	59-92	59-21	59-42	61-56		
Peaches, canned .. .. .	30 oz.	33-50	33-50	33-50	33-50	33-50	33-50	33-45	33-50	33-50	33-50	33-55	33-60		
Pears, canned .. .. .	"	35-00	35-05	35-05	35-05	34-70	34-70	34-75	34-90	35-05	35-05	35-60	35-75		
Potatoes .. .. .	7 lb.	36-90	48-23	56-00	63-00	63-00	33-83	35-00	28-58	28-00	28-00	28-00	24-11		
Onions, brown .. .. .	lb.	5-00	5-00	5-00	6-00	6-00	8-00	8-00	5-40	5-50	5-50	5-50	5-42		
<b>Dairy Produce—</b>															
Butter, factory .. .. .	lb.	49-50	49-50	49-35	49-35	49-35	49-35	49-35	49-35	49-35	49-35	49-35	49-35		
Eggs, new laid .. .. .	doz.	69-00	63-00	63-00	63-00	63-00	63-00	63-00	67-40	67-00	67-00	67-00	67-00		
Bacon, rashers .. .. .	lb.	74-00	74-50	74-50	74-50	80-13	80-13	80-13	80-13	80-13	80-13	80-13	80-13		
Milk, fresh .. .. .	quart	18-50	18-50	18-50	18-50	18-00	18-00	18-00	18-00	18-00	18-00	18-00	18-00		
<b>Meat—</b>															
		September Quarter				December Quarter				March Quarter			June Quarter		
Beef, .. .. .	lb.	38-43				38-29				38-33			38-90		
" rib .. .. .	"	32-53				33-03				33-32			33-60		
" steak, rump .. .. .	"	48-40				49-35				49-37			49-43		
" " chuck .. .. .	"	32-57				32-10				32-10			32-40		
" sausages .. .. .	"	20-13				19-87				19-84			20-00		
" corned silverside .. .. .	"	37-03				37-29				37-87			37-87		
" " brisket .. .. .	"	28-53				27-60				28-17			28-33		
Mutton, leg .. .. .	"	23-79				23-30				23-86			23-95		
" forequarter .. .. .	"	15-52				14-62				14-43			14-86		
" loin .. .. .	"	22-52				21-95				22-14			22-38		
" chops, loin .. .. .	"	24-09				22-95				23-19			23-43		
" " leg .. .. .	"	25-33				24-98				25-43			26-57		
Pork, leg .. .. .	"	55-58				58-56				59-88			58-85		
" chops .. .. .	"	56-60				59-77				60-22			59-40		

## FORESTRY

**Administration.** The forests of the State comprise both reserved and protected areas and are controlled by a Commission appointed in 1919.

**Forests Area.** At the 30th June, 1954, the area of reserved forest was 5,183,337 acres, much of which can be classed only as protection forest and is not strictly speaking timber producing. It is estimated that there are 10,000,000 acres of Crown lands in the State carrying merchantable timber.

**Protected Forests.** In addition to the 5,183,337 acres aforementioned, there were 175,155 acres reserved as Timber Reserves under the Land Acts. Including these reserves, but excluding areas reserved as sites for Gardens, Parks, and Recreation Purposes, all remaining Crown lands have been proclaimed "Protected Forests". It should not be assumed, however, that all of these lands are "forests" as the term is generally understood, as over 6,000,000 acres comprise roads, water frontages, beds of rivers and lakes, and unsold land in cities, towns, and boroughs. In addition, on the area of 6,250,000 acres in occupation under grazing and other leases, much of the timber is of little or no commercial value because of remoteness, inaccessibility, or other causes.

**Forests Output.** The following table shows the estimated production of sawn timber, fuel timber and miscellaneous timber during each of the years 1952-53 to 1954-55 :-

Year Ended June—	Sawn Timber. (a)	Fuel Timber. (b)	Miscellaneous Timber. (b)
	000's cubic feet.	000's cubic feet.	000's cubic feet.
1953 .. .. .	17,623	24,160	7,465
1954 .. .. .	19,057	23,400	6,636
1955 .. .. .	23,148	13,000	10,071

(a) These figures are estimates of sawn timber obtainable from the recorded volumes of logs cut.

(b) Volumes estimated from recorded quantities in various units (generally actual volumes are not recorded).

Particulars of sawn timber and firewood, from all sources, will be found in part "Factories" &c., of the *Year-Book*.

**Softwood Plantations.** The total area planted during 1952-54 planting seasons was 931 acres, bringing the total area of softwood plantations at 30th June, 1955, to 56,218 acres.

**Plantation Output.** The output of plantation-grown softwood logs, excluding pine pulpwood was :—

1952-53	..	..	15,377,240	superficial feet
1953-54	..	..	15,728,844	” ”
1954-55	..	..	18,082,138	” ”

**Other Commercial Softwood Plantations.** Since 1952, there has been a marked increase in the area and number of private commercial softwood plantations established in Victoria.

The biggest contribution to this acreage was made by Australian Paper Manufacturers Ltd., which has established 14,000 acres of softwood plantations in the South Gippsland area. Planting is continuing and is anticipated that the timber output from these plantations will supply most of the company's requirements of long-fibred pulp for its Maryvale paper mill near Morwell. This type of pulp is produced from softwood timber and is used in mixture to strengthen the shorter fibred pulp derived from native hardwood timbers.

Additional to the above new planting, several small plantation areas of 200 acres or less have been established for commercial purposes in southern Victoria by private individuals. The area planted by State Schools under the school endowment plantation scheme is 1,500 acres.

A recent census disclosed that the total area of private softwood plantations in Victoria to be almost 42,000 acres.

**Nurseries.** To encourage tree planting in the rural areas of the State, the Forests Commission distributed plants from four main nurseries situated at Macedon, Creswick, Wail and Merbein. These nurseries supplied the main climatic zones and in addition to these, softwood plants (mainly pines) are available from eleven smaller nurseries attached to State plantations. Despatches of plants from all nurseries were :—1952-53, 686,870; 1953-54, 810,400; and 1954-55, 913,725.

**Forestry Fund.** Particulars in respect of this fund (established in 1918) will be found on page 355 of the 1943-44 issue of the *Year-Book*.

**Revenue and Expenditure.** The revenue derived from forest sources during the financial year 1953-54 was £2,351,706, and the expenditure £2,991,772—£1,170,085 of which was paid out of the Consolidated Revenue, £899,825 out of loan funds, and the balance (£921,862) from the Forestry Fund.

**Silviculture of Indigenous Forests.** The various types of silvicultural operations in the indigenous forests over the period 1951-52 to 1954-55 are indicated in the following table:—

VICTORIA—SILVICULTURAL OPERATIONS IN STATE FORESTS, 1951-52 TO 1954-55.

Nature of Work.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
First thinning .. .. .	7,127	3,828	3,080	5,195
Second or subsequent thinning ..	6,646	2,370	6,906	6,266
Regeneration or liberation treatment	4,177	4,539	7,896	16,694
Coppice treatment .. .. .	5,883	4,606	10,593	13,154
Total area treated .. .. .	23,833	15,343	28,475	41,309

**The Wood-Pulp Agreement Act.** The *Wood-Pulp Agreement Act* 1936 (No. 4451) passed on 27th December, 1936, is “an Act to ratify validate approve and otherwise give effect to an agreement between the Minister of Forests, the Forests Commission, and Australian Paper Manufacturers Limited with respect to the establishment of the wood-pulp industry”. Details of the agreement will be found in previous issues of the *Year-Book*.

**Production of wood-pulp.** The first manufacturing unit—the Pilot Mill—erected in accordance with the above-mentioned agreement came into production in January, 1938, with a capacity production of 3,000 tons of air-dried pulp per annum. The main mill, which commenced production in October, 1939, has a capacity output of approximately 30,000 tons of kraft pulp per annum.

**Supply of  
pulp-wood  
from State  
forests.**

Consignment of pulp-wood from the State forests to the mill at Maryvale commenced in October, 1937. The quantities of pulp-wood obtained from the State forests during each of the years 1952-53 to 1954-55 were as follows:—1952-53, 3,191,585 cubic feet; 1953-54, 2,784,785 cubic feet; and 1954-55, 4,523,375 cubic feet.

Australian Paper Manufacturers Limited extended operations by its contractor in both green and fire-killed mountain ash and alpine ash, the bulk of procurement being from fire-killed stands. There was a small increase in pulpwood obtained from pine plantations and in the output from mixed foot-hill forests.

**PART XII.**  
**STATISTICAL SUMMARY.**

VICTORIA—POPULATION, DWELLINGS AND VITAL STATISTICS.

Year.	Population on 31st December.			Estimated Number of Dwellings. (31st December).	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.
	Persons.	Males.	Females.				
1836 ..	224	186	38	..	1	3	..
1840 ..	10,291	7,254	3,037	..	358	198	177
1850 ..	76,162	45,495	30,667	..	2,673	780	969
1860 ..	538,234	330,302	207,932	133,634	22,863	12,061	4,351
1870 ..	723,925	397,230	326,695	156,726	27,151	10,420	4,732
1880 ..	858,605	450,558	408,047	178,777	26,148	11,652	5,286
1890 ..	1,133,728	595,519	538,209	241,987	37,578	18,012	9,187
1900 ..	1,196,213	601,773	594,440	253,003	30,779	15,215	8,308
1910 ..	1,301,408	646,482	654,926	287,498	31,437	14,736	10,240
1915 ..	1,424,445	694,210	730,235	327,156	35,010	15,823	12,832
1920 ..	1,527,909	753,803	774,106	347,716	36,214	16,832	14,898
1925 ..	1,684,051	840,817	843,234	396,474	35,922	15,836	13,370
1930 ..	1,792,605	892,422	900,183	438,814	33,127	15,959	11,641
1935 ..	1,841,595	910,740	930,855	462,328	27,884	18,456	15,409
1940 ..	1,914,918	947,037	967,881	502,076	31,962	20,293	22,299
1941 ..	1,946,425	964,619	981,806	511,544	34,406	20,425	20,897
1942 ..	1,962,558	970,729	991,829	513,387	35,927	21,973	23,636
1943 ..	1,981,616	979,540	1,002,067	513,693	39,117	21,327	18,356
1944 ..	1,997,954	986,889	1,011,065	515,433	39,358	20,502	17,857
1945 ..	2,015,107	994,784	1,020,323	515,410	41,200	20,496	16,501
1946 ..	2,039,769	1,006,395	1,033,374	521,574	46,693	21,534	21,405
1947 ..	2,061,689	1,016,950	1,044,739	530,742	47,366	21,442	20,437
1948 ..	2,106,315	1,040,640	1,065,675	535,752	46,099	21,825	20,035
1949 ..	2,164,331	1,073,298	1,091,033	551,702	46,873	21,991	20,066
1950 ..	2,231,255	1,116,962	1,114,293	574,734	49,830	22,341	20,320
1951 ..	2,291,354	1,152,772	1,138,582	597,915	50,553	23,446	21,117
1952 ..	2,356,823	1,192,644	1,164,179	620,838	53,738	23,322	20,220
1953 ..	2,405,296	1,214,862	1,190,434	642,987	53,561	22,650	19,238
1954 ..	2,480,873	1,246,461	1,234,412	688,300*	54,660	22,554	19,404
1955 ..	2,555,021	1,288,058	1,266,963	724,597	56,336	22,527	20,056
1956 ..	2,632,623	1,328,357	1,304,266	746,789	58,393	23,886	20,137

	Population on 30th June.			Estimated Number of Dwellings (30th June.)			
1957 ..	2,673,498	1,348,904	1,324,594	756,543	60,464	24,131	20,239

\* Census 30th June.



## VICTORIA—DIVORCES.\*

Year.	Petitions Filed—			Decrees Granted—			Petitions † Dismissed or With- drawn.
	By Husband.	By Wife.	Total.	To Husband.	To Wife.	Total.	
1921 ..	194	252	446	170	210	380	27
1925 ..	214	321	535	160	285	445	13
1930 ..	215	274	489	153	228	381	22
1931 ..	221	257	478	188	229	417	19
1932 ..	217	322	539	181	273	454	19
1933 ..	258	336	594	205	290	495	17
1934 ..	266	400	666	238	380	618	13
1935 ..	334	398	732	254	345	599	15
1936 ..	342	421	763	311	374	685	22
1937 ..	366	526	892	317	479	796	16
1938 ..	391	531	922	317	503	820	25
1939 ..	390	483	873	338	456	794	19
1940 ..	396	494	890	358	459	817	18
1941 ..	435	534	969	376	457	833	25
1942 ..	600	608	1,208	459	494	953	28
1943 ..	854	731	1,585	708	667	1,375	50
1944 ..	1,066	866	1,932	914	756	1,670	30
1945 ..	1,128	939	2,067	933	794	1,727	69
1946 ..	1,177	1,020	2,197	865	754	1,619	70
1947 ..	910	1,023	1,933	1,119	1,147	2,266	125
1948 ..	948	953	1,901	807	853	1,660	80
1949 ..	955	1,080	2,035	800	966	1,766	80
1950 ..	854	1,000	1,854	739	852	1,591	77
1951 ..	803	1,016	1,819	760	954	1,714	72
1952 ..	827	993	1,820	696	900	1,596	119
1953 ..	841	1,025	1,866	942	1,154	2,096	115
1954 ..	826	951	1,777	709	810	1,519	89
1955 ..	729	850	1,579	773	901	1,674	91
1956 ..	822	925	1,747	591	664	1,255	64
1957 ..	822	832	1,654	642	703	1,345	46

\* Excludes Judicial Separations and Marriage Annulments.

† Includes Judicial Separations and Marriage Annulments.

VICTORIA—CRIME (ARREST CASES ONLY) : POLICE PROTECTION.

Year.	Number.					Numerical Strength of Police Force in Victoria.
	Taken into Custody. *	Summarily Disposed of by Magistrates.		Committed for Trial.	Distinct Persons Convicted after Commitment.	
		Convicted. †	Dismissed. †			
1870 .. ..	22,527	14,662	6,957	908	573	} Not available
1880 .. ..	22,843	15,045	7,118	680	398	
1890 .. ..	37,330	23,609	12,601	1,129	662	
1900 .. ..	26,104	17,177	8,352	575	374	1,465
1910 .. ..	19,070	11,655	6,912	503	354	1,605
1915 .. ..	20,276	11,742	7,973	561	391	1,737
1920 .. ..	14,582	9,010	4,813	759	442	1,733
1925 .. ..	17,922	11,839	5,435	648	451	1,876
1930 .. ..	17,295	12,511	3,899	885	683	2,115
1935 .. ..	19,944	15,452	3,026	1,466	596	2,247
1936 .. ..	21,016	17,775	1,851	1,390	533	2,289
1937 .. ..	20,604	17,104	2,070	1,480	565	2,280
1938 .. ..	23,185	18,900	2,394	1,891	642	2,271
1939 .. ..	23,490	19,244	2,567	1,679	690	2,313
1940 .. ..	23,072	19,205	2,461	1,406	651	2,352
1941 .. ..	22,324	19,153	1,982	1,199	705	2,327
1942 .. ..	25,057	22,100	1,734	1,223	721	2,318
1943 .. ..	25,157	21,791	1,897	1,469	826	2,263
1944 .. ..	24,096	20,869	1,790	1,437	792	2,209
1945 .. ..	20,442	17,687	1,389	1,366	692	2,131
1946 .. ..	22,021	18,851	1,772	1,398	710	2,198
1947 .. ..	25,084	22,353	1,117	1,614	785	2,272
1948 .. ..	26,627	23,551	1,221	1,855	806	2,386
1949 .. ..	28,023	25,234	1,237	1,552	669	2,597
1950 .. ..	33,003	29,904	1,616	1,483	722	2,751
1951 .. ..	35,554	32,036	2,032	1,486	761	2,879
1952 .. ..	35,840	31,392	2,978	1,470	883	2,992
1953 .. ..	31,071	27,436	1,825	1,810	918	3,047
1954 .. ..	31,877	28,120	1,879	1,878	912	3,021
1955 .. ..	33,021	28,738	2,364	1,919	1,043	3,109
1956 .. ..	33,568	28,146	3,084	2,338	1,249	3,392

\* Particulars for the years 1900 to 1932 represent arrests while in all other years the numbers of offences with which arrested persons were charged are shown.

† Prior to 1936 cases of drunkenness where offenders were discharged on the first appearances are not shown as convictions. Since 1936 these cases have been regarded as convictions.

## VICTORIA—AGRICULTURE—AREA.

Year.	Total Area Cultivated.	Area under:—					
		Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Rye.	Peas and Beans.
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1850-51 ..	52,341	28,510	5,008	2,102	24	..	..
1860-61 ..	407,740	161,252	86,337	4,123	1,650	112	662
1870-71 ..	762,031	284,167	149,309	19,646	1,014	1,168	4,366
1880-81 ..	1,742,949	977,285	134,089	68,630	1,769	1,569	23,378
1890-91 ..	2,417,527	1,145,163	221,048	87,751	10,357	948	25,992
1900-01 ..	3,717,002	2,017,321	362,689	58,853	9,389	823	7,812
1910-11 ..	5,886,247	2,398,089	392,681	52,687	20,151	2,640	11,068
1920-21 ..	6,425,250	2,295,865	443,636	93,954	24,149	1,717	7,655
1929-30 ..	8,061,920	3,566,135	630,234	97,678	17,640	854	10,253
1930-31 ..	9,306,289	4,600,200†	371,024	87,518	16,227	958	9,311
1931-32 ..	7,552,928	3,565,872	439,626	66,381	15,714	754	9,446
1932-33 ..	7,749,032	3,230,955	368,846	93,555	16,425	1,480	12,509
1933-34 ..	7,809,956	3,052,931	525,976	106,339	19,538	1,114	15,364
1934-35 ..	6,894,147	2,458,583	506,638	87,599	18,727	1,325	9,386
1935-36 ..	6,797,538	2,323,753	505,623	116,371	20,377	1,117	8,285
1936-37 ..	6,890,475	2,393,827	381,069	100,003	20,115	1,185	7,780
1937-38 ..	7,266,910	2,686,057	394,436	139,777	20,879	1,051	8,294
1938-39 ..	7,562,524	2,748,362	657,999	175,891	18,485	1,109	5,669
1939-40 ..	7,379,767	2,827,417	439,555	204,239	18,963	1,728	6,819
1940-41 ..	6,354,609	2,672,728	559,200	187,649	15,382	1,888	9,667
1941-42 ..	6,833,072	2,757,080	421,942	204,279	9,594	3,829	9,206
1942-43 ..	5,498,586	2,145,156	428,043	77,842	7,131	4,414	9,596
1943-44 ..	5,198,252	1,793,428	426,305	83,259	6,598	2,919	6,159*
1944-45 ..	6,004,249	2,141,729	722,169	129,054	4,544	6,081	7,478*
1945-46 ..	7,721,154	3,251,393	511,483	134,132	6,809	7,698	8,658*
1946-47 ..	7,563,330	3,501,135	453,898	138,022	8,107	6,237	7,771*
1947-48 ..	7,550,455	3,227,162	650,119	164,189	7,968	8,148	9,676*
1948-49 ..	6,988,526	2,995,705	539,603	195,779	6,460	16,606	11,645*
1949-50 ..	6,910,090	2,828,273	483,190	236,123	5,136	16,690	16,790*
1950-51 ..	6,504,831	2,735,473	527,217	217,096	4,089	13,160	14,908*
1951-52 ..	6,297,477	2,463,574	676,503	186,224	4,115	18,556	7,017*
1952-53 ..	6,580,661	2,232,097	756,129	234,597	5,175	31,690	6,040*
1953-54 ..	6,766,658	2,389,304	583,075	374,555	5,613	27,754	6,965*
1954-55 ..	6,590,643	2,390,173	644,444	280,595	4,379	21,880	10,503*
1955-56 ..	6,524,838	2,141,410	871,068	309,111	3,535	20,043	10,691*

\* Peas only.

† Record wheat acreage.

VICTORIA—AGRICULTURE—AREA—continued.

Year.	Area under :—						
	Potatoes.	Onions.	Other Vegetables for Human Consumption.	Hay.	Green Fodder.	Other Stock Fodder (Rootcrops and Pumpkins).	Chicory.
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1850-51 ..	2,838	..	..	13,567	130	..	..
1860-61 ..	24,841	..	5,722	90,921	6,021	2,258	..
1870-71 ..	39,026	287	10,186	163,181	6,868	2,843	220
1880-81 ..	45,951	1,056	12,493	249,656	9,617	2,092	230
1890-91 ..	53,818	2,238	6,909	413,052	10,091	1,600	258
1900-01 ..	38,477	2,815	8,944	502,105	18,975	1,143	184
1910-11 ..	62,904	6,161	10,778	832,669	71,826	2,126	467
1920-21 ..	62,687	8,000	12,201	1,333,397	79,524	934	392
1929-30 ..	58,789	7,828	21,210	865,015	169,253	729	469
1930-31 ..	67,590	6,286	20,197	1,277,398	126,347	608	344
1931-32 ..	69,929	5,306	19,786	955,839	119,006	609	434
1932-33 ..	69,783	7,109	18,249	1,044,523	107,732	645	442
1933-34 ..	60,856	6,785	20,010	1,196,259	121,737	823	405
1934-35 ..	54,214	5,928	20,728	1,261,552	115,037	1,155	429
1935-36 ..	44,287	5,441	20,633	1,140,361	111,056	923	480
1936-37 ..	45,627	5,969	20,790	1,181,612	102,744	1,320	492
1937-38 ..	41,105	6,036	19,819	1,079,039	121,839	986	294
1938-39 ..	34,396	4,898	21,059	1,104,558	108,796	1,193	314
1939-40 ..	32,177	4,503	24,414	1,204,810	91,441	1,157	334
1940-41 ..	44,195	5,004	22,155	672,955	130,738	1,311	477
1941-42 ..	33,392	4,497	22,840	1,007,979	97,158	850	517
1942-43 ..	51,757	5,741	59,282*	788,792	103,598	1,909	500
1943-44 ..	70,430	5,997	66,471*	740,672	112,880	2,634	661
1944-45 ..	83,238	7,905	62,254*	901,983	73,159	3,282	542
1945-46 ..	63,000	8,170	49,898*	1,060,496	63,311	3,060	510
1946-47 ..	56,400	6,460	43,431*	677,787	49,659	1,932	423
1947-48 ..	59,400	6,722	35,907*	657,146	46,100	1,579	442
1948-49 ..	45,785	5,554	38,027*	591,341	50,847	2,327	451
1949-50 ..	50,651	4,093	35,361*	606,525	44,928	1,882	385
1950-51 ..	52,482	4,148	35,742*	557,454	41,279	2,705	450
1951-52 ..	42,108	4,745	38,130*	640,418	45,661	3,115	260
1952-53 ..	52,851	3,866	36,143*	752,932	40,303	1,859	160
1953-54 ..	52,745	3,641	30,243*	807,223	56,210	3,091	210
1954-55 ..	44,075	3,970	31,225*	739,099	77,135	6,300	300
1955-56 ..	37,020	3,337	34,893*	879,288	75,815	6,305	200

\* Includes areas of all vegetables sown irrespective of the extent of double cropping.

## VICTORIA—AGRICULTURE—AREA—continued.

Year.	Area under :—							Sown Pastures.
	Grass and Clover Seeds.	Hops.	To-bacco.	Vines.	Other Crops.	Crehards.	Land in Fallow.	
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1850-51				162				
1860-61	..	..	91	1,138	579	1,576	20,457	11,640
1870-71	242	64	93	5,466	24	4,670	69,191	146,984
1880-81	2,817	428	1,990	4,980	984	9,795	194,140	254,994
1890-91	2,587	789	618	20,686	1,095	26,955	385,572	235,241
1900-01	2,235	401	109	30,634	2,671	48,552	602,870	207,896
1910-11	1,295	121	329	23,412	5,291	57,375	1,434,177	991,195
1920-21	1,872	93	95	29,255	6,309	87,768	1,935,747	1,051,290
1929-30	1,670	201	1,822	40,594	8,064	80,820	2,482,662	1,141,157
1930-31	2,000	185	2,650	38,720	8,606	79,490	2,590,629	1,234,612
1931-32	3,278	167	12,191	38,215	7,722	76,834	2,145,819	1,412,846
1932-33	5,502	151	13,418	39,144	8,104	77,173	2,633,287	1,514,582
1933-34	3,529	159	8,900	40,485	8,758	76,945	2,543,043	1,620,870
1934-35	5,840	112	4,765	41,180	8,231	76,254	2,216,464	1,909,443
1935-36	8,222	123	5,840	41,081	9,000	75,788	2,358,777	2,252,541
1936-37	9,406	142	5,492	41,895	11,084	76,760	2,483,163	2,466,887
1937-38	9,358	142	4,736	41,883	11,556	75,067	2,604,556	2,815,770
1938-39	7,534	135	2,559	42,436	12,606	71,300	2,543,225	3,083,878
1939-40	17,452	173	2,018	42,594	12,253	70,315	2,377,405	3,460,191
1940-41	5,842	193	1,926	43,233	22,887	69,756	1,887,418	3,619,335
1941-42	8,600	196	2,232	43,554	35,554	69,413	2,101,360	3,809,954
1942-43	8,612	148	1,850	42,634	31,634	69,776	1,660,171	*
1943-44	7,350	160	2,000	42,711	38,231	70,024	1,719,363	3,838,917
1944-45	5,127	137	1,500	42,914	48,811	68,245	1,694,097	3,604,036
1945-46	8,058	153	1,408	42,843	36,563	60,470	2,394,032	3,944,249
1946-47	15,970	183	1,136	42,948	20,119	71,312	2,460,350	4,074,525
1947-48	11,746	240	958	43,784	20,350	71,513	2,527,306	5,139,320
1948-49	8,617	259	994	45,609	17,486	71,746	2,343,685	5,815,951
1949-50	12,028	278	919	45,386	20,518	71,046	2,429,888	7,820,176
1950-51	10,147	322	1,021	45,313	18,243	69,911	2,153,611	7,142,966
1951-52	11,083	347	1,500	45,267	13,174	68,715	2,026,965	6,796,760
1952-53	7,942	367	1,613	45,968	8,804	67,234	2,294,891	7,055,693
1953-54	8,925	344	2,246	45,777	15,467	66,180	2,287,090	7,461,426
1954-55	11,930	384	2,471	45,757	13,740	66,091	2,196,192	8,155,154
1955-56	27,135	388	2,876	44,817	8,950	65,214	1,982,742	8,647,395

\* Information not collected.

VICTORIA—AGRICULTURE—PRODUCTION.

Year.	Produce.						
	Wheat. †	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Rye.	Peas and Beans.	Potatoes.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.
1850-51	556,167	99,535	40,144	4	..	..	5,613
1860-61	3,459,914	2,633,693	83,854	25,045	1,720	11,073	77,258
1870-71	2,870,400	2,237,010	240,825	20,028	14,856	73,449	127,579
1880-81	9,727,369	2,362,425	1,068,830	49,299	13,978	403,321	129,262
1890-91	12,751,295	4,919,325	1,571,599	574,083	17,583	739,310	204,155
1900-01	17,847,321	9,582,332	1,215,478	604,180	11,989	146,357	123,126
1910-11	34,813,019	9,699,127	1,340,387	982,103	32,647	223,234	163,312
1920-21	39,468,625	10,907,191	2,495,762	1,065,880	21,359	146,150	171,628
1929-30	25,412,587	5,058,541	2,183,325	533,719	11,068	211,499	171,747
1930-31	53,814,369	6,893,827	1,983,130	692,896	10,199	171,937	173,341
1931-32	41,955,856	6,450,281	1,256,678	611,902	7,966	142,010	206,489
1932-33	47,843,129	6,363,853	1,995,446	477,145	16,360	190,703	182,471
1933-34	42,613,106	6,778,754	1,888,981	644,023	14,314	232,632	142,132
1934-35	25,850,528	5,248,787	1,609,518	719,360	14,190	145,817	109,329
1935-36	37,552,062	6,365,056	2,314,427	638,643	9,733	133,509	104,125
1936-37	42,844,816	6,107,885	2,143,109	794,506	10,388	165,736	196,623
1937-38	48,173,191	5,327,199	2,708,519	783,835	10,291	138,537	134,712
1938-39	18,104,369	2,909,260	1,671,809	416,578	4,735	40,751	81,415
1939-40	45,054,592	8,280,602	3,738,113	380,698	14,158	125,724	87,931
1940-41	13,521,422	2,624,298	1,186,979	702,956	13,070	131,029	216,568
1941-42	46,953,840	8,149,277	4,792,040	305,875	38,055	126,241	118,454
1942-43	41,803,107	6,637,944	1,273,704	271,321	39,276	139,571	195,138
1943-44	19,733,322	3,704,985	1,078,128	150,433	13,323	100,922*	127,380
1944-45	3,497,677	1,335,429	359,536	165,347	7,377	119,139*	305,216
1945-46	29,633,760	7,401,816	1,743,754	307,934	37,320	148,440*	230,749
1946-47	48,970,908	6,401,430	2,321,912	356,898	29,841	126,771*	223,782
1947-48	46,962,385	15,380,970	3,576,771	323,984	49,554	259,110*	184,882
1948-49	49,063,560	7,489,601	3,547,691	259,898	124,668	263,931*	166,105
1949-50	57,433,835	8,718,307	4,876,180	194,121	127,506	273,483*	167,881
1950-51	51,235,929	9,034,005	4,510,079	186,672	68,994	249,583*	139,391
1951-52	45,994,752	11,151,260	3,619,576	167,942	123,324	164,413*	178,399
1952-53	50,334,634	12,599,050	4,734,175	203,427	257,409	188,709*	133,148
1953-54	53,697,611	9,851,708	7,932,163	298,044	200,907	190,228*	213,714
1954-55	48,434,543	10,020,742	4,945,720	228,781	141,363	270,252*	206,577
1955-56	41,083,071	14,858,117	6,876,861	175,813	110,431	246,586*	163,239

\* Peas only.

† Record wheat harvest, 58,521,706 bushels in 1915-16.

VICTORIA—AGRICULTURE—PRODUCTION—*continued.*

Year.	Produce.						
	Root Crops and Pumpkins for Stock Fodder.	Onions.	Hay.	Chicory.	Grass and Clover Seeds.	Hops.	Tobacco.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	bushels.	cwt.	cwt.
1850-51	..	..	20,971	..	..	..	..
1860-61	19,851	1,309	144,211	..	..	..	1,257
1870-71	20,884	1,645	183,708	1,349	2,652	318	467
1880-81	16,975	4,979	300,581	960	26,320	2,744	17,333
1890-91	23,232	13,961	567,779	1,859	36,415	7,931	326
1900-01	12,184	12,766	677,757	233	35,084	2,741	311
1910-11	25,135	37,484	1,292,410	432	16,262	737	1,090
1920-21	9,031	42,985	1,984,854	310	11,555	1,199	908
1929-30	7,337	43,646	963,080	319	25,696	3,713	11,353
1930-31	8,170	41,193	1,605,900	358	28,744	2,660	11,335
1931-32	7,246	17,946	1,069,276	368	31,442	1,892	59,451
1932-33	5,964	41,013	1,386,028	356	59,124	2,547	36,371
1933-34	11,594	46,068	1,353,796	372	30,285	3,071	13,132
1934-35	11,657	36,187	1,464,264	460	53,214	2,042	13,405
1935-36	8,311	26,143	1,346,953	412	74,158	2,080	25,706
1936-37	12,717	46,130	1,403,049	625	21,886	2,450	15,658
1937-38	10,425	45,583	1,244,935	352	14,314	1,405	20,860
1938-39	5,630	10,404	892,975	202	6,263	742	6,432
1939-40	8,131	27,400	1,820,878	414	30,783	1,740	9,805
1940-41	11,223	25,004	580,237	777	8,828	2,064	10,689
1941-42	7,023	23,420	1,443,505	643	11,985	1,728	14,377
1942-43	11,852	36,500	1,050,107	625	14,204	1,434	9,084
1943-44	10,446	32,203	963,103	649	10,110	1,323	13,785
1944-45	15,494	55,158	704,246	520	4,841	1,374	5,128
1945-46	12,596	46,338	1,444,250	764	11,764	1,936	3,844
1946-47	8,658	28,244	985,224	413	24,770	2,342	9,706
1947-48	7,324	61,540	1,042,438	540	17,893	2,538	1,162
1948-49	14,203	33,684	933,983	361	10,604	3,405	7,084
1949-50	11,936	25,436	1,000,855	581	16,297	3,764	5,967
1950-51	14,267	18,182	894,585	578	11,006	4,002	8,138
1951-52	16,316	31,150	1,046,764	324	16,253	2,590	12,329
1952-53	10,554	23,690	1,245,217	186	10,870	5,202	13,142
1953-54	17,069	22,783	1,360,662	180	10,646	5,517	19,237
1954-55	16,693	26,091	1,207,679	410	19,050	7,440	7,751
1955-56	31,012	20,299	1,525,997	433	42,195	6,084	10,134

VICTORIA—AGRICULTURE—PRODUCTION—continued.

Year	Produce from Vines.					
	Grapes not made into Wine.	Grapes made into Wine.	Wine.	Raisins.		Currants.
				Lexias, &c.	Sultanas.	
	cwt.	cwt.	gals.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
1850-51 .. ..	..	..	4,621	..	..	..
1860-61 .. ..	7,979	..	12,129	..	..	..
1870-71 .. ..	26,296	98,642	629,219	..	..	..
1880-81 .. ..	24,817	79,045	484,028	..	..	..
1890-91 .. ..	63,535	293,775	2,008,493	1,105	..	30
1900-01 .. ..	235,268	396,644	2,578,187	27,533	..	2,546
1910-11 .. ..	397,808	194,630	1,362,420	29,878	49,440	26,394
1920-21 .. ..	717,069	355,698	2,222,305	33,150	83,737	62,919
1929-30 .. ..	3,849,105	191,125	1,363,575	95,255	688,399	178,226
1930-31 .. ..	2,451,067	188,835	1,254,615	84,210	363,336	156,689
1931-32 .. ..	2,996,854	218,977	1,530,061	65,151	528,893	156,651
1932-33 .. ..	3,971,322	229,056	1,610,649	92,744	758,617	156,291
1933-34 .. ..	3,366,740	212,305	1,691,391	86,655	592,581	149,519
1934-35 .. ..	3,067,405	172,255	1,276,176	78,532	514,209	176,023
1935-36 .. ..	3,251,018	212,184	1,683,049	92,481	617,237	88,414
1936-37 .. ..	3,660,843	242,587	1,818,917	90,243	655,090	152,202
1937-38 .. ..	4,698,443	198,814	1,433,637	109,501	863,579	178,960
1938-39 .. ..	3,595,914	111,869	825,056	102,016	571,156	206,022
1939-40 .. ..	4,713,755	156,236	1,126,350	108,403	838,149	212,841
1940-41 .. ..	3,911,993	154,350	1,208,452	115,137	711,700	132,580
1941-42 .. ..	4,469,858	160,068	1,163,188	103,191	847,197	174,764
1942-43 .. ..	4,432,120	177,709	1,381,936	114,860	813,920	172,400
1943-44 .. ..	4,729,542	168,294	1,319,630	117,920	859,100	199,740
1944-45 .. ..	3,273,431	112,968	784,886	106,961	554,566	137,167
1945-46 .. ..	4,026,382	264,723	1,915,705	97,457	762,428	128,701
1946-47 .. ..	3,519,553	278,382	3,081,622	83,484	660,826	121,751
1947-48 .. ..	4,356,102	326,580	2,958,292	103,796	839,410	161,718
1948-49 .. ..	3,565,809	319,749	3,080,512	109,324	604,752	159,335
1949-50 .. ..	3,810,263	291,357	3,230,129	87,421	756,458	138,600
1950-51 .. ..	2,899,743	197,511	2,357,716	74,194	485,936	121,611
1951-52 .. ..	4,045,972	345,045	3,472,352	105,113	791,552	77,165
1952-53 .. ..	4,891,412	228,052	2,266,446	141,036	960,917	131,787
1953-54 .. ..	4,573,094	235,091	2,327,302	142,222	879,240	93,377
1954-55 .. ..	4,423,644	165,805	1,611,923	111,237	876,105	93,509
1955-56 .. ..	2,936,560	150,885	1,341,797	57,933	530,414	102,992



## VICTORIA—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION—VALUE.

Year.	Value of Agricultural Production.						
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Maize.	Hay.	Potatoes.	Onions.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>1904-05</b>	3,119,878	465,257	123,423	79,967	861,479	417,150	116,721
<b>1909-10</b>	5,501,605	777,547	165,181	119,725	2,432,840	517,775	98,325
<b>1914-15</b>	1,391,647	397,078	161,899	234,597	4,181,827	800,269	167,098
<b>1919-20</b>	5,726,667	1,848,903	477,573	336,920	8,304,475	1,328,640	274,375
<b>1920-21</b>	14,307,377	1,295,229	447,352	186,529	5,259,863	586,458	131,104
<b>1929-30</b>	3,559,063	554,547	300,202	112,686	2,998,282	691,273	74,704
<b>1930-31</b>	4,478,732	426,936	168,787	95,634	2,649,735	335,910	61,447
<b>1931-32</b>	5,742,409	467,591	144,911	103,417	2,232,114	687,356	187,384
<b>1932-33</b>	5,411,525	431,991	186,814	92,157	2,841,357	541,519	88,177
<b>1933-34</b>	5,241,554	578,994	184,297	91,405	3,192,702	539,677	113,176
<b>1934-35</b>	4,119,773	468,622	184,545	131,945	3,145,257	670,872	191,540
<b>1935-36</b>	6,560,446	544,655	259,568	137,684	2,963,105	578,870	167,063
<b>1936-37</b>	10,161,533	672,456	393,249	189,679	3,712,145	489,632	223,446
<b>1937-38</b>	7,859,971	743,829	421,823	165,572	4,979,740	638,268	103,524
<b>1938-39</b>	2,241,991	432,100	224,145	91,506	3,352,362	846,649	174,269
<b>1939-40</b>	6,857,920	608,133	469,638	93,520	3,345,863	725,962	141,795
<b>1940-41</b>	2,604,134	366,028	191,211	117,543	2,030,830	574,383	294,632
<b>1941-42</b>	8,285,403	762,688	565,310	107,599	4,330,515	1,507,621	301,661
<b>1942-43</b>	8,493,964	721,571	225,905	89,904	4,200,428	1,697,700	453,075
<b>1943-44</b>	4,821,414	439,497	217,952	53,379	4,219,087	2,160,192	493,342
<b>1944-45</b>	1,897,477	535,928	206,589	59,805	4,579,587	3,064,501	697,289
<b>1945-46</b>	10,726,894	1,129,836	408,369	112,558	5,594,774	2,377,434	585,789
<b>1946-47</b>	21,340,384	1,239,044	695,393	129,029	3,765,362	2,210,471	396,417
<b>1947-48</b>	31,614,195	4,704,161	2,252,029	140,128	5,073,371	1,969,229	746,422
<b>1948-49</b>	26,661,827	1,255,072	1,095,624	121,768	5,432,709	2,536,450	429,832
<b>1949-50</b>	35,749,436	2,137,070	2,091,294	107,574	6,506,555	2,849,153	480,690
<b>1950-51</b>	30,819,846	3,134,617	2,044,910	176,972	8,025,361	3,169,078	504,551
<b>1951-52</b>	31,081,978	4,430,742	2,238,251	154,020	10,579,431	4,472,929	790,431
<b>1952-53</b>	34,874,210	2,383,188	2,890,251	142,132	11,599,925	3,895,955	489,193
<b>1953-54</b>	31,314,782	2,397,639	2,840,154	224,535	12,160,917	3,101,179	614,002
<b>1954-55</b>	24,952,398	3,292,206	2,493,856	147,279	10,793,631	4,890,886	681,627
<b>1955-56</b>	21,360,537	2,984,084	2,523,412	115,624	13,047,274	11,662,233	810,183

VICTORIA—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION—VALUE—continued.

Year.	Value of Agricultural Production—continued.						
	Green Fodder.	Raisins and Sultanas.	Currants.	Fruit (including Grapes for table consumption).	Market Gardens.	All Other.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1904-05	74,755	49,526	9,757	405,263	197,600	295,437	6,216,213
1909-10	141,465	130,558	49,334	489,738	255,350	417,890	11,097,333
1914-15	418,962	181,177	37,085	536,797	323,375	352,819	9,184,630
1919-20	449,010	632,936	139,153	1,330,550	442,155	592,688	21,884,045
1920-21	397,620	348,305	157,298	1,090,751	427,035	555,429	25,190,350
1929-30	846,265	894,187	186,406	967,861	1,060,500	439,015	12,684,991
1930-31	631,735	776,658	194,039	888,425	1,009,850	527,043	12,244,931
1931-32	595,030	1,258,111	282,620	917,846	989,300	1,504,464	15,012,553
1932-33	558,660	1,202,961	224,341	1,258,405	912,450	1,220,910	14,961,267
1933-34	330,633	1,084,717	232,037	866,378	1,000,500	669,922	14,124,992
1934-35	304,786	884,631	226,983	1,035,185	1,036,400	621,213	13,021,752
1935-36	303,025	1,218,509	136,058	1,226,077	1,031,650	736,377	15,863,087
1936-37	285,117	1,344,330	206,938	1,329,346	1,039,500	773,433	20,820,804
1937-38	319,491	1,591,107	211,019	1,438,633	990,950	797,847	20,266,774
1938-39	295,934	1,125,195	268,778	1,408,119	1,052,950	511,569	12,026,007
1939-40	244,253	1,458,300	266,885	1,339,372	1,220,700	707,934	17,480,275
1940-41	339,020	1,538,011	193,363	1,490,522	1,077,750	849,247	11,696,674
1941-42	256,395	1,869,781	301,596	1,450,841	1,142,000	1,058,316	21,939,636
1942-43	258,349	2,037,632	311,433	2,159,891	3,819,005*	920,967	25,394,844
1943-44	278,683	2,323,157	397,370	3,005,694	3,888,144*	1,082,740	23,281,651
1944-45	180,963	1,638,860	280,836	2,831,488	4,673,117*	952,630	21,599,070
1945-46	167,115	2,234,496	282,117	2,653,852	4,065,007*	1,082,387	31,420,628
1946-47	126,598	2,121,980	308,977	2,773,115	3,858,480*	1,232,185	40,197,435
1947-48	115,630	2,787,565	391,651	2,871,201	3,099,641*	1,313,994	57,079,217
1948-49	150,012	2,327,767	459,674	2,902,215	3,508,065*	1,595,748	48,476,763
1949-50	151,609	3,267,951	494,750	3,703,504	4,140,183*	1,854,525	63,534,294
1950-51	155,911	3,103,974	543,431	4,520,697	6,086,495*	2,234,088	64,519,931
1951-52	194,028	4,708,468	361,350	5,684,476	10,004,469*	2,662,161	77,362,734
1952-53	198,458	5,535,881	598,968	6,317,399	8,962,333*	2,483,452	80,391,359
1953-54	267,920	4,300,913	398,305	6,591,725	7,403,297*	3,176,329	74,786,697
1954-55	545,661	4,210,361	455,074	7,182,884	7,741,798*	3,001,925	70,299,536
1955-56	526,836	2,990,982	542,877	6,762,983	8,727,243*	3,525,997	75,590,270

NOTE.—The above figures represent values at the place of production. These are obtained by deducting all costs of marketing from the gross values. As seed costs, in addition to marketing charges, were deducted in the years prior to 1930-31, these values are not comparable with those of latter years.

\* Value of all vegetables whether grown in market-gardens, orchards, or as field crops.

## VICTORIA—LIVE STOCK—NUMBERS.

As at March.			Live Stock.				
			Horses.	Cattle.		Sheep.	Pigs.
				Dairy Cows.	All Other.		
			No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1861	..	..	76,536	197,332	525,000	5,780,896	61,259
1871	..	..	167,220	197,814	523,282	10,761,887	130,946
1881	..	..	275,516	329,198	957,069	10,360,285	241,936
1891	..	..	436,469	395,091	1,387,887	12,692,843	282,457
1901	..	..	392,237	521,612	1,080,772	10,841,790	350,370
1915	..	..	552,053	610,517	752,025	12,051,685	243,196
1920	..	..	513,500	623,652	1,007,468	14,422,745	186,810
1925	..	..	473,236	760,207	845,347	12,649,898	288,509
1930	..	..	393,015	619,416	715,826	17,427,203	265,978
1935	..	..	357,877	951,849	1,133,231	16,783,631	265,006
1936	..	..	356,106	987,676	1,103,570	17,457,291	314,301
1937	..	..	357,158	968,555	1,037,204	17,663,103	318,673
1938	..	..	359,106	952,906	927,523	18,863,467	285,259
1939	..	..	343,828	889,259	808,036	17,007,352	252,462
1940	..	..	326,217	917,051	870,546	18,251,870	297,655
1941	..	..	318,441	942,107	980,229	20,412,362	397,945
1942	..	..	302,401	954,493	1,032,051	20,598,201	285,227
1943	..	..	292,534	2,022,892		19,614,040	307,929
1944	..	..	277,662	938,484	1,074,549	19,220,457	337,878
1945	..	..	253,782	925,307	977,803	16,457,101	296,232
1946	..	..	232,473	882,646	944,441	14,655,277	271,887
1947	..	..	227,164	956,140	1,103,921	16,598,490	290,450
1948	..	..	221,454	975,338	1,198,865	17,931,173	271,492
1949	..	..	213,090	1,010,518	1,214,025	19,170,312	223,823
1950	..	..	200,143	1,036,370	1,194,578	19,161,043	212,901
1951	..	..	186,415	1,021,249	1,195,004	20,011,933	237,127
1952	..	..	169,246	993,201	1,221,329	21,537,229	213,670
1953	..	..	153,662	1,024,303	1,272,905	21,368,196	182,824
1954	..	..	140,818	1,074,573	1,295,611	21,438,007	232,384
1955	..	..	132,172	1,116,546	1,339,757	22,329,515	263,666
1956	..	..	118,705	1,171,593	1,444,994	23,343,212	227,223
1957	..	..	107,859	1,220,330	1,544,719	25,830,544	258,336
1958	..	..	98,067	1,235,034	1,514,577	27,090,469	278,628

VICTORIA—PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCTION.

Year.	Lambs Marked during Season.	Live Stock Slaughtered for Human Consumption.				
		Sheep.	Lambs.	Cattle and Calves.	Pigs.	
		No.	No.	No.	No.	
1901 .. ..	Not Available.	2,469,797		251,477	261,479	
1906 .. ..		2,826,144		261,034	274,391	
1911 .. ..			4,348,363		347,926	345,547
1912 .. ..			4,153,269		368,512	331,364
1913 .. ..			4,742,231		410,694	286,931
1914 .. ..			4,550,272		470,011	260,017
1915 .. ..			2,973,803		356,174	216,008
1916 .. ..			2,647,200		247,781	214,228
1917 .. ..			2,499,002		217,480	298,073
1918 .. ..			3,581,460		223,340	377,390
1919 .. ..			6,324,490		362,475	329,190
1920 .. ..			4,244,798		374,545	240,557
1921 .. ..			2,763,316	1,238,600	329,862	239,307
1922 .. ..			3,693,518	2,158,171	420,856	307,923
1923 .. ..			2,825,445	1,241,539	456,631	372,319
1924 .. ..			2,248,665	1,339,913	495,958	368,677
1925 .. ..		3,975,417	2,308,649	1,879,722	519,605	390,942
1926 .. ..		3,968,754	2,592,467	1,926,473	496,989	409,857
1927-28 .. ..		3,754,323 (1927)	3,164,976	1,554,337	467,898	357,852
1928-29 .. ..		4,836,075 (1928)	3,134,143	2,144,151	464,424	354,180
1929-30 .. ..	5,103,714 (1929)	3,631,127	2,366,810	383,815	347,437	
1934-35 .. ..	5,261,560 (1934)	3,366,364	4,267,323	567,775	414,463	
1935-36 .. ..	5,296,324 (1935)	3,095,538	4,582,967	763,014	495,017	
1936-37 .. ..	5,410,707 (1936)	3,071,642	4,824,520	890,058	567,575	
1937-38 .. ..	6,239,259 (1937)	3,417,456	4,650,946	1,039,507	507,971	
1938-39 .. ..	5,506,859 (1938)	3,681,128	4,025,643	791,310	443,447	
1939-40 .. ..	5,891,251 (1939)	3,262,013	3,729,935	727,730	421,509	
1940-41 .. ..	7,367,318 (1940)	3,760,876	4,584,367	714,004	570,370	
1941-42 .. ..	6,776,825 (1941)	3,983,968	4,627,364	749,609	569,679	
1942-43 .. ..	7,129,692 (1942)	4,225,073	5,449,280	744,448	438,973	
1943-44 .. ..	7,251,821 (1943)	4,989,169	4,215,377	754,839	389,785	
1944-45 .. ..	6,086,522 (1944)	4,969,831	4,121,243	794,753	413,890	
1945-46 .. ..	3,503,096 (1945)	2,861,651	2,195,031	573,452	316,300	
1946-47 .. ..	5,936,792 (1946)	2,896,162	3,409,202	678,570	359,346	
1947-48 .. ..	6,939,854 (1947)	2,632,121	3,599,560	806,643	378,547	
1948-49 .. ..	7,086,995 (1948)	3,225,509	3,468,126	850,033	375,825	
1949-50 .. ..	6,995,650 (1949)	4,059,490	4,315,223	901,101	299,753	
1950-51 .. ..	7,063,583 (1950)	2,875,847	3,009,404	940,588	313,686	
1951-52 .. ..	7,054,934 (1951)	3,205,227	2,846,107	975,791	333,985	
1952-53 .. ..	7,118,392 (1952)	4,626,811	3,811,695	867,804	298,360	
1953-54 .. ..	6,969,950 (1953)	4,484,532	3,254,948	1,036,108	299,740	
1954-55 .. ..	7,502,337 (1954)	4,616,592	4,132,813	1,060,378	424,257	
1955-56 .. ..	7,807,465 (1955)	3,981,257	3,892,701	1,058,600	397,240	
1956-57 .. ..	8,670,251 (1956)	3,538,121	3,521,811	1,174,826	384,598	

VICTORIA—PASTORAL AND DAIRYING PRODUCTION—*continued.*

Year.	Wool (greasy).	Butter made.	Cheese made.	Bacon and Ham Cured.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1891 .. ..	*	16,703,786	3,311,012	*
1900 .. ..	*	55,604,118	4,284,170	13,204,547
1910 .. ..	101,803,644	70,603,787	4,530,893	16,581,361
1911 .. ..	110,463,041	86,500,474	4,549,843	19,617,212
1912 .. ..	88,762,612	67,655,834	4,176,778	20,094,206
1913 .. ..	106,833,690	73,381,567	4,856,321	19,340,878
1914 .. ..	95,406,867	62,421,288	4,395,502	18,861,755
1915 .. ..	82,930,198	42,345,113	3,497,278	13,705,004
1916-17 ..	94,845,024	59,568,771	5,869,562	18,146,328
1921-22 ..	103,512,777	82,981,570	5,675,909	17,396,798
1929-30 ..	146,056,889	90,639,652	6,953,949	18,888,537
1930-31 ..	133,511,466	110,006,619	8,064,463	18,232,219
1931-32 ..	145,201,743	132,131,802	7,723,328	18,287,404
1932-33 ..	158,512,193	144,564,666	9,189,018	18,101,958
1933-34 ..	150,170,125	134,942,177	8,363,233	17,735,453
1934-35 ..	150,945,884	147,651,179	10,095,139	16,334,418
1935-36 ..	163,397,896	148,132,507	10,973,804	18,165,168
1936-37 ..	163,048,510	154,769,391	13,350,124	17,571,792
1937-38 ..	178,890,131	141,321,445	16,466,038	16,696,404
1938-39 ..	165,829,182	130,573,918	19,348,519	16,510,137
1939-40 ..	179,125,526	164,826,094	24,495,121	17,886,305
1940-41 ..	187,831,364	156,345,602	18,376,904	20,039,929
1941-42 ..	212,919,041	140,816,692	22,518,272	18,739,384†
1942-43 ..	208,204,492	125,675,000	25,266,000	19,334,343†
1943-44 ..	196,415,227	111,639,000	26,660,000	21,198,255†
1944-45 ..	177,143,057	106,518,000	27,462,000	26,609,925†
1945-46 ..	152,397,507	114,573,000	33,406,000	20,961,254†
1946-47 ..	197,076,238	134,935,869	39,526,323	24,592,389†
1947-48 ..	199,531,130	128,907,799	36,239,207	24,832,276†
1948-49 ..	204,079,458	136,946,388	41,163,283	22,692,847†
1949-50 ..	225,242,564	144,827,060	47,492,370	21,570,829†
1950-51 ..	218,266,009	132,263,117	50,573,190	19,693,581†
1951-52 ..	224,958,638	135,166,786	49,852,332	17,453,576†
1952-53 ..	252,195,365	128,071,690	49,494,808	15,938,095†
1953-54 ..	223,481,036	144,247,390	57,761,071	14,731,380†
1954-55 ..	253,364,423	179,608,126	45,476,628	16,486,000†
1955-56 ..	273,356,428	204,632,615	31,382,966	16,049,000†

\* Not available.

† In factories only

VICTORIA—PASTORAL AND DAIRYING PRODUCTION—VALUE.

Year.	Value of Pastoral and Dairying Production.				
	Wool.	Horses.	Cattle.†	Sheep.†	Pigs.†
	£	£	£	£	£
1904-05 ..	3,543,810	198,456	1,740,767	1,429,970	380,616
1910-11 ..	4,318,100	388,556	1,860,888	1,298,740	541,785
1920-21 ..	4,729,400	..	5,269,650	1,750,220	1,250,680
1924-25 ..	11,440,240	..	3,538,240	4,390,880	1,588,620
1929-30 ..	5,694,019	..	4,892,894	3,054,581	1,856,421
1930-31 ..	4,374,933	11,051	3,111,614	2,510,845	1,558,396
1931-32 ..	4,813,663	9,301	2,417,432	1,809,447	1,209,528
1932-33 ..	4,880,066	7,379	2,516,130	1,210,382	1,312,045
1933-34 ..	8,735,183	19,270	3,658,574	3,915,441	1,353,565
1934-35 ..	5,519,469	66,764	3,402,232	4,700,644	1,154,966
1935-36 ..	8,991,206	47,180	4,392,228	4,613,721	1,781,393
1936-37 ..	10,618,871	..	4,235,861	5,451,803	2,481,841
1937-38 ..	8,922,596	8,708	5,169,535	5,442,794	1,487,321
1938-39 ..	6,677,765	44,596	4,442,251	5,172,214	1,329,009
1939-40 ..	9,800,303	..	3,862,673	3,787,796	1,347,562
1940-41 ..	10,380,356	..	4,601,859	4,651,208	2,181,171
1941-42 ..	11,765,038	..	5,388,235	4,539,279	2,732,988
1942-43 ..	13,399,024	27,512	6,188,942	6,124,362	2,976,662
1943-44 ..	12,510,938	..	6,741,994	7,844,181	2,463,764
1944-45 ..	11,149,746	..	6,773,679	7,533,893	2,771,740
1945-46 ..	8,955,354	..	5,656,698	4,736,249	2,005,756
1946-47 ..	17,336,538	..	6,696,090	5,958,346	2,196,348
1947-48 ..	28,379,460	..	9,044,561	6,862,317	2,491,897
1948-49 ..	35,842,748	..	12,136,395	7,726,358	2,807,722
1949-50 ..	54,125,757	..	15,044,564	11,133,573	2,967,544
1950-51 ..	129,621,077	..	22,083,146	13,664,218	3,359,974
1951-52 ..	60,178,247	..	29,454,046	14,237,670	4,381,280
1952-53 ..	72,358,820	..	24,820,966	16,676,299	4,320,325
1953-54 ..	67,648,389	..	29,681,731	15,923,628	4,720,405
1954-55 ..	68,580,632	..	30,878,094	19,964,728	4,469,708
1955-56 ..	61,916,975	..	29,633,792	20,490,624	5,791,446

† In the year 1927-28 and subsequent years, increases or decreases in the numbers have not been taken into consideration in the valuation of live stock, which is now based on the number slaughtered each year.

VICTORIA—PASTORAL AND DAIRYING PRODUCTION—VALUE—*continued.*

Year.	Value of Pastoral and Dairying Production.			
	Whole Milk Consumed.*	Cream Used for Making Butter.	Milk Used for Making Cheese.	Total.
	£	£	£	£
1904-05 ..	696,972	2,414,695	89,022	10,494,308
1910-11 ..	1,020,360	3,109,510	105,340	12,643,279
1920-21 ..	4,583,650	7,043,950	189,070	24,816,620
1924-25 ..	3,558,045	6,618,240	204,890	31,339,155
1929-30 ..	2,591,329	5,875,567	194,216	24,159,027
1930-31 ..	2,127,171	5,305,327	189,086	19,188,423
1931-32 ..	1,813,612	5,706,408	171,963	17,951,354
1932-33 ..	1,744,070	5,988,609	180,806	17,839,487
1933-34 ..	1,844,946	4,192,361	146,208	23,865,548
1934-35 ..	2,247,808	5,317,537	201,991	22,611,411
1935-36 ..	2,447,197	6,433,169	253,857	28,959,951
1936-37 ..	2,813,335	6,882,750	319,157	32,803,618
1937-38 ..	3,146,571	7,340,263	461,248	31,979,036
1938-39 ..	3,486,168	6,831,850	549,147	28,533,000
1939-40 ..	3,227,005	9,017,044	680,560	31,722,943
1940-41 ..	3,583,016	8,565,185	517,234	34,480,029
1941-42 ..	3,875,018	7,644,724	652,967	36,598,249
1942-43 ..	3,966,264‡	6,957,188‡	819,703‡	41,135,352§
1943-44 ..	4,140,895‡	6,484,915‡	792,856‡	43,476,947§
1944-45 ..	4,277,096‡	6,099,988‡	862,385‡	42,695,147§
1945-46 ..	4,569,916‡	7,203,179‡	1,306,779‡	37,580,931§
1946-47 ..	5,066,314‡	9,098,464‡	1,448,104‡	50,667,874§
1947-48 ..	5,357,800‡	9,897,433‡	1,500,920‡	66,957,734§
1948-49 ..	6,685,991‡	12,026,065‡	2,048,227‡	81,392,108§
1949-50 ..	9,236,038‡	13,694,623‡	2,549,104‡	111,855,519§
1950-51 ..	10,746,859‡	12,375,534‡	2,612,219‡	199,719,002§
1951-52 ..	14,118,115‡	16,274,642‡	3,535,200‡	149,296,203§
1952-53 ..	16,443,361‡	19,080,136‡	4,396,209‡	163,678,900§
1953-54 ..	17,392,025‡	21,624,331‡	5,003,120‡	168,805,572§
1954-55 ..	16,868,553‡	27,068,726‡	4,011,293‡	179,100,734§
1955-56 ..	17,739,313‡	35,151,821‡	2,556,664‡	179,635,635§

\* Includes the value of milk used for condensing and for other dairy products, except butter and cheese.

‡ Exclusive of relative portion of Commonwealth subsidy.

§ Inclusive of Commonwealth subsidy to dairying industry 1942-43, £675,695; 1943-44, £2,497,404; 1944-45, £3,226,620; 1945-46, £3,147,000; 1946-47, £2,867,679; 1947-48, £3,423,340; 1948-49, £2,118,602; 1949-50, £3,104,316; 1950-51, £5,255,975; 1951-52, £7,117,003; 1952-53, £5,582,784; 1953-54, £6,811,943; 1954-55, £7,259,000; 1955-56, £6,355,000.

NOTE.—Since 1928-29 the values given to dairy products are the prices paid primary producers for the milk or cream.

VICTORIA—MINERAL PRODUCTION.

Year.	Gold Produced.		Black Coal Produced.		Brown Coal Produced	
	Estimated Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	oz. gross.	£	tons.	£	tons.	£
<b>1870</b> ..	1,304,304	5,217,216	100	100	..	..
<b>1880</b> ..	829,121	3,316,484	..	..	..	..
<b>1890</b> ..	588,560	2,354,240	14,601	13,899	9,327	2,333
<b>1900</b> ..	807,407	3,229,628	211,596	101,599	..	..
	<u>oz. fine.</u>					
<b>1910</b> ..	570,383	2,422,745	369,059	188,077	650	277
<b>1915</b> ..	329,068	1,397,793	588,104	274,770	2,864	573
<b>1920</b> ..	152,792	648,969	442,241	464,739	162,682	64,180
<b>1925</b> ..	47,296	200,958	534,246	596,117	876,468	166,404
<b>1930</b> ..	24,119	102,456	703,487	1,039,263	1,831,507	173,713
<b>1931</b> ..	43,637	262,488	571,342	545,589	2,194,453	151,511
<b>1932</b> ..	47,745	351,536	432,353	417,219	2,612,512	276,799
<b>1933</b> ..	58,183	448,228	523,000	492,141	2,580,060	271,960
<b>1934</b> ..	70,196	597,040	356,958	329,958	2,617,534	264,192
<b>1935</b> ..	87,609	768,401	476,495	435,128	2,221,515	317,444
<b>1936</b> ..	117,596	1,018,670	426,725	390,743	3,044,897	323,914
<b>1937</b> ..	145,799	1,266,507	257,945	254,126	3,393,919	325,950
<b>1938</b> ..	144,243	1,273,351	307,258	286,679	3,675,450	351,721
<b>1939</b> ..	156,522	1,533,899	364,895	259,814	3,651,014	386,952
<b>1940</b> ..	180,567	1,924,396	267,694	230,452	4,280,275	391,549
<b>1941</b> ..	149,769	1,600,016	326,441	303,761	4,565,638	422,993
<b>1942</b> ..	101,497	1,060,868	312,854	411,107	4,933,861	469,699
<b>1943</b> ..	56,511	590,544	287,100	429,358	5,091,729	528,666
<b>1944</b> ..	54,086	568,465	257,692	407,793	5,016,437	566,444
<b>1945</b> ..	61,790	661,425	247,297	494,690	5,445,108	641,069
<b>1946</b> ..	86,993	936,268	191,290	397,662	5,707,039	706,504
<b>1947</b> ..	84,709	911,683	173,683	299,784	6,140,140	937,429
<b>1948</b> ..	68,580	738,100	167,540	347,687	6,692,291	1,187,715
<b>1949</b> ..	68,426	839,316	122,507	379,464	7,375,559	1,469,455
<b>1950</b> ..	67,826	1,050,740	126,431	382,230	7,327,119	1,706,612
<b>1951</b> ..	66,063	1,023,448	147,743	600,734	7,836,056	2,754,822
<b>1952</b> ..	66,777	1,036,418	143,820	753,007	8,103,764	3,476,627
<b>1953</b> ..	66,445	1,028,089	151,907	979,541	8,257,299	3,636,668
<b>1954</b> ..	52,644	820,179	141,318	901,413	9,331,255	3,945,031
<b>1955</b> ..	38,035	593,931	132,888	826,268	10,112,206	4,393,637
<b>1956</b> ..	38,846	606,968	118,827	677,031	10,559,801	4,624,537
<b>1957</b> ..	45,752	714,875	111,569	504,181	10,740,989	5,205,244



## VICTORIA—FACTORIES (EXCLUSIVE OF QUARRIES).

Year.	Number.	Number of Hands Employed.	Salaries and Wages Paid.	Value of Machinery, Plant, Land, and Buildings.	Value of Output.
			£	£	£
1860 .. ..	566	5,467	..	..	..
1870 .. ..	1,579	17,680	..	..	..
1880 .. ..	2,468	38,178	..	7,465,328	13,370,836
1890 .. ..	3,104	56,369	..	16,773,448	22,390,251
1900 .. ..	3,097	64,207	..	11,894,949	19,478,780
1910 .. ..	4,873	102,176	7,600,932	16,613,348	36,660,854
1915 .. ..	5,413	113,834	11,036,345	22,529,072	51,466,093
1916-17 .. ..	5,445	116,970	11,833,517	23,784,289	60,047,284
1919-20 .. ..	6,038	136,522	17,702,173	30,804,520	101,475,363
1924-25 .. ..	7,425	154,158	29,057,052	61,031,975	118,177,398
1925-26 .. ..	7,461	152,959	29,329,400	60,396,500	119,968,439
1926-27 .. ..	7,690	161,639	31,822,589	63,850,005	127,397,951
1927-28 .. ..	8,245	160,357	32,087,051	67,507,020	128,465,317
1928-29 .. ..	8,197	150,568	31,533,586	69,909,370	127,897,463
1929-30 .. ..	8,195	151,009	30,517,535	72,011,020	122,811,099
1930-31 .. ..	8,199	126,016	23,279,689	70,990,071	93,425,795
1931-32 .. ..	8,204	128,265	21,258,599	68,350,575	93,388,617
1932-33 .. ..	8,612	144,428	23,096,512	67,827,428	102,085,429
1933-34 .. ..	8,896	156,334	24,819,143	68,834,279	108,496,310
1934-35 .. ..	9,100	169,691	27,318,815	70,591,677	117,182,857
1935-36 .. ..	9,160	183,390	30,593,707	71,872,906	134,043,170
1936-37 .. ..	9,165	191,383	33,192,904	75,161,894	142,692,192
1937-38 .. ..	9,241	201,789	37,228,543	77,207,830	157,050,725
1938-39 .. ..	9,250	201,831	38,305,885	80,652,988	152,967,611
1939-40 .. ..	9,215	212,461	41,920,726	84,697,062	174,304,401
1940-41 .. ..	9,121	237,636	52,294,673	92,050,326	209,348,845
1941-42 .. ..	8,918	258,400	67,158,613	98,157,370	257,281,080
1942-43 .. ..	8,738	262,357	76,093,111	104,605,310	277,678,940
1943-44 .. ..	9,317	261,299	77,400,688	110,520,701	284,647,914
1944-45 .. ..	9,669	257,633	74,226,135	116,379,925	287,422,311
1945-46 .. ..	10,195	256,249	£'000. 70,499	£'000. 118,802	£'000. 286,989
1946-47 .. ..	10,949	265,757	77,994	121,877	315,438
1947-48 .. ..	11,642	273,271	93,802	132,058	377,412
1948-49 .. ..	12,702	292,006	112,410	149,464	446,338
1949-50 .. ..	13,231	303,476	130,254	176,872	526,466
1950-51 .. ..	13,504	316,792	163,207	208,587	675,033
1951-52 .. ..	14,758	324,143	202,586	248,399	833,967
1952-53 .. ..	15,154	310,759	210,878	282,690	860,146
1953-54 .. ..	15,533	331,277	236,036	339,268	985,505
1954-55 .. ..	15,860	346,648	262,750	412,671	1,100,656
1955-56 .. ..	16,053	355,185	286,944	473,217	1,201,392
1956-57 .. ..	16,232	355,204	296,607	542,809	1,275,756

VICTORIA—SHIPPING, COMMERCE.

Year.	Shipping.				Recorded Value of Oversea Imports. *	Recorded Value of Oversea Exports. †
	Entered.		Cleared.			
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.		
					£	£
1860 ..	1,814	581,642	1,841	599,137	12,736,535	11,390,445
1870 ..	1,759	630,474	1,834	645,571	10,608,267	11,236,300
1880 ..	1,648	1,006,478	1,688	1,028,721	9,034,538	12,151,798
1890 ..	2,076	2,119,171	2,078	2,128,895	15,161,356	9,553,031
1900 ..	1,928	2,901,619	1,935	2,912,696	11,937,644	12,165,364
1910 ..	2,308	4,952,273	2,312	4,954,773	20,002,606	18,188,236
1921-22 ..	2,442	5,506,127	2,436	5,518,393	36,352,056	34,644,182
1929-30 ..	2,499	6,911,048	2,488	6,877,418	42,301,093	36,499,943
1930-31 ..	2,166	6,161,699	2,181	6,238,325	20,305,201	26,754,761
1931-32 ..	2,097	5,996,094	2,101	6,018,664	16,043,817	27,764,310
1932-33 ..	2,343	6,688,911	2,296	6,674,138	21,516,988	29,809,418
1933-34 ..	2,393	6,791,063	2,359	6,775,019	22,404,232	30,519,726
1934-35 ..	2,603	7,435,416	2,585	7,407,121	26,345,073	28,119,827
1935-36 ..	2,719	7,939,719	2,711	7,907,632	30,616,131	34,982,544
1936-37 ..	2,848	8,098,613	2,849	8,070,031	32,598,726	43,587,646
1937-38 ..	3,019	8,537,857	2,991	8,520,864	39,222,998	41,243,667
1938-39 ..	2,979	8,537,085	2,989	8,479,995	35,455,336	30,819,012
1939-40 ..	2,658	7,024,938	2,672	7,092,540	42,583,675	39,819,191
1940-41 ..	2,465	5,590,010	2,473	5,568,256	46,231,215	45,347,563
1941-42 ..	2,154	4,451,343	2,139	4,459,084	59,781,018	42,662,353†
1942-43 ..	1,681	3,281,980	1,678	3,260,936	110,433,044	34,549,851†
1943-44 ..	1,494	3,000,917	1,499	2,986,356	90,252,312	36,546,893†
1944-45 ..	1,412	2,998,775	1,444	3,096,963	64,768,542	40,070,161†
1945-46 ..	1,442	3,485,783	1,434	3,482,275	54,048,349	75,916,365
1946-47 ..	1,679	4,844,421	1,659	4,804,031	67,071,725	88,611,358
1947-48 ..	1,846	5,679,722	1,825	5,608,437	120,000,004†	115,963,539
1948-49 ..	2,068	7,054,653	2,709	7,091,571	145,573,187†	136,459,229
1949-50 ..	2,315	8,305,761	2,314	8,301,760	184,256,748†	166,196,573
1950-51 ..	2,287	8,528,946	2,316	8,599,072	263,066,345†	265,044,013
1951-52 ..	2,316	8,748,426	2,328	8,840,096	363,303,311†	185,826,156
1952-53 ..	2,448	8,626,000	2,437	8,589,000	173,774,808†	228,118,300
1953-54 ..	2,546	9,013,000	2,541	9,010,000	237,682,873†	203,581,075
1954-55 ..	2,718	9,952,000	2,719	9,949,000	297,494,283†	216,571,772
1955-56 ..	2,757	10,537,000	2,755	10,473,000	299,339,888†	209,396,418
1956-57 ..	2,698	9,876,000	2,699	9,834,800	254,946,377†	255,752,007

\* From 1930-31 to 1946-47 value of oversea imports are shown in British Currency.

† Australian Currency values.

‡ Exclusive of Victoria's portion (which is not available) of exports on Government accounts estimated for Australia at £A12,600,000 in 1941-42, £A2,500,000 in 1942-43, £A.10,000,000 in 1943-44, and £A.2,000,000 in 1944-45.

## VICTORIA—COMMERCE.

Year.	Exports (Oversea) of—			
	Wool.		Butter.	
	Quantity.	Value*.	Quantity.	Value.*
	lb.	£	lb.	£
1850	17,780,000	815,892		
1860	24,216,847	2,021,396	705,040	27,974
1870	51,830,526	3,199,309	137,475	4,704
1880	111,509,915	6,372,306	1,096,401	29,996
1890	131,041,074	5,862,011	1,297,777	47,972
1900	100,743,853	4,164,656	32,087,739	1,243,260
1910	164,213,073	7,190,789	39,698,122	1,780,044
1920-21	118,862,086	8,909,004	32,813,204	4,027,256
1924-25	117,325,046	14,446,378	53,731,160	4,051,632
1929-30	160,674,506	7,889,140	40,305,160	2,668,755
1930-31	175,419,800	6,960,714	61,751,348	3,183,231
1931-32	182,978,607	7,694,531	81,068,322	4,149,713
1932-33	214,621,692	8,638,936	95,492,925	3,865,321
1933-34	189,521,493	13,511,750	76,470,363	2,411,992
1934-35	191,192,361	8,911,908	93,643,352	3,428,217
1935-36	203,451,217	13,299,702	91,714,538	3,751,294
1936-37	195,135,300	15,731,887	90,717,838	4,056,443
1937-38	188,253,625	11,524,625	77,695,589	3,577,351
1938-39	185,808,043	9,545,002	65,462,195	3,245,806
1939-40	171,440,991	12,034,730	109,307,561	6,539,659
1940-41	122,268,889	9,465,370	89,536,377	5,503,189
1941-42	207,169,638	14,969,292	70,309,411	4,354,788
1942-43	126,093,784	10,495,804	61,156,658	4,059,231
1943-44	126,436,289	11,819,518	49,490,628	3,299,164
1944-45	162,928,770	14,613,644	50,340,413	4,381,131
1945-46	148,733,184	14,250,455	57,714,740	5,116,989
1946-47	247,833,125	29,616,603	82,594,500	7,766,346
1947-48	221,907,122	38,985,020	82,259,802	9,212,338
1948-49	279,707,216	60,322,065	74,548,505	9,848,294
1949-50	276,257,358	79,145,249	79,880,052	11,224,357
1950-51	257,520,027	167,796,629	50,389,605	7,803,626
1951-52	265,070,585	90,175,203	15,248,543	2,985,539
1952-53	301,344,363	108,203,131	42,138,509	7,673,702
1953-54	271,930,851	103,115,432	38,484,339	6,985,888
1954-55	286,198,535	97,675,040	80,297,150	13,642,280
1955-56	315,757,714	92,211,384	107,541,870	16,870,192
1956-57	356,034,272	129,917,154	110,796,304	17,372,094

\* Australian Currency.

VICTORIA—COMMERCE—continued.

Year.	Exports (Oversea) of—					
	Wheat.		Flour.		Hides and Skins.	Frozen Meats.
	Quantity.	Value.*	Quantity.	Value*.	Value.*	Value.*
	bushels.	£	tons.	£	£	£
1850 ..	85	21	..	..	1,245	..
1860 ..	328	165	995	17,713	141,194	..
1870 ..	5,294	1,458	1,077	13,423	23,141	..
1880 ..	2,378,097	539,421	11,742	113,404	86,127	..
1890 ..	505,025	95,930	7,323	68,036	163,258	..
1900 ..	6,246,645	874,323	21,672	132,398	271,691	432,120
1910 ..	15,319,971	3,091,079	63,766	609,960	1,296,516	888,001
1920-21 ..	21,760,063	10,086,400	87,422	1,900,888	784,421	1,036,982
1924-25 ..	31,777,857	10,413,976	177,778	2,408,542	2,158,241	1,123,529
1929-30 ..	2,720,463	690,247	179,452	1,880,057	1,982,804	1,672,823
1930-31 ..	25,673,857	3,016,409	190,269	1,221,250	1,341,673	1,523,016
1931-32 ..	28,021,268	4,246,048	217,872	1,347,302	694,125	1,615,924
1932-33 ..	24,517,332	3,621,571	241,612	1,564,396	873,096	2,090,745
1933-34 ..	9,884,533	1,431,842	216,124	1,285,088	1,749,009	2,287,658
1934-35 ..	11,234,238	1,617,923	263,884	1,734,520	1,361,076	2,873,692
1935-36 ..	16,227,157	2,917,377	257,699	1,875,692	2,106,673	3,244,422
1936-37 ..	20,975,867	5,346,703	233,283	2,292,958	2,703,492	3,764,208
1937-38 ..	27,292,450	6,144,958	279,491	2,644,037	2,387,840	4,075,871
1938-39 ..	5,232,770	932,388	256,231	1,007,110	1,548,609	3,249,475
1939-40 ..	5,414,853	954,061	190,844	1,513,480	1,649,623	3,737,534
1940-41 ..	3,973,657	777,066	274,823	2,683,545	1,755,618	3,427,074
1941-42 ..	3,240,438	684,014	139,713	1,440,342	2,891,239	2,899,207
1942-43 ..	6,652,938	1,522,268	115,879	1,214,573	1,885,480	2,938,810
1943-44 ..	3,951,183	952,342	174,706	1,994,574	3,027,152	2,892,091
1944-45 ..	38,238	10,349	148,658	1,689,926	3,022,446	3,297,949
1945-46 ..	240	122	127,843	2,897,017	4,716,276	1,434,840
1946-47 ..	684,060	312,072	221,476	7,025,624	5,741,589	4,566,010
1947-48 ..	13,225,747	11,626,097	295,666	11,653,993	5,229,018	5,134,699
1948-49 ..	9,695,085	6,943,781	272,887	10,802,761	4,662,529	5,731,402
1949-50 ..	16,860,273	13,278,364	291,269	9,535,345	5,945,863	8,573,986
1950-51 ..	26,733,503	22,506,610	233,221	8,671,746	10,994,099	5,096,699
1951-52 ..	15,882,208	13,589,998	309,903	13,124,676	6,914,365	5,534,554
1952-53 ..	11,955,253	10,235,702	356,927	15,328,705	8,562,703	8,235,931
1953-54 ..	7,161,555	5,918,774	258,257	10,039,719	7,635,420	12,737,739
1954-55 ..	21,065,445	15,200,730	220,863	6,872,651	7,851,476	10,346,199
1955-56 ..	15,384,731	9,907,438	224,061	6,573,858	8,631,788	8,889,356
1956-57 ..	17,958,117	11,595,240	251,161	7,188,237	8,873,690	7,031,815

\* Australian Currency.

## VICTORIA—STATE FINANCE.

Year ended June—	Public Revenue.	Public Expenditure.	Expenditure by Government from Loan Funds and on account of Loans. †	Expenditure from Loan Funds and on account of Loans† on—		
				Railways.	Country Water Supply.	Land Settlement.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1836*	..	2,165	..	..	..	..
1840*	..	255,984	70,129	..	..	..
1850*	..	259,433	196,440	..	..	..
1860*	..	3,082,461	3,315,307	..	..	..
1870*	..	3,261,883	3,428,382	..	..	..
1880	..	4,621,282	4,875,029	1,477,002	1,209,892	81,507
1890	..	8,519,159	9,645,737	4,134,106	3,260,244	361,885
1900	..	7,453,355	7,285,636	1,005,889	595,543	144,149
1910	..	8,760,305	8,742,293	1,209,505	657,666	286,843
1920	..	15,866,184	15,852,459	7,601,266	982,182	570,028
1926	..	25,269,756	25,559,583	7,875,567	1,384,747	1,521,533
1927	..	27,128,700	27,744,903	9,096,180	1,823,777	1,659,898
1928	..	27,357,917	27,521,270	9,657,411	1,674,906	1,674,411
1929	..	28,156,034	28,104,947	7,225,704	1,229,521	1,516,023
1930	..	27,323,842	28,496,712	6,467,067	947,527	1,208,568
1931	..	25,575,504	28,029,702	3,552,767	455,293	696,146
1932	..	24,565,272	26,173,594	2,042,043	163,402	351,119
1933	..	24,905,895	25,747,486	2,852,556	156,728	488,072
1934	..	24,777,739	25,546,979	2,808,738	194,770	315,870
1935	..	25,805,557	25,956,754	2,688,521	218,419	260,736
1936	..	26,583,510	26,699,971	3,889,452	280,900	285,473
1937	..	27,704,918	27,675,995	3,303,501	361,893	360,792
1938	..	28,938,052	28,907,107	3,230,451	492,208	353,606
1939	..	28,354,711	29,141,953	3,998,531	354,259	582,327
1940	..	29,480,781	29,474,520	3,962,647	865,500	426,825
1941	..	30,458,071	30,315,771	2,734,442	641,845	471,369
1942	..	34,111,835	33,319,535	1,870,788	740,271	274,845
1943	..	37,244,562	36,490,231	1,086,087	540,441	75,479
1944	..	36,427,814	35,807,503	1,084,589	486,388	143,178
1945	..	36,235,902	35,886,778	7,938,342	496,294	315,729
1946	..	36,415,207	36,409,473	2,204,134	389,434	432,906
1947	..	38,912,209	38,907,176	7,110,880	488,050	1,466,122
1948	..	43,611,349	44,165,053	11,012,651	479,275	1,893,165
1949	..	48,968,397	50,351,178	13,280,853	1,344,265	2,251,873
1950	..	58,287,237	58,546,047	21,708,520	2,655,235	4,149,501
1951	..	66,815,071	67,158,298	35,308,860	7,044,316	7,124,902
1952	..	85,821,891	88,228,633	57,084,329	10,497,824	13,762,249
1953	..	101,250,228	101,615,452	43,975,241	7,099,949	6,019,911
1954	..	111,275,734	110,564,605	45,664,649	8,839,563	8,475,565
1955	..	122,836,929	121,500,206	40,952,259	8,182,861	9,268,758
1956	..	129,674,822	132,920,322	39,130,295	7,866,650	7,369,118
1957	..	141,692,542	146,004,008	44,195,840	7,406,821	6,590,441
Total to date	..	..	..	592,733,662	112,918,760†	95,532,956
						92,202,526

\* Year ended 31st December.

† This Loan Expenditure differs from that charged to Loan Funds shown in issues of the Year-Book prior to 1931-32.

‡ As reduced in accordance with Act No. 4429 of 1936.

§ Soldier Settlement.

VICTORIA—PUBLIC DEBT ; INTEREST, ETC.

Financial Year ending in—	Loans Outstanding.			Amount per Head of Population.	
	Amount.	Annual Interest Payable.		Debt.	Annual Interest Payable.
		Total.	Average Rate per cent.		
	£	£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1855*	1,180,000	70,800	6·00	3 4 9	0 3 11
1860*	5,643,100	337,905	5·99	10 9 10	0 12 7
1870*	12,099,800	699,240	5·78	16 13 1	0 19 3
1880	20,567,700	1,029,991	5·01	24 9 4	1 4 6
1890	41,377,693	1,649,465	3·99	36 19 11	1 9 6
1900	49,325,885	1,887,403	3·83	41 6 8	1 11 8
1910	55,576,725	1,980,099	3·56	43 6 8	1 10 10
1920	87,647,739	3,539,723	4·04	57 19 1	2 6 10
1925	131,169,565	6,319,121	4·82	78 9 11	3 16 3
1930	162,288,994	8,057,125	4·96	90 18 7	4 10 7
1931	167,016,596	8,246,197	4·94	92 16 2	4 12 0
1932	169,833,964	7,134,844	4·20	93 18 9	3 19 1
1933	171,399,031	6,988,870	4·08	94 3 2	3 17 0
1934	175,132,749	6,758,114	3·86	95 16 6	3 14 1
1935	174,160,663	6,581,464	3·78	94 15 2	3 11 8
1936	175,058,285	6,601,375	3·77	94 15 9	3 11 6
1937	176,597,010	6,678,386	3·78	95 3 4	3 12 0
1938	177,228,495	6,718,776	3·79	94 18 6	3 11 11
1939	179,698,118	6,807,309	3·79	95 13 3	3 12 4
1940	180,549,968	6,897,848	3·82	95 0 5	3 12 5
1941	181,219,188	6,897,758	3·81	93 14 6	3 11 2
1942	177,716,484	6,577,395	3·70	90 11 0	3 6 10
1943	175,934,652	6,486,457	3·69	89 2 5	3 5 5
1944	174,762,413	6,387,770	3·66	87 16 5	3 3 11
1945	179,405,191	6,356,658	3·54	89 7 9	3 3 2
1946	179,727,272	6,116,884	3·40	88 15 0	3 0 3
1947	183,096,253	6,240,037	3·41	89 2 2	3 0 9
1948	188,945,517	6,362,333	3·37	90 7 6	3 0 11
1949	202,883,165	6,704,507	3·30	94 16 11	3 2 8
1950	217,412,825	7,091,017	3·26	98 13 11	3 4 5
1951	250,932,713	7,828,898	3 12	110 11 7	3 9 0
1952	302,499,030	9,100,561	3·01	129 10 6	3 17 11
1953	339,519,421	10,695,438	3·15	141 14 11	4 10 2
1954	376,963,496	12,465,496	3·31	153 14 4	5 2 11
1955	411,199,041	14,812,023	3·60	162 19 7	5 19 1
1956	445,713,423	16,452,698	3·69	171 1 10	6 8 3
1957	481,818,674	18,728,539	3·89	180 4 5	7 1 11

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

## VICTORIA—BANKING.

Year.	Joint Stock Banks (excluding Commonwealth Bank).					Savings Banks in Victoria.*	
	Number of Banks.	Paid-up Capital.	Assets.	Liabilities.	Deposits.	Accounts Open.	Amount on Deposit at end of Year.
		£	£	£	£	No.	£
1854 ..	6	3,367,560	10,536,528	7,494,909	5,068,792	2,761	3,180,020
1860 ..	9	6,134,657	12,693,727	9,238,731	7,225,728	10,135	484,501
1870 ..	10	8,305,224	16,866,405	12,357,571	10,899,026	41,738	1,047,147
1880 ..	11	9,126,250	23,284,822	19,488,512	17,972,703	92,115	1,661,409
1890 ..	16	13,281,790	60,937,955	42,224,084	40,292,065	281,509	5,262,105
1900 ..	11	13,746,458	41,755,928	31,895,571	30,638,285	375,070	9,110,793
1910 ..	11	13,933,729	47,341,431	44,746,441	43,188,975	560,515	15,417,887
1920 ..	17	35,915,745	88,536,893	88,049,750	86,085,423	1,014,223	42,317,863
1925-26	15	45,928,051	92,845,850	91,953,493	90,067,719	1,396,438	63,253,526
1930-31	14	48,740,685	118,055,154	92,964,023	91,754,071	1,620,560	63,242,527
1931-32	13	47,825,431	133,330,107	114,523,288	113,108,273	1,557,556†	65,680,220
1934-35	12	43,617,487†	132,719,413	110,644,546	109,514,113	1,666,480†	72,018,712
1939-40	12	43,623,487†	154,951,800	133,237,793	131,422,174	1,892,036†	79,145,337
1940-41	12	43,623,487†	168,018,334	136,995,427	135,160,643	1,958,503†	85,680,012
1941-42	12	43,623,487†	194,114,258	142,222,304	140,216,306	2,032,122†	94,225,635
1942-43	12	43,623,487†	247,872,978	162,967,506	161,085,681	2,139,816†	121,248,663
1943-44	12	43,623,487†	301,841,753	182,555,670	180,501,170	2,266,718†	153,886,941
1944-45	12	43,623,487†	322,212,491	194,844,567	192,506,397	2,366,594†	182,149,475
1945-46	12	43,623,487†				2,441,195†	211,325,598
1946-47	12	43,623,487†				2,436,154†	216,106,865
1947-48	11	43,599,513†				2,549,722†	226,401,428
1948-49	11	43,599,513†				2,614,732†	239,245,711
1949-50	11	43,599,513†				2,706,991†	257,120,666
1950-51	11	43,599,513†				2,808,559†	281,778,992
1951-52	10	45,767,012†				2,896,768†	300,832,233
1952-53	10	45,767,012†				2,977,623†	319,970,539
1953-54	9	48,006,534†				3,044,972†	339,780,935
1954-55	8	54,945,434†				3,117,735†	364,747,404
1955-56	8	59,361,380†				2,233,738§	386,176,171
1956-57	8	65,751,380†				2,320,253§	411,569,320

\* Including (1) Trustees Savings Banks, established in 1842, and Post Office Savings Banks, (opened in 1865), both of which were merged into the State Savings Bank of Victoria in 1897; (2) the State Savings Bank of Victoria from 1897; (3) the Commonwealth Savings Bank in Victoria, which commenced business on 15th July, 1912; and (4) the Bank of New South Wales Savings Bank Ltd., and Australia and New Zealand Savings Bank Ltd., which commenced business in January 1956.

† Excluding particulars relating to the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris.

‡ Figures for 1931-32 and subsequent years exclude the inoperative accounts of the Commonwealth Savings Bank.

§ Excluding all inoperative accounts, School Bank accounts and Deposit Stock accounts.

VICTORIA—LIFE ASSURANCE.

Year.	Ordinary Policies in Force.				Industrial Policies in Force.			
	Number of Policies.	Amount Assured.	Annual Premiums.	Average Amount of Policy.	Number of Policies.	Amount Assured.	Annual Premiums.	Average Amount of Policy.
		£'000	£'000	£		£'000	£'000	£
1910	157,730	33,776	1,162	214	134,325	2,719	153	20
1915	192,646	40,287	1,389	209	188,460	4,115	261	22
1916	197,772	41,469	1,463	210	203,819	4,676	296	23
1917	204,655	43,272	1,534	211	220,826	5,117	337	23
1918	211,994	45,668	1,594	215	241,730	5,896	391	24
1919	222,284	48,802	1,697	220	262,681	6,854	453	26
1920	238,414	53,287	1,860	223	286,106	8,119	529	28
1925	280,096	72,595	2,512	259	440,566	16,733	1,034	38
1930	289,242	89,441	3,090	309	552,707	23,874	1,440	43
1935	296,987	99,388	3,351	335	676,621	29,523	1,773	44
1936	317,151	107,419	3,706	339	726,869	31,992	1,921	44
1937	337,306	115,424	3,905	342	780,090	34,725	2,084	45
1938	350,128	120,479	4,082	344	801,558	35,927	2,151	45
1939	364,292	126,287	4,265	347	831,310	37,586	2,254	45
1940	373,359	130,496	4,384	350	870,758	39,548	2,375	45
1941	386,667	136,020	4,581	352	926,392	42,699	2,546	46
1942	398,507	140,406	4,754	352	960,038	45,042	2,677	47
1943	409,316	146,395	4,988	358	997,090	47,744	2,826	48
1944	425,320	155,293	5,348	365	1,034,709	50,831	2,995	49
1945	444,725	167,560	5,799	377	1,069,619	54,043	3,164	51
1946	481,765	189,607	6,650	394	1,119,476	58,660	3,402	52
1947	530,255	216,493	7,603	408	1,151,649	62,893	3,569	55
1948	580,559	246,528	8,680	425	1,182,404	67,879	3,757	57
1949	622,439	274,736	9,683	441	1,206,574	72,646	3,929	60
1950	663,822	310,683	10,923	468	1,227,607	77,108	4,089	63
1951	717,255	360,500	12,697	503	1,240,361	81,458	4,242	66
1952	764,005	408,824	14,355	535	1,245,552	86,191	4,409	69
1953	805,694	453,225	15,954	563	1,243,157	90,257	4,548	73
1954	842,849	504,030	17,796	586	1,219,603	92,941	4,614	76
1955	876,458	571,035	19,789	652	1,194,985	95,623	4,683	80
1956	909,596	646,421	21,929	711	1,163,876	96,990	4,694	83



## VICTORIA—INSURANCE (OTHER THAN LIFE).

Year.	Revenue in Victoria.			Expenditure in Victoria.			
	Premiums.	Other.	Total.	Losses.	Commission and Agents' Charges.	Other.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1910 ..	851,949	40,198	892,147	353,348	340,297		693,645
1915 ..	1,426,456	57,919	1,484,375	569,695	516,215		1,085,910
1919 ..	1,940,085	86,124	2,026,209	794,499	753,912		1,548,411
1920 ..	2,324,700	101,210	2,425,910	676,486	317,982	598,823	1,593,291
1921 ..	2,501,200	120,604	2,621,804	891,573	328,221	706,656	1,926,450
1922 ..	2,512,430	130,495	2,642,925	833,576	352,039	697,120	1,882,735
1923 ..	2,702,081	117,995	2,820,076	1,107,396	377,242	698,777	2,183,415
1924 ..	3,014,988	133,142	3,148,130	1,499,664	408,841	788,623	2,697,123
1925 ..	3,166,387	127,385	3,293,772	1,733,234	448,042	833,471	3,014,747
1925-26	3,209,767	164,266	3,374,033	1,884,518	455,444	851,774	3,191,736
1930-31	3,240,266	190,309	3,430,575	1,587,632	486,566	953,672	3,027,870
1935-36	3,551,378	205,689	3,757,067	1,516,927	522,631	889,490	2,929,048
1936-37	4,004,098	215,529	4,219,627	1,842,139	562,528	936,656	3,341,323
1937-38	4,411,492	232,980	4,644,472	1,913,732	605,306	1,005,420	3,524,458
1938-39	4,504,447	231,896	4,736,343	2,193,869	622,655	1,061,696	3,878,220
1939-40	4,730,834	235,873	4,966,707	2,288,489	646,936	1,129,328	4,064,753
1940-41	5,101,619	251,303	5,352,922	2,247,720	643,194	1,152,603	4,043,517
1941-42	5,810,151	335,512	6,145,663	2,225,231	647,523	1,428,996	4,301,750
1942-43	6,017,667	266,197	6,283,864	2,196,106	651,529	1,647,950	4,495,585
1943-44	5,805,576	333,684	6,139,260	2,274,961	653,692	1,754,960	4,683,613
1944-45	5,622,641	364,179	5,986,820	2,800,693	680,718	1,696,234	5,177,645
1945-46	5,785,433	345,954	6,131,387	2,225,397	727,352	1,690,191	4,642,940
1946-47	7,114,616	404,344	7,518,960	3,009,729	835,956	1,902,537	5,748,222
1947-48	9,406,246	439,222	9,845,468	4,469,642	1,061,345	2,169,485	7,700,472
1948-49	11,994,160	526,186	12,520,346	5,494,328	1,352,998	2,595,838	9,443,164
1949-50	14,578,715	677,856	15,256,571	6,465,037	1,635,362	3,079,009	11,179,408
1950-51	18,024,226	734,531	18,758,757	9,041,662	1,988,756	3,733,117	14,763,535
1951-52	24,441,250	718,890	25,160,140	12,204,677	2,760,890	5,251,498	20,217,065
1952-53	28,215,396	800,809	29,016,205	15,207,492	3,153,759	6,287,579	24,648,830
1953-54	30,774,736	967,208	31,741,944	16,709,245	3,460,148	6,711,967	26,881,360
1954-55	33,945,265	1,012,714	34,958,979	20,302,976	3,758,525	7,184,550	31,246,051
1955-56	39,110,416	1,135,541	40,245,957	23,081,191	4,140,648	7,946,770	35,168,609
1956-57	45,583,286	1,160,659	46,743,945	26,541,893	4,913,114	9,210,678	40,665,685

VICTORIA.—FRIENDLY SOCIETIES (EXCLUSIVE OF DISPENSARIES AND SPECIALLY AUTHORIZED SOCIETIES.)\*

At end of Year.	Number of Societies.	Number of Branches.†	Number of Members Contributing for Sick and Funeral Benefits.	Number of Widows and Medical and or Hospital Benefit Members only.‡	Receipts during Year.	Total Funds.
				£	£	£
1865.	13	313	26,606	..	81,083	116,418
1870.	22	592	39,160	..	117,295	189,110
1880.	33	748	46,385	..	171,987	450,719
1890.	33	1,003	88,134	..	322,747	909,504
1900.	30	1,132	98,985	..	372,631	1,318,165
1905.	26	1,306	111,557	..	412,180	1,626,555
1910.	48	1,475	142,275	..	534,616	2,122,602
1915.	45	1,533	157,750	..	634,649	2,775,787
1920.	55	1,475	143,021	..	681,232	3,173,678
1924-25	58	1,470	155,378	..	800,028	4,065,808
1925-26	62	1,467	157,820	..	820,550	4,280,400
1926-27	59	1,473	160,411	..	907,025	4,513,972
1927-28	59	1,481	161,850	..	951,700	4,758,383
1928-29	58	1,484	164,307	..	1,061,104	4,934,020
1929-30	55	1,471	164,899	..	885,246	5,120,417
1930-31	52	1,469	161,448	..	879,325	5,291,238
1931-32	52	1,473	158,920	..	856,830	5,411,154
1932-33	50	1,443	158,516	..	900,245	5,486,050
1933-34	49	1,449	160,816	..	842,114	5,589,769
1934-35	55	1,444	166,180	..	881,030	5,704,060
1935-36	59	1,449	172,290	..	924,098	5,848,236
1936-37	67	1,459	180,462	..	948,685	5,979,548
1937-38	76	1,478	189,042	24,510	1,018,606	6,163,347
1938-39	77	1,477	187,330	24,754	1,030,498	6,305,458
1939-40	83	1,475	191,864	26,458	1,048,857	6,460,387
1940-41	83	1,471	195,902	27,974	1,082,004	6,626,562
1941-42	84	1,457	200,179	29,836	1,097,871	6,792,754
1942-43	89	1,462	202,643	31,248	1,106,007	6,968,009
1943-44	92	1,458	205,003	32,039	1,149,718	7,169,687
1944-45	102	1,459	206,527	32,734	1,192,108	7,377,593
1945-46	109	1,463	204,513	34,527	1,236,552	7,568,888
1946-47	111	1,465	205,955	37,463	1,236,871	7,724,112
1947-48	112	1,463	205,433	45,478	1,271,081	7,870,434
1948-49	107	1,460	203,297	58,154	1,487,011	8,173,177
1949-50	108	1,449	200,131	61,389	1,505,149	8,380,923
1950-51	107	1,436	193,851	70,726	1,583,151	8,614,567
1951-52	122	1,412	177,227	17,864	1,411,704	8,814,017
1952-53	150	1,397	179,845	21,262	1,497,091	8,980,608
1953-54	142	1,377	177,620	36,316	2,055,683	9,333,793
1954-55	151	1,325	174,406	43,202	2,358,438	9,682,310
1955-56	150	1,296	172,315	49,409	2,464,900	9,997,448

\* The figures prior to 1880 do not represent particulars of all the Friendly Societies in the State but only of such as furnished returns. For that year and subsequent years the returns are complete. The assets of the Dispensaries and the Specially Authorized Societies at the end of 1955-56 amounted to £615,194 and £61,152 respectively.

† Prior to 1932-33 each society without branches was recorded as a society and as a branch.

‡ Prior to 1937-38 Medical and or Hospital members only were not recorded. For the years 1939-40 to 1950-51 figures include membership of the Bankers Health Society. This Society ceased to be registered as a Friendly Society on 3/1/1952.

## VICTORIA—STATE RAILWAYS.

Year.	Miles Con- structed.	Capital Cost of Lines Opened, Equipment, and Rolling Stock.	Total Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Total Miles Run.
		£	£	£	
1880 .. ..	1,199	18,041,295	1,492,917	814,075	4,380,802
1889-90 .. ..	2,471	32,588,375	3,131,866	2,132,158	11,773,152
1899-1900 .. ..	3,186	39,496,247	3,025,162	1,902,540	10,107,549
1909-10 .. ..	3,544	43,091,478	4,445,748	2,827,735	12,045,866
1920-21 .. ..	4,322	60,012,250	9,581,908	8,093,869	16,583,638
1925-26 .. ..	4,681	69,181,724	12,743,566	9,833,240	18,267,000
1926-27 .. ..	4,692	70,668,661	13,760,769	10,521,032	18,781,264
1927-28 .. ..	4,749	72,658,978	12,953,039	10,166,136	19,302,971
1928-29 .. ..	4,751	73,438,071	13,262,387	9,833,459	19,022,771
1929-30 .. ..	4,764	74,612,008	12,088,013	9,598,893	18,708,773
1930-31 .. ..	4,773	74,717,864	10,089,884	7,770,341	16,957,378
1931-32 .. ..	4,777	74,827,429	9,530,812	6,401,519	16,269,092
1932-33 .. ..	4,777	75,116,987	9,520,870	6,572,789*	16,235,292
1933-34 .. ..	4,777	75,638,229	9,249,866	6,431,790*	16,222,395
1934-35 .. ..	4,777	75,864,803	9,498,705	6,691,490*	16,456,104
1935-36 .. ..	4,777	76,212,430	9,769,463	6,925,900*	17,345,725
1936-37 .. ..	4,777	76,722,152	10,221,003	7,326,841*	18,171,670
1937-38 .. ..	4,777	50,683,029†	9,809,158	7,900,053*	18,889,686
1938-39 .. ..	4,816	51,261,688†	9,360,329	8,137,622*	18,875,525
1939-40 .. ..	4,816	50,878,076†	9,942,448	8,133,174*	18,032,670
1940-41 .. ..	4,816	50,866,372†	11,330,220	9,053,928*	18,837,283
1941-42 .. ..	4,840	51,241,237†	14,614,837	11,683,316*	19,170,009
1942-43 .. ..	4,840	51,166,704†	17,120,223	14,118,941*	19,240,328
1943-44 .. ..	4,840	51,027,258†	15,974,634	13,295,896*	17,210,382
1944-45 .. ..	4,840	51,016,594†	15,352,493	12,914,088*	17,141,093
1945-46 .. ..	4,840	51,400,176†	14,768,322	12,615,559*	17,169,873
1946-47 .. ..	4,840	51,780,160†	13,662,846	13,007,672*	16,399,399
1947-48 .. ..	4,880	52,293,858	16,421,057	15,335,060*	17,758,784
1948-49 .. ..	4,840	53,153,980†	17,371,706	17,938,390*	18,314,638
1949-50 .. ..	4,840	55,862,995	22,160,515	20,117,563*	18,518,802
1950-51 .. ..	4,840	60,613,915†	20,540,790	20,949,294*	14,873,139
1951-52 .. ..	4,854	71,325,170†	26,208,187	29,808,475*	17,909,810
1952-53 .. ..	4,854	76,770,273†	33,800,628	34,260,123*	18,673,655
1953-54 .. ..	4,854	83,241,535†	37,776,840	36,172,060*	19,299,251
1954-55 .. ..	4,854	90,507,234†	39,977,320	37,265,773*	19,717,693
1955-56 .. ..	4,854	97,091,959†	37,182,292	38,268,206	19,594,920
1956-57 .. ..	4,854	102,345,648†	37,497,815	39,356,645	19,380,000

N.B.—Above information includes particulars of the following activities under the control of the Railways Commissioners:—(a) Electric Street Tramways, which were established in 1906, and (b) Road Motor Services, which commenced operations on 30th November, 1925.

\* Exclusive of amounts charged to other funds, viz.:—1932-33, £69,135; 1933-34, £251,104; 1934-35, £171,939; 1935-36, £137,871; 1936-37, £162,061; 1937-38, £148,233 and £297,400 charged to Public Account Advances Account Act No. 4499; 1938-39, £139,302; 1939-40, £436,406; 1940-41, £299,580; 1941-42, £51,548; 1942-43, £31,281; 1943-44, £18,608; 1944-45, £3,240; 1945-46, £46,388; 1946-47, £91,490; 1947-48, £244,004; 1948-49, £257,630; 1949-50, £94,609; 1950-51, £67,072; 1951-52, £174,910; 1952-53, £92,911; 1953-54, £80,000; 1954-55, £45,749.

† Written down as from 1st July, 1937, in accordance with Act No. 4429 of 1936.

VICTORIA—EDUCATION.

Year.	State Primary Schools.				Registered Schools.†			
	No. of Schools.	Instructors.†	Scholars Enrolled.	Estimated net Enrolment.	No. of Schools.	Instructors.	Scholars Enrolled.	Estimated net Enrolment.
1880 (31st December)	1,810	4,215	229,723	195,736	643	1,516	*	28,134
1890 (31st December)	2,170	4,708	250,097	213,886	791	2,037	*	40,181
1900 (31st December)	1,948	4,977	243,667	218,240	884	2,348	*	48,483
1909-10 ..	2,036	4,957	235,042	206,263	641	2,067	*	49,964
1914-15 ..	2,227	6,085	250,264	218,427	509	1,879	*	52,638
1920 (31st December)	2,333	6,637	247,337	213,738	489	1,950	*	59,314
1925 ..	2,525	7,020	255,101	220,295	490	2,212	*	64,835
1930 ..	2,598	7,665	260,319	228,756	502	2,400	75,944	68,556
1935 ..	2,606	7,353	256,564	226,728	518	2,501	78,014	71,472
1936 ..	2,600	7,314	250,070	219,645	520	2,556	79,793	73,084
1937 ..	2,589	7,394	234,228	209,043	520	2,492	78,903	73,099
1938 ..	2,491	7,242	227,233	201,457	516	2,654	80,161	74,299
1939 ..	2,585	7,316	222,012	195,417	514	2,719	80,655	75,398
1940 ..	2,569	7,271	218,874	190,713	518	2,733	81,377	75,743
1941 ..	2,542	7,222	213,159	185,611	518	2,744	81,308	76,305
1942 ..	2,480	6,940	201,006	173,078	513	2,754	81,160	75,017
1943 ..	2,458	6,953	191,138	173,054	508	2,853	84,511	80,327
1944 ..	2,360	7,279	187,730	170,244	502	2,952	85,607	81,361
1945 ..	2,318	6,212	181,812	165,213	495	2,970	86,821	82,929
1946 ..	2,247	7,107	186,910	167,308	493	2,998	88,635	84,379
1947 ..	2,182	6,870	190,433	170,898	488	3,011	88,088	83,964
1948 ..	2,115	7,139	194,800	175,265	489	3,088	90,145	85,721
1949 ..	2,066	7,247	205,053	184,543	489	3,102	92,181	88,155
1950 ..	2,016	7,336	221,102	194,906	488	3,192	98,067	92,948
1951 ..	1,949	7,271	233,026	205,888	490	3,322	104,294	99,215
1952 ..	1,927	7,253	246,727	221,234	478	2,353	108,957	103,297
1953 ..	1,908	7,790	262,404	232,875	489	3,449	115,120	109,607
1954 ..	1,893	8,053	276,380	245,604	494	3,584	123,502	118,102
1955 ..	1,887	8,485	288,619	257,992	506	3,775	133,707	127,895
1956 ..	1,892	9,170	299,374	267,892	521	3,920	141,425	135,170

\* Not available

† Exclusive of teachers temporarily employed.

‡ Excludes particulars of registered commercial colleges from 1952.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE ON ROADS BY THE COUNTRY ROADS BOARD.  
(Excluding Grants to Municipalities under section 38 of the  
*Country Roads Act 1928, No. 3662.*)

Year.	Main Roads.		State Highways— Construction and Maintenance.	Develop- mental Roads— Con- struction.	Other Road Works.	Total.
	Con- struction.	Main- tenance.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1913-14 ..	24,440	9,490	..	..	..	33,930
1914-15 ..	342,681	49,888	..	..	..	392,569
1919-20 ..	336,331	192,303	..	315,701	..	844,335
1924-25 ..	228,871	463,065	5,117	830,698	..	1,527,751
1929-30 ..	232,225	680,177	892,129	704,385	2,563	2,511,479
1934-35 ..	166,002	700,074	360,503	323,220	..	1,549,799
1939-40 ..	194,663	699,691	509,671	572,880	113,941‡	2,090,846
1940-41 ..	83,236	646,836	392,510	362,352	33,707‡	1,518,641
1941-42 ..	27,199	411,170	237,136	122,017	148,223‡	945,745
1942-43 ..	5,707	323,837	203,964	116,820	731,349‡	1,381,677
1943-44 ..	23,022	399,866	240,729	139,005	925,741‡	1,728,363
1944-45 ..	43,794	490,707	251,047	183,568	733,092‡	1,702,208
1945-46 ..	40,947	550,171	261,956	202,374	8,711	1,064,159

Year.	Main Roads— Construction and Maintenance.	State Highways— Construction and Maintenance.	Tourist and Forest Roads.	Unclassified Roads.	Other Road Works.	Total.
1946-47 ..	1,010,491	597,180	116,072	252,946	9,518	1,986,207
1947-48 ..	1,374,540	1,181,382	128,004	436,467	7,411	3,127,804
1948-49 ..	1,137,193	894,600	139,627	458,473	9,193	2,639,086
1949-50 ..	1,265,497	1,340,588	194,015	378,179	6,756	3,185,035
1950-51 ..	2,059,075	2,077,175	275,731	937,692	12,350	5,362,023
1951-52 ..	2,626,675	2,158,205	265,662	773,384	11,874	5,835,800
1952-53 ..	2,492,855	2,250,803	346,673	918,946	13,843	6,023,120
1953-54 ..	2,843,251	2,503,912	326,308	995,787	17,032	6,686,290
1954-55 ..	3,566,478	3,033,653	433,709	1,445,032	30,181	8,509,053
1955-56 ..	3,889,291	3,495,182	487,523	1,947,134	50,484	9,869,614

‡ Includes Commonwealth Defence Works.

VICTORIA—MATERNITY ALLOWANCE, CHILD ENDOWMENT, AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS.

(Commonwealth Social Services.)

Year ended 30th June.	Maternity Allowances.		Child Endowment.*		Age and Invalid Pensions.		
	Number Granted during Year.	Amount Paid in Allowances during Year.	Endowed Children †	Amounts Expended.	Age. †	Invalid. †	Amounts Expended.
	No.	£	No.	£	No.	No.	£
1910 ..	..	..	..	..	20,218	..	470,656
1915 ..	Not available.		..	..	28,365	6,054	839,718
1920 ..	32,903	164,515	..	..	29,565	10,277	1,348,100
1925 ..	36,971	184,855	..	..	33,845	12,950	2,051,151
1930 ..	33,381	166,905	..	..	45,495	18,641	3,182,375
1931 ..	32,241	161,205	..	..	49,999	19,925	3,445,803
1932 ..	23,988	98,800	..	..	52,795	20,785	3,255,709
1933 ..	20,100	80,400	..	..	49,449	20,191	3,059,773
1934 ..	19,499	77,996	..	..	57,253	15,193	3,053,247
1935 ..	19,940	85,834	..	..	58,059	17,253	3,213,895
1936 ..	19,672	85,508	..	..	60,546	17,741	3,463,701
1937 ..	20,350	94,988	..	..	62,755	18,282	3,750,068
1938 ..	20,160	101,721	..	..	65,203	18,817	4,218,918
1939 ..	20,819	110,218	..	..	67,896	19,471	4,307,432
1940 ..	19,660	105,310	..	..	76,081	12,739	4,413,702
1941 ..	19,150	102,175	..	..	76,371	12,447	4,588,266
1942 ..	16,120	86,392	224,155	2,809,529	75,240	12,550	5,037,118
1943 ..	11,874	63,635	223,426	2,902,616	72,102	11,938	5,715,268
1944 ..	38,653	590,648	226,012	3,014,497	69,156	12,446	5,787,445†
1945 ..	40,582	647,970	229,141	2,984,645	67,240	12,598	5,604,739†
1946 ..	40,991	649,648	234,766	4,464,619	69,308	13,599	6,822,535†
1947 ..	50,730	787,843	245,480	4,908,921	74,770	14,073	7,550,132†
1948 ..	46,027	744,232	255,859	4,842,140	78,057	15,165	9,144,961†
1949 ..	46,309	732,621	270,189	6,153,650	81,753	15,575	10,244,132†
1950 ..	49,035	777,920	456,755	7,663,336	84,831	14,328	10,783,587†
1951 ..	50,210	807,030	610,699	10,948,350	86,210	13,977	11,958,534†
1952 ..	52,144	835,643	647,488	12,015,367	87,845	13,973	14,448,996†
1953 ..	55,297	872,085	677,235	13,995,987	93,353	15,019	17,475,833†
1954 ..	54,219	874,376	703,954	13,164,948	98,210	15,882	19,973,453†
1955 ..	55,720	892,301	734,108	13,735,475	106,406	17,074	21,527,396
1956 ..	58,385	935,155	765,507	16,165,052	112,649	18,113	24,836,007
1957 ..	59,648	948,575	795,878	15,168,739	118,788	19,207	26,772,524

\* Commenced 1st July, 1941 and includes endowed children in institutions. From 20th June, 1950, endowment payable in respect of all children under sixteen years of age.

† Includes payments in respect of allowances to wives of Invalid pensioners.

‡ At end of year.

## VICTORIA—WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS.

Year ended 30th June.	War Pensions in Respect of—		Amount Paid Each Year in War Pensions.*	Service Pensions in Respect of—		Amount Paid Each Year in Service Pensions.
	Members of the Forces.	Dependants of Members of the Forces.		Members of the Forces.	Dependants of Members of the Forces.	
	No.	No.	£	No.	No.	£
1918	..	34,341	1,128,478	..	..	..
1919	..	59,486	1,720,472	..	..	..
1920	..	74,226	1,932,138	..	..	..
1921	..	26,053	2,167,490	..	..	..
1925	..	23,834	2,060,526	..	..	..
1930	..	24,536	2,296,164	..	..	..
1931	..	25,066	2,338,076	..	..	..
1932	..	25,591	2,253,005	..	..	..
1933	..	25,573	2,086,389	..	..	..
1934	..	25,517	2,134,218	..	..	..
1935	..	25,455	2,238,734	..	..	..
1936	..	25,665	2,276,024	604	282	7,557
1937	..	27,750	2,326,414	1,203	854	54,127
1938	..	25,721	2,334,448	1,542	1,127	84,365
1939	..	25,569	2,353,107	1,876	1,380	103,291
1940	..	25,334	2,317,417	2,080	1,389	118,577
1941	..	25,107	2,252,227	2,092	1,353	126,975
1942	..	25,375	2,255,233	2,093	1,462	140,916
1943	..	25,921	2,497,300	2,105	1,204	163,115
1944	..	27,552	3,022,522	2,071	1,193	163,330
1945	..	30,138	3,245,026	2,145	1,148	169,715
1946	..	36,020	3,640,063	2,296	1,106	206,275
1947	..	39,711	4,081,324	2,589	1,134	239,649
1948	..	41,931	4,436,021	2,793	1,192	288,084
1949	..	44,025	5,249,295	2,736	1,154	322,659
1950	..	46,553	5,857,536	2,784	1,099	347,274
1951	..	49,120	7,303,282	2,696	1,071	332,924
1952	..	51,098	9,184,196	2,661	1,125	382,584
1953	..	52,785	9,918,742	3,029	1,244	503,946
1954	..	54,213	10,600,722	3,308	1,318	601,579
1955	..	56,011	11,975,025	3,614	1,351	684,636
1956	..	57,452	12,718,047	5,279	2,909	958,825
1957	..	58,204	13,372,248	6,058	2,717	1,089,529

\* From 1918 to 1931 the figures are the annual rates in force at the end of each year.

MELBOURNE—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION.

(Adult Males.)

Payable from—	Amount.	Payable from—	Amount.	Payable from—	Amount.
	<i>s. d.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>
<b>1907</b> .. ..	42 0	<b>1928—</b>		<b>1937—</b>	
<b>1911</b> .. ..	45 6	February ..	89 6	March ..	69 0
<b>1914</b> .. ..	50 6	May ..	88 0	June ..	69 0
<b>1915</b> .. ..	53 0	August ..	87 6	July ..	72 0 (d)
<b>1916</b> .. ..	61 6	November ..	86 0	September ..	73 0
<b>1917</b> .. ..	63 0	<b>1929—</b>		October ..	76 0 (d)
<b>1918</b> .. ..	62 0	February ..	86 0	December ..	77 0
<b>1919</b> .. ..	65 0	May ..	89 6	<b>1938—</b>	
<b>1920</b> .. ..	71 0	August ..	90 0	March ..	77 0
<b>1921</b> .. ..	86 0	November ..	90 0	June ..	77 0
<b>1922—</b>		<b>1930—</b>		September ..	78 0
February ..	80 6	February ..	90 0	December ..	79 0
May ..	78 0	May ..	86 0	<b>1939—</b>	
August ..	81 0	August ..	85 6	March ..	79 0
November ..	82 6	November ..	83 0	June ..	81 0
<b>1923—</b>		<b>1931—</b> ..		September ..	81 0
February ..	82 0	February ..	70 2 (a)	December ..	80 0
May ..	81 6	May ..	68 5	<b>1940—</b>	
August ..	87 6	August ..	65 8	February ..	81 0
November ..	91 6	November ..	63 5	May ..	82 0
<b>1924—</b>		<b>1932—</b>		August ..	84 0
February ..	87 6	February ..	63 5	November ..	84 0
May ..	85 6	May ..	63 11	<b>1941—</b>	
August ..	85 0	August ..	63 0	February ..	86 0
November ..	84 6	November ..	61 8	May ..	87 0
<b>1925—</b>		<b>1933—</b>		August ..	87 0
February ..	84 0	February ..	60 4	November ..	88 0
May ..	85 6	May ..	63 4 (b)	<b>1942—</b>	
August ..	87 0	August ..	62 5	February ..	89 0
November ..	87 6	November ..	62 10	May ..	92 0
<b>1926—</b>		<b>1934—</b>		August ..	94 0
February ..	87 6	February ..	63 4	November ..	97 0
May ..	88 6	May ..	64 0 (c)	<b>1943—</b>	
August ..	92 0	June ..	64 0	February ..	98 0
November ..	89 0	September ..	64 0	May ..	98 0
<b>1927—</b>		December ..	64 0	August ..	99 0
February ..	88 6	<b>1935—</b>		November ..	98 0
May ..	87 6	March ..	66 0	<b>1944—</b>	
August ..	87 0	June ..	66 0	February ..	97 0
November ..	90 0	September ..	66 0	May ..	97 0
<b>1928—</b>		December ..	66 0	August ..	98 0
<b>1929—</b>		<b>1936—</b>		November ..	98 0
February ..	88 6	March ..	66 0	<b>1945—</b>	
May ..	87 6	June ..	66 0	February ..	98 0
August ..	87 0	September ..	66 0	May ..	98 0
November ..	90 0	December ..	69 0	August ..	98 0
				November ..	98 0



MELBOURNE—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION.—*continued.*

(Adult Males.)

Payable from—	Amount.	Payable from—	Amount.	Payable from—	Amount.
	<i>s. d.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>
<b>1946—</b>		<b>1949—</b>		<b>1952—</b>	
February ..	98 0	February ..	123 0	February ..	209 0
May ..	98 0	May ..	125 0	May ..	212 0
August ..	99 0	August ..	128 0	August ..	224 0
November ..	99 0	November ..	130 0	November ..	228 0
December ..	106 0(e)				
<b>1947—</b>		<b>1950—</b>		<b>1953—</b>	
February ..	107 0	February ..	134 0	February ..	229 0
May ..	107 0	May ..	137 0	May ..	232 0
August ..	108 0	August ..	140 0	August ..	235 0
November ..	109 0	November ..	143 0	<b>1956—</b>	
		December ..	162 0(f)	June (1) ..	245 0
<b>1948—</b>		<b>1951—</b>		<b>1957—</b>	
February ..	113 0	February ..	170 0	May (2) ..	255 0
May ..	115 0	May ..	177 0	<b>1958—</b>	
August ..	117 0	August ..	180 0	May (3) ..	260 0
November ..	120 0	November ..	199 0		

(1) On 25th May 1956, following the Basic Wage Inquiry 1956, the Court announced an increase of 10/- per week from first pay period in June 1956. (2) Following the 1957 Inquiry an increase of 10/- per week commenced on or after 15th May. (3) Following the 1958 Inquiry, an increase of 5/- per week commenced on or after the 21st May.

(a) Ten per cent. "cut" operated; (b) "D" series introduced; (c) "C" series introduced and ten per cent. "cut" ceased to operate; (d) "Prosperity" loading (3s.) added; (e) Interim basic wage adjustment of 13th December, 1946; (f) Court decision (12th October, 1950).

*Note.*—The system of making regular quarterly adjustments was instituted in 1922 and was discontinued after the August, 1953, adjustment.

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