

**PART VI.**

**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 1947, eight Judges, viz., a Chief Justice and seven Puisne Judges.

The following is a statement of Supreme Court business during the five years 1943 to 1947:—

**VICTORIA—SUPREME COURT CIVIL CASES, 1943 TO 1947.**

Heading.	Year Ended 31st December,—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Number of places at which sittings were held	8	6	4	6	6
Causes entered—					
For assessment of damages .. .. .	1	1	3	6	10
For trial .. .. .	67	142	209	345	390
Number of causes tried—					
By juries of six .. .. .	29	33	29	40	48
By a Judge .. .. .	22	40	47	66	68
Verdicts returned for—					
Plaintiff .. .. .	41	56	56	82	91
Defendant .. .. .	10	17	20	24	25
Amount awarded .. .. . £	9,764	13,746	26,776	50,315	79,496
Writs of summons issued .. .. .	440	546	611	957	1,027
Other original proceedings .. .. .	111	64	102	147	54
Appellate proceedings (other than Criminal Appeals heard and determined)—					
By Full Court .. .. .	32	42	34	39	43
By a Judge .. .. .	47	39	37	58	58
Fees collected .. .. . £	2,555	2,583	3,308	4,755	6,706

**County Courts.** County Courts have jurisdiction, both in equity and common law cases, limited to £500; but 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 £500. At the present time County Courts are held at Melbourne and at nineteen other places in Victoria. Every Court has jurisdiction throughout the whole of Victoria.

VICTORIA—COUNTY COURT CASES, 1943 TO 1947.

Year Ended 31st December.	Number of Causes Tried.	Amount Sued for.	Amount Awarded.
		£	£
1943 .. .. .	1,154	320,882	73,660
1944 .. .. .	976	261,361	55,648
1945 .. .. .	1,103	238,718	68,103
1946 .. .. .	1,447	325,073	81,790
1947 .. .. .	2,105	527,045	165,055

**Writs by the Sheriff.**

The table hereunder records the number of writs received by the Sheriff in the five years, 1943 to 1947.

VICTORIA—WRITS RECEIVED BY THE SHERIFF,  
1943 TO 1947.

Year Ended 31st December.	King's Writs against Person and Property.	Subjects' Writs against—		Total.
		The Person.	Property.	
1943 .. .. .	1	..	44	45
1944 .. .. .	..	..	40	40
1945 .. .. .	..	1	52	53
1946 .. .. .	3	6	97	106
1947 .. .. .	2	5	75	82

**High Court of Australia.**

A statement showing the nature of this court and the powers vested in it appears in the *Year-Book* for 1916-17, page 433.

**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, 1946, under the *Commonwealth Bankruptcy Act* 1924-1947, and the amount of liabilities and assets relating thereto were as follows:—

**VICTORIA—BANKRUPTCIES, 1943 TO 1947.**

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.
<b>NUMBER.</b>				
1943 .. ..	73	..	18	91
1944 .. ..	54	..	7	61
1945 .. ..	32	..	3	35
1946 .. ..	25	..	7	32
1947 .. ..	45	..	10	55
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>				
	£	£	£	£
1943 .. ..	75,344	..	21,225	96,569
1944 .. ..	49,591	..	41,455	91,046
1945 .. ..	11,747	..	35,901	47,648
1946 .. ..	77,308	..	38,820	116,128
1947 .. ..	22,292	..	17,198	39,490
<b>ASSETS.</b>				
	£	£	£	£
1943 .. ..	25,272	..	14,604	39,876
1944 .. ..	11,616	..	16,988	28,604
1945 .. ..	3,915	..	25,472	29,387
1946 .. ..	20,498	..	10,290	30,788
1947 .. ..	2,700	..	15,837	18,537

The yearly average number of sequestrations, &c., and the average declared liabilities and assets are shown in the subjoined table for each of the quinquennial periods ended in 1933, 1938 and 1943.

Period.	Yearly Average Number.	Average Declared Liabilities.	Average Declared Assets.
		£	£
1928-29 to 1932-33 ..	690	1,419,050	1,009,294
1933-34 to 1937-38 ..	381	595,056	274,545
1938-39 to 1942-43 ..	296	297,886	128,033

### 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 1946. 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, 1946.

	Petitions Filed by—			Decrees Granted to—		
	Husbands.	Wives.	Total.	Husbands.	Wives.	Total.
Dissolution of marriage ..	1,177	1,020	2,197	865	754	1,619
Judicial separation ..	..	4	4	..	3	3
Nullity of marriage ..	18	20	38	16	13	29
Total ..	1,195	1,044	2,239	881	770	1,651

The grounds upon which divorces were granted during the year 1946 were as set out in the following table:—

#### VICTORIA—DIVORCES, GROUNDS OF, 1946.

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 .. ..	392	261	..	1	..	..
Bigamy .. ..	..	..	..	..	1	3
Bigamy and adultery ..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Cruelty .. ..	..	4	..	..	..	..
Desertion .. ..	453	450	..	2	..	..
Desertion and drunkenness ..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Desertion and adultery ..	9	13	..	..	..	..
Drunkenness (habitual) ..	3	5	..	..	..	..
Drunkenness and cruelty .. ..	..	10	..	..	..	..
Impotence .. ..	..	..	..	..	15	9
Insanity .. ..	8	3	..	..	..	..
Sentences for crime .. ..	..	4	..	..	..	..
Sodomy .. ..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Misrepresentation .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total .. ..	865	754	..	3	16	13

**Divorce.** The following table shows the number of petitioners to whom decrees were granted in 1946, 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, 1946.**

Ages (Years).	Dissolution of Marriage.		Judicial Separation.		Nullity of Marriage.		Number of Children.*	
	Husbands' Petitions.	Wives' Petitions.	Husbands' Petitions.	Wives' Petitions.	Husbands' Petitions.	Wives' Petitions.	Husbands' Petitions.	Wives' Petitions.
17 .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
19 .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
20 .. ..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..
21 .. ..	2	10	..	..	..	1	..	6
22-25 ..	79	84	..	..	3	4	44	51
26-29 ..	155	143	..	..	5	3	79	132
30-34 ..	206	173	..	..	6	5	146	153
35-39 ..	174	135	..	..	..	..	215	170
40-44 ..	106	103	..	..	1	..	146	145
45-49 ..	65	48	..	2	1	..	97	122
50-54 ..	37	33	..	..	..	..	75	43
55-59 ..	25	9	..	..	..	..	55	14
60 .. ..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	2
61 .. ..	4	3	..	..	..	..	9	2
62 .. ..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
63 .. ..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
64 .. ..	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	14
65 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
67 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
68 .. ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
70 .. ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
72 .. ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
78 .. ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Not stated ..	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	3
Total ..	865	754	..	3	16	13	870	858

\* Of the total of 1,728, 1,720 relate to the decrees for dissolution of marriage, 7 to the decree for judicial separation, and 1 to the decree of nullity of marriage.

**Dissolutions 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 1946:—

**VICTORIA—DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, PETITIONS GRANTED; DURATION OF MARRIAGE AND ISSUE, 1946.**

Duration of Marriage in Years.	Number of Children.												Total Dissolutions of Marriage.	Total Children.			
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12					
Under 1 year ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1 ..	19	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	1
2 ..	25	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	6
3 ..	53	15	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	71	21
4 ..	102	22	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	130	34
5 ..	91	38	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	142	64
6 ..	75	46	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	131	66
7 ..	55	35	13	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	104	65
8 ..	46	36	19	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	108	98
9 ..	39	33	14	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	90	73
10 ..	27	31	20	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	83	93
11 ..	29	28	12	7	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	79	86
12 ..	14	22	16	4	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	59	80
13 ..	18	19	13	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	72
14 ..	13	23	11	6	6	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55	75
15 ..	8	18	5	5	5	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	41	68
16 ..	13	24	16	3	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	62	100
17 ..	8	11	14	7	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41	65
18 ..	6	13	10	2	2	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	64
19 ..	5	13	12	2	5	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	40	85
20 ..	5	14	9	3	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	53
21 ..	6	5	11	6	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	63
22 ..	6	2	9	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	30
23 ..	2	3	4	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	34
24 ..	3	5	4	1	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	36
25 ..	..	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	45
26 ..	7	3	6	2	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	41
27 ..	1	5	5	1	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	39
28 ..	3	2	5	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	15	36
29 ..	..	..	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	12
30 ..	2	1	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	19
31 ..	2	2	1	2	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	33
32 ..	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	13
33 ..	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	15
34 ..	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	5
35 ..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5
36 ..	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	8
37 ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3
39 ..	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	8
41 ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4
42 ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
44 ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5
Total Dissolutions of marriage ..	689	488	276	78	43	24	9	4	4	2	1	1	1,619	..	..	..	..
Total children ..	..	488	552	234	172	120	54	28	32	18	10	12	..	..	..	1,720	..

**Dissolution of Marriage—Ages of Parties.** The following table shows the ages of the parties concerned in the decrees for dissolution of marriages, petitions for which had been granted during 1946 :—

VICTORIA—DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE, PETITIONS, GRANTED—AGES OF PARTIES, 1946.

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 ..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
21-25 ..	7	87	27	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	125
26-29 ..	3	125	117	26	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	278
30-34 ..	..	43	133	148	23	5	..	1	..	..	2	355
35-39 ..	..	16	41	149	115	16	3	2	..	..	..	342
40-44 ..	..	1	9	36	79	94	7	1	2	..	1	230
45-49 ..	..	2	2	10	23	52	36	8	..	..	..	133
50-54 ..	..	1	2	4	6	13	25	22	3	..	..	76
55-59 ..	..	..	..	4	1	4	11	11	16	3	..	50
60 and over ..	..	..	..	1	1	..	4	2	5	9	..	22
Not stated ..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	5
Total wives ..	11	278	332	382	255	184	86	47	26	12	6	1,619

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 1931-40, and for each of the years 1941 to 1946.

VICTORIA—DISSOLUTIONS OF MARRIAGE AND JUDICIAL  
SEPARATIONS, 1861 TO 1946.

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 .. .. .	833	5
1942 .. .. .	953	2
1943 .. .. .	1,375	1
1944 .. .. .	1,670	2
1945 .. .. .	1,727	..
1946 .. .. .	1,619	3
Total—1891 to 1946 .. ..	23,778	79
Total—1861 to 1946 .. ..	24,126	150

**RACECOURSE LICENCES.**

**Racecourse licences and percentage fees.** The *Police Offences Act 1928* provides that no race meeting shall be held except on a racecourse which is licensed under such Act for horse races or for pony races or for trotting races. Any licence shall, unless cancelled, be in force for twelve months from the date of its issue. For each such licence there shall be paid into the Consolidated Revenue a fee of £1, and also an annual sum equal to 3 per cent. of the gross revenue from all sources received from such racecourse by the owner or trustees of the race-



course during the year immediately preceding the year for which the licence is required. It is provided, however, that where the gross revenue is less than £1,500 but more than £600, the annual sum payable shall be 2 per cent. of the gross revenue, and where the gross revenue is £600 or less no amount shall be payable. The amounts paid into the Consolidated Revenue in licence fees and percentages on gross revenue during each of the last ten years were as follows:—

**VICTORIA—REVENUE FROM RACECOURSE LICENCES AND PERCENTAGE FEES, 1936-37 TO 1945-46.**

Year Ended 30th June.	Amount.	Year Ended 30th June.	Amount.
	£		£
1937 .. ..	15,718	1942 .. ..	15,095
1938 .. ..	16,627	1943 .. ..	13,525
1939 .. ..	17,191	1944 .. ..	11,688
1940 .. ..	16,710	1945 .. ..	14,049
1941 .. ..	15,420	1946 .. ..	18,429

**CRIME.**

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

**VICTORIA—CHILDREN'S COURTS.**

**Jurisdiction.** The jurisdiction of Children's Courts is limited to children under the age of seventeen years. In 1939, the Children's Court Office was re-organized 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 table which follows shows the number of cases which were disposed of in Children's Courts during the year 1946.

VICTORIA—CHILDREN'S COURTS: CASES DISPOSED OF,  
1946.

Nature of Offence.	Total.	Summarily Disposed of—				Committed for Trial.	
		Convicted.		Dismissed Withdrawn, Struck Out.			
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
<b>Against the person—</b>							
Assaults .. .. .	56	46	3	6	1	..	..
Others .. .. .	15	10	4	1	..	..	..
<b>Total</b> .. .. .	<b>71</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Against property—</b>							
Larceny, &c. .. .. .	2,143	1,734	85	306	13	5	..
Wilful damage .. .. .	116	101	..	15	..	..	..
Others .. .. .	78	65	..	12	1	..	..
<b>Total</b> .. .. .	<b>2,337</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Against Good Order—</b>							
Drunkenness .. .. .	9	7	1	1	..	..	..
Others .. .. .	149	103	9	34	3	..	..
<b>Total</b> .. .. .	<b>158</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Other Offences, &amp;c.—</b>							
Traffic offences .. .. .	544	446	53	40	5	..	..
Other offences .. .. .	154	104	4	40	6	..	..
Neglected children .. .. .	337	127	105	61	44	..	..
<b>Total</b> .. .. .	<b>1,035</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Grand Total</b> .. .. .	<b>3,601</b>	<b>2,743</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>..</b>

The number of cases which were disposed of in Children's Courts in each of the five years, 1942 to 1946, is given in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—CHILDREN'S COURTS: CASES DISPOSED OF  
1942 TO 1946.

Nature of Offence.	Year Ended 31st December,—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Against the person—					
Assaults .. .. .	82	111	84	66	56
Others .. .. .	11	4	1	10	15
Against Property—					
Larceny, &c. .. .	3,865	3,426	2,757	2,462	2,143
Wilful damage .. .	146	157	207	212	116
Others .. .. .	296	152	135	129	78
Against Good Order—					
Drunkenness .. .	25	22	8	13	9
Others .. .. .	278	183	226	267	149
Traffic offences .. .	731	722	696	780	544
Other offences .. .	240	560	531	195	154
Neglected children .. .	604	701	326	428	337
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>6,278</b>	<b>6,038</b>	<b>4,971</b>	<b>4,562</b>	<b>3,601</b>
Summarily convicted .. .	5,414	5,156	4,422	3,831	3,007
Summarily dismissed, &c. .. .	860	878	547	726	589
Committed for trial .. .	4	4	2	5	5

**Children's Courts—cases, how dealt with.** The following statement gives particulars of the manner of by magistrates in 1946:—

### VICTORIA—CHILDREN'S COURTS: CASES, HOW DEALT WITH 1946.

How Dealt With.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Adjourned for period without probation .. .. .	753	44	797
Released on probation .. .. .	628	35	663
Committed to care of Children's Welfare Department .. .. .	267	97	364
Committed to reformatory .. .. .	69	1	70
Committed to care of a private person or institution .. .. .	5	..	5
Fined .. .. .	604	76	680
Released under Section 356 of <i>Crimes Act 1928</i> .. .. .	4	..	4
Dismissed on payment of costs or damages or both .. .. .	5	..	5
Discharged upon surety .. .. .	25	1	26
Sentenced to term of imprisonment .. .. .	..	..	..
Sentenced to imprisonment, the execution of which has been suspended .. .. .	31	1	32
Convicted and discharged .. .. .	239	7	246
Discharged with a caution .. .. .	87	1	88
Otherwise dealt with .. .. .	26	1	27
Summarily convicted .. .. .	2,743	264	3,007
Summarily dismissed, &c. .. .. .	516	73	589
Committed for trial .. .. .	5	..	5
Grand Total .. .. .	3,264	337	3,601

**Children's Courts—probation cases.**

In the following table particulars are given of the cases in which children were released on probation by magistrates in Children's Courts during the five years 1942 to 1946.

### VICTORIA—CHILDREN'S COURTS: PROBATION CASES, 1942 TO 1946.

Year Ended 31st December.	Cases Released on Probation.	Results of Probation.		
		Satisfactory.	Fair.	Unsatisfactory.
		%	%	%
1942 .. .. .	1,449	81	9	10
1943 .. .. .	1,122	79	7	14
1944 .. .. .	1,007	78	9	13
1945 .. .. .	731	76	8	16
1946 .. .. .	663	73	8	19

## VICTORIA—COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS.

**Petty Sessions civil business.** In 1946, Courts of petty Sessions by stipendiary magistrates and honorary justices were held at 231 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 police 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 £50. Particulars of civil cases, &c., heard during the five years, 1942 to 1946, are as follows:—

## VICTORIA—COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS: CIVIL CASES, ETC., 1942 TO 1946

Heading.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Civil cases—					
Number heard .. ..	52,786	36,667	30,064	31,191	31,686
Debts or damages—					
Claimed .. ..	£ 468,652	333,543	270,378	304,896	342,484
Awarded .. ..	£ 351,886	228,572	186,305	210,210	244,146
Other cases—					
Appeals against rates ..	413	812	233	1,128	534
Ejectment cases .. ..	910	1,784	1,501	1,819	3,681
Examination of lunatics ..	144	131	118	113	110
Fraud summonses .. ..	2,616	2,294	1,960	2,147	1,980
Garnishee cases .. ..	3,277	1,644	1,222	1,129	876
Licences and certificates ..	10,179	10,221	12,124	13,035	17,582
Maintenance cases .. ..	1,263	1,347	1,057	1,033	1,560
Prohibition cases .. ..	55	..	..	..	..
Show cause summonses ..	2,199	1,727	1,523	1,181	1,367
Fair rent applications ..	..	..	..	..	3,836*
Other .. ..	10,615	9,056	8,027	5,975	3,402

\* Previously included in Other Cases. Figures for other years not available.

VICTORIA—ARREST CASES SUMMARILY DISPOSED OF  
IN COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS, 1946.

How Disposed of.	Year Ended 31st December, 1946.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Fines paid .. .. .	8,552	608	9,160
Imprisonment for—			
Under 1 month .. .. .	2,772	379	3,151
1 month and under 6 months .. .. .	1,215	128	1,343
6 months and under 12 months .. .. .	240	11	251
1 year and under 2 years .. .. .	26	..	26
2 years .. .. .	1	..	1
Admonished .. .. .	3,680	393	4,073
Ordered to find bail or sentence suspended on entering surety .. .. .	359	117	476
Sent to reformatory schools, &c. .. .. .	34	..	34
Otherwise dealt with .. .. .	299	37	336
<b>Total convicted .. .. .</b>	<b>17,178</b>	<b>1,673</b>	<b>18,851</b>
<b>Dismissed, withdrawn, struck out .. .. .</b>	<b>1,602</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>1,772</b>
<b>Total summarily disposed of .. .. .</b>	<b>18,780</b>	<b>1,843</b>	<b>20,623</b>

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

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 all crimes of lust. Offences against property consist principally of larceny and similar offences, but include burglary, robbery, &c., cattle stealing, and wilful damage to property.

The only serious crimes included under "Other Offences" are forgery, counterfeiting, conspiracy, and perjury. These were very few in number, there having been in Victoria in 1946 only 40 of such charges out of a total of 44,252 in the category to which they belong. A large proportion of the cases under the heading "Other Offences" were merely 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 were also among them a large number of offences against good order, including insulting behaviour, vagrancy, &c.

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, 1946.

Nature of Offence.	Total.	Summarily Disposed of—				Committed for Trial.	
		Convicted.		Dismissed, Withdrawn, Struck Out.		M.	F.
		M.	F.	M.	F.		
Against the person—							
Murder† .. .. .	10	..	..	10	..	..	..
Intent to murder ..	4	..	..	..	..	3	1
Manslaughter† ..	5	..	..	5	..	..	..
Shooting at, wounding, &c. ..	78	7	..	18	..	51	2
Assaults .. .. .	1,576	818	75	544	99	38	2
Others .. .. .	247	44	8	27	1	160	7
Total .. .. .	1,920	869	83	604	100	252	12
Against property—							
Robbery, burglary, &c. .. .. .	837	177	5	50	4	586	15
Larceny and similar offences .. .. .	4,362	2,797	355	738	51	388	33
Wilful damage .. ..	276	201	9	63	2	1	..
Others .. .. .	1,116	657	27	254	20	148	10
Total .. .. .	6,591	3,832	396	1,105	77	1,123	58
Forgery and offences against the currency	53	9	2	12	..	28	2

† See page 269—Inquests—on proceedings relating to persons charged with these offences.

VICTORIA—ARRESTS AND SUMMONSES FOR VARIOUS OFFENCES,  
1946.—*continued.*

Nature of Offence.	Total.	Summarily Disposed of—				Committed for Trial.	
		Convicted.		Dismissed, Withdrawn, Struck Out.		M.	F.
		M.	F.	M.	F.		
Against good order—							
Drunkenness* ..	11,720	10,528	1,087	97	8	..	..
Others ..	6,834	5,321	405	951	148	9	..
Total ..	18,554	15,849	1,492	1,048	156	9	..
Other offences—							
Breaches of—							
Education Act ..	2,431	1,430	619	241	141	..	..
Licensing Act ..	1,559	1,028	169	292	70	..	..
Motor Car Act ..	8,842	8,207	195	418	22	..	..
Traffic Regulations	5,975	5,304	385	239	47	..	..
Vermin and Noxious							
Weeds Act ..	51	22	8	17	4	..	..
Miscellaneous ..	18,507	15,043	1,681	1,504	230	39	10
Total ..	37,365	31,034	3,057	2,711	514	39	10
Grand Total ..	64,483	51,593	5,030	5,480	847	1,451	82

\* See footnote on page 265.

**Arrest and  
summons  
cases.**

Particulars of the arrest and summons cases for the five years, 1942 to 1946, are given in the subjoined table.

VICTORIA—ARREST AND SUMMONS CASES, 1942 TO 1946.

Year Ended 31st December.	Arrest Cases.		Summons Cases.		Total.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
1942 .. ..	22,542	2,515	42,567	6,874	74,498
1943 .. ..	22,505	2,652	38,115	7,821	71,093
1944 .. ..	21,575	2,521	35,685	5,108	64,889
1945 .. ..	18,545	1,897	35,884	4,418	60,744
1946 .. ..	20,117	1,904	38,407	4,055	64,483



The following table shows, for each of the five years specified, the number of offences for which persons were arrested or summoned, summarily convicted, discharged by magistrates, or committed for trial; also the number per 10,000 of the population.

VICTORIA—DISPOSAL OF ARREST AND SUMMONS CASES,  
1942 TO 1946.

Year Ended 31st December.	Total.	Summarily Convicted.	Discharged by Magistrates.	Committed for Trial.
1942 .. ..	74,498	66,511	6,565	1,422
1943 .. ..	71,093	62,361	7,088	1,644
1944 .. ..	64,889	56,939	6,333	1,617
1945 .. ..	60,744	53,101	6,048	1,595
1946 .. ..	64,483	56,623	6,327	1,533
Number per 10,000 of Population.				
1942 .. ..	379·5	338·8	33·4	7·3
1943 .. ..	359·5	315·4	35·8	8·3
1944 .. ..	325·4	285·5	31·8	8·1
1945 .. ..	301·9	263·9	30·1	7·9
1946 .. ..	317·5	278·8	31·1	7·5

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.

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 1946 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 1946 relate, as in previous years, to all offences with which a person was charged. The

Alteration in  
method of  
tabulation.

statistics for the last fourteen years are comparable, therefore, with those for the years prior to 1893 appearing in earlier issues of the *Year-Book*.

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 arrests of neglected children) disposed of in Children's Courts.

### VICTORIA—OFFENCES AND DRUNKENNESS, 1890 TO 1946.

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
1941 .. ..	1,380	7,329	12,064	56,230	77,003
1942 .. ..	1,632	8,210	12,887	51,769	74,498
1943 .. ..	1,618	8,268	12,561	48,646	71,093
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
	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* .. ..	.94	2.84	4.55	23.44	31.77
1940 .. ..	.71	4.04	6.10	34.47	45.32
1941 .. ..	.71	3.79	6.23	29.04	39.77
1942 .. ..	.83	4.18	6.57	26.37	37.95
1943 .. ..	.82	4.18	6.35	24.60	35.95
1944 .. ..	.83	3.95	6.28	21.48	32.54
1945 .. ..	.85	3.25	5.23	20.86	30.19
1946 .. ..	.95	3.25	5.77	21.79	31.75

\* See paragraph "Alteration in method of tabulation" on page 265.

The number of persons and the number per 1,000 of the population arrested or summoned for drunkenness during the five years 1942 to 1946 are given hereunder:—

VICTORIA—PERSONS ARRESTED OR SUMMONED FOR DRUNKENNESS, 1942 TO 1946.

Year Ended 31st December.	Number of Persons—			Number per 1,000 of Population.
	Arrested.	Summoned.	Total.	
1942 .. ..	12,857	30	12,887	6.57
1943 .. ..	12,527	34	12,561	6.35
1944 .. ..	12,449	69	12,518	6.28
1945 .. ..	10,506	28	10,534	5.23
1946 .. ..	11,704	16	11,720	5.77

**Drunkenness—Comparison with previous years.**

If the amount of drunkenness in proportion to population, as measured by the number of arrests therefor, be represented as 100 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 1946.

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 .. ..	44
1903–07 .. ..	77	1944 .. ..	43
1908–12 .. ..	68	1945 .. ..	36
1913–17 .. ..	59	1946 .. ..	37
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. This possibly accounts for the marked decrease in the number of arrests for drunkenness in the period immediately following.

The accompanying table shows for the five years 1942 to 1946 the number of persons under 20 years of age charged with drunkenness. **Young persons charged with drunkenness.** arrested for drunkenness.

VICTORIA—ARRESTS OF PERSONS UNDER 20 YEARS OF AGE CHARGED WITH DRUNKENNESS, 1942 TO 1946.

Year Ended 31st December.	Numbers.		Total.
	Males.	Females.	
1942 .. .. .	156	24	180
1943 .. .. .	150	20	170
1944 .. .. .	169	23	192
1945 .. .. .	155	25	180
1946 .. .. .	210	17	227

### 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, or whose body is lying dead within the district in which such coroner has jurisdiction.

His duties in relation thereto are regulated by the *Coroners Act 1928*, 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 Police 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 is the case under the *Mines Act*) that an inquest shall be taken with jurors. It is an essential preliminary in all cases that the coroner and the jury, if any, shall view the body, otherwise the inquest is void.

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 1946 and 1947 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.
1946 .. ..	1,184	558	1,742	20	2	22
1947 .. ..	1,226	586	1,812	16	..	16

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

	During 1946.			During 1947.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Murder .. ..	7	1	8	8	..	8
Manslaughter ..	13	1	14	8	..	8
Total .. ..	20	2	22	16	..	16

### HIGHER COURTS.

The following table shows the offences of distinct persons who were convicted in the Supreme Court and in Courts of General Sessions in Victoria during 1946 after committal from Children's Courts, Courts of Petty Sessions and Coroner's Inquests. Where a person was charged with more than one offence the principal offence only has been counted :—

**Committals for trial—convictions.**

## 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									1	
Manslaughter .. .. .						1		1						
Wound, &c., with intent to do grievous bodily harm .. .. .			1		1		2	1	1	1	2	1	1	
Wounding, &c., or inflict grievous bodily harm .. .. .				1			3	5	1			1		
Unlawfully wounding .. .. .								2					1	
Assault .. .. .							2	2				1	1	
Against Females—														
Rape .. .. .														
Rape, attempted .. .. .				1				1						
Rape, assault with intent to .. .. .			1						1					
Carnal knowledge .. .. .			1		1	2	7	4	3	1	1	2	1	
Carnal knowledge, attempt .. .. .							1				1			
Incest and attempted .. .. .											4			
Indecent assault .. .. .			3	2	1	1	3	2	1	3		1	5	1
Abduction .. .. .				1										
Unnatural offence .. .. .			1	1					1	1	1	4	2	1
Indecent assault on male .. .. .						1		1	1	2	2	2	1	3
Bigamy .. .. .							2	3		3		2	2	
Suicide, attempted .. .. .							3							
Demand money with menaces .. .. .											1			
Send letter threatening to kill .. .. .														
Attempt to administer poison with intent to injure .. .. .			1											
Total against the Person .. .. .			8	7	3	5	24	22	10	12	17	13	11	4
Against Property—														
Robbery and attempted robbery .. .. .							2	1						
Robbery with violence .. .. .							3	2					1	
Robbery in company .. .. .				1			1	1	1					
Robbery, assault with intent .. .. .									2					
Burglary .. .. .							2							
Housebreaking .. .. .			15	13	10	13	22	12	15	2	3	1	2	
Shop, office, store, factory, &c., breaking .. .. .			16	31	14	16	34	24	9	3	3	2	3	2
Break and enter .. .. .				1										
Horse stealing .. .. .							1				1			
Cattle stealing .. .. .									1					
Sheep stealing .. .. .				1										
Illegally using a horse .. .. .													1	

\* One commuted to Life Imprisonment and the other to 20 years' imprisonment. † Commuted



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>														
Larceny in a dwelling .. .. .	..	..	..	2	2	1	6	7	5	1	..	..	2	2
Larceny as a clerk .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	1	3	1
Larceny as a bailee .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Larceny, all other .. .. .	..	..	9	10	4	2	16	10	11	3	2	4	1	1
Embezzlement .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	..
False pretences .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	5	3	3	2	1	2	3
Receiving .. .. .	..	..	3	1	2	1	4	8	7	7	2	1	2	..
Fraudulent conversion .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Illegally pawning .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Unlawfully killing animals .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Setting fire to property (house, &c.) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	..
Malicious damage .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total against Property .. .. .	..	..	43	60	34	36	95	77	58	21	14	10	18	10
Forgery and uttering .. .. .	..	..	1	..	3	3	3	3	1	3	..	2	1	..
<i>Against Good Order—</i>														
Obscene libel .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Intent to commit a felony .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
<i>Other Offences—</i>														
Conspiracy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perjury .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..
Escape from legal custody .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	2	7	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
False statement <i>re</i> birth, death, marriage .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	..
Breach of <i>Post and Tele-</i> <i>graph Act 1901-34</i> .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
<i>Secret Commissions Act</i> <i>1905, breach of</i> .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Common Law (public mis- chief) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..
Total .. .. .	..	..	2	..	1	5	9	8	3	..	..	4	2	..
Grand Total—Males .. .. .	..	1	53	67	41	49	131	111	72	36	32	29	32	14



CONVICTED 1946 (PRINCIPAL OFFENCE ONLY COUNTED)—*continued.*

		How Dealt with.																			
		Imprisoned for—																			
		Months.							Years.												
70 and Over.	Total.	Fined.	Under 1 Month.	1 Month and Under 3 Months.	3 Months to 6 Months Inclusive.	9.	12.	15.	18.	21.	2.	3.	4.	4½.	5.	6.	7.	8.	Death Sentence.	Sentence Suspended on Entering a Bond.	Sent to Reformatory Prison.
..	28	..	..	..	7	2	4	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..
..	9	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	73	..	..	8	18	5	6	2	9	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	7
..	6	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1
..	21	..	..	..	9	1	1	..	9	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	4
..	38	..	..	..	8	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	1
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
..	5	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	476	..	..	5	94	19	59	6	35	2	40	8	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	174	32
..	20	..	..	1	2	3	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	2
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	6	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
..	12	..	..	..	3	5	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
..	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..
..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	6	..	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
..	34	1	2	2	6	6	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..
..	668	1	2	17	124	34	79	7	43	3	49	11	2	1	2	1	1	1	3	251	36

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	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bigamy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	1	1	..	..	..	..
Attempt to procure mis- carriage .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Concealment of birth .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Attempt to administer poi- son with intent .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	1	4	6	1	1	..	..	..	..
Against Property—														
House break and steal .. .. .	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Shop break and steal .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Larceny in dwelling .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Larceny as a servant .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Larceny, all other .. .. .	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..
Receiving .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Fraudulent omission .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Unlawful pawning .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Total .. .. .	1	..	3	2	1	..	2	3	2	1	3	..	1	..
Forgery and uttering .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Against good order .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other offences—														
Conspiracy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
False statement (birth, death, marriage) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bankruptcy Act, 1924-45, breach .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
National Security (Prices) Regulations, breach .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Total .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	..
Grand Total—Females .. .. .	1	..	5	2	2	1	8	10	3	2	4	2	2	..
Total—Males and Females .. .. .	1	1	58	69	43	50	139	121	75	38	36	31	34	14

CONVICTED 1946 (PRINCIPAL OFFENCE ONLY COUNTED)—continued.

		How Dealt with.																Death Sentence.	Sentence Suspended on Entering a Bond.	Sent to Reformatory Prison.	
		Imprisoned for—																			
		Months.								Years.											
		Under 1 Month.	1 Month and Under 3 Months.	3 Months to 6 Months Inclusive.	9.	12.	15.	18.	21.	2.	3.	4.	4½.	5.	6.	7.	8.				
70 and Over.	Total.	Fined.																			
..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..		
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..		
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..		
..	14	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..		
..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1		
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..		
..	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..		
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..		
..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..		
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..		
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..		
..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..		
..	19	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	1		
..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..		
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..		
..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..		
..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..		
..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
..	5	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..		
..	42	1	..	..	5	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	1		
..	710	2	2	17	129	34	82	7	43	3	50	11	2	1	2	1	1	1	3	282	37

### REGULATION OF LIQUOR TRADE.

#### Licences Reduction Board.

Information relating to the nature of the duties of and the powers vested in the Licences Reduction Board is given in the *Year-Book* for 1915-16, page 476, and in that for 1928-29, page 213.

To 31st December, 1946, 1,862 hotels had been closed by the Board or had surrendered their licences. Of these hotels 530 were located in metropolitan districts, and the compensation paid amounted to £581,662, or an average of £1,097 each. There were 1,332 hotels closed in country districts, and compensation amounting to £720,679 was paid, or an average of £541 each. The total sum paid in compensation in all districts of the State was £1,302,341, or an average of £691 for each hotel.

In addition to the above closings, the following have been deprived of their licences as a result of the local option poll held on 21st October, 1920 :—5 spirit merchants, 4 grocers, 1 club, and 4 Australian wine licensees. The amount of compensation awarded was £550. Since 1922, 11 grocers' and 99 Australian wine licences have been taken away, for which compensation to the amount of £20,306 has been awarded.

#### Improvement and Extension of Licensed accommoda- tion.

A section of the Board's work which has grown rapidly in extent and importance since 1922 is the consideration given to enforcing improvement in the type of structure and in the class of accommodation of licensed houses.

Since 1922 plans have been passed by the Board for new and improved licensed premises, the estimated cost thereof being £6,080,615 exclusive of the cost of sewerage and new equipment. National Security Regulations and the Victorian *Building Operations and Building Materials Control Act* 1946 have restricted since 1940 all building operations in regard to hotels. During the twelve months ended 31st December, 1946, only £11,056 was expended throughout the State.

#### Licensing Fund.

The revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1946, amounted to £406,270. The amounts received from the various sources were :—Licences, certificates, &c., £388,607 ; interest on investments, £10,982 ; fees and fines, £5,902 ; and miscellaneous, £779. The expenditure, which totalled £406,270 consisted of the following items :—Annual payments to municipalities, £58,984 ; compensation, £285 ; transferred to Police Superannuation Fund under section 311 of Act No. 3717, £23,000 ; transferred to revenue under section 312 of Act No. 3717, as amended by Act No. 4909, £302,718 ; and salaries, expenses, &c., £21,283. The amount at credit of the fund at 30th June, 1946, was £410,976, of which £341,000 was invested.

The following return shows the number of hotels, including roadside licences, in Victoria in 1885, 1906, and certain subsequent years, and the average number of persons to each hotel in those years. The years 1885 and 1906 have been selected because in those years important alterations were made in the liquor licensing laws.

## VICTORIA—NUMBER OF HOTELS, 1885 TO 1946.

Year Ended 31st December.	Estimated Population.	Number of Hotels.*	Average Number of Persons to Each Hotel.
1885 .. .. .	969,200	4,339	223
1906 .. .. .	1,219,832	3,520	347
1930 .. .. .	1,792,605	1,803	994
1935 .. .. .	1,843,023	1,744	1,057
1940 .. .. .	1,914,813	1,691	1,132
1941 .. .. .	1,946,310	1,683	1,156
1942 .. .. .	1,962,658	1,671	1,175
1943 .. .. .	1,981,889	1,670	1,187
1944 .. .. .	1,998,320	1,666	1,199
1945 .. .. .	2,015,583	1,665	1,211
1946 .. .. .	2,040,281	1,665	1,225

\* Including Roadside Licences.

During the period 1885 to 31st December, 1946, 227 hotels were closed as the result of local option polls, 1,861 were deprived of or surrendered their licences, and 60 hotel licences lapsed. During the period 1907 to 31st December, 1946, 79 new licences were granted.

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 various legislative enactments, which from time to time have curtailed such trading hours, are given in the *Year-Book* for 1935-36, page 110.

A statement giving particulars, of the provisions of the Local Option Acts of 1920 and 1922 appears in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, pages 211 and 212.

Particulars relating to the Local Option Poll, held on 21st October, 1920, are given in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 211.

During the period 1885 to 1938, compensation paid to the 227 hotels closed as the result of local option polls amounted to £224,870, or an average of £990 for each hotel. This sum was provided out of the Licensing Fund, and, when this was insufficient for the purpose, out of Consolidated Revenue.

\* By National Security Regulations (Liquor Control Order), the trading hours in the Metropolitan Electoral District were, as from 24th August, 1942, confined to the period between 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This Order was revoked on 21st December, 1945.

**Licensing  
Polls 1930  
and 1938.**

On the 29th March, 1930, a Referendum, called a Licensing Poll, was conducted under Part XIV. of the *Licensing Act 1928* (as amended) to determine whether or not licences should be abolished throughout Victoria. The Act provides that the resolution shall be carried if three-fifths at least in number of the votes given is in favour of the resolution. The poll was State-wide, and was the first of the octennial polls provided for by the Licensing Act of 1922 (now incorporated in the *Licensing Act 1928*). A similar poll was held on the 8th October, 1938. Particulars relating to the number of votes recorded at each of these polls appears in the *Year-Book* for 1939-40, page 71.

**Consumption  
of beer.**

The estimated quantity of beer consumed in Victoria in each of the five years 1943 to 1947 was as follows:—

#### CONSUMPTION OF BEER IN VICTORIA, 1943 TO 1947

Year Ended 30th June.	Estimated Quantity of Beer. Consumed.	Per Head of Population.
	gallons	gallons
1943 .. .. .	25,113,950	12·75
1944 .. .. .	25,549,300	12·86
1945 .. .. .	24,866,100	12·41
1946 .. .. .	26,921,500	13·32
1947 .. .. .	21,506,800	10·54

#### GAOLS AND PRISONERS.

**Gaols and  
prisoners.**

In Victoria there are 4 gaols and 4 reformatory prisons as set out hereunder. The following statement contains information (other than for police gaols) for the year 1946 in regard to the accommodation for prisoners, the daily average number in confinement, the number received during the year, and the number in confinement at the end of the year.

#### VICTORIA—GAOL ACCOMMODATION AND PRISONERS, 1946.

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.
Pentridge .. .. .	928	89	761	40	5,006	654	728	29
Pentridge Reformatory Prison .. .. .	64	3	43	1	166	2	51	..
Ballarat Gaol .. .. .	66	18	28	..	190	..	33	..
Beechworth Reforma- tory Prison .. .. .	78	..	44	..	28	..	45	..
Castlemaine Reforma- tory Prison .. .. .	91	..	60	..	73	..	52	..
Coorimungle Prison Camp .. .. .	32	..	32	..	61	..	33	..
McLeod Settlement Reformatory Prison .. .. .	52	..	39	..	45	..	33	..
Salé Gaol .. .. .	26	9	6	..	72	..	3	..
Total .. .. .	1,337	110	1,013	41	5,641	656	978	29

\* Including 51 males and 4 females awaiting trial.

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1945	..	..	..	24,866,100	12
1946	..	..	..	26,921,500	
1947	..	..	..	21,506,800	

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**VICTORIA—GAOL ACCOMMODATION**

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	Males.	Females.			
Pentridge ..	928	—	654	728	29
Pentridge Reformatory Prison ..	..	..	2	51	..
Ballarat Gaol ..	..	..	..	33	..
Beechworth Reformatory Prison ..	..	..	28	45	..
Castlemaine Reformatory Prison ..	..	..	73	52	..
Coorimungle Prison ..	..	..	61	33	..
McLeod Settlement ..	..	..	45	33	..
Sale Gaol ..	..	..	72	3	..
<b>Total</b> ..	..	..	1,013	41	5,641

\* Includes ..

.. and 4 females awaiting trial.

**Erratum**  
**CONSUMPTION OF BEER IN VICTORIA, 1943 TO 1947.**  
 Against 1947, for 21,506,800 and 10.54, read 31,506,800 and 15.45 respectively.

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 year 1946 :—

**VICTORIA—PRISONERS RECEIVED AT AND DISCHARGED FROM GAOLS AND REFORMATORY PRISONS, 1946.**  
(Exclusive of Police Gaols.)

Classification.	1946.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number in confinement at beginning of year—			
Convicted .. .. .	932	34	966
Awaiting trial .. .. .	17	7	24
Total .. .. .	949	41	990
Received during year—			
Convicted of—			
Felony .. .. .	1,277	48	1,325
Misdemeanour .. .. .	2,287	399	2,686
Other offences .. .. .	390	27	417
Transfers from—			
Other Gaols and Reformatory Prisons .. .. .	350	1	351
Hospitals, Asylums, Reformatory Schools, &c. . . . .	28	..	28
For Trial, not subsequently convicted .. .. .	1,309	181	1,490
Total .. .. .	5,641	656	6,297
Discharged during year—			
By remission of sentence .. .. .	464	21	485
On expiration of sentence and payment of fines .. .. .	3,218	444	3,662
Bailed to appeal .. .. .	45	6	51
On bond from Court, Judge's Order, Attorney-General's Order, &c. .. .. .	119	12	131
By special authority .. .. .	26	4	30
On parole .. .. .	159	1	160
Died .. .. .	5	..	5
Executed .. .. .	..	..	..
Deported .. .. .	3	..	3
Absconded .. .. .	16	..	16
Transfers to—			
Other Gaols and Reformatory Prisons .. .. .	350	2	352
Hospitals, Asylums, Reformatory Schools, &c. . . . .	31	1	32
Unconvicted .. .. .	1,176	177	1,353
Total .. .. .	5,612	668	6,280
Number in confinement at 31st December—			
Convicted .. .. .	927	25	952
Awaiting trial .. .. .	51	4	55
Total .. .. .	978	29	1,007



**Prisoners  
under  
sentence.**

The following table shows the number of prisoners under sentence at the end of each of the ten years 1937 to 1946.

**VICTORIA—PRISONERS UNDER SENTENCE, 1937 TO 1946.**

At 31st December.				Males.	Females.	Total.	Number per 10 000 of Population.
1937	..	..	..	955	34	989	5·32
1938	..	..	..	1,043	41	1,084	5·71
1939	..	..	..	1,107	37	1,144	6·06
1940	..	..	..	998	48	1,046	5·45
1941	..	..	..	904	35	939	4·82
1942	..	..	..	1,066	43	1,109	5·64
1943	..	..	..	1,024	65	1,089	5·48
1944	..	..	..	1,055	46	1,101	5·50
1945	..	..	..	932	34	966	4·78
1946	..	..	..	927	25	952	4·65

**Daily average  
number of  
prisoners in  
confinement.**

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 four years 1943, 1944, 1945, and 1946.

**VICTORIA—DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PRISONERS  
IN CONFINEMENT, 1871 TO 1946.**

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
1943	..	..	..	1,120	71	1,191
1944	..	..	..	1,152	67	1,219
1945	..	..	..	1,067	44	1,111
1946	..	..	..	1,013	41	1,054

**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 1943 to 1947 was as follows:—

**VICTORIA—PRISONERS UNDER INDETERMINATE  
DETENTION, 1943 TO 1947.**

Name of Reformatory Prison.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Pentridge Reformatory Prison ..	51	64	61	35	22
Beechworth Reformatory Prison ..	43	50	36	44	42
Castlemaine Reformatory Prison ..	79	71	72	61	49
McLeod Settlement, French Island ..	51	45	55	44	29
Total .. .. .	224	230	224	184	142

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.

From 1st July, 1908, to 30th June, 1947, admissions to the several reformatories totalled 5,552 (5,499 males and 53 females) as follows:—

Heading.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Admitted to 30th June, 1947 (including 221 recaptured)	5,499	53	5,552
Discharged—			
By parole .. .. .	4,817	52	4,869
effluxion of time .. .. .	95	..	95
transfer to hospitals and asylums .. .. .	41	..	41
special authority .. .. .	43	..	43
deportation .. .. .	22	..	22
escape .. .. .	248	..	248
transfer to serve additional sentences .. .. .	64	..	64
death .. .. .	28	..	28
In reformatories on 30th June, 1947 .. .. .	5,358	52	5,410
	141	1	142
Total .. .. .	5,499	53	5,552

### 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, 1946 and 1947 were 2,198 and 2,272 respectively as shown in the following table :—

### VICTORIA — POLICE FORCE, CLASSIFICATION AND NUMERICAL STRENGTH AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1946 AND 1947.

Designation.	At 31st December, 1946.			At 31st December, 1947.		
	Metro-politan.	Country.	Total.	Metro-politan.	Country.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<i>Foot.</i>						
Chief Commissioner .. .. .	1	..	1	1	..	1
Superintendents .. .. .	3	8	11	4	7	11
Chief Inspectors .. .. .	1	..	1	..	..	..
Inspectors .. .. .	8	8	16	8	7	15
Sub-Inspectors .. .. .	21	4	25	26	5	31
Sergeants, First Class .. .. .	35	12	47	30	10	40
Sergeants, Second Class .. .. .	39	12	51	36	15	51
Senior Constables .. .. .	157	82	239	156	84	240
Senior Constables (brevet rank) .. .. .	2	..	2	3	..	3
First Constables .. .. .	652	395	1,047	624	406	1,030
Constables .. .. .	439	65	504	515	88	603
Total .. .. .	1,358	586	1,944	1,403	622	2,025

VICTORIA—POLICE FORCE, CLASSIFICATION AND NUMERICAL STRENGTH  
AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1946 AND 1947.—*continued.*

Designation.	At 31st December, 1946.			At 31st December, 1947.		
	Metro- politan.	Country.	Total.	Metro- politan.	Country.	Total.
<i>Detectives.</i>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Superintendent .. .. .	1	..	1	1	..	1
Inspectors .. .. .	1	..	1	1	..	1
Sub-Inspectors .. .. .	3	..	3	1	..	1
Sub-Inspectors (brevet rank) .. .. .	1	..	1	1	..	1
Sergeants, First Class .. .. .	4	..	4	7	..	7
Sergeants, Second Class .. .. .	7	..	7	8	..	8
Senior Detectives .. .. .	23	4	27	24	3	27
First Detectives .. .. .	94	9	103	88	12	100
Detectives .. .. .	10	1	11	10	..	10
Total .. .. .	144	14	158	141	15	156
<i>Mounted.</i>						
First Constables .. .. .	21	54	75	19	54	73
Constables .. .. .	6	15	21	5	13	18
Total .. .. .	27	69	96	24	67	91
Grand Total .. .. .	1,52 <sup>b</sup>	669	2,198*	1,568	704	2,272†

\* The above particulars include 15 police-women and 10 members with Defence Forces but exclude 49 members of the Victoria Police Women's Auxiliary, 2 members of the Police Auxiliary Force, 1 matron, and 1 black tracker.

† The above particulars include 16 police-women, and 4 members with Defence Forces, but exclude 47 members of the Victoria Police Women's Auxiliary, 1 matron, and 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 1937 to 1946 :—

VICTORIA—POLICE FORCE, NUMERICAL STRENGTH,  
1937 TO 1946.

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.
1937 ..	2,280	815	1942 ..	2,318*	855
1938 ..	2,271	825	1943 ..	2,263*	882
1939 ..	2,313*	816	1944 ..	2,209*	908
1940 ..	2,352*	824	1945 ..	2,131*	948
1941 ..	2,327*	838	1946 ..	2,198*	931

\* Including members with Defence Forces but excluding recalled Police Pensioners.

**Expenditure on police, gaols, &c.** 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 1942 to 1946.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE ON POLICE AND GAOLS,  
1941-42 TO 1945-46.

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 Establish- ments.	Police.	Gaols and Penal Establish- ments.		
£	£	£	£	£	s. d.	
1942 ..	813,010	136,193	30,557	5,875	985,635	10 1
1943 ..	1,019,144	143,716	33,007	7,542	1,203,409	12 2
1944 ..	1,073,304	159,226	32,279	5,757	1,270,566	12 9
1945 ..	1,055,791	152,267	39,142	9,133	1,256,333	12 6
1946 ..	1,083,145	161,447	38,900	9,023	1,292,515	12 9

**Executions.** During the 42 years ended with 1946 there were only fourteen 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, and one in 1941. Since the first settlement of Port Phillip in 1835, 182 criminals (178 males and 4 females) have been executed within the State on account of the following offences:—Murder, 142; attempted murder, 17; robbery with violence, 9; burglary and wounding, 1; sexual offences, 12; and arson, 1.