

## PART VII.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

**Legislation.** The history of local government in Victoria prior to the passing of the *Local Government Act 1874* (which prescribed the present form of local government in Victoria) will be found on pages 631 and 632 of the *Year-Book*, 1883-84.

The *Local Government Act 5203* of 1946 consolidated the law relating to Local Government in Victoria.

During the year ended 31st December, 1946, 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 follow:—

No. 5111.—*Factories and Shops (Annual Holidays) Act 1946.*

No. 5113.—*Local Government (Emergency Housing Accommodation) Amendment Act 1946.*

No. 5116.—*Building Operation and Building Materials Control Act 1946.*

No. 5119.—*Local Government (Municipal Rolls) Act 1946.*

No. 5129.—*Workers' Compensation Act 1946.*

No. 5143.—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Contributions Act 1946.*

No. 5153.—*Water Act 1946.*

No. 5156.—*Country Roads Board Fund Amendment Act 1946.*

No. 5161.—*Infectious Diseases Hospital (Borrowing) Act 1946.*

No. 5166.—*Local Government (Dandenong Street Construction) Act 1946.*

No. 5176.—*Melbourne South Land Act 1946.*

No. 5179.—*Soldier Settlement Act 1946.*

No. 5180.—*Free Library Service Board Act 1946.*

No. 5191.—*Country Fire Authority Act 1946.*

No. 5194.—*Metropolitan Gas Company's Act 1946.*

No. 5197.—*Licensing Act 1946.*

No. 5198.—*Town and Country Planning Act 1946.*

No. 5203.—*Local Government Act 1946.*

The number of municipalities throughout the State at 30th September, 1946, was 197. Of these, 35 ranked as cities, 5 as towns, 20 as boroughs, and 137 as shires. The only unincorporated areas of the State are French Island, in Westernport Bay, containing about 42,000 acres; Julia Percy Island, off Port Fairy, containing 650 acres; and Tower Hill, adjacent to the Borough of Koroit, containing approximately 1,350 acres.

The following is a statement of the number of rate-payers, the number of properties rated, the estimated value of rateable property, the estimated number of dwellings (occupied and unoccupied), and the number of houses built in the municipalities of Victoria for each of the five years, 1941-42 to 1945-46.

VICTORIA—PROPERTIES RATED AND NUMBER OF DWELLINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

Year.	Number of Distinct Rate-payers.	Number of Properties Rated.	Value of Rateable Property.		Estimated Number of Dwellings.		Estimated Number of Dwellings Erected During the Year.
			Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Occupied.	Unoccupied.†	
			£	£			
<b>MUNICIPALITIES IN GREATER MELBOURNE.*</b>							
1941-42 ..	349,713	405,815	21,953,130	406,643,810	288,623	323	1,799
1942-43 ..	351,018	403,975	22,148,012	410,705,140	288,955	311	388
1943-44 ..	353,000	392,532	22,283,352	413,128,290	289,354	263	466
1944-45 ..	354,032	403,751	22,617,183	426,231,390	296,409	132	914
1945-46 ..	360,262	407,736	22,855,109	430,373,540	294,379	43	3,998
<b>MUNICIPALITIES OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.</b>							
1941-42 ..	304,610	430,100	15,467,324	308,898,320	221,571	2,870	714
1942-43 ..	305,605	430,933	15,469,382	307,721,310	222,145	2,282	208
1943-44 ..	306,245	431,928	15,549,620	310,312,960	223,881	1,935	522
1944-45 ..	312,144	431,313	15,694,981	313,200,240	223,699	1,170	1,049
1945-46 ..	313,208	440,564	15,916,355	317,659,150	226,464	688	2,470
<b>TOTAL.</b>							
1941-42 ..	654,323	835,415	37,420,454	715,542,130	510,194	3,193	2,513
1942-43 ..	656,623	834,908	37,617,394	718,426,450	511,100	2,593	596
1943-44 ..	659,245	824,460	37,832,972	723,441,250	513,235	2,198	988
1944-45 ..	666,176	835,064	38,312,164	739,431,630	514,108	1,302	1,963
1945-46 ..	673,470	848,300	38,771,464	748,032,690	520,843	731	6,468

\* Including the whole of the Shire of Braybrook and whole of the City of Heidelberg.

† The particulars of unoccupied dwellings during intercensal periods are given as furnished annually by municipal authorities.

In 1945-46 the estimated capital improved value of rateable property reached its highest point (£748,032,690).

**Municipalities.** The following table shows, for each municipality in Victoria, the general rate levied in the £, the estimated value of rateable property, the amount of loans outstanding at 30th September, 1946, the General Account receipts, and the estimated number of dwellings.

## VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1945-46.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1946.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
<b>MUNICIPALITIES IN GREATER MELBOURNE.</b>							
<i>Cities.</i>							
Box Hill ..	2 7	292,246	5,173,330	134,694 <sup>c</sup>	44,900	5,054	..
Brighton ..	2 4	758,576	15,171,520	145,291	114,703	10,217	..
Brunswick ..	0 7 <i>a</i>	736,598	11,143,990	120,829	135,900	13,808	..
Camberwell ..	0 4½ <sup>a</sup>	1,481,866	25,312,880	244,384	186,415	19,987	..
Caulfield ..	0 4½ <sup>a</sup>	1,277,370	23,340,690	202,001	142,929	21,588	..
Chelsea ..	0 6¼ <sup>a</sup>	106,810	1,755,650	6,622 <sup>d</sup>	26,254	3,000	..
Coburg ..	0 6 <i>a</i>	530,484	9,053,360	318,718	119,065	11,558	..
Collingwood ..	2 6	513,185	10,263,700	66,148	82,144	7,242	..
Essendon ..	0 6 <i>a</i>	747,072	11,916,860	188,032	124,756	13,380	..
Fitzroy ..	2 3	483,053	9,661,060	88,039	72,930	7,204	..
Footscray ..	2 3	747,298	14,945,960	199,678	151,495	12,621	..
Hawthorn ..	2 0	717,227	14,344,540	83,581	90,345	10,544	..
Heidelberg ..	2 6	523,455	10,469,100	212,103	120,202	7,672	..
Kew ..	2 5	508,062	10,161,240	134,108	77,763	7,387	..
Malvern ..	2 3	1,043,172	20,863,440	165,653	137,386	12,998	..
Melbourne ..	2 0	5,173,169	103,463,380	4,188,000	823,319	21,239	41
Moorabbin ..	2 6	358,242	7,164,840	87,667 <sup>e</sup>	67,171	7,170	..
Mordialloc ..	0 4½ <sup>a</sup>	170,877	3,223,740	91,311 <sup>f</sup>	37,425	3,269	..
Northcote ..	2 3	507,435	10,148,700	114,380	143,714	11,357	..
Oakleigh ..	0 6¼ <sup>a</sup>	186,258	3,097,690	45,192	37,149	3,669	..
Port Melbourne ..	2 6	304,687	6,093,740	27,323	54,226	3,515	..
Prahran ..	1 8	1,427,980	28,559,600	153,331	147,032	16,500	..
Preston ..	2 6	469,306	9,386,120	270,947	91,206	10,294	..
Richmond ..	2 6	609,351	12,187,020	174,524	96,818	9,734	..
Sandringham ..	0 5 <i>a</i>	368,531	6,796,520	177,280 <sup>g</sup>	72,498	6,918	..
South Melbourne ..	2 6	906,727	18,134,540	173,176	155,712	10,493	2
St. Kilda ..	2 0	1,277,482	15,968,530	228,370	149,250	16,400	..
Williamstown ..	2 3	328,518	6,570,360	92,092	85,779	6,390	..
<i>Shire.</i>							
Braybrook ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	300,072	6,001,440	45,370	55,926	3,171	..
Total Municipalities in Greater Melbourne ..	..	22,855,109	430,373,540	8,178,844	3,644,412	294,379	43

*a* Levied on unimproved value of land.

*b* Differential general rates levied.

*c* Including £3,224 due by City of Nunawading.

*d* Excluding £630 due to Shire of Dandenong.

*e* Excluding £2,616 due to the City of Sandringham.

*f* Excluding £2,616 due to City of Sandringham.

*g* Including £5,232 due by Cities of Moorabbin and Mordialloc.

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Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1946.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<b>OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.</b>							
<i>Cities.</i>							
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
Ballaarat ..	2 10	434,938	8,698,760	42,194 <sup>b</sup>	90,370	10,275	7
Bendigo ..	2 10	318,039	6,360,780	75,896	67,280	7,243	..
Geelong ..	2 8	320,975	6,419,560	101,111	61,577	4,356	..
Geelong West ..	2 9	165,868	3,317,360	49,367 <sup>c</sup>	28,359	3,906	2
Mildura ..	2 11	130,657	2,613,140	114,160 <sup>d</sup>	37,356	1,928	..
Mildura ..	2 9	147,130	2,942,600	7,860 <sup>e</sup>	30,792	2,554	..
Numawading ..	2 10	128,760	2,575,200	29,003	35,208	2,341	1
<i>Towns.</i>							
Ararat ..	2 3	49,024	980,480	71,925	13,183	1,128	..
Hamilton ..	0 5 <sup>a</sup>	88,286	1,765,720	8,420	19,651	1,699	..
Horsham ..	3 0	76,677	1,493,540	55,580	21,010	1,561	..
Newtown and Chilwell ..	0 5½ <sup>a</sup>	142,656	2,731,680	22,328	21,784	2,496	..
Sale ..	2 6	58,479	1,169,580	14,240	13,099	1,161	..
<i>Boroughs.</i>							
Castlemaine ..	3 0	56,639	1,132,780	9,721	12,855	1,472	..
Clunes ..	2 6	10,071	201,420	2,881	2,927	345	1
Colac ..	2 7	77,960	1,559,200	6,150 <sup>f</sup>	16,240	1,392	..
Daylesford ..	3 0	27,456	549,120	3,995	7,203	758	..
Eaglehawk ..	2 6	22,441	448,820	..	7,203	1,076	..
Echuca ..	2 9	49,676	993,520	20,331	10,964	1,129	..
Inglewood ..	2 6	6,983	139,660	10,208	2,456	275	..
Koroit ..	2 6	17,412	348,240	300	4,649	390	..
Maryborough ..	2 9	49,358	987,160	10,190	15,320	1,636	..
Port Fairy ..	2 6	22,984	459,680	2,877	5,495	482	5
Portland ..	0 6 <sup>a</sup>	50,832	866,250	11,756	10,598	895	..
Queenscliffe ..	2 9	26,337	526,740	9,026	6,245	695	..
Ringwood ..	2 8	63,017	1,260,340	25,892 <sup>g</sup>	14,855	1,165	..
Sebastopol ..	2 9	11,606	232,120	..	3,288	490	1
Shepparton ..	2 11	102,485	2,049,700	32,297 <sup>h</sup>	21,621	1,775	..
St. Arnaud ..	3 0	30,492	609,840	20,163	11,827	816	..
Stawell ..	2 6	47,724	954,480	46,537	12,224	1,321	2
Swan Hill ..	2 6	57,450	1,149,000	15,872 <sup>i</sup>	13,926	1,088	..
Wangaratta ..	3 0	78,147	1,562,940	42,699	16,162	1,380	..
Wonthaggi ..	2 9	41,441	828,820	3,486	8,945	1,301	..
<i>Shires.</i>							
Alberton ..	2 5	107,292	2,145,840	8,562	16,992	1,507	..
Alexandra ..	2 6	58,749	1,174,980	921	11,662	990	..
Araripes ..	1 10	58,722	1,174,440	4,484	6,100	522	..
Ararat ..	1 4	210,734	4,214,680	..	16,829	1,431	5
Avoca ..	2 0	43,585	871,700	67	7,714	883	..

*a* Levied on unimproved value of land.

*b* Excluding £282 due to Shire of Bungaree.

*c* Excluding £6,436 due to Shire of Corio.

*d* Excluding £1,274 due to Shire of Mildura.

*e* Excluding £3,224 due to City of Box Hill.

*f* Excluding £5,029 due to Shire of Colac.

*g* Excluding £304 due to Shire of Lillydale.

*h* Excluding £584 due to Shire of Shepparton.

*i* Excluding £23,840 due to Shire of Swan Hill

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		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—</i> <i>continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Avon ..	2 0	55,043	1,100,860	455	7,082	713	..
Bacchus Marsh..	1 9 <i>b</i>	62,893	1,257,860	113	10,868	902	..
Bairnsdale ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	160,626	3,212,520	24,440	21,599	2,177	..
Ballan ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	65,138	1,302,760	..	7,426	902	..
Ballarat ..	1 9	73,935	1,478,700	30	8,409	799	..
Bannockburn ..	1 8	59,929	1,198,580	..	6,251	632	18
Barrabool ..	1 9	57,850	1,157,000	4,459	6,403	529	..
Bass ..	2 6	63,750	1,275,000	6,507 <i>c</i>	12,619	1,097	..
Beechworth ..	2 1 <i>b</i>	41,546	830,920	13,891	7,037	1,086	3
Belfast ..	2 0	77,860	1,557,200	..	10,254	492	2
Bellarine ..	2 0	59,407	1,188,140	959	9,037	1,231	..
Benalla ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	199,145	3,982,900	23,282	25,576	2,125	..
Berwick ..	2 3 <i>b</i>	149,087	2,981,740	4,984	24,851	3,231	..
Bet Bet ..	2 0	40,147	802,940	10,881	7,107	1,138	..
Birchip ..	1 6	48,899	977,980	812	5,976	406	..
Bright ..	2 3	46,637	932,740	6,754	9,272	1,220	..
Broadford ..	2 0	26,087	521,740	3,375	4,151	451	..
Broadmeadows ..	2 0	164,419	3,288,380	20,410	22,000	1,858	..
Bulla ..	2 0	41,995	839,900	7,098	5,295	434	1
Buln Buln ..	2 6	92,827	1,856,540	914	20,763	1,815	..
Bungaree ..	2 0	33,415	668,300	1,137 <i>d</i>	4,557	578	1
Buninyong ..	2 3	58,602	1,172,040	948	8,689	1,211	..
Charlton ..	1 8 <i>b</i>	81,032	1,620,640	1,294	11,979	608	40
Chiltern ..	1 9	34,833	696,660	251	5,030	544	6
Cohuna ..	2 0	56,838	1,136,760	2,840	10,657	837	..
Colac ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	222,606	4,452,120	10,126 <i>e</i>	25,918	1,908	2
Corio ..	2 3	152,194	3,043,880	54,346 <i>f</i>	34,035	1,023	..
Cranbourne ..	2 6 <i>b</i>	112,660	2,253,200	11,755	20,428	1,858	..
Creswick ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	69,130	1,382,600	2,550	11,908	1,219	3
Dandenong ..	<i>a</i> 5-14	194,408	3,605,220	128,378 <i>g</i>	49,416	3,329	12
Deakin ..	1 6	92,997	1,859,940	607	9,524	1,088	2
Dimboola ..	1 6	171,299	3,425,980	9,852 <i>h</i>	15,274	1,527	..
Donald ..	1 9	88,455	1,769,100	3,405	11,612	792	..
Doncaster and Templestowe	2 3	57,307	1,146,140	200	8,437	986	..
Dundas ..	2 1	142,369	2,847,380	..	18,907	895	..
Dunmunkle ..	1 9	156,992	3,139,840	9,038	21,962	1,178	2
East Loddon ..	1 6	63,581	1,271,620	..	5,531	425	13
Eltham ..	2 6 <i>b</i>	67,286	1,345,720	9,083	12,901	1,947	..
Eroa ..	2 3 <i>b</i>	88,962	1,779,240	13,384	14,703	1,038	..
Fern Tree Gully	3 0	185,327	3,706,540	55,315	40,495	4,985	200
Flinders ..	2 9	128,134	2,562,680	9,869	27,776	2,833	..

*a* Levied on unimproved value of land.

*b* Differential general rates levied.

*c* Including £2,167 due by Shire of Phillip Island.

*d* Including £282 due by City of Ballarat.

*e* Including £5,029 due by Borough of Colac.

*f* Including £6,436 due by City of Geelong West.

*g* Including £630 due by City of Chelsea.

*h* Excluding £218 due to Shire of Karkaroc.

## VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1945-46—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1946.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Frankston and Hastings ..	2 9	176,757	3,555,140	45,758	42,444	2,974	..
Gisborne ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	42,313	846,260	2,682	5,753	665	..
Glencig ..	2 4	157,337	3,146,740	20,603	26,257	1,382	6
Glenlyon ..	2 0	43,639	872,780	2,095	6,837	944	2
Gordon ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	105,157	2,103,140	3,460	12,091	810	31
Goulburn ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	46,925	938,500	2,441	5,482	509	2
Grenville ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	54,420	1,088,400	1,234	7,107	779	..
Hampden ..	2 0	307,191	6,143,820	828	45,307	2,719	..
Healesville ..	3 0	48,981	979,620	12,549	13,791	938	..
Heytesbury ..	2 3	130,363	2,607,260	3,420	20,549	1,325	..
Huntly ..	1 9	55,703	1,114,060	4,476	6,190	891	..
Kaniva ..	1 9	87,319	1,746,380	6,558	10,184	599	..
Kara Kara ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	107,154	2,143,080	2,118	9,003	662	..
Karkaroc ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	123,439	2,468,780	3,443 <i>c</i>	17,760	1,370	25
Keilor ..	1 9	71,919	1,438,380	3,150	10,959	771	1
Kerang ..	2 0	175,341	3,506,820	35,620	22,466	2,140	..
Kilmore ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	24,597	491,940	8,868	4,225	452	..
Korong ..	1 9	94,298	1,885,960	11,521	10,664	1,162	5
Korumburra ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	124,317	2,486,340	1,098	20,806	1,830	..
Kowree ..	2 0	144,229	2,884,580	..	17,758	934	1
Kyneton ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	98,056	1,961,120	11,394	18,736	1,839	10
Leigh ..	1 9	58,928	1,178,560	..	5,436	358	35
Lexton ..	1 9	44,616	892,320	..	5,943	425	10
Lillydale ..	2 6 <i>b</i>	177,750	3,555,000	35,215 <i>d</i>	30,177	3,719	..
Lowan ..	1 7 <i>b</i>	133,192	2,663,840	2,681	14,399	990	..
Maffra ..	2 0	131,732	2,634,640	2,364	19,585	1,495	..
Maldon ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	35,980	719,600	..	4,389	723	..
Mansfield ..	2 4 <i>b</i>	91,987	1,839,740	5,198	13,301	1,033	..
Marong ..	1 6	99,286	1,985,720	2,376	10,533	1,379	10
Melton ..	1 9	43,847	876,940	3,109	4,659	365	..
Metcalfe ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	45,929	918,580	..	5,690	732	10
Mildura ..	1 9	244,386	4,887,720	25,484 <i>e</i>	30,277	4,437	..
Minbamite ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	85,308	1,706,160	..	10,034	517	..
Mirboo ..	3 0	31,015	620,300	6,058	8,302	399	..
Mornington ..	2 6	78,077	1,561,540	7,541	12,792	1,071	10
Mortlake ..	1 6	187,029	3,740,580	..	19,261	839	..
Morwell ..	2 0	103,643	2,072,860	6,179	17,893	2,607	4
Mount Rouse ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	106,094	2,121,880	..	12,277	617	..
Mulgrave ..	2 6	81,221	1,624,430	22,288	16,065	1,016	..
Melvior ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	63,355	1,267,100	5,745	9,884	770	8
Narracan ..	2 3	118,935	2,378,700	5,404	17,505	2,524	3
Newham and Woodend ..	2 0	36,370	727,400	..	5,291	582	..
Newstead and Mt. Alexander ..	2 0	27,621	552,420	222	4,371	696	..
Numurkah ..	1 6	140,002	2,800,040	11,681	15,734	1,550	..
Omoo ..	2 3	52,225	1,044,500	920	8,792	679	25
Orbost ..	2 3	78,947	1,578,940	20,753	13,029	1,337	..
Otway ..	3 0	47,650	953,000	..	13,405	1,040	3

*b* Differential general rates levied.

*c* Including £218 due by Shire of Dimboola.

*d* Including £304 due by Borough of Ringwood.

*e* Including £1,274 due by City of Mildura.

## VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1945-46—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1946.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Oxley ..	2 0	76,324	1,526,480	2,821	11,838	1,118	..
Phillip Island ..	2 6	22,010	440,200	14,066c	5,312	292	..
Portland ..	2 0	116,885	2,337,700	..	16,017	1,561	4
Pyalong ..	2 0	27,558	551,160	..	3,266	183	..
Ripon ..	1 6	101,214	2,024,280	9,894	11,533	954	..
Rochester ..	1 6	186,206	3,724,120	2,039	18,298	1,548	..
Rodney ..	2 0	192,130	3,842,600	26,793	29,489	2,268	..
Romsey ..	2 0	64,079	1,281,580	4,301	8,051	822	..
Rosedale ..	0 1½a	134,456	2,646,660	10	11,192	1,079	27
Rutherglen ..	1 10 b	59,096	1,181,920	5,903	8,715	790	..
Seymour ..	1 6 b	75,336	1,506,720	19,030	13,960	1,103	1
Shepparton ..	2 0 b	142,817	2,856,340	9,058d	23,132	1,850	2
South Barwon ..	2 3 b	74,800	1,496,000	34,867	13,892	1,654	..
South Gippsland ..	2 9	67,460	1,349,200	12,017	13,998	1,179	..
Stawell ..	2 0	79,271	1,585,420	3,500	8,938	888	..
Strathfieldsaye ..	1 9	38,597	771,940	..	7,582	939	10
Swan Hill ..	1 6	164,874	3,297,480	42,608e	29,627	2,778	20
Talbot ..	2 0	28,321	566,420	249	3,897	365	5
Tambo ..	2 3	57,981	1,159,620	1,700	9,009	1,078	..
Towong ..	2 0	97,453	1,949,060	..	11,491	1,178	..
Traralgon ..	2 0 b	78,017	1,560,340	27,781	16,417	1,182	..
Tullaroop ..	1 9	42,067	841,340	..	5,558	562	5
Tungamah ..	1 6	130,188	2,603,760	10,702	13,276	1,190	3
Upper Murray ..	1 9	69,817	1,396,340	5,343	8,064	606	..
Upper Yarra ..	3 0	53,538	1,070,760	1,519	12,492	1,323	7
Vollet Town ..	2 0	50,563	1,011,260	1,061	6,200	467	2
Walpeup ..	1 10 b	93,915	1,878,300	24,818	10,768	1,595	50
Wangaratta ..	1 9 b	56,243	1,124,860	713	5,579	597	..
Wannon ..	1 9	133,323	2,666,460	..	14,350	889	..
Waranga ..	1 9 b	102,196	2,043,920	989	17,878	1,363	..
Warracknabeal ..	1 9 b	155,307	3,106,140	23,123	20,303	1,381	9
Warragul ..	2 6	122,387	2,447,740	16,574	19,773	1,485	..
Warrnambool ..	1 7 b	269,207	5,384,140	..	35,605	1,892	..
Werribee ..	2 0 b	128,796	2,575,920	31,732	27,535	2,018	..
Whittlesea ..	2 0 b	75,383	1,507,660	1,120	10,867	913	..
Wimmera ..	1 9	139,070	2,781,400	1,578	14,449	982	7
Winchelsea ..	2 0 b	109,615	2,192,300	2,576	18,048	1,010	..
Wodonga ..	2 3	47,298	945,960	15,625	12,431	973	..
Woorayl ..	2 9	114,814	2,296,280	10,108	22,619	1,573	..
Wycheproof ..	1 6	146,851	2,937,020	41,052f	16,000	1,418	..
Yackandandah ..	2 0	57,716	1,154,320	..	7,732	717	..
Yarrowonga ..	1 11 b	69,294	1,385,880	34,494	13,436	851	..
Yea ..	0 2½a	62,573	1,220,730	1,130	10,326	846	3
Total Municipalities outside Greater Melbourne	..	15,916,355	317,659,150	2,121,729	2,569,880	226,464	688
Total—Victoria	..	38,771,464	748,032,690	10,300,573	6,214,292	520,843	731

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Excluding £2,167 due to Shire of Bass.

d Including £584 due by Borough of Shepparton.

e Including £788 due by Shire of Wycheproof, and £23,840 due by Borough of Swan Hill.

f Excluding £788 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, 1946, 15 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 1945-46.

VICTORIA—RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES, 1945-46.

Municipality.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Unimproved Capital Value.	Net Annual Value (excluding Special Rateable Properties).	Amount of Rate in the £ on Unimproved Capital Value.	Equivalent Rate on Net Annual Value.	Amount Collectable in 1945-46 on Unimproved Capital Value.	Unimproved Capital Value to Capital Improved Value.
<i>Cities.</i>	£	£	£	<i>d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	%
<b>IN GREATER MELBOURNE.</b>							
Brunswick ..	11,144,000	3,051,250	727,611	7	2 5	88,995	27·38
Camberwell ..	25,312,880	7,883,995	1,477,412	4½	2 0	147,825	31·15
Caulfield ..	23,340,690	6,329,448	1,271,370	4½	1 10	118,677	27·12
Chelsea .. ..	1,755,650	598,426	106,219	6½	2 11	15,584	34·09
Coburg .. ..	9,053,360	2,753,246	525,367	6	2 7	68,831	30·41
Essendon ..	11,916,860	3,683,567	746,709	6	2 5	92,089	30·91
Mordialloc ..	3,223,750	1,201,355	170,877	4¾	2 9	23,777	37·27
Oakleigh ..	3,097,690	972,474	185,071	6½	2 9	25,325	31·39
Sandringham ..	6,796,520	2,348,715	367,121	5	2 8	48,932	34·56
<b>OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.</b>							
Hamilton Town ..	1,765,720	626,176	87,741	5	3 0	13,045	35·46
Newtown and Chilwell Town ..	2,731,680	728,761	142,236	5½	2 4	16,701	26·68
Portland Borough	866,250	270,748	50,476	6	2 8	6,769	31·25
Dandenong Shire ..	3,605,220	1,394,203	193,513	5·14	3 0	29,859	38·67
Rosedale " ..	2,646,660	1,305,308	134,342	1½	1 2	8,158	49·32
Yea " ..	1,220,730	573,563	62,573	2½	1 11	5,975	46·99



**Municipal  
revenue and  
expenditure.**

The following table summarizes for the year ended 30th September, 1946, the revenue and expenditure of municipalities in Victoria under the headings of General Account and Business Undertakings. The transactions of the General Account are presented 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, 1945-46.**

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..	823,319	2,821,093	2,569,880	6,214,292	851,272	2,919,509	2,751,201	6,521,982
Business Undertakings—								
Electric Light	942,224	1,083,227	308,484	2,333,935	945,164	1,044,753	276,346	2,266,263
Gasworks ..	..	85,815	49,741	135,556	..	100,453	50,465	150,918
Waterworks ..	..	1,692	55,311	57,003	..	1,801	53,763	55,564
Abattoirs ..	78,920	20,422	27,368	126,710	107,726	19,854	31,180	158,760
Quarries ..	..	4,973	3,983	8,956	..	6,169	5,091	11,260
Hydraulic Power	18,989	..	..	18,989	16,629	..	..	16,629
Railway ..	..	..	10,018	10,018	..	..	9,336	9,336
Total ..	1,863,452	4,017,222	3,024,785	8,905,459	1,920,791	4,092,539	3,177,382	9,190,712

**General  
Account.**

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 receipts during the year ended 30th September, 1946, are given below:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS,  
1945-46.

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
<b>Rates—</b>				
General and Extra .. ..	512,977	2,001,402	1,750,150	4,264,529
Other .. ..	..	169	1,661	1,830
Interest on overdue rates .. ..	1,144	8,008	13,841	22,993
<b>Licences and Registration Fees—</b>				
Dog .. ..	730	16,075	24,546	41,351
Health, Dairy, Slaughtering, and Noxious Trades .. ..	1,222	1,948	5,060	8,230
Hackney Carriages .. ..	..	28	716	744
Petrol Pump .. ..	143	1,512	1,365	3,020
Dancing Saloon .. ..	45	31	9	85
Other .. ..	5	42	627	674
<b>Total Taxation .. ..</b>	<b>516,266</b>	<b>2,029,215</b>	<b>1,797,975</b>	<b>4,343,456</b>
<b>Public Works and Services—</b>				
<b>Health—</b>				
Sanitary and Garbage .. ..	14,140	33,489	147,925	195,554
Infectious Diseases Patients' contributions .. ..	..	..	1,176	1,176
Other .. ..	1,476	8,327	6,659	16,462
<b>Council Properties—</b>				
Markets .. ..	96,989	14,851	33,934	145,774
Halls .. ..	13,893	32,146	36,152	82,191
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities .. ..	28,708	42,931	24,409	96,048
Weighbridges .. ..	5,415	575	7,096	13,086
Sale of Materials .. ..	2,100	10,238	20,781	33,119
Plant Hire .. ..	..	2,039	76,179	78,218
Grazing Fees .. ..	..	11	6,608	6,619
Pounds .. ..	88	565	4,241	4,894
Other .. ..	37,828	36,871	59,548	134,247
Contributions for Road and Pavement Works .. ..	8,902	71,502	44,328	124,732
<b>Other Services—</b>				
Car Parking .. ..	17,239	1,572	..	18,811
Sheep Dipping .. ..	..	..	1,625	1,625
Building Fees .. ..	1,118	19,690	11,268	32,076
Other .. ..	..	25,297	2,986	28,283
<b>Total Public Works and Services .. ..</b>	<b>227,896</b>	<b>300,104</b>	<b>484,915</b>	<b>1,012,915</b>

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS,  
1945-46—continued.

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
Miscellaneous—	£	£	£	£
Police Court Fines .. ..	6,539	5,207	3,344	15,090
Interest on Investments .. ..	..	19,529	8,925	28,454
Supervision of Private Streets .. ..	..	1,042	303	1,345
Other .. ..	2,620	12,033	22,484	37,137
Total Miscellaneous .. ..	9,159	37,811	35,056	82,026
Transfers from Business Undertakings (excluding Loan Recoups and Administration Refunds) .. ..	50,000	141,963	20,392	212,355
Government Grants—				
Roads .. ..	7,619	38,863	29,068	75,550
Parks, Gardens, &c. .. ..	..	674	7,949	8,623
River Works .. ..	..	..	1,413	1,413
Infectious Diseases Treatment .. ..	..	..	17,592	17,592
Infant Welfare Centres .. ..	1,216	13,871	13,423	28,510
Licences Equivalent .. ..	8,716	13,265	37,002	58,983
Vermin Destruction .. ..	..	..	1,517	1,517
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board Surplus .. ..	2,250	46,956	330	49,536
Sustenance, and Administration .. ..	..	451	1,276	1,727
Other .. ..	197	4,852	5,345	10,394
Total Government Grants .. ..	19,998	118,932	114,915	253,845
Trust Receipts—				
Refunds of Advances .. ..	..	30,709	21,019	51,728
Contractors' Deposits .. ..	..	21,297	16,673	37,970
Other .. ..	..	141,062	78,935	219,997
Total Trust Receipts .. ..	..	193,068	116,627	309,695
Grand Total .. ..	823,319	2,821,093	2,569,880	6,214,292

Of the total General Account receipts (excluding sustenance, &c., and trust items) during 1945-46, 73·6 per cent. was derived from taxation (72·7 per cent. from rates and 0·9 per cent. from licences and registration fees); 17·2 per cent. from public works and services; 3·6 per cent. from transfers from business undertakings; 4·2 per cent. from Government Grants; and 1·4 per cent. from other

sources. The total amount collected from taxation (£4,343,456) was equivalent to £2 3s. Od. per head of population or to £6 8s. 11d. per distinct ratepayer.

Details of the principal items of expenditure from the General Account during the year ended 30th September, 1946, are set out hereunder :—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT, EXPENDITURE, 1945-46.

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
General Administration (including Pay Roll Tax)* .. ..	99,786	302,674	394,756	797,216
Debt Services—				
Redemption of Loans .. ..	..	279,890	139,339	419,229
Sinking Fund Instalments .. ..	47,713	2,155	1,818	51,686
Interest on Loans .. ..	115,439	157,569	69,244	342,252
Interest on Overdrafts .. ..	6,046	4,163	8,849	19,058
Payments to Municipalities on account of severance adjustments .. ..	..	778	5,603	6,381
Other .. ..	322	60	126	508
Total Debt Services .. ..	169,520	444,615	224,979	839,114
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Administration .. ..	10,089	23,847	36,042	69,978
Sanitary and Garbage .. ..	47,858	204,392	152,271	404,521
Statutory Contributions—				
Queen's Memorial Infectious Diseases Hospital .. ..	11,522	38,911	3,238	53,671
Infant Welfare Centres .. ..	4,368	42,730	30,498	77,596
Infectious Diseases—				
Maintenance and Treatment .. ..	..	..	17,661	17,661
Furniture and Equipment .. ..	..	..	416	416
Building .. ..	..	..	9,406	9,406
Other .. ..	10,520	17,252	6,231	34,003
Council Properties—				
Markets .. ..	54,966	7,390	23,450	85,806
Halls .. ..	33,701	60,295	29,447	123,443
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities .. ..	121,806	254,164	111,945	487,915
Weighbridges .. ..	1,987	415	5,122	7,524
Grazing Expenses .. ..	..	..	5,865	5,865
Pounds .. ..	56	2,262	6,668	8,986
Other Council Properties .. ..	9,977	79,111	57,601	146,689

\* For details see page 298.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENDITURE,  
1945-46—continued.

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Public Works and Services— <i>continued—</i>				
Plant, Furniture, and Equipment .. ..	17,619	77,962	172,096	267,677
Roads, Streets, Footpaths, and Bridges—				
Construction, Maintenance, Cleaning, and Watering ..	154,680	843,017	1,051,717	2,049,414
Lighting .. ..	1,572	108,024	67,922	177,518
Other Works and Services—				
Car Parking .. ..	22,171	1,032	63	23,266
Sheep Dipping .. ..	..	..	1,374	1,374
River Works .. ..	..	..	1,244	1,244
Vermin Destruction .. ..	..	..	2,643	2,643
National Emergency .. ..	..	5,171	665	5,836
Other .. ..	..	16,713	5,831	22,544
Total Public Works and Services .. ..	502,892	1,782,688	1,799,416	4,084,996
Grants and Contributions—				
Country Roads Board .. ..	..	6,968	113,577	120,545
Fire Brigades .. ..	16,843	57,037	31,811	105,691
Hospitals, Ambulances, and other Charities .. ..	9,155	31,486	26,053	66,694
Other .. ..	48,692	93,974	32,208	174,874
Total Grants and Contributions .. ..	74,690	189,465	203,649	467,804
Miscellaneous—				
Sustenance, Administration .. ..	..	567	892	1,459
Other .. ..	4,384	10,584	12,489	27,457
Total Miscellaneous .. ..	4,384	11,151	13,381	28,916
Trust Expenditure—				
Advances .. ..	..	42,972	32,637	75,609
Contractors' deposits refunded .. ..	..	10,126	9,639	19,765
Other .. ..	..	135,818	72,744	208,562
Total Trust Expenditure .. ..	..	188,916	115,020	303,936
Grand Total .. ..	851,272	2,919,509	2,751,201	6,521,982

Of the total General Account expenditure (excluding sustenance, &c., and trust items) in 1945-46, 12·8 per cent. was for administration; 13·5 per cent. for debt services; 10·8 per cent. for health services; 7·9 per cent. for parks, gardens, &c.; 35·8 per cent. for roads, streets, &c.; 11·3 per cent. for other public works and services; 7·5 per cent. for grants and contributions; and 0·4 per cent. for miscellaneous items.

Particulars of the principal items of expenditure during the year ended 30th September, 1946, in respect of general municipal administration are given in the appended statement. In considering the cost of administration, it must be borne in mind that the municipalities are not recouped for any administrative cost incurred in the supervision of work on main roads, &c., for the Country Roads Board.

VICTORIA—COST OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION,  
1945-46.

Heading.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Salaries* .. .. .	78,871	188,040	247,134	514,045
Mayoral and Presidential Allowances .. .. .	2,500	11,693	16,903	31,096
Audit Expenses .. .. .	950	3,013	5,470	9,433
Dog Registration Expenses .. .. .	1,028	3,933	10,872	15,833
Election Expenses .. .. .	809	5,230	3,196	9,235
Insurances .. .. .	3,787	11,358	14,127	29,272
Legal Expenses .. .. .	855	3,234	5,394	9,483
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Postage, Telephone .. .. .	4,454	36,898	56,916	98,268
Pay Roll Tax .. .. .	6,532	27,373	23,059	56,964
Other .. .. .	..	11,902	11,685	23,587
Total .. .. .	99,786	302,674	394,756	797,216

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

In Victoria, in 1945-46, electric light undertakings were operated by 41 municipalities, and there were also eight municipally-owned gasworks. The revenue and expenditure of such undertakings in 1945-46 amounted to £2,469,491 and £2,417,181 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, 1946, thirteen

municipalities had been so constituted. In seven other municipalities the water supply services were being administered in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1928*. An analysis of the authorities controlling water supply in Victoria is given on page 160 of the *Year-Book* for 1939-40.

During 1945-46 the receipts and expenditure of the abovementioned municipal waterworks amounted to £57,003 and £55,564 respectively.

**Other municipal business undertakings.** Quarries, abattoirs, hydraulic power (in the City of Melbourne), and the Kerang-Koondrook railway are other undertakings which are under the control of municipalities in Victoria. In 1945-46, the total revenue on account of these undertakings was £164,673 and the total expenditure amounted to £195,985. In those cases in which the finances of quarries and 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".

A statement relating to the Kerang-Koondrook railway appears in Part "Interchange" of this *Year-Book*.

**Assets and liabilities of Municipalities.** A statement of the assets and liabilities of municipalities for the years 1935-36 to 1939-40 is given on page 340 of the *Year-Book* for 1941-42. Complete particulars for the years subsequent to 1939-40 are not available but details in respect of arrears of rates and loans outstanding are shown hereafter.

**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 distinct ratepayer in the cities, towns, and boroughs and in the shires at the end of each of the four years, 1942-43 to 1945-46.

VICTORIA—ARREARS OF GENERAL AND EXTRA RATES,  
1942-43 TO 1945-46.

Year Ended 30th September—	Arrears of General and Extra Rates—			Arrears per Distinct Ratepayer—		
	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Shires.	All Muni- cipalities.	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Shires.	All Muni- cipalities.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1943 .. ..	133,657	252,218	385,875	0 6 8	0 19 10	0 11 9
1944 .. ..	105,943	208,120	313,063	0 4 9	0 16 5	0 9 6
1945 .. ..	91,596	212,909	304,505	0 4 5	0 16 8	0 9 2
1946 .. ..	75,309	196,933	272,242	0 3 7	0 15 6	0 8 1

**Endowments to municipalities.** A statement relating to the payments from Consolidated Revenue of endowments and subsidies to municipalities from 1874 to 1927-28 appears on page 142 of the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, and for the years 1928-29 and 1929-30 in the *Year-Books* for 1929-30 and 1930-31.

The endowments were last made in respect of the year 1929-30, provision for the discontinuance of such payments in subsequent years having been incorporated in special legislation passed by Parliament. The *Financial Emergency (Grants and Funds) Act* 1945 provided for the non-payment of endowments during 1945-46.

**Number of councillors.** In the municipalities throughout the State, there were, at 30th September, 1946, 2,130 councillors viz., 372 in cities in Greater Melbourne; 306 in cities, towns, and boroughs outside Greater Melbourne; and 1,452 in shires.

**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, and bridges, and the construction or purchase of waterworks, electric light undertakings, gasworks, municipal offices, pounds, abattoirs, workers' dwellings, baths, and pleasure grounds.

The amount of money borrowed at any time for permanent works or undertakings shall not, except so far as it is otherwise expressly enacted, exceed ten times the average income of the municipality for the previous three years from general rates not exceeding 2s. in the £1. In addition, however, 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 four years, 1942-43 to 1945-46. Particulars of loans raised for work in private streets are also excluded.



## VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN RECEIPTS, 1942-43 TO 1945-46.

(Excluding Conversion Loans.)

Year Ended 30th September—	Gross Proceeds of Loans—		Other Receipts.	Total.
	From Government.	From Other Sources.		
	£	£	£	£
1943 .. .. .	644	11,150	221,256	233,050
1944 .. .. .	..	45,700	329,806	375,506
1945 .. .. .	..	43,500	213,706	257,206
1946 .. .. .	4,917	297,489	253,396*	555,802

\* Including, in the City of Melbourne, £248,060 transferred from General, Electric Supply, and Hydraulic Power Accounts.

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, 1942-43 to

1945-46.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN EXPENDITURE,  
1942-43 TO 1945-46.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th September—			
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£
Roads, Streets, and Bridges .. .. .	10,938	11,282	18,287	54,412
Waterworks .. .. .	644	..	..	4,917
Drainage .. .. .	452	..	1,719	2,710
Electric Light Undertakings .. .. .	121,240	79,874	101,943	189,153
Gasworks .. .. .	1,659	3,715	8,057	20,814
Halls .. .. .	..	2,045	1,022	49
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities .. .. .	1,682	1,977	..	7,651
Plant .. .. .	589	230	1,485	17,096
Abattoirs .. .. .	8,918	5,828	10,817	3,981
Markets .. .. .	8,800	1,309	941	5,209
Infant Welfare Centres .. .. .	82	8,047	3,719	2,367
Other Council Properties .. .. .	1,383	2,269	870	4,946
Foreshore Improvements .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Creek Improvements .. .. .	666	..	..	..
Other Purposes .. .. .	4,960	42,350	5,925	16,881
Transfer to Depreciation Fund .. .. .	29,832	..	..	..
Total .. .. .	191,845	158,926	154,735	330,186

At 30th September, 1946, there was a credit balance in loan accounts amounting to £769,871.

**Municipal loan liability.** The loan liability of the municipalities in Victoria at the end of each of the four years, 1942-43 to 1945-46 is given hereunder.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN LIABILITY, 1942-43 TO 1945-46.

At 30th September—	Due to—		Gross Loan Liability.	Accumulated Sinking Funds.	Net Loan Liability.	
	Government.*	Public.			Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.
1943 .. ..	489,743	11,244,459	11,734,202	1,266,721	10,467,481	5 5 5
1944 .. ..	459,333	10,780,023	11,239,356	1,357,853	9,881,503	4 18 9
1945 .. ..	314,063	10,279,103	10,593,166	1,456,322	9,136,844	4 10 8
1946 .. ..	256,310†	10,044,263	10,300,573	1,563,941	8,736,632	4 6 5

\* Excluding liability to Country Roads Board.

† Including £10,817 due under the provisions of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918*, No. 2995.

**Municipal loans outstanding—purposes.** In the *Year-Book* for 1941-42, page 344, particulars are given, as far as available, of the purposes for which municipal loans outstanding at 30th September, 1940, were raised. Similar information for later years is not available.

**Municipal loans outstanding—average rates of interest.** The average rates of interest payable by municipalities on fixed loans and Government loans outstanding at 30th June, 1937 to 1941 are given in a statement in the *Year-Book* for 1941-42, page 345. Corresponding information for subsequent years is not yet available.

**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 on land of the Crown or of any public body, and which 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 forty or, if the council so directs, sixty 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 300.

**Special improvement charges.** For the purpose of carrying out work at the cost of owners of properties in any particular portion of a municipality, the council may make a special improvement charge of an amount sufficient to repay the cost of the work and interest. The charge shall be made and levied rateably in respect of such properties. The council may borrow money on the security of such charge (but not on the security of the municipality) by mortgage or by the issue of debentures.

**Length of roads and streets.** A table showing the estimated length of all roads and streets in the State in the year 1945 was published in the *Year Book* for 1944-45, page 341. Similar information will be published later in respect of the year 1948.

The mileage and type of construction of State Highways in Victoria in 1947 as furnished by the Country Roads Board was as follows:—

#### VICTORIA—LENGTH OF ALL ROADS AND STREETS, 1947.

	Miles.
Portland cement concrete .. .. .	1
Asphaltic concrete and sheet asphalt .. .. .	12
Tar or bitumen surface seal over tar or bitumen penetrated or water-bound pavements .. .. .	1,954
Waterbound macadam, gravel, sand, and hard loam pavements ..	1,036
Total .. .. .	3,003

**Melbourne and Metropolitan Municipal Loans Redemption Fund.** Particulars relating to this Fund, which was established under the provisions of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act* 1918, are given in the *Year-Book* for 1933-34, page 147, and the liabilities and assets of the Fund at its establishment are shown in the *Year-Book* for 1920-21, pages 206 and 207.

The receipts of the Fund during the year 1945-46 amounted to £7,133 being contributions by municipalities. The amount expended from the Fund was £7,133, all of which was used for the redemption of municipal loans.

The total receipts of the Fund to the 30th June, 1946, amounted to £2,119,503. The payments out of the Fund were—redemption of municipal loans, £1,430,866; payment to the Treasury in reduction of municipal liabilities, £604,180; interest, £84,447; and sundries, £10. There was no balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1946.

**Licensing Fund.** During the year 1945-46 a sum of £58,984 was paid out of this Fund to municipalities, as provided by Section 311 of the *Licensing Act* 1928. The payments to cities amounted to £29,997; to towns, £1,611; to boroughs, £6,042; and to shires, £21,334. A statement of the receipts and expenditure of this Fund appears in part "Law, Crime, &c.", of this issue.

**Municipal Officers' 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, 1947, was £1,384, for guarantees amounting to £411,966. The claims paid from January, 1908, the date of the inception of the Fund, to 30th September, 1947, amounted to £6,814. The amount to the credit of the Fund at 30th September, 1947, was £36,404.

### 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 will be found in the *Year-Book* for 1939-40, page 154.

The funds established under the *Country Roads Act* 1928 are the Country Roads Board Fund, the Loan Account, and the Developmental Roads Loan Account.

A statement of the moneys to be credited to the Country Roads Board Fund by Acts of Parliament will be found in the *Year-Book* for 1929-30, page 139. The *Country Roads Board Fund Act* 1930 provides that, on and from 1st July, 1930, the fees previously payable into the Fund shall—

- (a) in the case of fees and moneys received in respect of unused roads and the sale of surplus street lands be paid into the Consolidated Revenue;
- (b) in the case of fees received in respect of water frontages be paid into the "Rivers and Streams Fund".

The *Country Roads Board Fund Act 1945* provides that, for the year 1946-47, all fees (other than fees for licences to drive motor cars) 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, and that the annual payment into the Fund of the amount of £50,000 from Consolidated Revenue shall be suspended.

The receipts and expenditure of the Fund for each of the five years, 1942-43 to 1946-47, were as follows:—

**VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD FUND—  
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.**

	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
<i>Receipts.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Payments by Municipalities ..	244,756	225,653	241,764	264,506	276,477
Fees, Motor Car Act ..	1,248,426	1,344,524	1,395,225	1,558,480	1,762,795
Fees and Registration of Traction Engines ..	345	328	321	360	477
Fees, Motor Omnibus Act ..	14	50	..	..	..
Stores and Materials ..	286,366	270,121	254,450	214,569	411,750
Hire of Plant ..	58,627	104,333	108,647	98,782	181,936
Other Receipts (advance from Public Account for unemployment relief and other works, &c.)	272,639	223,909	125,315	172,867	205,527
Total .. .. .	2,110,573	2,168,918	2,125,722	2,309,564	2,838,962
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Maintenance and reconditioning of main roads, State highways, tourists' roads, and Forest roads	519,033	645,640	733,697	829,084	1,412,029
Relief to Municipalities ..	221,040	221,040	221,040	221,040	220,704
Interest and Sinking Fund ..	110,258	108,604	106,975	106,413	105,547
Recoup to Revenue (Interest, Sinking Fund, &c.) ..	343,469	343,069	341,358	337,193	319,561
Plant, Stores, and Materials ..	445,614	336,844	314,686	479,370	817,797
Other Expenditure (including administration) ..	292,919	292,553	189,093	325,988	374,560
Total .. .. .	1,932,333	1,947,750	1,906,849	2,299,088	3,250,198

The balance to the credit of the Fund at 30th June, 1947, was £644,626.

Money received from the issue of stock or debentures under the authority of section 32 of the *Country Roads Act 1928* is placed to the credit of the Loan Account, which is debited with all payments made towards the cost of permanent road works. Receipts from State Loans Repayment Fund were £10,006. Payments for Permanent Works amounted to £9,979. The balance to the credit of the Loan Account at 30th June, 1947 was £27.

The Developmental Roads Loan Account is credited with money received from stock and debentures issued under the authority of Section 85 of the *Country Roads Act 1928* and is debited with expenditure in connexion with the construction of developmental roads. During 1946-47 there were no transactions owing to the funds having been exhausted in previous years.

The following is a summary of the total expenditure by the Board on road construction during each of the five years, 1942-43 to 1946-47:—

VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD—EXPENDITURE  
ON ROADS, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£	£	£	£	£
State Highways*—					
Maintenance and reconditioning	203,964	240,729	251,048	261,956	597,180
Main Roads*—					
Construction .. .. .	5,707	23,022	43,794	40,948	95,168
Maintenance .. .. .	323,837	399,866	490,706	550,170	905,344
Total Main Roads ..	329,544	422,888	534,500	591,118	1,000,512
Developmental Roads*—					
Construction, &c. .. ..	88,920	94,526	153,081	148,588	252,946
Unemployment Relief .. ..	20	..	..	..	..
Tourists' Roads*—					
Construction, &c. .. ..	27,880	44,479	30,487	53,786	96,302
Forests roads—					
Maintenance .. .. .	..	..	..	8,021	19,770
Murray River Bridges and Punts—					
Maintenance .. .. .	2,555	3,635	4,115	7,623	4,630
Roads adjoining Commonwealth					
Areas .. .. .	5,407	1,572	3,598	381	4,888
Commonwealth Defence Works					
Unemployment Relief .. ..	9,443	5,106	1	..	..
Commonwealth Defence Works					
(Northern Territory) Construction, &c. .. ..	670,102	894,436	751,341	6,758	..
Outer Metropolitan Roads Permanent Works—					
Swan-street Bridge .. ..	..	..	..	..	9,979
Commonwealth Defence Works					
(Allied Works Council) .. ..	43,842	20,991	Cr. 25,962	Cr. 14,072	..
Total .. .. .	1,381,677	1,728,362	1,702,209	1,064,159	1,986,207

\* Including amounts contributed by the Commonwealth Government under the provisions of the Federal Aid Roads Act.

### HARBOR TRUSTS.

The Port of Melbourne is under the control of this Melbourne Harbor Trust. 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 1943 to 1947. The loan indebtedness as at the end of each of the five years is also shown.

## MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1943 TO 1947.

Heading.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>REVENUE.</b>					
Wharfage and Tonnage Rates ..	621,735	631,084	662,990	701,591	819,425
Rents .. .. .	48,144	53,521	54,553	58,184	57,760
Interest .. .. .	8,127	6,483	11,887	10,079	7,773
Other Revenue .. .. .	277,946	205,298	188,185	191,183	228,498
	955,952	896,386	917,565	961,037	1,113,456
<i>Less</i> Statutory Payments to—					
Consolidated Revenue ..	145,043	130,218	136,598	144,318	167,851
Geelong Harbor Trust ..	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Total .. .. .	795,909	751,168	765,967	801,719	930,605
<b>REVENUE EXPENDITURE.</b>					
General Management and Expenses	62,370	50,550	53,877	69,386	66,732
Flotation and Redemption of Loans					
Expenses .. .. .	3,825	3,825	3,619	3,519	2,918
Operating Expenses .. .. .	116,792	113,759	119,030	122,354	144,830
Maintenance—					
Dredging .. .. .	110,527	108,705	106,220	129,856	96,657
Harbor .. .. .	3,240	3,350	4,372	5,595	7,557
Wharves .. .. .	48,216	56,315	60,257	71,191	69,387
Approaches .. .. .	5,100	3,452	4,091	5,876	5,906
Railways .. .. .	2,827	2,927	4,575	15,303	4,372
Other Properties .. .. .	4,756	4,472	6,569	5,040	4,201
Interest on Loans and Exchange..	190,754	189,530	184,591	183,420	175,075
Depreciation, Renewals, and Insurance Account .. .. .	115,799	127,875	130,062	129,200	123,940
Sinking Fund .. .. .	54,462	55,576	56,695	57,951	59,491
Total .. .. .	718,668	720,336	733,958	798,691	761,666
Surplus on Revenue Account ..	77,241	30,832	32,009	3,028	168,939
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.</b>					
Land and Property .. .. .	2,090	430	5,848	228	12,791
Deepening Waterways .. .. .	39,887	59,871	66,764	47,962	90,098
Wharves Construction .. .. .	60,244	40,397	37,271	49,248	51,998
Approaches Construction .. .. .	13,008	11,548	5,063	5,049	7,207
Other Harbor Improvements ..	664	1,771	1,043	9,031	31,878
Floating and General Plant ..	114,669	89,596	68,275	291,882	181,672
Total .. .. .	230,562	203,613	184,264	403,400	375,704
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness* .. .. .	4,123,821	4,043,046	4,008,151	3,973,100	3,937,709
Sinking Fund .. .. .	188,101	208,901	239,022	268,077	298,016
Net Indebtedness .. .. .	3,935,720	3,834,145	3,769,129	3,705,023	3,639,693

\* Excluding bank overdraft as follows:—£97,924 in 1943; £75,197 in 1944; Nil in 1945; £163,497 in 1946; and £143,066 in 1947.

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 1943 to 1947. Capital expenditure during, and loan indebtedness at end of, each of the five years is also shown.

**GEELONG HARBOR TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1943 TO 1947.**

Heading.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>REVENUE.</b>					
Wharfage, Tonnage, and Special Berth Rates .. .. .	30,870	32,803	48,929	57,894	64,647
Rents, Fees, and Licences .. .. .	7,020	6,855	6,886	6,265	6,095
Freezing Works and Abattoirs .. .. .	17,580	19,329	21,109	18,467	18,259
Contribution by Melbourne Harbor Trust .. .. .	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Other Revenue .. .. .	6,810	5,575	6,701	8,011	12,632
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>77,280</b>	<b>79,562</b>	<b>98,625</b>	<b>105,637</b>	<b>116,633</b>
<b>REVENUE EXPENDITURE.</b>					
Management Expenses .. .. .	14,581	13,238	14,122	16,214	24,089
Maintenance—					
Wharves and Approaches .. .. .	2,144	2,136	3,335	2,577	3,458
Harbor .. .. .	7,873	3,820	3,294	2,632	3,020
Floating Plant .. .. .	1,091	3,238	5,062	5,906	2,485
Other .. .. .	2,811	2,250	3,075	2,244	3,314
Interest on Loans .. .. .	17,900	16,525	15,168	14,969	14,033
Sinking Fund .. .. .	3,921	3,855	3,853	3,846	3,844
Freezing Works and Abattoirs .. .. .	7,743	8,623	8,388	9,484	8,996
Depreciation Reserve Account .. .. .	25,264	22,875	22,202	22,296	19,567
Miscellaneous .. .. .	643	533	685	1,105	4,809
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>83,971</b>	<b>77,093</b>	<b>79,184</b>	<b>81,273</b>	<b>87,615</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.</b>					
Floating Plant .. .. .			13	16,814	32,677
Land and Property .. .. .	3,367	4,060	11,212	5,430	5,708
Deepening Waterways .. .. .					9,631
Wharves and Approaches .. .. .		1,605	849	1,909	3,373
Other .. .. .	351	107	1,577	3,354	2,302
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>3,718</b>	<b>5,772</b>	<b>13,651</b>	<b>27,507</b>	<b>53,691</b>
<b>At 31st December—</b>					
Loan Indebtedness .. .. .	546,657	536,734	533,193	529,087	525,403
Sinking Fund .. .. .	46,186	51,771	57,528	63,472	69,613
<b>Net Indebtedness .. .. .</b>	<b>500,471</b>	<b>484,963</b>	<b>475,665</b>	<b>465,615</b>	<b>455,790</b>



**WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITIES.**

A statement showing the names of the authorities which controlled water supply for domestic purposes in Victoria in 1940 is given in the *Year-Book* for 1939-40, page 160.

**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 48 members, including the chairman, who is elected every four years by the other members, and is eligible for re-election. The other forty-seven 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.

**Area under  
Board's  
control at 30th  
June, 1947.**

All land within a radius of 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 certain portions of the Shires of Eltham, Doncaster, and Templestowe, and Dandenong (all of which portions are outside such radius) but excluding a portion of the Shire of Werribee within such radius are included in the metropolis for water supply, sewerage, and drainage and river improvement purposes. This territory has an area of 443 square miles and comprises 27 cities and parts of one other city and 10 shires.

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

The Board is empowered to borrow £29,750,000, 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 £26,036,165 on 30th June, 1947. The Board was at that date empowered to borrow £6,103,769 before reaching the limit of its borrowing powers.

The following is a statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Board during each of the five years, 1942-43 to 1946-47.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—  
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

Heads of Revenue and Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£	£	£	£	£
	REVENUE.				
Water Supply—					
Water Rates and Charges (including Revenue from water supplied by measure) ..	1,093,580	1,125,150	1,133,575	1,033,524	1,086,847
Sewerage—					
Sewerage Rates .. .. .	1,155,897	1,168,477	1,082,944	1,101,311	1,113,423
Sanitary Charges .. .. .	24,177	27,211	24,384	26,643	24,972
Metropolitan Farm—					
Grazing Fees, Rents, Pastures, &c.	9,748	7,138	6,251	2,799	1,168
Balance Live Stock Account ..	54,628	52,464	60,132	42,512	60,464
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers—					
Drainage and River Improvement Rate .. .. .	92,629	93,728	93,523	95,684	97,257
River Water Charges .. .. .	9,183	9,033	6,285	7,032	5,816
Total .. .. .	2,439,842	2,483,201	2,407,094	2,309,505	2,389,947
	REVENUE EXPENDITURE.				
Water Supply—					
Management and Incidental Expenses .. .. .	64,666	74,560	88,670	107,792	122,672
Maintenance .. .. .	137,329	164,613	171,304	252,138	392,799
Sewerage—					
Management and Incidental Expenses .. .. .	71,781	82,085	93,637	109,094	134,099
Maintenance .. .. .	108,020	112,980	106,747	118,032	130,116
Metropolitan Farm—					
Administrative Expenses .. .. .	1,167	1,340	1,778	3,239	4,156
Maintenance .. .. .	68,921	81,460	86,720	102,418	122,208
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers—					
Management and Incidental Expenses .. .. .	4,733	5,806	5,294	5,984	6,507
Maintenance .. .. .	13,570	16,728	16,242	19,390	22,971
Pensions and Allowances .. .. .	10,143	15,750	15,326	13,982	25,928
Discount and Expenses re Loans ..	2,852	5,083	1,683	486	1,598
Interest on Overdraft .. .. .	1,017	224	..	..	..
Interest on Loans .. .. .	1,300,752	1,215,778	1,225,172	1,216,327	1,189,685
Exchange .. .. .	46,413	46,411	46,413	46,796	46,413
Contribution to—					
Sinking Fund .. .. .	65,283	65,073	64,928	64,928	65,090
Renewals Fund .. .. .	240,479	240,421	190,810	190,834	192,063
Superannuation Accounts .. .. .	16,018	15,461	15,203	15,130	16,887
Insurance Account .. .. .	25,430	25,000	..	..	..
Rates Equalization Reserve .. .. .	..	75,000	75,000	..	..
General Reserve .. .. .	200,000	..	..	..	..
Exchange Reserve .. .. .	..	51,000	51,000	51,000	51,000
Deferred Maintenance Reserve ..	..	75,000	..	..	..
Reserve for Provision, Maintenance and Renewals of					
Water Services .. .. .	..	..	100,000	..	..
Depreciation .. .. .	80,000	80,590	6,156	2,591	..
Contributions to Municipalities ..	3,860	3,850	3,850	3,850	7,290
Defence Expenses .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Contributions to Patriotic Funds ..	96,609	35,262	23,106	14,803	..
Total .. .. .	2,559,043	2,489,475	2,389,039	2,338,764	2,531,482

**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 on the annual value of the lands and houses served. The water rate levied in the year 1946-47 was 6d. in the £1 on the annual value of the property served. Assessments of £20 and under are charged a minimum rate of 10s. per annum. There is a charge of 1s. per 1,000 gallons for water supplied by meter, with the assessed rate as a minimum. For shipping at Melbourne wharves the charge is 3s. per 1,000 gallons.

**Assessed value of property.** The total annual value of property assessed for water supply purposes and liable to water rates was £22,508,902 in 1945-46 and £23,099,003 in 1946-47.

**Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan waterworks system.** The total cost of the water supply system to 30th June, 1946 and 1947, was as follows:—

	To 30th June.	
	1946.	1947.
	£	£
Original water supply works, tank, pumping station, &c. . . . .	12,505	12,505
Yan Yean System . . . . .	664,033	664,338
Maroondah System . . . . .	1,707,657	1,708,468
O'Shannassy System . . . . .	3,357,884	3,579,487
Service reservoirs . . . . .	623,275	623,672
Large mains . . . . .	3,120,401	3,134,040
Reticulation . . . . .	3,739,294	3,862,261
Afforestation . . . . .	113,786	128,160
Investigations, future works . . . . .	8,506	8,821
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>13,347,341</b>	<b>13,721,752</b>

**The Melbourne and Metropolitan waterworks.** A description of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Waterworks (Yan Yean, Maroondah, and O'Shannassy systems) appears 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, twenty-two service reservoirs (including one at the Metropolitan Farm, Werribee) and three elevated tanks, with a total capacity of 262,200,000 gallons.

**Output of water.**

The total output of water from the various sources of supply in 1945-46 and 1946-47 was as follows:—

	1945-46.	1946-47.
	'000 gals.	'000 gals.
Yan Yean Reservoir .. .. .	1,189,000	2,608,500
Maroondah Reservoir .. .. .	12,876,300	13,332,300
O'Shannassy River and Silvan No. 1 ..	14,551,600	16,141,400
<b>Total Output .. .. .</b>	<b>28,616,900</b>	<b>32,082,200</b>

**Consumption of water in Melbourne and suburbs.**

The total consumption of water amounted to 28,611,000,000 gallons in 1945-46 and 32,092,000,000 gallons in 1946-47 and the average consumption per day was 78·39 million gallons in 1945-46 and 87·92 million gallons in 1946-47. During the year ended 30th June, 1947, the maximum consumption on any one day was 195·9 million gallons on 20th January, and the minimum daily consumption was 51·6 million gallons on 18th August. The highest maximum daily consumption up to 30th June, 1947, of 199,000,000 gallons was recorded on 8th January, 1945.

The following table shows for each of the five years, 1942 to 1946, the daily average consumption of water, and the daily average per head:—

**DAILY AVERAGE QUANTITY OF WATER CONSUMED IN MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.**

(MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS AREA.)

Year.	Properties Supplied with Water at 30th June.	Number of 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.
			Million Gallons.	Gallons.
1942-43 .. .. .	303,536	287,146	91·07	75·57
1943-44 .. .. .	304,649	288,100	95·39	78·87
1944-45 .. .. .	305,730	288,921	96·18	79·24
1945-46* .. .. .	308,731	291,536	78·39	63·95
1946-47 .. .. .	312,735	294,343	87·92	70·82

\* Restrictions on the use of water were in force from 3rd September, 1945, to 6th March, 1946.

NOTE.—Particulars supplied by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.

These figures show that additional properties to the number of 4,004 were supplied with water during the year ended 30th June, 1947.

The Board is empowered to levy a general sewerage rate not exceeding 1s. 2d. in the £1 on the net annual value of properties in sewered areas. The sewerage rate for the year 1946-47 was 1s. in the £1. The total annual value of property in the Board's area in 1946-47 was £23,278,342, of which £22,068,577 was liable to the sewerage rate, the balance being the value of property in unsewered districts.

The receipts from the general sewerage rates and charges in 1946-47 amounted to £1,138,395.

The cost of sewerage works to 30th June, 1946 and 1947 is allocated as follows:—

	To 30th June.	
	1946.	1947.
	£	£
Farm purchase and preparation .. .. .	1,421,947	1,520,123
Treatment works .. .. .	191,675	196,793
Outfall sewers and rising mains .. .. .	536,666	536,475
Pumping stations, buildings, and plant .. .. .	305,177	305,768
Main and Branch sewers .. .. .	3,288,328	3,307,301
Reticulation sewers .. .. .	8,565,637	8,829,360
Cost of house connexions chargeable to capital .. .. .	670,567	670,567
Sanitary depots .. .. .	49,195	44,097
Investigations .. .. .	4,808	7,174
Cost of sewerage system .. .. .	15,034,000	15,417,658

The sewerage system of the metropolis at 30th June, 1947, consisted of the main system and three subsidiary systems:—

- The Main system (serving an area of 63,619 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 846 acres in the Shire of Braybrook, including the township of Sunshine) the sewage from which is pumped to the Main Outfall Sewer.
- The Kew system (serving an area of 90 acres in Kew) the sewage from which drains to a local treatment plant.
- The South Eastern system (serving an area of 1,836 acres in Cheltenham, Parkdale, Mentone, and Mordialloc) the sewage from which drains to the Braeside treatment plant in the Shire of Dandenong.

Main and subsidiary sewerage systems.

The first house was connected in Port Melbourne in August, 1897. On 30th June, 1946 and 1947, the number of buildings for which sewers were provided was 291,536 and 294,343 respectively, and the estimated population served by the system was 1,157,398 at 30th June, 1946, and 1,168,542 at 30th June, 1947.

During the years 1945-46 and 1946-47, the number of new houses erected in the Board's area was 4,434 and 6,414 respectively, and provision was made for the sewerage of 2,615 buildings in 1945-46 and 2,807 in 1946-47.

The following statement shows the progress of sewer connexions to 30th June, 1947:—

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—  
SEWER CONNEXIONS AT 30TH JUNE, 1947.

Municipality.	Number of Buildings for which Sewers were provided at 30th June, 1947,
Box Hill City .. .. .	4,867
Braybrook Shire (part of) .. .. .	2,206
Brighton City .. .. .	10,421
Broadmeadows Shire (part of) .. .. .	678
Brunswick City .. .. .	14,413
Camberwell City .. .. .	19,744
Caulfield City .. .. .	21,471
Coburg City .. .. .	11,647
Collingwood City .. .. .	8,130
Essendon City .. .. .	13,498
Fitzroy City .. .. .	7,904
Footscray City .. .. .	12,905
Hawthorn City .. .. .	10,529
Heidelberg City (part of) .. .. .	7,942
Keilor Shire (part of) .. .. .	395
Kew City .. .. .	7,384
Malvern City .. .. .	13,463
Melbourne City .. .. .	22,499
Moorabbin City .. .. .	5,147
Mordialloc City .. .. .	2,951
Mulgrave Shire .. .. .	15
Northcote City .. .. .	11,720
Nunawading City .. .. .	1,296
Oakleigh City .. .. .	3,630
Port Melbourne City .. .. .	3,707
Prahran City .. .. .	16,605
Preston City .. .. .	10,297
Richmond City .. .. .	10,551
Sandringham City .. .. .	6,391
South Melbourne City .. .. .	10,115
St. Kilda City .. .. .	15,192
Werribee Shire (part of) .. .. .	7
Williamstown City .. .. .	6,623
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>294,343</b>

**Pumping stations.**

At 30th June, 1947, pumping stations had been established at Spotswood, Preston, Sunshine, Box Hill, Black Rock, Braybrook, Mordialloc, Port Melbourne, Prahran, and Kew.

**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, 1947, are as under :—

Total area of farm .. .. .	24,579 acres
Area used for sewage disposal .. .. .	13,658 acres
Rainfall at farm for year .. .. .	16·47 inches
Average rainfall over fifty-three years .. .. .	18·01 inches
Net cost of sewage purification for year per head of population served .. .. .	2s. 0·9d.
Profit on cattle for year .. .. .	£52,284
Profit on sheep for year .. .. .	£8,180
Profit on agistment for year .. .. .	£666

**Disposal of nightsoil 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 1946-47, the working expenses were £7,956, while interest amounted to £1,714, making a total of £9,670. The revenue was £2,511, leaving a deficiency of £7,159.

**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 1946-47 was £23,167,451.

**Cost of drainage and river improvement works.** The total cost of drainage and river improvement works to 30th June, 1947, was £1,908,282.

**Length of main drains.** The classification and length of all main drains under the control of the Board at 30th June, 1947, were as follows :—

Type of Drain.	Miles.	Chains.
Underground drains.. .. .	99	18
Constructed open drains .. .. .	11	60
Natural watercourses and unlined open drains.. .. .	5	61
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>59</b>

### 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 27 square miles, including the City of Ballarat, the Borough of Sebastopol and portions of the Shires of Ballarat, Buninyong, and Bungaree. The estimated population in this area is 45,000. The works comprise six reservoirs, which have a total storage capacity of 2,331,600,000 gallons. The catchment area is 17,545 acres. The Commission supplied water to 13,031 properties of which 8,913 were connected to the sewers.

To 31st December, 1946, the capital cost of construction was £767,332, and the loans outstanding (due to the Government) were £270,444. During 1946 receipts amounted to £114,598 and expenditure to £143,938.

**Water rate.** A Water rate is levied of 1s. in the £1 on the net annual value of all rateable properties, with a minimum of 15s. 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 Commission shall be the Sewerage Authority.

**Sewerage.** The Ballarat Sewerage District embraces the City of Ballarat and portion of the Shire of Ballarat. 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 miles of submains, and 77·9 miles of reticulation. The whole of the works so far completed are 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, 1946, the capital cost of construction including side lines was £511,306, and the loans outstanding at that date were £393,035. The amount outstanding by property owners for sewerage installations was £3,422. During 1946 General Fund receipts amounted to £36,635 and expenditure to £40,398.

**Sewerage Rate.** A General Sewerage Rate is levied of 1s. 6d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all properties within the drainage area which are now or may hereafter become sewered during the period for which such rate is made.

**GEE LONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE TRUST.**

This Trust was constituted on 25th January, 1908. It was reconstituted under the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act in 1910.

The amount of loans which may be raised is limited to £900,000 for water supply, £760,000 for sewerage works, and £270,000 for sewerage installations to properties under deferred payments conditions. The expenditure on these services to 30th June, 1947, was water supply £817,776; sewerage, £660,270, and sewerage installation, £257,897, of which £135 is outstanding. The revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1947, was £68,596 on account of waterworks and £46,662 on account of sewerage. Since 1913 the Trust has appropriated

and set apart sums out of surplus revenues for the creation of a sinking fund to redeem loans. At 30th June, 1947, the amounts so appropriated were: sewerage, £94,675 and water supply £99,106. Of such amounts £170,602 had been used to redeem loans which have matured from time to time.

The population supplied is estimated by the Trust at 53,000. The number of buildings situate within the "Drainage Area" is 13,952; the number within the "Sewered Areas", 12,705, and the number connected with the sewers, 12,699.

**Water supply.** The catchment area of the Moorabool watersheds is about 16,000 acres. There are five storage reservoirs and seven service basins. The total storage capacity of the reservoirs and service basins is 2,738,120,000 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 149 miles of main and reticulation sewers. The sewerage area is 9,571 acres and includes the City of Geelong, the City of Geelong West, the Town of Newtown and Chilwell, and the suburban areas in the Shires of Corio, South Barwon and Bellarine.

**Rates.** *Water Rate.*—The water rate is 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 and a minimum of 5s. per annum for land on which there is no building.

*Sewerage Rate.*—The general sewerage rate is 1s. 2d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all rateable properties.

### WATERWORKS TRUSTS.

During 1940 there were functioning in Victoria 109 Waterworks Trusts constituted under the provisions of the *Water Act* 1928. The receipts and expenditure of these Trusts for the year 1940 are shown in the *Year Book* for 1941-42, page 361. Similar particulars are not available for subsequent years.

**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. The revenue and expenditure of this authority for the years ended 30th June, 1946 and 1947, were as follows :—

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

	Year ended 30th June—	
	1946.	1947.
<i>Revenue.</i>		
	£	£
Water Rates .. .. .	5,318	5,481
Water Charges .. .. .	3,206	3,069
Meter Rents .. .. .	110	108
Interest on overdue rates .. .. .	20	21
Transfers from Reserves .. .. .	1,710	2,903
Other .. .. .	497	164
Total .. .. .	10,861	11,746
<i>Expenditure.</i>		
Administrative Expenses .. .. .	1,230	1,331
Meter Maintenance .. .. .	484	482
Maintenance and Repairs .. .. .	4,155	4,437
Interest on Loans .. .. .	474	469
Interest on Overdraft .. .. .	..	..
Depreciation .. .. .	524	524
Repairs to Water Tower .. .. .	1,055	..
Other .. .. .	1,857	2,000
Total .. .. .	9,779	9,243

At 30th June, 1947, the net loan liability of the Trust amounted to £11,016 of which £9,685 was due to the Government.

**SEWERAGE AUTHORITIES.**

In districts outside the areas under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust (which bodies are constituted under special Acts), sewerage authorities may be constituted in Victoria under the provisions of the Sewerage Districts Acts. At 30th June, 1946, forty such authorities had been constituted.

The following statement gives general statistical information relating to all authorities (including the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust) in whose districts the sewerage systems were in operation in 1946.

**SEWERAGE SYSTEMS IN OPERATION IN VICTORIA,  
1ST JULY, 1945, TO 30TH JUNE, 1946.**

Authority.	Year of Con-stitution.	Estimated Population Served by System.*	Number of Properties Connected to Sewers.	Sewerage Rate Levied in £ of Net Annual Municipal Value.
				<i>s. d.</i>
Melbourne and Board of Works .. .. Metropolitan	1890	1,157,398	291,536	1 0
Ararat .. ..	1935	4,800	1,125	1 9
Bairnsdale .. ..	1932	4,000	1,110	1 6
Ballarat .. ..	1920	39,700	8,872	1 5
Benalla .. ..	1934	4,400	1,119	2 0
Bendigo .. ..	1916	26,175	6,565	1 3
Castlemaine .. ..	1934	4,750	1,090	2 0
Colac .. ..	1923	5,900	1,500	1 6
Dandenong .. ..	1935	5,800	1,020	1 4
Dimboola .. ..	1938	1,020	245	2 0
Echuca .. ..	1927	4,000	1,122	1 9
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust .. ..	1908	51,500	12,532	1 2
Hamilton .. ..	1935	5,500	1,478	1 5
Horsham .. ..	1926	5,000	1,307	1 6
Kerang .. ..	1932	3,000	625	2 6
Kyabram .. ..	1938	2,400	182	1 8
Kyneton .. ..	1933	2,750	760	1 9
Mildura .. ..	1928	7,850	1,727	1 3
Mornington .. ..	1939	1,070	303	1 9
Morwell .. ..	1939	2,700	650	1 6
Murtoa .. ..	1938	1,200	287	2 0
Nhill .. ..	1938	2,500	468	1 10
Portland .. ..	1938	800	202	1 4
Shepparton .. ..	1934	8,000	1,600	1 6
Swan Hill .. ..	1926	4,800	914	2 3
Wangaratta .. ..	1933	5,500	1,300	1 5
Warracknabeal .. ..	1938	2,900	761	1 11
Warragul .. ..	1935	3,600	630	2 0
Warrnambool .. ..	1929	7,810	2,109	0 10
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>1,376,623</b>	<b>343,139</b>	<b>..</b>

\* As estimated by the authorities concerned.

In addition to those enumerated in the foregoing table, sewerage authorities had been constituted in the following districts:— Beechworth constituted in 1939; Euroa in 1939; Leongatha in 1939; Lorne in 1938; Maffra in 1938; Sale in 1936; Traralgon in 1939; Werribee in 1939; Wodonga in 1939; Yarram in 1939; Yarrawonga in 1938; Maryborough in 1945; and Charlton in 1946. At Beechworth, Euroa, Lorne, Sale, Werribee, Wodonga, and Yarram operations had been suspended and the undertakings at Leongatha, Maffra, Traralgon, and Yarrawonga had not been brought into operation.

A concise statement of the principal provisions of the *Local Government (Septic Tanks) Act 1938* is given in the *Year-Book* for 1939-40, page 173.

**Yallourn.** Under the provisions of the State Electricity Commission Acts, a scheme of sewerage for Yallourn was adopted after approval by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission and the Public Health Department. The erection of the treatment plant, pump house, and pipe-testing depot was completed in 1941. The construction of reticulation sewers, which had been at a standstill, was recommended in March, 1946. It is expected that the first connexions to the system will be effected by the end of 1946.

### FIRE BRIGADES.

**Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board.** 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 the municipal councils, and three by the fire insurance companies.

The Board on 30th June, 1947, had under its control the following:— 43 stations, 354 members of permanent staff, 84 members of special service staff, 17 members of clerical staff, 68 men engaged in the workshops, 11 employees engaged in the tailoring department, and 141 partially-paid firemen.

During 1946-47 the cost of maintenance of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade was £242,687, one-third being contributed by each of the contributing bodies, viz., Government of Victoria, municipalities within the Metropolitan Fire District, and the fire insurance companies carrying on business in that district. The municipalities' contribution was equal to 0·839d. in the £1 on the annual value of £23,229,778 of property within the Fire District, and that of the insurance companies to £6 Os. 10·21d. for every £100 of premiums on insured property. The premiums received in the Metropolitan Fire District in 1945 amounted to £1,338,768.

Particulars of receipts and expenditure of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for the five years, 1943 to 1947, are as follows:—

VICTORIA—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADES BOARD, 1943 TO 1947.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
<i>Ordinary Receipts.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Contributions—Government, Municipal, and Insurance Companies	205,329	226,118	224,964	218,982	242,687
Receipts for Services .. ..	52,876	58,091	59,040	53,385	53,867
Interest and Sundries .. ..	34,099	25,990	25,521	25,837	29,204
Total .. ..	292,304	310,199	309,525	298,204	325,758
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries .. ..	133,304	141,841	142,144	143,039	163,597
Administrative Charges, &c. ..	49,769	43,903	43,635	49,509	46,327
Partially-paid Firemen and Special Service Staff Allowances ..	42,334	44,889	42,148	41,493	46,020
Plant—Purchase and Repairs ..	27,973	27,569	30,413	33,203	32,525
Interest .. ..	9,529	8,931	8,306	7,753	7,416
Repayment of Loans .. ..	12,848	13,517	14,221	8,411	8,860
Superannuation Fund .. ..	6,496	6,809	7,107	7,468	8,684
Motor Replacement Reserve ..	2,000	2,000	5,000	7,617	6,492
Pay Roll Tax .. ..	5,005	5,297	5,227	5,418	6,486
Miscellaneous .. ..	2,799	7,521	895	1,170	1,414
Total .. ..	292,057	302,277	299,096	305,081	327,821
At 30th June—					
Loan Indebtedness .. ..	208,786	195,269	181,048	172,638	163,778

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. Seventeen permanent Regional Fire Officers supervise fire prevention and extinction in the rural sections of one or more fire control regions.

At 30th June, 1947, there were 192 urban fire brigades and 863 rural fire brigades. The revenue of the Authority is contributed in equal proportions by the Government, fire insurance companies, and municipalities. There are 117 insurance companies and 170 municipalities included in the operation of the Act. The premiums received by the insurance companies amounted to £1,009,148, whilst the annual value of rateable property was £15,507,744.

The following statement shows the receipts and expenditure of the Country Fire Authority for the year ended 30th June, 1947.

*Ordinary Receipts.*

	£
Contributions from Government, municipalities, and insurance companies .. .. .	91,758
Sundries .. .. .	2,490
Total .. .. .	<u>94,248</u>

*Ordinary Expenditure.*

Administrative (including salaries) .. .. .	9,868
Brigade salaries .. .. .	9,423
Regional officers—salaries, transport, maintenance .. .. .	11,422
Fires and practices allowances .. .. .	4,629
New stations, repairs, and rentals .. .. .	3,600
Motors and plant, purchases and maintenance .. .. .	42,668
Hose and appliances .. .. .	2,815
Uniforms, telephones, and fuel .. .. .	3,119
Repayment of loans .. .. .	3,711
Interest on loans .. .. .	2,221
Motor Replacement Fund .. .. .	6,086
Compensation Fund, accidents .. .. .	6,254
Local Government rates .. .. .	1,045
Pay roll tax .. .. .	450
Sundries .. .. .	3,067
Total .. .. .	<u>110,378</u>
Loan Expenditure .. .. .	465
Loan indebtedness at 30th June .. .. .	52,652

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENT BODIES.

In the following statement particulars are given of the new money loan raisings during each of the years 1937-38 to 1940-41 and 1946-47 by Local Government and Semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies in Victoria. Collection of this information was suspended during the war but was resumed in respect of the year 1946-47.

#### VICTORIA—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—NEW MONEY LOAN RAISINGS, 1937-38 TO 1940-41, AND 1946-47.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1938	1939	1940	1941	1947
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT.</b>					
Due to Government .. ..	6,501	13,737	6,272	3,741	24,795
Due to Public Creditor .. ..	792,542	795,211	624,178	347,249	655,972
<b>Total Local Government .. ..</b>	<b>799,043</b>	<b>808,948</b>	<b>630,450</b>	<b>350,990</b>	<b>680,767</b>
<b>SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL, &amp;c.</b>					
Due to Government .. ..	42,773	405,529	674,057	473,940	4,216,127*
Due to Public Creditor .. ..	1,381,774	1,478,840†	3,210,930†	1,196,247†	2,611,000
<b>Total Semi-Governmental, &amp;c. ..</b>	<b>1,424,547</b>	<b>1,884,369</b>	<b>3,884,987</b>	<b>1,670,187</b>	<b>6,827,127</b>
<b>ALL AUTHORITIES.</b>					
Due to Government .. ..	49,274	419,266	680,329	477,681	4,240,922*
Due to Public Creditor .. ..	2,174,316	2,274,051	3,835,108	1,543,496	3,266,972
<b>Grand Total .. ..</b>	<b>2,223,590</b>	<b>2,693,317</b>	<b>4,515,437</b>	<b>2,021,177</b>	<b>7,507,894</b>

\* Including £4,000,000 advanced by the Commonwealth Government under the Commonwealth and State Housing Agreement.

† Including the following amounts borrowed to repay loans from Government:—£100,000 to 1938-39, £500,000 in 1939-40, and £50,000 in 1940-41. No amounts so borrowed in 1946-47.



**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 £850, including the cost of the land, if the dwelling be of wood, or £950 if it be of brick, stone, or concrete. An eligible person, within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1928*, is one who does not own a dwelling-house in Victoria or elsewhere and who is in receipt of an income not exceeding £400 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 is given in Part "Accumulation" of this *Year-Book*.

**War service homes.** The Commonwealth Government assists eligible members of the Australian Defence Forces and their female dependants to acquire homes, the operations being conducted under the *War Service Homes Act*. An amendment of the *War Service Homes Act 1918-1947* was passed by Parliament and assented to on the 12th June, 1947. As a result of this amendment, the War Service Homes Commission ceased to function as a separate entity and was merged with the Department of Works and Housing. Activities associated with the War Service Homes Act are controlled by the Department of Works and Housing, War Service Homes Division; the Central Office of such Division is situate at Civic Centre, Canberra, A.C.T.

A summary of the activities of the War Service Homes Division in Victoria to the 30th June, 1947, discloses that 11,978 applications had been approved, 5,087 homes erected, 4,319 homes purchased, and 693 mortgages discharged. The sums paid as instalments of principal and interest amounted to £7,967,528, whilst the arrears of instalments totalled £74,403; the percentage of arrears to the total amount due being .93.

**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.

In the following statement for the years ended 30th June, 1946 and 1947, information is given of the contracts let by the Commission for the erection of dwellings in Victoria (excluding contracts on account

of the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust) and of the work carried out for the Commission by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLING UNITS, 1945-46 AND 1946-47.

Municipality.	Year Ended 30th June—				Total 31st July, 1939 to 30th June, 1947.	
	1946.		1947*		Dwelling Units.	Value.
	Dwelling Units.	Value.	Dwelling Units.	Value.		
	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£
<i>Metropolitan.</i>						
<i>Cities—</i>						
Brighton .. ..	113	140,882	6	8,546	119	149,428
Brunswick .. ..	..	..	..	..	123	79,318
Camberwell .. ..	..	..	516	662,097	534	681,721
Coburg .. ..	57	62,159	170	232,515	668	689,199
Essendon .. ..	..	..	202	302,645	347	432,669
Footscray .. ..	76	74,270	4	3,892	110	105,103
Heidelberg .. ..	497	570,717	366	446,262	914	1,072,677
Melbourne .. ..	..	..	16	22,498	16	22,498
Moorabbin .. ..	196	227,558	350	451,175	546	678,733
Northcote .. ..	..	..	..	..	42	31,044
Oakleigh .. ..	..	..	..	..	100	83,842
Port Melbourne ..	..	..	..	..	414	243,564
Preston .. ..	140	145,075	..	..	741	596,678
Richmond .. ..	..	..	..	..	138	93,157
Sandringham .. ..	586	718,192	252	336,688	838	1,054,880
South Melbourne ..	..	..	5	7,137	5	7,137
Williamstown .. ..	..	..	..	..	175	127,847
<i>Shire—</i>						
Braybrook .. ..	12	11,124	163	193,379	175	204,503
<b>Total Metropolitan</b>	<b>1,677</b>	<b>1,949,977</b>	<b>2,050</b>	<b>2,666,834</b>	<b>6,005</b>	<b>6,353,998</b>
<i>Outside Metropolitan Area.</i>						
<i>Cities—</i>						
Ballaarat .. ..	34	39,333	..	..	57	66,522
Bendigo .. ..	..	..	..	..	30	32,370
Geelong .. ..	103	122,092	56	68,200	159	190,292
Geelong West .. ..	..	..	..	..	37	36,138
Mildura .. ..	..	..	..	..	50	54,254
Warrnambool .. ..	11	13,185	19	22,785	70	65,840
<i>Towns—</i>						
Ararat .. ..	12	13,991	..	..	36	36,570
Hamilton .. ..	..	..	14	15,968	44	47,458
Horsham .. ..	20	24,592	27	32,259	47	56,851
Newtown and Chilwell	..	..	..	..	54	35,822
Sale .. ..	21	24,409	..	..	21	24,409

\* Figures are subject to revision.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF  
VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLING UNITS, 1945-46  
AND 1946-47—continued.

Municipality.	Year Ended 30th June—				Total 31st July, 1939 to 30th June, 1947.	
	1946.		1947*		Dwelling Units.	Value.
	Dwelling Units.	Value.	Dwelling Units.	Value.		
	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£
<i>Outside Metropolitan Area—continued.</i>						
Boroughs—						
Castlemaine .. .. .	..	..	..	..	13	12,690
Colac .. .. .	..	..	33	37,842	69	78,798
Eaglehawk .. .. .	..	..	..	..	5	4,720
Echuca .. .. .	..	..	23	29,181	23	29,181
Maryborough .. .. .	20	24,121	5	6,250	25	30,371
Portland .. .. .	23	25,633	..	..	23	25,633
Shepparton .. .. .	..	..	50	57,086	96	108,022
St. Arnaud .. .. .	..	..	12	14,288	12	14,288
Stawell .. .. .	20	24,080	..	..	20	24,080
Swan Hill .. .. .	20	23,388	1	1,497	32	33,241
Wangaratta .. .. .	65	75,857	74	92,927	186	219,565
Wonthaggi .. .. .	..	..	42	46,782	42	46,782
Shires—						
Beechworth .. .. .	..	..	15	18,951	15	18,951
Benalla .. .. .	20	22,387	10	12,300	30	34,687
Cohuna .. .. .	12	13,752	..	..	12	13,752
Cranbourne .. .. .	..	..	9	10,371	9	10,371
Dimboola .. .. .	..	..	26	33,379	26	33,379
Euroa .. .. .	..	..	6	5,891	6	5,891
Kerang .. .. .	25	26,260	..	..	25	26,260
Korumburra .. .. .	16	18,408	4	4,841	20	23,249
Maffra .. .. .	18	19,774	..	..	18	19,774
Mildura .. .. .	16	17,407	36	41,076	82	78,045
Morwell .. .. .	..	..	..	..	32	33,644
Narracan .. .. .	85	96,377	150	178,617	235	274,994
Numurkah .. .. .	..	..	15	19,500	15	19,500
Rodney .. .. .	24	26,775	22	26,436	46	53,211
Rutherglen .. .. .	..	..	10	12,360	10	12,360
Seymour .. .. .	20	23,673	..	..	20	23,673
Strathfieldsaye .. .. .	..	..	..	..	20	21,580
Traralgon .. .. .	20	22,129	127	140,439	174	191,401
Warracknabeal .. .. .	..	..	19	22,361	19	22,361
Warragul .. .. .	52	58,721	57	69,888	109	128,609
Wodonga .. .. .	20	22,666	13	16,400	33	39,066
Woorayl .. .. .	..	..	16	17,781	16	17,781
Total Outside Metro- politan Area ..	677	779,010	891	1,055,656	2,123	2,376,436
Grand Total ..	2,354	2,728,987	2,941	3,722,490	8,128	8,730,434

\* Figures are subject to revision.

Particulars are given in the appended table of the materials of outer walls 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, 1947; MATERIALS OF OUTER  
WALLS.

Municipality.	Materials of Outer Walls.				Total Dwelling Units—Contracts Let, &c.
	Brick.	Brick-veneer.	Concrete.	Timber, &c.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>METROPOLITAN.</b>					
Cities—					
Brighton .. .. .	119	..	..	..	119
Brunswick .. .. .	22	..	96	5	123
Camberwell .. .. .	269	52	213	..	534
Coburg .. .. .	560	..	..	108	668
Essendon .. .. .	235	31	47	34	347
Footscray .. .. .	75	..	1	34	110
Heidelberg .. .. .	541	226	3	144	914
Melbourne .. .. .	16	..	..	..	16
Moorabbin .. .. .	159	260	127	..	546
Northcote .. .. .	42	..	..	..	42
Oakleigh .. .. .	..	..	99	1	100
Port Melbourne .. .. .	344	..	70	..	414
Preston .. .. .	723	..	..	18	741
Richmond .. .. .	138	..	..	..	138
Sandringham .. .. .	733	..	101	4	838
South Melbourne .. .. .	5	..	..	..	5
Williamstown .. .. .	56	..	89	30	175
Shire—					
Braybrook .. .. .	1	6	45	123	175
Total Metropolitan .. .. .	4,038	575	891	501	6,005
<b>OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA.</b>					
Cities—					
Ballaarat .. .. .	23	17	..	17	57
Bendigo .. .. .	30	..	..	..	30
Geelong .. .. .	..	76	..	83	159
Geelong West .. .. .	..	37	..	..	37
Mildura .. .. .	..	..	..	50	50
Warrnambool .. .. .	..	53	..	17	70
Towns—					
Ararat .. .. .	..	..	..	36	36
Hamilton .. .. .	..	..	..	44	44
Horsham .. .. .	..	..	..	47	47
Newtown and Chitwell .. .. .	..	54	..	..	54
Sale .. .. .	..	..	..	21	21
Boroughs—					
Castlemaine .. .. .	..	13	..	..	13
Colac .. .. .	..	13	..	56	69
Eaglehawk .. .. .	5	..	..	..	5
Echuca .. .. .	..	15	..	8	23
Maryborough .. .. .	..	20	..	5	25
Portland .. .. .	..	..	..	23	23
Shepparton .. .. .	..	70	..	26	96
St. Arnaud .. .. .	..	3	..	9	12
Stawell .. .. .	..	..	..	20	20
Swan Hill .. .. .	..	..	..	32	32
Wangaratta .. .. .	22	54	..	110	186
Wonthaggi .. .. .	..	..	..	42	42

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF  
VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLING UNITS TO 30TH  
JUNE, 1947; MATERIALS OF OUTER WALLS—*continued.*

Municipality.	Materials of Outer Walls.				Total Dwelling Units—Contracts Let, &c.
	Brick.	Brick-veneer.	Concrete.	Timber, &c.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA—<i>continued.</i></b>					
Shires—					
Beechworth .. .. .	..	..	..	15	15
Benalla .. .. .	..	..	..	30	30
Cohuna .. .. .	..	..	..	12	12
Cranbourne .. .. .	..	..	..	9	9
Dimboola .. .. .	..	..	..	26	26
Euroa .. .. .	..	..	..	6	6
Kerang .. .. .	..	..	..	25	25
Korumburra .. .. .	..	..	..	20	20
Maffra .. .. .	..	..	..	18	18
Mildura .. .. .	..	..	..	82	82
Morwell .. .. .	..	..	..	32	32
Narracan .. .. .	..	..	..	235	235
Numurkah .. .. .	..	..	..	15	15
Rodney .. .. .	..	..	..	46	46
Rutherglen .. .. .	..	..	..	10	10
Seymour .. .. .	..	..	..	20	20
Strathfieldsaye .. .. .	20	..	..	..	20
Traralgon .. .. .	..	..	..	174	174
Warracknabeal .. .. .	..	..	..	19	19
Warragul .. .. .	..	..	..	109	109
Wodonga .. .. .	..	..	..	33	33
Woorayl .. .. .	..	..	..	16	16
Total Outside Metropolitan Area	100	425	..	1,598	2,123
Grand Total .. .. .	4,138	1,000	891	2,099	8,128

DWELLING UNITS ERECTED BY THE VICTORIAN HOUSING  
COMMISSION TO 30TH JUNE, 1947.

(REVISED FIGURES.)

Municipality.	Completed to 30th June, 1944.	Completed during Year ended 30th June—			Units Completed to 30th June, 1947.
		1945.	1946.	1947.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<i>Metropolitan.</i>					
<i>Cities—</i>					
Brighton .. .. .	..	..	9	95	104
Brunswick .. .. .	85	36	2	..	123
Camberwell .. .. .	..	..	18	9	27
Coburg .. .. .	57	318	127	22	524
Essendon .. .. .	..	65	69	11	145
Footscray .. .. .	..	..	62	42	104
Heidelberg .. .. .	..	..	121	206	327
Moorabbin .. .. .	..	..	62	88	150
Northcote .. .. .	42	..	..	..	42
Oakleigh .. .. .	..	11	89	..	100
Port Melbourne .. .. .	414	44*	..	..	458
Preston .. .. .	394	4	218	82	698
Richmond .. .. .	138	..	..	..	138
Sandringham .. .. .	..	..	102	319	421
Williamstown .. .. .	103	61	10	..	174
<i>Shire—</i>					
Braybrook .. .. .	..	..	..	19	19
Total Metropolitan .. .. .	1,233	539	889	893	3,554
<i>Outside Metropolitan Area.</i>					
<i>Cities—</i>					
Ballaarat .. .. .	..	..	23	34	57
Bendigo .. .. .	..	..	3	20	23
Geelong .. .. .	..	..	..	96	96
Geelong West .. .. .	..	37	..	..	37
Mildura .. .. .	..	..	12	23	35
Warrnambool .. .. .	40	..	..	..	40
<i>Towns—</i>					
Ararat .. .. .	..	..	24	12	36
Hamilton .. .. .	..	..	10	20	30
Horsham .. .. .	..	..	..	20	20
Newtown and Chilwell .. .. .	54	..	..	..	54
Sale .. .. .	..	..	..	14	14
<i>Boroughs—</i>					
Castlemaine .. .. .	..	10	3	..	13
Colac .. .. .	..	23	13	..	36
Eaglehawk .. .. .	..	..	..	5	5
Maryborough .. .. .	..	..	..	11	11
Portland .. .. .	..	..	..	10	10
Shepparton .. .. .	..	23	23	..	46
Swan Hill .. .. .	11	..	..	6	17
Wangaratta .. .. .	..	22	25	17	64
Wonthaggi .. .. .	..	..	..	12	12

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

DWELLING UNITS ERECTED BY THE VICTORIAN HOUSING COMMISSION  
TO 30TH JUNE, 1947—continued.

(REVISED FIGURES.)

Municipality.	Completed to 30th June, 1944.	Completed during Year ended 30th June—			Units Completed to 30th June, 1947.
		1945.	1946.	1947.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<i>Outside Metropolitan Area—continued.</i>					
Shires—					
Benalla .. .. .	..	..	..	16	16
Cobuna .. .. .	..	..	..	1	1
Cranbourne .. .. .	..	..	..	5	5
Euroa .. .. .	..	..	..	6	6
Kerang .. .. .	..	..	..	8	8
Korumburra .. .. .	..	..	..	16	16
Maffra .. .. .	..	..	..	11	11
Mildura .. .. .	30	..	..	..	30
Morwell .. .. .	..	..	..	..	32
Narracan .. .. .	..	..	..	63	63
Rodney .. .. .	..	..	9	15	24
Seymour .. .. .	..	..	..	19	19
Traralgon .. .. .	..	..	24	36	60
Warragul .. .. .	..	..	3	48	51
Wodonga .. .. .	..	..	..	8	8
Total Outside Metropolitan Area .. .. .	135	115	204	552	1,006
Grand Total .. .. .	1,368	654	1,093	1,445	4,560

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of 234 dwellings which were erected in the Shire of Braybrook by the Housing Commission for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust.

With a view to conserving manpower and building materials, Building Control regulations under the *National Securities Act* 1939-40 have restricted building operations. These Regulations were as follow:—Statutory Rules Nos. 250 of 1940; 37, 131, 221 of 1941; 21, 22, 185, 265 of 1942; and 85 of 1944. A summary of their principal provisions is given in the *Year-Book* for 1942-43, pages 215 and 216.

Statutory Rule No. 163 of 1945, which came into operation in August, 1945, amended No. 85 of 1944 by providing that, without written consent, no permit was to be issued for erection of a dwelling-house, the estimated cost of which exceeded £1,200.

The Victorian *Building Operations and Building Materials Control Act* (No. 5116), which was proclaimed on 29th May, 1946, provided that no person shall, without the consent in writing of the Minister, commence or continue to carry out any building operation.

The provisions of this section (Part I.) shall not apply to—

(a) the erection of any dwelling-house (together with out-buildings but with no garage or building capable of being used as a garage) intended to be used and used as a permanent residence by any person, where the gross area of such dwelling-house and out-buildings—

(i) in the case of timber-framed (other than brick-veneer) structures—*does not exceed* 1,200 square feet; and

(ii) in the case of other structures—*does not exceed* 1,250 square feet.

(b) the erection of any block of flats, pair of maisonettes, villa pair, or other multiple dwelling or building consisting of a shop and dwelling (together with out-buildings but with no garage or building capable of being used as a garage) where the gross area of each such flat, maisonette, villa, dwelling and shop together with apportioned out-buildings and common elements—

(i) in the case of timber-framed (other than brick-veneer) structures—*does not exceed* 1,200 square feet;

(ii) in the case of brick-veneer structures—*does not exceed* 1,275 square feet; and

(iii) in the case of other structures—*does not exceed* 250 square feet.

Provision is made also in regard to alterations or repairs to existing buildings, and to buildings intended to be used in connexion with primary production.

Information relating to the value of building permits 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. As the Crown is exempt from municipal regulations in respect of building permits, particulars of Government buildings erected during the periods under notice are not included in the following statements.

**Building permits.**



**Building permits issued in newly-defined Metropolitan Area.**

As from 1st January, 1947, the metropolitan area for statistical and health purposes was redefined by the inclusion of:—

the city of Nunawading,  
the borough of Ringwood,  
the Broadmeadows and Campbellfield ridings of the shire of Broadmeadows,  
the Doutta Galla riding of the shire of Keilor and the shire of Mulgrave.

The following statements show the value of building permits issued by the municipalities in the newly-defined area during the periods indicated in respect of dwellings, other new buildings, and alterations and additions to existing buildings.

The information is not comparable with statements of building permits issued in previous issues of the *Year-Book*.

**GREATER MELBOURNE—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED,  
1938 TO 1947.  
NEW SERIES.**

Year Ended 31st December—	Value of Permits Issued.				Index to Total Value=100 in 1938.
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).	Other New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	
1938 .. ..	5,318,295	1,640,634	1,445,613	8,404,542	100·00
1939 .. ..	5,370,640	1,654,845	1,657,845	8,683,350	103·32
1940 .. ..	6,826,859	2,166,310	1,461,574	10,454,743	124·39
1941 .. ..	6,849,457	921,130	1,403,079	9,173,684	109·15
1942* .. ..	225,612	259,875	635,724	1,121,211	13·34
1943 .. ..	43,141	513,148	549,550	1,105,839	13·16
1944 .. ..	177,261	126,210	894,913	1,198,384	14·26
1945 .. ..	2,059,065	442,719	1,046,643	3,548,427	42·22
1946 .. ..	9,875,132	1,314,446	1,519,549	12,709,127	151·22
1947 .. ..	13,685,211	2,156,292	2,057,154	17,898,657	212·96

\* War-time building restrictions.

The following tables give detailed information relating to the number and value of building permits issued by the municipalities in Greater Melbourne during the years specified.

**BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN GREATER MELBOURNE  
DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1947.**

Class of Permit.	1947.	
	Number.	Value.
New Buildings.		£
Buildings for Habitation—		
Private Dwellings—		
Brick and concrete .. .. .	1,156	2,189,191
Brick veneer .. .. .	4,452	7,110,728
Wood, fibro-cement, &c. .. .. .	3,080	3,771,984
Flats .. .. .	95*	528,108
Other (Hotels, Guest Houses, &c.) .. .. .	4	85,200
Total, Buildings for Habitation .. .. .	8,787	13,685,211
Commercial Buildings—		
With Residence—		
Shops .. .. .	151	272,091
Garages .. .. .	3	8,250
Factories .. .. .	5	9,680
Other .. .. .	2	5,630
Without Residence—		
Shops .. .. .	28	29,401
Garages .. .. .	9	7,550
Factories .. .. .	236	1,201,168
Other .. .. .	13	91,099
Public Buildings—		
Hospitals .. .. .	3	418,450
Churches .. .. .	6	3,980
Schools .. .. .	10	62,667
Theatres .. .. .	..	..
Other .. .. .	10	46,326
Total, Commercial and Public Buildings .. .. .	476	2,156,292
Alterations and Additions—		
Private Dwellings .. .. .	5,690	602,865
Flats .. .. .	21	28,075
Other Buildings for Habitation .. .. .	27	45,510
Shops .. .. .	226	64,756
Garages (Commercial) .. .. .	30	24,327
Factories .. .. .	414	615,285
Other Business Premises .. .. .	182	239,981
Public Buildings .. .. .	74	436,355
Total, Alterations and Additions .. .. .	6,664	2,057,154
Grand Total, Building Permits .. .. .	15,927	17,898,657

\* 317 self-contained units.

NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW  
PRIVATE DWELLINGS, FLATS, HOTELS, ETC., IN  
GREATER MELBOURNE, 1938 TO 1947.

## NEW SERIES.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—									
	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
<b>CITIES.</b>										
Box Hill .. ..	152	170	177	287	9	2	9	135	524	665
Brighton .. ..	360	336	357	324	5	..	..	60	231	210
Brunswick .. ..	149	107	143	113	2	..	3	20	58	53
Camberwell .. ..	882	845	701	762	14	1	5	188	829	821
Caulfield .. ..	386	312	434	414	9	..	..	42	217	255
Chelsea .. ..	56	66	73	83	2	4	14	84	172	231
Coburg .. ..	304	304	275	336	14	7	10	131	375	550
Collingwood .. ..	20	15	17	9	..	..	..	1	..	..
Essendon .. ..	238	249	248	266	31	1	3	53	178	185
Fitzroy .. ..	13	16	16	7	..	..	..	1	1	2
Footscray .. ..	322	251	218	269	18	1	6	123	197	275
Hawthorn .. ..	139	141	157	132	2	..	3	17	41	23
Heidelberg (Part)* ..	205	199	284	287	4	4	16	97	346	525
Kew .. ..	131	152	217	244	5	..	1	33	148	127
Malvern .. ..	137	165	212	282	3	1	2	40	100	99
Melburn .. ..	62	74	132	122	..	..	1	3	9	8
Moorabbin .. ..	239	275	318	361	12	5	20	177	938	1,200
Mordialloc .. ..	93	78	116	132	4	..	16	81	353	362
Northcote .. ..	120	135	143	217	2	..	2	32	106	171
Nunawading .. ..	76	60	94	114	6	4	15	114	389	412
Oakleigh .. ..	86	89	109	150	6	..	7	65	278	273
Port Melbourne .. ..	20	31	19	29	1	..	..	5	15	10
Prahran .. ..	160	110	156	118	1	..	..	3	14	14
Preston .. ..	298	302	281	317	11	4	13	114	531	650
Richmond .. ..	37	48	67	33	1	..	..	1	1	3
Sandringham .. ..	164	163	163	171	5	2	30	86	229	237
South Melbourne .. ..	18	15	12	16	..	..	..	3	2	2
St. Kilda .. ..	96	63	120	107	1	..	..	4	17	13
Williamstown .. ..	98	79	101	84	9	..	3	18	69	85
<b>BOROUGH.</b>										
Ringwood .. ..	37	35	18	59	35	28	58	52	228	279
<b>SHIRES.</b>										
Braybrook (Part) †	101	112	156	183	29	..	4	62	207	261
Broadmeadows (Part) ‡	73	90	84	106	5	4	5	64	275	394
Kellor (Part) §	46	43	56	49	5	..	..	17	49	74
Mulgrave .. ..	15	18	12	10	11	12	17	21	176	318
Total .. ..	5,333	5,148	5,686	6,193	262	80	263	1,944	7,292	8,787

\* Excluding Greensborough Ward.

† Excluding Western Riding.

‡ Broadmeadows Riding and Campbellfield Riding only.

§ Doutta Galla Riding only.

NOTE.—Excluding contracts let by the Housing Commission for the erection of dwellings (see pages 326 and 327).

VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR ALL  
BUILDINGS IN GREATER MELBOURNE DURING THE  
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1947.

Municipality.	Value.	Municipality.	Value.
<i>Cities.</i>	£	<i>Cities—continued.</i>	£
Box Hill .. ..	1,209,686	Port Melbourne .. ..	153,027
Brighton .. ..	444,661	Prahran .. ..	182,459
Brunswick .. ..	197,295	Preston .. ..	1,021,389
Camberwell .. ..	1,743,995	Richmond .. ..	96,756
Caulfield .. ..	554,992	Sandringham .. ..	493,629
Chelsea .. ..	294,791	South Melbourne .. ..	164,974
Coburg .. ..	848,286	St. Kilda .. ..	152,499
Collingwood .. ..	89,779	Williamstown .. ..	160,206
Essendon .. ..	382,304		
Fitzroy .. ..	37,832	<i>Borough.</i>	
Footscray .. ..	1,003,829	Ringwood .. ..	377,168
Hawthorn .. ..	263,598		
Heidelberg * .. ..	1,149,721	<i>Shires.</i>	
Kew .. ..	287,898	Braybrook † .. ..	534,544
Malvern .. ..	239,940	Broadmeadows ‡ .. ..	596,650
Melbourne .. ..	629,173	Keilor § .. ..	119,942
Moorabbin .. ..	1,969,251	Mulgrave .. ..	521,429
Mordialloc .. ..	597,891		
Northcote .. ..	298,669		
Nunawading .. ..	655,926		
Oakleigh .. ..	424,468	Total .. ..	17,898,657

\* Excluding Greensborough Ward.

† Excluding Western Riding.

‡ Broadmeadows and Campbellfield Ridings only.

§ Doutta Galla Riding only.

NOTE.—The above statement is not comparable with statements of building permits issued in previous issues of the *Year Book*.

With a view to gauging the relative activity of the building industry during recent years in centres outside Greater Melbourne, particulars relating to building permits issued by certain municipalities during each of the five years, 1943 to 1947 are given below :—

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED  
BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1943 TO  
1947.

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Ballarat City ..	1943	2	1,200	1	2,800	45	18,146	48	22,146
	1944	13	5,731	5	1,700	63	18,753	81	26,184
	1945	77	76,843	10	20,229	142	32,591	229	129,663
	1946	178	191,844	3	1,790	360	60,479	541	254,113
	1947	158	192,122	13	15,321	259	53,402	430	260,845
Bendigo City ..	1943	2	622	8	23,690	66	2,521	76	26,833
	1944	2	400	4	4,713	97	7,050	103	12,163
	1945	22	18,385	3	6,035	75	8,522	100	32,942
	1946	78	86,579	..	..	176	20,505	254	107,084
	1947	108	141,757	6	8,155	192	23,637	306	173,549
Geelong City ..	1943	1	400	..	..	48	2,747	49	3,147
	1944	1	1,100	4	3,160	48	7,039	53	11,299
	1945	17	15,766	1	500	113	13,973	131	30,239
	1946	49	67,404	5	5,037	145	18,671	199	91,112
	1947	41	65,575	7	45,850	119	12,375	167	123,800
Geelong West City ..	1943	..	..	..	..	68	2,583	68	2,583
	1944	2	1,000	..	985	101	7,402	104	9,387
	1945	25	27,897	2	1,675	136	7,203	163	36,775
	1946	102	123,481	4	4,210	148	8,956	254	136,647
	1947	93	127,630	1	3,000	63	7,655	157	138,285
Horsham Town ..	1943	..	..	..	..	7	230	7	230
	1944	..	..	1	274	9	1,692	10	1,966
	1945	12	7,584	1	1,200	13	2,013	26	10,797
	1946	58	48,211	5	1,102	25	4,563	88	53,876
	1947	71	69,309	4	8,725	64	8,929	139	86,963
Mildura City ..	1943	..	..	..	..	10	675	10	675
	1944	4	1,280	3	12,450	23	1,523	30	15,253
	1945	11	7,100	3	2,610	16	1,674	30	11,384
	1946	59	48,093	10	4,225	28	2,872	97	55,190
	1947	87	96,832	4	3,812	50	4,394	141	105,038
Newtown and Chilwell Town ..	1943	1	347	1	1,800	50	10,814	52	12,461
	1944	3	2,610	..	..	66	14,065	69	16,675
	1945	21	21,472	1	150	80	9,914	102	31,536
	1946	57	75,059	6	4,956	90	21,855	153	101,370
	1947	77	108,355	2	730	56	10,940	135	120,025

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY CERTAIN  
PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1943 TO 1947—*continued.*

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other. Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Sale Town .. ..	1943	..	..	..	..	27	597	27	597
	1944	1	300	..	..	8	2,501	9	2,801
	1945	6	6,010	1	450	16	13,944	23	20,404
	1946	22	22,480	1	7,000	25	2,202	48	31,682
	1947	35	37,215	4	1,940	39	5,027	78	44,182
Shepparton Borough ..	1943	..	..	1	650	25	7,461	26	8,111
	1944	4	2,683	..	..	28	11,482	30	14,165
	1945	23	23,024	..	..	29	1,469	52	24,493
	1946	71	80,002	4	4,408	25	1,985	100	86,395
	1947	103	131,378	5	10,650	32	11,088	140	153,116
Warrnambool City ..	1943	..	..	..	..	15	1,415	15	1,415
	1944	..	..	1	350	33	19,215	34	19,565
	1945	4	2,202	1	950	26	3,183	31	6,335
	1946	19	24,804	1	1,200	74	18,421	94	44,425
	1947	46	61,956	1	350	63	24,216	110	86,522