

STATISTICS RELATING TO VICTORIAN COMMUNICATIONS 1946-47

RAILWAYS (EXCLUDING TRAMS AND ROAD MOTORS)	
Mileage open for traffic	4748
Revenue—	
Passenger, etc., bottom	48,350,875
Goods, etc., bottom	45,398,673
Other Services	41,109,554
Total Revenue	134,859,102
Total Working Expenses (including Interest, Exchange, &c.)	135,067,273
Passenger mile mileage	10,300,131
Number of Passengers carried	170,164,963
Goods Tons mileage	5,280,097
Tonnage of Goods carried	6,486,367
Tonnage of Live Stock carried	694,556

LENGTH OF ALL ROADS AND STREETS	
Type of Road or Street	Total
Wood or Stone	147
Portland Cement Concrete	12
Asphaltic Concrete and Sheet Asphalt	211
Die or Bitumen surface and over for or bitumen painted or waterbound pavements	7,002
Waterbound macadam, gravel, sand, and hard loam pavements	20,000
Burned but not otherwise paved	45,000
Surveyed roads and streets which are used for general traffic	100,000
Total	172,572

CIVIL AVIATION	
Flights carried out	66,343
Hours flown	131,500
Approximate Mileage	15,704,000
Passengers Carried—	
Paying	697,026
Non-paying	8,544
Total Passengers Carried	705,570
Goods, Weight Carried lb.	21,442,000
Mails, Weight Carried lb.	250,000

POST OFFICE OPERATIONS	
Letters, Post Cards, &c.	280,330,000
Newspapers	50,572,000
Total Mail with	330,902,000
Telegrams	8,508,503
Telephone—	
Lines connected	302,700
Installments	281,200
Effective calls	238,537,684
Wireless—	
Broadcast Licenses (one receiver)	475,215

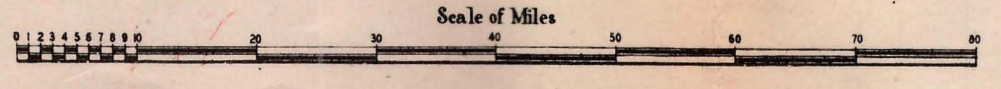
REFERENCE

SHIRE BOUNDARIES AND NAMES THUS	HUNTLY
OTHER MUNICIPALITIES	Echuca
STATE HIGHWAYS	—
MAIN ROADS	—
DEVELOPMENTAL ROADS	—
OTHER ROADS	—
RAILWAYS & STATIONS	—
AIRWAYS (March 1949)	—

COMMUNICATIONS MAP OF VICTORIA

SHOWING SHIRES, PRINCIPAL ROADS, RAILWAYS, AIR AND SHIPPING ROUTES.

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PART VII.

INTERCHANGE.

COMMERCE.

**The Customs
Tariff.**

By the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (section 51) the power to make laws with respect to trade and commerce with other countries was conferred on the Federal Parliament, and by the same Act (section 86) the collection and control of duties of Customs and Excise passed to the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on the 1st January, 1901. The first Commonwealth Customs Tariff was introduced by Resolution on the 8th October, 1901, from which date the duties came into effect. The Tariff Act was assented to on the 16th September, 1902. Since that date the Tariff has been extensively altered. The Tariff at present in operation is the Customs Tariff 1933-1948.

The Australian Customs Tariff has been built up in conformity with the policy of protection of Australian industries and preference to goods the produce or manufacture of British countries, and with due regard to the revenue aspects. The principles for the determination of the margin of preference to be accorded to goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom are laid down in the *United Kingdom and Australia Trade Agreement Act 1932*, and by the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade. In the former Agreement Australia undertakes to maintain certain minimum margins of preference between the British Preferential Tariff and either the Intermediate or General Tariffs. In the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade which is referred to in more detail under the heading of Reciprocal Agreements, maximum margins of preference are established.

There are three scales of duties at present operating—the British Preferential Tariff, the Intermediate Tariff and the General Tariff.

**British
Preferential
Trade.**

The British Preferential Tariff applies to goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, subject to the conditions that the goods comply with the statutory requirements in force regarding the grant of British Preference and that they have been shipped in the United Kingdom and have not been transhipped or, if transhipped, then only if it is proved satisfactorily that the intended destination of the goods when shipped from the United Kingdom was Australia. The British Preferential Tariff rates are also applicable to the majority of goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominions of Canada and of New Zealand and a number of non-self-governing British Colonies and Protectorates is also now obtaining the benefits of the British Preferential Tariff in respect to certain specified goods.

**Intermediate
Tariff.** The Intermediate Tariff—a feature of the Australian Customs Tariff until 14th October, 1932—was reintroduced on 28th November, 1935, insofar as certain items were concerned, in order to facilitate the implementation of trade agreements.

Consequent on its reintroduction, trade agreements were completed with the undermentioned countries, and the Intermediate Tariff, in respect of certain goods, became operative as indicated:—

Belgium, Czechoslovakia, and France (January, 1937),
Switzerland (December, 1938), Brazil (January, 1940),
Greece (June, 1940).

The benefits of the Intermediate Tariff may also be granted to countries by proclamation (i.e. without necessarily completing a formal trade agreement) and this was done in the case of the United States of America which became entitled to the Intermediate Tariff as from 18th February, 1943.

Since the 19th November, 1947, Australia has provisionally expanded the range of goods to which the Intermediate Tariff is applicable. This was a result of the international trade discussions held at Geneva during 1947, further details regarding which are shown in the part entitled "General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade" which is described under the section headed "Reciprocal Agreements".

**General
Tariff.** The General Tariff applies to all goods other than those to which the benefits of the British Preferential Tariff or Intermediate Tariff have been extended or which are not entitled to special rates of import duties under preference tariffs or other Acts of Parliament.

**Reciprocal
Agreements** A reciprocal trade agreement, under which special tariff rates are granted on certain goods the produce or manufacture of New Zealand, has been in force since 1922, the British Preferential Tariff being extended to all other New Zealand goods. A new agreement was made in 1933 and reviewed in 1934 and 1938. The schedule under which special rates are accorded certain goods the produce or manufacture of New Zealand is the Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1948.

In 1925, a trade agreement between Australia and Canada was consummated. As this, however, covered only a limited number of items, a new agreement under which practically all goods of Canadian origin were accorded preference was completed in 1931. Amendments were made to the latter agreement in 1934, 1936, 1938, and 1939. The schedules at present in operation are the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1931 and the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1948.

A reciprocal trade agreement was concluded with Newfoundland in 1939, providing for the grant of the British Preferential Tariff on newsprinting paper, the produce or manufacture of that country. In return, Newfoundland accords exclusive tariff preferences on Australian butter and canned fruits of 1 cent. per lb. and 10 per cent. ad valorem respectively.

A trade agreement with Southern Rhodesia became effective in April, 1941. Briefly, the agreement provides for concessional tariff treatment for Southern Rhodesian tobacco, raw asbestos and chrome ore, in return for which the Southern Rhodesian Government grants tariff concessions on a wide range of Australian primary and manufactured products.

In conformity with the *Customs Tariff (Papua and New Guinea) Act* 1936, certain specified goods, the produce of Papua and the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, are admitted into Australia free of duty. All other goods are admissible under the British Preferential Tariff.

In addition (as stated previously) reciprocal trade agreements have been concluded with Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Switzerland, Brazil, and Greece. An agreement was also concluded with the Union of South Africa in August-September, 1935.

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE.

Joint declarations by the United Kingdom and the United States of America during the war, in documents such as the Mutual Aid Agreement and the Atlantic Charter, embodied the principle that as soon as possible the trading nations of the world should meet to discuss, *inter alia*, the elimination of all forms of discriminatory treatment in international commerce and the reduction of tariffs and other trade barriers. The Commonwealth Government subscribed to these principles in 1942.

In 1946, preparatory work was commenced on two major aspects relating to world trade—

- (1) the formulation of rules of conduct for international trade ;
- (2) the reduction of tariff barriers.

With regard to (1), discussions took place in London, New York, Geneva, and Havana, and the ratification of a document referred to as the Havana Charter, for an International Trade Organization, is being considered by the Governments of the participating countries. Fuller details on this aspect are given in a later section entitled "International Trade Organization".

Question (2) was the subject of negotiation between 23 countries at Geneva during 1947. The results of these negotiations were embodied in a document entitled "General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade". The major portion of the agreement comprises schedules of tariff reductions which these countries negotiated with each other.

The concessions in duties under the Customs Tariff Act, which Australia negotiated, are shown in Schedule I. of the Agreement. Reductions were made in British Preferential Tariff rates, but the major variation lies in the extension of the most favoured nation treatment offered by Australia in the form of—

- (1) reduction in many Intermediate Tariff rates; and
- (2) a great increase in the range of goods which may be entered under the Intermediate Tariff.

Australia undertook provisionally to operate the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade from 19th November, 1947, but the question of general acceptance is still being considered by the Government. Eight of the other countries which took part in the discussions at Geneva are also provisionally operating the agreement and the concessions which they are affording Australia are shown in the relative schedules.

Exchange Adjustment. *The Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act* 1933-1939 provided, *inter alia*, that when Australian Currency was depreciated to an extent of not less than 16½ per centum in relation to the Currency of the British country from which goods, covered by items specified in the schedule to that Act, were imported, a deduction from the amount of duty payable under the British Preferential Tariff (other than Primage duty) was to be made of:—

- (i) one fourth of that amount of duty; or
- (ii) twelve and one-half per centum of the value for duty, whichever was the less.

This provision was first introduced in 1933 in the light of Australia's foreign exchange position, as it was considered desirable that some form of automatic adjustment should be instituted in the event of an appreciation of Australian currency relative to British currency.

In 1936 a further method was evolved to compensate for exchange variations and provided for an automatic "exchange corrective" to tariff rates.

These two systems operated concurrently in relation to the assessment of duty but presented some anomalous aspects and led to a certain amount of confusion.

In 1947 action was taken to alter the basis of calculating value for duty of imports from sterling to Australian currency and the opportunity was taken concurrently of expressing rates of duty at their net level under existing exchange conditions. Rates of duty were adjusted by Customs Tariff Proposals No. 2 and Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Proposals No. 1 of 14th November, 1947, and, as far as practicable, the new net rates were made the same as operated previously. The rates were, however, adjusted to the nearest multiple of 2½ per centum.

The effect of these alterations taken together is to leave the amount of duty payable unchanged apart from some slight modifications resulting from the adjustment up or down to the nearest $2\frac{1}{2}$ per centum. Exchange adjustment was abolished by the *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Repeal Act 1948*.

Primage Duty. In addition to duties imposed by the Customs Tariff 1933-1948, ad valorem primage duties at rates of 4 per cent., 5 per cent., or 10 per cent. are charged according to the type of goods and origin thereof. Goods, the produce or manufacture of New Zealand, Norfolk Island, Fiji, Papua, or the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, are exempt from primage duty, as are a number of specified goods for use by primary producers, whilst many machines, tools of trade and raw materials not manufactured in Australia are also free of primage duty. Primage duties at the rates applicable to the British Preferential Tariff are accorded to Canadian goods admissible under the British Preferential Tariff, and also to proclaimed commodities from the British non-self-governing colonies and protectorates. Primage duties at concessional rates (in most cases at the rate equivalent to the British Preferential Tariff rate) are payable on a limited number of goods the product of proclaimed countries, included among which is the United States of America.

Recorded Value of Imports and Exports.

The recorded value of goods imported represents the amount on which duty is payable or would be payable if the duty were charged ad valorem. Such amount is—

- (a) (i) The actual money price paid or to be paid for the goods by the Australian importer plus any special deduction, or
- (ii) the current domestic value of the goods—
- whichever is the higher—and
- (b) all charges payable or ordinarily payable for placing the goods free on board at the port of export.

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

The value of goods exported, including the cost of containers, is recorded in Australian currency, and the basis of this valuation is as follows :—

- (a) *Goods sold to overseas buyers before export.*—The f.o.b. equivalent of the price at which the goods were sold— (e.g., as regards wool, the actual price paid by the oversea buyer plus the cost of all services incurred by him in placing the wool on board ship).

(b) *Goods shipped on consignment.*—The Australian f.o.b. equivalent of the current price offering for similar goods of Australian origin in the principal markets of the country to which the goods are despatched for sale—

(as regards wool, the equivalent f.o.b. of the current price ruling in Australia will normally provide a sufficient approximation of the f.o.b. equivalent of the price ultimately received).

Excise Tariff. The Excise Tariff in operation is the Excise Tariff 1921-1948.

This tariff relates only to beer, spirits, tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, certain petroleum or shale products, coal tar and coke oven distillates, aromatic hydrocarbons and light oils (not being petroleum or shale products) suitable for use as petrol substitutes, amylic alcohol, fusel oil, concentrated grape must, playing cards, cigarette tubes, cigarette papers, matches, wine, saccharin, snuff, and wireless valves.

**Exports—
Monetary
Control.
“Banking
Act 1945.”** Part III. of the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations superseded Part IIA. of the National Security (Exchange Control) Regulations as from 1st January, 1947, in the control of proceeds of exports. As was the case with the superseded regulations, these new regulations under the *Banking Act 1945*, are designed primarily to control the exportation of capital in the form of goods. They are complementary to the action taken under the other parts of the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations to control the movement out of Australia of capital in the form of securities, gold and currency, and ensure that the full proceeds of goods exported from Australia are received into the Australian banking system and that these proceeds are received in the currency and in the manner prescribed by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Provision is made in the regulations for the grant of export licences subject to such terms and conditions as are imposed; and, on the receipt in Australia by the Commonwealth Bank or by a bank acting as agent for that Bank, of advice that the foreign currency has been paid to the Commonwealth Bank or to an agent of the Bank in respect of any goods exported in pursuance of a licence granted under the regulations, the Bank or agent of the Bank pays the licensee or such other person as is entitled to receive it, an amount equal to the value of that foreign currency converted into Australian currency at the rate of exchange fixed or authorized by the Bank and in force for the time being.

Section 16, Part III. of the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations provides that :—

- (1) A person shall not export any goods unless—
- (a) a licence under this Part to export the goods is in force and the terms and conditions (if any) to which the licence is subject are complied with ; or
 - (b) the goods are excepted from the application of this Part.

**Exports—
Commodity
Control.**

For various reasons, the principal of which are to—

- (a) conserve supplies of essential commodities for Australia's requirements ;
- (b) implement price determinations ;
- (c) control exports of goods which are the subject of Empire Marketing Agreements ;
- (d) strengthen the control of the exportation of capital in the form of goods instituted by Part III. of the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations ;

the exportation of certain commodities is prohibited by the Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations and by Customs Proclamations promulgated under Section 112 (1A) (Wartime Export Restrictions) of the Customs Act. Exports of these commodities are permitted only when supplies are available for the purpose and the conditions imposed are complied with by the exporter.

**The Customs
(Import
Licensing)
Regulations.**

A comprehensive statement of the basic principles and procedure of the Customs (Import Licensing) Regulations is shown in the *Year-Book* for 1944-45, pages 88 to 90.

As exchange difficulties are still current it has been found necessary to continue the control of imports. The measure of control varies according to the exchange position of a country. At present the currencies of the world fall within four distinct categories, viz. :—

Dollar Area.—Imports are restricted to commodities necessary for the Australian economy and which are not available from non-dollar areas.

Hard Currency Countries.—Imports are restricted to essential commodities not available from "easy" currency countries or from sterling areas.

Easy Currency Countries.—Fairly liberal treatment is now accorded imports from such countries.

Sterling Area.—There has been a general relaxation on the control of goods of sterling origin.

During the war the Commonwealth Government found it necessary to purchase overseas a considerable quantity of commodities for civilian use. With the exception of a few isolated cases this procedure has ceased and overseas trade has reverted to normal practice.

Trading with the Enemy. Under the *Trading with the Enemy Act 1939-47*, machinery was set up to cut off all trade which might directly or indirectly benefit the enemy.

The trading with the enemy ban applies to transactions with all enemy countries except such transactions as are exempted by licence from the provisions of the *Trading with the Enemy Act 1939-1940*, and, while the Act technically still applies to trade with such countries, Licences under the Act have been issued authorizing trade therewith.

Enemy countries are Germany, Italy, Roumania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Finland, and Japan.

The Tariff Board. *The Tariff Board Act 1921-1947* provides for the appointment by the Governor-General of a Tariff Board. The Act came into operation in March, 1922.

The Board consists of four members, one of whom is an administrative officer of the Department of Trade and Customs and may be Chairman. The Governor-General appoints the Chairman, who convenes all sittings of the Board. The principal duties of the Board are shown in the *Year-Book* for 1941-42, pages 168 and 169.

Lend Lease and Reciprocal Aid. Details of the basic principles behind the supply of Lend Lease and Reciprocal Aid are contained in pages 316 to 323 of the *Year-Book* for 1942-43. The supply of goods under Lend Lease and Reciprocal Aid arrangements ceased officially at midnight on VJ day (2nd September, 1945).

Lend Lease Settlement. An Agreement between Australia and the United States on settlement of Lend Lease, Reciprocal Aid, Surplus War Property and Claims was signed on 7th June, 1946. The main provisions of the Settlement Agreement were as follows:—

- (a) *Lend Lease and Reciprocal Lend Lease Supplied up to VJ Day (2nd September, 1945)*. In recognition of the mutual wartime benefits received from the interchange of Lend Lease and Reciprocal Aid the Agreement provided that neither Government would make any payment to the other for Lend Lease and Reciprocal Aid goods and services used in the achievement of the common victory.

- (b) *Lend Lease "Pipe-Line"*.—The U.S. Government agreed to complete the transfer to Australia of the goods selected by the Commonwealth Government from those which were in course of Lend Lease procurement on VJ day.
- (c) *Reciprocal Aid "Pipe-Line"*.—The Commonwealth Government agreed to make no charge for any goods transferred to the American Armed Forces between 2nd September, 1945, and 31st December, 1945, which were in the categories previously transferred under Reciprocal Aid.
- (d) *Overall Payment of \$27,000,000*.—The Commonwealth Government agreed to pay to the United States Government the sum of \$27,000,000 in consideration of:—
- (i) the post-war value of Lend Lease machine tools ;
 - (ii) the post-war value of other Lend Lease capital equipment including specified non-combat aircraft held by the R.A.A.F. ; and
 - (iii) the transfer of United States Government surplus property to a total value of \$6,500,000 in accordance with the terms of the Settlement.

An amount of \$20,000,000 will be paid to the United States Government. The remaining \$7,000,000 is to be paid by delivery to the United States Government of title to real property and improvement to real property in Australia to a total value of not more than \$62,000,000 and by establishment of a fund in Australian pounds for expenditure by the United States Government under agreements to be reached between the two Governments for carrying out educational and cultural programmes of mutual benefit.

- (e) *Claims against the United States Government*.—The Commonwealth Government agreed to assume responsibility for the settlement of all claims against the United States Government or members of the American Armed Forces arising from acts or omissions occurring before 30th June, 1946, in the course of military duties of members of the American Armed Forces in Australia.
- (f) *Other Claims*.—It was agreed that the settlement should be complete and final and that no further benefits would be sought by either Government in consideration for Lend Lease, Reciprocal Aid and surplus war property, or for the settlement of claims or other obligations arising out of the war except as specifically provided in the Settlement Agreement.

The total value of Lend Lease received by Australia was about \$1,500,000,000, while total Reciprocal Lend Lease from Australia to the United States was approximately £A285,000,000.

The *Year-Book* for 1943-44 (pages 125-6) set out the basis for the provision to Australia of supplies and services under the Canadian Mutual Aid Act and for the supply to Canada under the Australia-Canada Mutual Aid Agreement of such assistance as might be required.

The supply of goods under the above Act and Agreement ceased on VJ Day (2nd September, 1945). The amount of aid given by Australia under the Agreement was small.

The final report of the Canadian Mutual Aid Board which administered the provisions of the Canadian Mutual Aid Act gives the following particulars of the goods and services supplied by Canada to Australia during the currency of the Mutual Aid arrangements:—

**MUTUAL AID DISBURSEMENTS FOR AUSTRALIA
NOVEMBER, 1943—SEPTEMBER 1st, 1945.**

	Total Millions. \$
Aircraft and parts	12·547
Automotive equipment and mechanical transport	18·237
Armoured vehicles	·428
Chemicals and explosives	·250
Guns and small arms	·442
Shells and ammunition	·006
Merchant vessels, construction and repairs	2·162
Naval vessel equipment	·173
Cloths, clothing and fabrics	·638
Electrical, radio and telephone equipment	3·945
Lumber and other construction material	5·037
Machine tools, stores and miscellaneous	2·152
Aluminium and base metals	·387
Fish and products	·654
Oats	·967
Asbestos	·974
Paper and products	3·535
Fertilizers and chemicals	·964
Farm machinery	·739
Miscellaneous	1·264
Freight—inland and ocean	7·649
British Commonwealth Air Training Plan	27·975
Total	\$91·125

In general, title to goods delivered to Australia under Canadian Mutual Aid up to VJ Day passed to the Commonwealth Government and no financial settlement has been required for them. However, the Canadian Mutual Aid Act did not permit the transfer of title to ships made available under Mutual Aid and in consequence a coastal ship received by Australia from Canada under Mutual Aid provisions was formally returned to the Canadian Government which subsequently declared it surplus and sold it to an Australian Shipping Company.

The Inter-national Trade Organisation. Joint declarations during the war, such as the Mutual Aid Agreement and the Atlantic Charter by the United Kingdom and the United States of America envisaged the establishment, on the return to peace, of a body to promote economic collaboration and co-operation between the trading nations of the world.

In December, 1945, the United States of America issued invitations to leading trading nations to participate in preliminary negotiations with a view to drawing up a draft Charter, incorporating rules to govern the future conduct of International trade for submission to a world conference on Trade and Employment. This, it was contemplated, would be called at a later date by the United Nations with the aim of establishing an International Trade Organization.

This particular conference did not eventuate but, after the establishment of the United Nations Organization, the proposed Charter negotiations were brought under United Nations auspices at the first meeting of the Economic and Social Council in February, 1946.

The Council resolved to call at a later date an International Conference on Trade and Employment and established a Preparatory Committee to prepare in the meantime an annotated draft agenda for consideration by the conference. The Preparatory Committee was also asked to recommend a suitable time and place for the World Conference and which States should be invited.

The Preparatory Committee held two sessions: the first in London in 1946 and the second in Geneva in 1947.

As a result, a draft Charter for an International Trade Organization was prepared for consideration by an International Conference on Trade and Employment which the Preparatory Committee recommended should be held at Havana, Cuba, commencing on 21st November, 1947.

The representatives of 56 nations met at the World Conference and evolved a final text entitled the Havana Charter for an International Trade Organization.

The Charter provides for the setting up of an International Trade Organization as a new specialized agency of the United Nations.

The aims of the Organization include the increase of international trade, the improvement of the lot of the ordinary man, the promotion of employment, and the development of areas which are economically undeveloped.

The Charter is divided into nine chapters which, in addition to those dealing with the administrative arrangements of the Organization, cover an extensive range of subjects connected with international trade, such as most favoured nation treatment, quantitative restrictions, subsidies, state trading, customs union and free trade areas, restrictive business practices, and inter-governmental commodity arrangements. Whilst exceptions from the rules of conduct in these matters are necessarily provided to meet the particular circumstances of varied economics in the participating nations or groups of nations, a broad delineation of trade policy is clearly evident.

The Charter upholds the principle of multi-lateral trade and the International Trade Organization itself will provide a forum for the consideration of common problems in a conciliatory spirit and lead nations away from the exclusive trading blocs which have proved so politically and economically expensive in the past.

The Charter has not yet come into force. With one or two exceptions, Nations participating at the Havana Conference agreed to submit the text to their respective Governments for consideration. The International Organization will come into force when the Charter has been accepted by at least twenty-eight countries signatory to the Final Act at Havana. If twenty-eight have not accepted by 24th March, 1949, the Charter will be brought into force when the number of ratifications has reached twenty.

**Variation in
External
Exchange
Position.**

As the values of imports in subsequent tables are shown in British currency, it is necessary, when estimating the balance of trade between Victoria and other countries, to take the rate of exchange into consideration. The telegraphic transfer selling rate for £100, Australia on London, which had reached £130 10s. on 29th January, 1931, was reduced to £125 10s. on 3rd December, 1931, since when the rate has remained unchanged.

**Oversea
Trade of
Victoria.**

The total values of oversea trade to and from Victorian ports for each of the five years 1942-43 to 1946-47 are set forth in the following table. Imports for which Customs entries have been delayed by war conditions, have been recorded in the year in which the entry has been passed. Exports do not include the value of stores shipped at Victorian ports on board oversea ships, particulars of which are shown on page 301.

OVERSEA TRADE.—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO
AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1942-43 TO
1946-47.

Year ended 30th June.				Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.*	Total.
IMPORTS (BRITISH CURRENCY).						
				£	£	£
1943	..	..	..	109,471,254	961,790	110,433,044
1944	..	..	..	89,214,923	1,037,389	90,252,312
1945	..	..	..	64,507,613	260,929	64,768,542
1946	..	..	..	53,952,607	95,742	54,048,349
1947	..	..	..	66,951,339	120,386	67,071,725
EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY).†						
				£	£	£
1943	..	..	..	34,549,851	..	34,549,851‡
1944	..	..	..	36,546,893	..	36,546,893‡
1945	..	..	..	40,070,161	..	40,070,161‡
1946	..	..	..	49,505,101	26,411,264	75,916,365
1947	..	..	..	88,601,624	9,734	88,611,358

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

† Estimated British Currency values in each year were £27,585,000 in 1942-43; £29,179,000 in 1943-44; £31,992,000 in 1944-45; £60,626,000 in 1945-46; and £70,748,000 in 1946-47.

‡ Exclusive of Victoria's portion (which is not available) of exports on Government account estimated for Australia at £A.2,500,000 in 1942-43, £A.10,000,000 in 1943-44, and £A.2,000,000 in 1944-45.

Percentage
of Common-
wealth Trade.

That portion of the value of Commonwealth trade
handled at Victorian ports for each of the five years
1942-43 to 1946-47 is shown in the table which follows:—

Year ended 30th June.	Commonwealth Trade—				Portion of Commonwealth Trade Handled at Victorian Ports—		
	Imports British Currency.	Exports.		Total British Currency.	Imports.	Exports.	Total.
		Australian Currency.	British Currency.				
	£	£A	£	£	%	%	%
1943	.. 214,442,239	123,057,238	98,249,291	312,691,530	51·5	28·1	44·1
1944	.. 214,224,533	146,681,650	117,111,097	331,335,630	42·1	24·9	38·3
1945	.. 188,483,095	155,271,489	123,969,252	312,452,347	34·5	25·8	31·0
1946	.. 156,780,815	223,287,610	178,315,714	335,096,529	34·5	34·0	34·2
1947	.. 183,651,754	309,003,740	246,709,574	430,361,328	36·5	28·7	32·0

**Recorded
Values of
Principal
Imports.**

The recorded values of the principal articles imported from oversea countries into Victorian ports during each of the five years 1943-47 are shown in the order in which they appear in the statistical classification of 21 categories.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

(British Currency Values.)

Article.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.	£	£	£	£	£
Cheese	18,796	1	..	3,136	3,719
Fish—					
Preserved in Tins	115,913	92,582	18,960	117,416	193,532
All other	74,491	77,777	73,537	94,438	159,687
Meats	89,091	47,636	117,069	48,950	105,586
All other Animal Foodstuffs ..	9,692	4,436	3,676	23,618	46,801
Total, Class I.	307,983	222,432	213,242	287,558	509,325
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN: NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.					
Caramel, Cocoa Butter, &c. ..	561	..	..	..	..
Cocoa and Chocolate	133,405	118,302	160,685	219,463	284,962
Coffee and Chicory	297,619	206,249	244,961	109,788	145,969
Confectionery	1,064	..	..	35	1,133
Fruits, Dried	11	..	42,010	32,343	36,458
Fruits, Fresh	307	..	189	302	108
Fruits, Preserved	57	..	..	..	1
Grain and Pulse—					
Peas	81,244	61,714	21,708	28,447	44,622
Rice .. .. .	..	..	..	..	16
All other	38,441	19,242	17,796	311,441	28,738
Hops	1,006	4,610	2,290	17,814	12,278
Nuts, Edible	9,587	8,945	8,358	67,617	171,722
Pickles and Sauces	45	8	3,300	4	1,621
Sago and Tapioca .. .. .	..	..	..	..	54,743
Seeds	93,811	35,289	93,089	558	2,241
Spices, n.e.i.	81,252	54,675	76,941	138,900	145,831
Tea	1,394,650	1,249,121	1,324,129	1,576,899	2,019,414
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs ..	19,011	17,357	31,547	67,399	35,488
Total, Class II.	2,152,071	1,775,512	2,027,003	2,571,010	2,985,340

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1942-43 TO 1946-47—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.	£	£	£	£	£
Ale, Beer, and Porter, &c. ..	2,792	13	38	57	3,296
Spirits (Beverages)—					
Brandy	18	..	..	3	14,047
Gin	99	6	31	18	517
Whisky	18,382	10,748	52,096	44,238	52,791
Other	269	75	2,652	16	3,822
Wine (Fermented)—					
Sparkling	50	..	..	..	3,136
Other .. .. .	..	9	..	..	620
Total, Class III.	21,610	10,851	54,817	44,332	78,229
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.					
Tobacco—					
Manufactured	1,801	..	1	2,332	44,148
Unmanufactured	385,216	1,335,813	1,085,929	1,661,120	1,241,845
Cigars	163	..	14	2	1,190
Cigarettes	16,674	119	452	3,362	96,877
Snuff .. .. .	..	..	..	234	975
Total, Class IV.	403,854	1,335,932	1,086,396	1,667,050	1,385,035
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	3,643	18,414	27,536	76,646	117,819
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds ..	17,515	21,081	33,869	*	*
Hides and Skins—					
Hides (Calf, Cattle, and Horse)	177,887	88,667	101,948	212,940	397,640
Skins (Goat)	22,452	17,476	13,305	20,869	43,880
Other	821	866	2,185	161,927	324,537
Silk, Raw	13,266	..	34,870	2	531,266
Wool	11,945	37,225	40,215	4,791	295,249
All other Animal Substances	8,370	7,822	9,772	38,775	252,715
Total, Class VI.	252,256	173,137	236,164	439,304	1,845,287
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.					
Fibres—					
Cotton, Raw	312,796	252,303	508,763	486,767	782,520
Flax and Hemp	151,489	68,397	233,156	196,334	166,340
Jute	82,084	209,888	187,002	137,847	245,355
Kapok	11,057	3,240	11,319	20,199	70,260
All other	104,854	58,651	102,760	101,959	378,104
Grass or Straw, for hatmaking, furniture, mats, &c. ..	47	12,327	13,119	38,167	43,584
Gums, Resins, and Balsams	266,087	256,971	419,948	139,935	292,254
Plastic Moulding Materials	†	†	†	726,198	519,218
Seeds	323,555	329,653	365,331	583,326	488,645
Tanning Substances	69,840	111,962	113,077	116,934	104,220
Cork and Cork Manufactures	67,579	35,373	60,331	71,615	104,835
All other Vegetable Substances ..	7,665	6,081	7,059	52,226	191,132
Total, Class VII.	1,397,053	1,344,846	2,021,865	2,671,507	3,386,467

* Included in Class XIX.

† Included with Gums, Resins, and Balsams.

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INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1942-43 TO 1946-47—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£	£	£	£	£
CLASS VIII.—(a) YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) APPAREL.					
<i>(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres.</i>					
Bags and Sacks—					
Bran, Chaff, and Compressed Fodder	128,139	108,029	110,235	87,705	76,952
Corn and Flour	860,260	180,986	454,248	393,263	1,370,641
All other	510,797	326,745	320,485	52,250	90,827
Cordage and Twines (excluding Metal Cordage)					
	236,518	410,787	45,908	165,689	46,527
Yarns—					
Artificial Silk	594,082	584,216	637,849	869,446	818,858
Cotton	797,579	807,193	1,379,464	754,149	812,250
Sewing and other Cotton Threads, &c.	328,659	263,037	287,341	215,775	222,789
Wool	6,075	5,519	5,462	11,991	10,546
Other	12,877	31,549	48,629	56,026	22,894
<i>(b) Textiles.</i>					
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck	643,662	1,732,035	557,589	409,918	198,857
Cotton and Linen	2,990,771	5,570,954	8,310,298	3,609,429	3,547,869
Hessians and other Jute Piece Goods					
	499,698	879,239	322,219	357,401	363,852
Silk and Artificial Silk	1,898,855	2,065,814	2,791,767	2,590,989	4,602,857
Velvets, Velveteens, Plushes, &c.	88,353	4,583	15,020	10,945	218,811
Woollen	62,765	57,503	214,770	132,328	236,968
Other	610,983	444,435	643,701	233,195	322,274
Floor Coverings—Carpets, Linoleums, Mats, &c.					
	45,269	1,979	31,576	313,813	1,152,062
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton and Linen					
	99,442	48,250	39,282	68,899	193,156
Tents and Sails	52,043	660,568	79	222,031	170
Towels and Towelling	125,167	56,569	123,179	130,182	116,942
All other Textiles	425,642	293,249	182,582	303,984	243,440
<i>(c) Apparel.</i>					
Boots and Shoes	15,047	969	12,812	7,695	25,793
Corsets .. .. .	..	699	20,293	20,396	28,726
Furs and other Skins—Dressed	13	..	..	30,274	72,265
Gloves	7,678	147	4,931	70,536	158,394
Hats and Caps	1,396	4,611	13,768	40,177	83,796
Hosiery and Knitted Apparel (including Socks and Stockings)					
	..	12	325	63	6,675
Lace for Attire, Lace Flouncings, &c.					
	29,830	18,895	6,502	143,103	364,545
Shirts, Pyjamas .. .. .	..	5,331	220,515	16,865	70,495
Men's and Boys' Outer Garments	1,507	..	83,236	7,037	1,468
Trimmings	232,350	200,703	148,095	141,743	296,314
Other	108,929	270,698	153,115	113,806	240,031
Total, Class VIII.	11,414,476	15,035,304	17,185,275	11,581,103	16,027,044

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1942-43 TO 1946-47—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.	£	£	£	£	£
Oils—					
Kerosene, &c.	210,804	263,034	359,163	413,839	429,623
Lubricating (Mineral)	756,210	1,020,190	309,343	507,707	810,086
Petroleum, Crude	1	..	2,454	16,374	154,027
Petroleum and Shale Spirit	1,606,861	1,773,914	1,321,094	2,009,590	2,254,714
Residual and Solar	448,460	481,523	578,037	738,940	962,199
Other	127,739	103,646	174,175	104,191	128,251
Paraffin	71,603	70,648	79,079	56,353	111,027
All other Fats and Waxes	70,305	66,030	130,154	217,927	356,147
Total, Class IX.	3,292,073	3,778,985	2,953,499	4,064,921	5,206,074
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	195,443	169,467	177,722	331,416	377,771
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES, AND HYDRO-CARBONS.					
Sulphur (Brimstone)	44,049	50,690	85,222	147,767	318,313
All other Rocks, Minerals, &c.	391,989	268,023	353,427	254,560	356,302
Total, Class XI.	436,038	318,713	438,649	402,327	674,615
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, (b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND MACHINERY, AND (c) MACHINERY.					
(a) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures, (except Electric Appliances and Machinery).</i>					
Aluminium	507,633	934,368	106,068	63,487	30,359
Copper and Copper Manufactures (except Wire)	1,270,181	9,280	7,097	9,323	21,213
Gas Appliances	13,139	14,166	7,615	34,770	67,092
Iron and Steel—					
Bar, Rod, Hoop, Ingots, Blooms, &c.	610,964	349,004	192,813	112,301	133,897
Plate and Sheet	1,733,359	2,548,754	2,365,458	1,979,697	2,368,645
Other	83,234	39,222	5,050	19,907	69,624
Lamps and Lampware	35,759	26,496	41,058	26,089	33,357
Nickel	88,204	2,181	5,275	3,152	8,121
Pipes and Tubes	19,239	57,964	33,574	40,217	26,001
Plated Ware and Cutlery	138,026	124,245	128,948	183,075	422,538
Tools of Trade (not being Machines)	575,277	777,848	892,898	541,455	312,754
Vehicles—					
Motor Cycles, Tricycles, &c.	354,769	249,690	144,632	25,403	120,411
Bodies for Motor Cars, &c.	56,775	17,491	541	24,484	140,457
Chassis for Motor Cars, &c.*	2,888,882	1,229,298	740,023	2,945,858	4,441,698
Aircraft and Parts	14,025,643	11,449,186	5,386,497	2,977,073	1,516,681
Other Vehicles and Parts	16,073,651	13,870,943	5,010,088	365,761	650,027
Wire	323,501	177,367	163,077	308,306	272,941
All other Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery	781,488	814,201	581,921	553,194	872,934

* Including complete motor cars, trucks, and ordnance vehicles.

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Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, (b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND MACHINERY, AND (c) MACHINERY—<i>continued.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
<i>(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment.</i>					
Cable and Wire, Covered ..	339,749	544,148	188,655	206,940	202,767
Dynamo Machines	140,419	226,112	391,717	210,561	293,402
Telephones and Switchboards ..	150,390	294,655	635,349	207,936	71,085
Wireless and Parts	459,452	571,065	594,549	439,493	91,229
Other	435,841	622,914	1,055,955	750,243	717,916
<i>(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical).</i>					
Implements and Machinery (Agricultural, Horticultural and Viticultural)	101,154	112,919	116,906	97,818	103,349
Metal Working Machinery ..	3,195,862	2,294,559	683,424	254,142	687,527
Motive Power Machinery—					
Aircraft Engines and Parts ..	3,345,540	2,281,714	860,947	808,618	691,982
Motor Car Engines	473,300	116,955	185,505	16,881	26,198
Tractors and Parts	579,134	1,183,736	2,089,738	1,005,112	1,176,122
Other	280,066	436,796	367,778	475,624	446,460
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings	690,524	406,877	396,023	319,698	213,965
All other Machines and Machinery	1,258,550	1,794,585	2,572,727	1,503,000	2,497,131
Total, Class XII. ..	50,969,705	43,578,739	25,951,906	16,509,618	18,727,883
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR (EXCEPT APPAREL).					
<i>(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures.</i>					
Rubber, Crude, Powdered or Reclaimed	821,823	1,067,843	838,618	1,132,231	1,538,446
Rubber Manufactures	219,373	23,676	46,342	212,732	539,123
<i>(b) Leather and Manufactures of Leather and Substitutes therefor.</i>					
Glace Kid	3,355	..	..	3,821	2,528
All other	18,534	21,707	22,728	21,506	52,516
Total, Class XIII. ..	1,063,090	1,118,226	907,688	1,370,290	2,132,613
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED.					
Timber—					
Dressed	27,813	3,898	111,855	176,329	90,866
Undressed	72,817	96,721	223,674	308,346	673,316
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	16,344	32,943	22,883	62,906	110,759
Total, Class XIV. ..	116,974	133,562	358,412	547,581	874,941

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Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£	£	£	£	£
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONWARE.					
Cement (Portland)	1,819	583		1,656	4,964
Earthenware, China, &c. .. .	158,542	140,933	210,645	269,244	383,495
Glass and Glassware	109,305	90,235	143,577	224,444	387,794
All other Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass, and Stoneware ..	41,266	23,650	12,678	82,649	116,698
Total, Class XV.	310,932	255,401	366,900	577,993	892,951
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.					
<i>(a) Pulp, Paper, and Board.</i>					
Cardboard and other Paper Boards	32,344	74,630	80,860	66,896	152,378
Printing	57,734	249,504	721,910	755,199	1,416,939
Pulp for Papermaking	322,128	342,635	435,134	365,930	444,301
Wrapping of all Colours	36,308	132,284	122,072	161,159	398,705
Writing and Typewriting Paper ..	73,718	323,521	230,948	244,603	453,099
All other	175,505	297,177	280,317	196,902	254,354
<i>(b) Paper Manufactures and Stationery.</i>					
Books (Printed), Directories, &c.	283,307	511,206	543,313	531,957	720,239
Cigarette Tubes and Papers .. .	12,620	15,087	27,826	1,021	38,738
Price Lists, Catalogues, &c. .. .	1,610	1,857	1,463	2,010	1,771
Pens and Pencils	47,845	63,308	68,520	78,502	186,992
All other	56,262	67,804	78,940	181,062	358,745
Total, Class XVI.	1,099,381	2,079,013	2,591,303	2,585,250	4,426,261
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES.					
Fancy Goods, Toys, &c.	38,783	38,557	52,483	112,790	444,703
Jewellery, including Cameos, &c.	114,625	39,705	1,219	140,890	256,342
Watches, Clocks, Chronometers, &c.	78,892	130,229	143,120	333,615	273,471
Total, Class XVII.	232,300	208,491	196,822	587,295	974,516
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES, AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, n.e.l.					
Optical and Meteorological Instruments, &c.	124,445	98,485	182,610	87,298	111,702
Cinematograph Films	17,921	33,096	54,036	46,384	44,316
Photographic Goods, n.e.l. .. .	21,732	24,869	38,716	40,549	27,217
Surgical and Dental Instruments, &c.	374,392	225,577	152,402	317,409	281,056
Scientific Instruments, &c. .. .	60,538	55,604	81,530	165,907	184,647
All other Optical and Scientific Instruments	19,262	16,451	32,713	44,355	88,606
Total, Class XVIII.	618,290	454,082	542,007	701,902	737,544

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Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS.	£	£	£	£	£
Acetone	162,712	..	..	44	..
Acids	38,850	26,490	19,725	78,540	127,698
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations	167,050	409,050	434,559	157,791	324,161
Dyes	370,676	487,202	406,059	346,756	502,230
Fertilizers	172,427	407,662	566,450	837,071	780,470
Glycerine	61,725	..	..	1	741
Oils, Essential (Non-spirituous) ..	57,317	40,732	50,022	88,666	108,446
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations	15,609	15,413	24,824	22,457	85,411
Soap and Soap Substitutes	6,177	7,000	7,381	9,467	11,889
Sodium Salts	393,052	246,220	234,880	143,422	136,039
Spirits and Spirituous Preparations	30,526	9,344	14,839	32,795	50,943
All other Drugs and Chemicals ..	1,050,838	669,245	429,269	580,187	825,206
Total, Class XIX.	2,526,959	2,318,358	2,188,008	2,297,197	2,953,234
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.					
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	28,773,321	10,156,039	3,497,426	3,258,412	418,529
Bags, Baskets, Trunks, &c.	2,144	127	2,959	15,673	89,416
Brushware	6,925	4,030	11,808	14,522	85,687
Celluloid Sheets	180,270	112,040	66,487	*	*
Fire Brigade and Life-saving Appliances, n.e.i.	1,108,127	2,331,281	101,401	9,526	18,772
Outside Packages	1,473,468	1,110,168	714,823	820,769	1,259,417
Vessels (Ships)	609,371	555,731	2,760	234	62,741
All other Articles	503,497	616,042	584,735	519,171	709,328
Total, Class XX.	32,657,123	14,885,458	4,982,399	4,638,307	2,638,390
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.					
Gold	738,886	376,941	254,651	88,766	117,643
Silver	193,204	564,482	6,278	6,976	2,743
Bronze—Specie	29,700	95,966	..	..	..
Total, Class XXI.	961,790	1,037,389	260,929	95,742	120,386
Grand Total	110,433,044	90,252,312	64,768,542	54,048,349	67,071,725

* Included with Plastic Materials (Class VII.).

Manufactured articles comprise the major portion of imports into Victoria from countries beyond Australia.

The percentage which the value of each of the more important classes bore to the total value of merchandise imported during 1946-47 was as follows:—Apparel, textiles, and manufactured fibres 23·9 per cent.; machinery and metal manufactures 28·0 per cent.; oils &c., 7·7 per cent.; paper manufactures and stationery 6·6 per cent.; drugs, chemicals, and fertilizers 3·9 per cent. Excluding bullion and specie, the value of imports for 1946-47 increased by £12,998,732 as compared with that of the previous year.

Recorded
Values of
Principal
Exports.

The recorded values of the principal articles exported to oversea countries from Victorian ports during each of the five years 1943-47 are shown in 21 divisions, in accordance with the statistical classification.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.	£	£	£	£	£
Butter	4,059,231	3,299,164	4,381,131	5,116,989	7,766,346
Cheese	514,535	986,770	1,086,603	642,800	1,430,698
Eggs	38,464	134,284	64,385	652,288	1,125,612
Infants' and Invalids' Food, n.e.i. ..	..	28,595	119,834	274,899	361,397
Meats—					
Bacon and Hams	82,059	55,340	94,565	201,494	180,920
Preserved by Cold Process—					
Beef	24,958	35,018	237,049	37,622	445,946
Lamb	2,649,335	2,383,616	1,857,590	568,285	2,576,358
Mutton	104,035	181,741	387,708	190,576	486,341
Pork	22,379	154,114	509,909	409,856	169,480
Rabbits and Hares	10,283	25,520	160,675	109,044	528,825
Other	127,820	109,082	145,018	119,457	359,060
Preserved in Tins	748,510	642,728	1,132,070	1,461,462	2,061,345
Sausage Casings	321,863	281,977	300,651	174,749	271,727
Other	11,731	119,084	281,336	71,898	38,399
Milk and Cream	1,883,487	832,479	1,051,847	1,425,160	2,733,230
All other Animal Foodstuffs	90,230	131,294	19,273	482,691	373,539
Total, Class I.	10,188,920	9,403,806	11,829,644	11,945,270	20,909,223
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.					
Biscuits	279,188	272,431	61,106	292,761	53,966
Confectionery	27,656	88,015	52,185	62,475	316,233
Fruits, Dried	1,775,005	1,950,668	2,025,967	1,393,976	1,682,138
Fruits, Fresh	119,686	157,497	143,913	297,547	477,743
Fruits, Preserved in liquid	113,205	128,885	183,678	518,786	1,368,813
Fruits Pulped	2,858	2,468	3,687	6,644	57,781
Grain and Pulse—					
Unprepared—					
Wheat	1,522,268	952,342	10,349	122	312,072
Barley	2,878	608	..	79,459	137,088
Other	68,584	46,551	323,731	153,156	231,376
Prepared—					
Flour (Wheaten)	1,214,573	1,994,574	1,689,926	2,897,017	7,025,624
Barley—Pearl and Scotch	12,958	33,394	14,337	37,579	157,068
Rice—Cleaned	31,832	70,562	7,114	4,205	142,529
Oatmeal, Wheatmeal and Rolled Oats	95,907	31,348	101,621	157,346	424,169
Other	26,913	75,123	92,897	149,158	288,746
Jams and Fruit Jellies	359,001	282,433	336,811	711,462	906,725
Tea	7,868	7,806	1,181	18,620	17,851
Vegetables (including Tomatoes)	225,928	171,126	145,955	2,075,312	585,982
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	199,364	213,432	106,758	229,201	829,276
Total, Class II.	6,087,672	6,479,263	5,301,216	9,085,266	15,015,380
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS					
	506,265	403,491	292,441	390,102	445,355

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FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1942-43 TO 1946-47—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF ..	£ 105,190	£ 24,010	£ 2,719	£ 31,302	£ 5,333
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	40,838	27,228	24,169	25,452	154,306
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Hides and Skins—					
Hides (Calf, Cattle, Horse) ..	6,277	56,754	95,681	81,021	67,295
Fox	31,491	123,066	26,456	15,138	4,195
Opossum	12,194	23,228	74,493	35,299	63,137
Rabbit and Hare	988,346	2,072,741	1,750,681	2,616,670	2,020,950
Sheep	824,235	639,118	1,002,186	1,923,515	3,550,140
Other	22,937	112,245	72,949	44,633	35,872
Wool—					
Greasy	8,004,032	8,175,116	10,504,923	9,718,556	20,799,838
Scoured and Washed	1,265,794	1,783,890	2,149,169	2,421,215	6,658,839
Tops, Noils and Waste	1,225,978	1,860,512	1,959,552	2,110,684	2,157,926
Other Animal Substances	19,529	29,046	41,492	8,714	21,105
Total, Class VI.	12,400,813	14,875,716	17,677,582	18,975,445	35,379,297
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES, PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES	395,347	522,644	498,681	550,753	554,744
CLASS VIII.—(a) YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) APPAREL.					
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres—					
Yarns (Woolen)	956,948	440,010	173,188	469,086	801,774
Yarns (Silk)	53,556	12,589	8,524	..	2,492
Other	15,837	9,595	30,501	39,270	120,609
Textiles	52,090	82,953	448,345	1,460,812	2,288,343
Apparel—					
Outer Garments	1,806	46,316	147,943	116,867	365,868
Underwear	43,456	1,001	16,958	27,582	60,755
Boots and Shoes	1,480	295	6,570	33,339	89,330
Other	57,709	61,993	24,629	936,351	1,125,717
Total, Class VIII.	1,182,882	654,752	856,658	3,083,307	4,854,888
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.					
Tallow—Unrefined	72,325	278,402	193,001	71,091	94,682
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	124,679	96,082	80,959	170,555	246,875
Total, Class IX.	197,004	374,484	273,960	241,646	341,557
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	5,463	1,638	6,204	10,287	43,075
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES, AND HYDROCARBONS	6,634	9,819	15,812	31,126	522,241

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Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£	£	£	£	£
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, (b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND MACHINERY, AND (c) MACHINERY.					
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures (except Electrical Appliances and Machinery).</i>					
Bolts, and Nuts, Rivets and Washers, n.e.i.	31,958	26	28,206	8,486	61,195
Iron and Steel	19,325	24,535	23,687	35,053	187,436
Cadmium—Blocks, Bars, &c.	11,934	6,045	1,837	575	..
Lead (Pig)	274,179	318,559	256,009	85,352	60,450
Motor Cars, Lorries, &c., and Parts	7,484	9,080	12,912	58,704	133,255
Zinc—Bars, Blocks, &c.	274,585	755,625	1,081,791	1,048,085	1,496,863
All other Metals and Manufactures thereof	112,128	157,072	122,457	435,591	1,493,116
<i>(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment</i>	24,277	46,719	50,826	113,461	258,919
<i>(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical).</i>					
Agricultural Implements	378,092	348,865	240,088	220,821	571,577
Other	136,125	125,594	167,986	399,783	953,449
Total, Class XII.	1,270,087	1,792,120	1,985,799	2,405,911	5,216,260
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR (EXCEPT APPAREL).					
Rubber and Manufactures	148,691	130,833	111,336	176,653	343,692
Leather and Manufactures	303,561	287,012	227,942	570,213	1,276,901
Total, Class XIII.	452,252	417,845	339,278	746,866	1,620,593
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED	15,105	9,784	28,366	98,265	45,145
CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONWARE	20,026	39,210	45,237	45,265	66,775
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.					
Paper	57,442	18,617	8,576	35,972	103,434
Stationery	44,526	80,856	79,141	117,259	240,462
Total, Class XVI.	101,968	99,473	87,717	153,231	343,896

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FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1942-43 TO 1946-47—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES.	£	£	£	£	£
Precious Stones, Unset, Pearls, Cameos, &c.	1,982	2,327	1,636	5,344	12,961
Sporting Material	2,789	1,642	3,620	14,773	53,125
All other Jewellery, Time-pieces, and Fancy Goods	3,596	2,572	17,008	63,231	78,838
Total, Class XVII.	8,367	6,541	22,264	83,348	144,924
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES, AND PHOTO- GRAPHIC GOODS, n.e.i.	67,646	43,137	75,558	90,745	203,781
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS.					
Bacteriological Products and Sera	20,376	15,082	15,006	21,545	19,739
Casein	3,241	..	739	..	60,500
Fertilizers	1,864	3,750	5,435	1,312	694
Medicines	35,448	22,730	11,552	53,027	296,256
Oil—Eucalyptus	83,777	119,540	110,282	136,429	277,026
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations, n.e.i.	27,606	15,105	5,631	82,955	126,941
Soap	11,163	44,802	63,665	187,979	156,249
Yeast	91,956	6,610	8,790	11,766	7,066
Other Drugs and Chemicals	41,673	154,194	154,672	318,807	890,765
Total, Class XIX.	317,104	381,813	375,772	813,820	1,835,236
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.					
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	864,119	770,316	85,579	109,576	121,494
Matches and Vestas	26,554	3,695	6,865	29,803	32,466
Patriotic Gifts	89,751	99,162	59,769	210,904	182,472
Other	199,844	106,946	178,871	347,411	563,183
Total, Class XX.	1,180,268	980,119	331,084	697,694	899,615
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER ; AND BRONZE SPECIE.					
Gold . . . . .	..	..	..	26,411,224	..
Silver . . . . .	..	..	..	40	9,725
Bronze—Specie . . . . .	..	..	..	..	9
Total, Class XXI. . . . .	..	..	..	26,411,264	9,734
Australian produce	34,405,970	36,363,683	39,801,364	75,130,306	88,000,886
Other produce	143,881	183,210	268,797	786,059	610,472
Grand Total	34,549,851	36,546,893	40,070,161	75,916,365	88,611,358

The export trade consists largely of agricultural and pastoral products. The value of wool, wheat, flour, butter, fruits (all kinds), meats, hides and skins, milk and cream cheese and eggs exported during 1946-47, amounted to 75 per cent. of the total Australian merchandise exported—wool alone represented 33 per cent. Total exports showed an increase during 1946-47 of £12,694,993 as compared with the previous year.

Trade with Countries. The value of the trade with various countries of the world in each of the five years 1943-47 was as specified in the following table:—

IMPORTS (ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) INTO VICTORIAN PORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT THERETO FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

Imports of Products or Manufactures of—	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	British Currency Values—				
	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom ..	36,605,447	25,050,484	21,265,437	21,915,973	25,089,477
Africa, British East ..	755,042	263,669	349,677	325,498	242,735
" " West ..	102,340	86,149	93,397	210,158	258,170
Canada ..	4,496,317	3,462,749	3,985,197	2,713,155	4,737,880
Hong Kong ..	1,119			1,841	21,146
India and Ceylon ..	7,218,686	10,434,440	7,101,163	5,578,814	7,260,396
Malaya (British) ..	19,997	604	2	2,582	1,279,279
New Zealand ..	1,272,751	822,532	859,785	1,118,320	1,547,143
Pacific Islands (British) ..	11,400	4,590	43,473	3,925	47,287
South African Union ..	499,967	171,847	248,800	308,893	629,533
West Indies (British) ..	35,074	34,350	151,841	59,587	59,851
Other British Possessions ..	531,137	355,384	475,517	586,113	891,669
Bahrain Island ..	405,285	107,908	448,261	328,675	1,323,315
Belgium ..	14			45,289	501,783
China ..	2,024	270	415	8,782	349,900
Czecho-Slovakia ..	206			135	38,346
Egypt ..	172,580	127,141	390,110	334,964	375,342
France ..	176	90	751	9,001	542,005
Germany ..	634	1,132	2,003	9,857	110,685
Iran ..	990,601	1,092,319	873,057	1,965,770	2,135,187
Italy ..	198	4,415	33	2,839	821,855
Japan ..	99			588	535,471
Netherlands ..	210	72		1,518	142,371
Netherlands East Indies ..	179,637	19,297	5,443	29,583	55,608
Norway ..	11		42	11,092	183,890
Peru ..	10,456	55,944	4,328	5,524	13,406
Phillipine Islands ..	58	22	275	262	99
Spain ..	2,680	1,233	1,426	8,587	11,632
Sweden ..	3,458	2,985	2,007	283,984	642,625
Switzerland ..	70,803	115,616	94,138	316,495	402,970
Soviet Russia (U.S.S.R.) ..	3,852	3,337	1,062	3,506	8,021
United States of America ..	54,426,705	46,326,239	26,501,524	15,972,839	14,227,684
Other Foreign Possessions ..	1,140,612†	597,326	1,154,555	1,063,431	1,312,193
Total (excluding Outside Packages*) ..	108,959,576	89,142,144	64,053,719	53,227,580	65,798,954

* "Outside Packages," 1942-43, £1,473,468; 1943-44, £1,110,168; 1944-45, £714,823; 1945-46, £820,769; and 1946-47, £1,259,417.

† Including Portuguese East Africa, £581,133.

Exports to—	Australian Currency Values—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
United Kingdom ..	13,325,433	12,938,903	16,332,170	39,288,645	28,247,445
Africa, British East ..	13,346	44,388	75,679	44,640	106,331
" " West ..	107				59,208
Canada ..	975,621	1,285,354	1,459,500	1,516,156	1,911,946
Hong Kong ..				1,081,189	2,416,678
India and Ceylon ..	4,886,857	6,344,206	7,368,362	9,655,674	7,316,834
Malaya (British) ..	90			1,913,222	6,060,455
New Zealand ..	2,422,513	2,195,894	1,775,018	2,173,421	3,878,968

IMPORTS (ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) INTO VICTORIAN PORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT THERETO FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1942-43 TO 1946-47—*continued.*

Exports to—	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	Australian Currency Values—				
	£	£	£	£	£
Pacific Islands (British) ..	692,328	586,260	38,303	487,945	203,818
South African Union ..	514,042	327,753	388,497	617,960	1,740,089
West Indies (British) ..	45,377	9,667	..	11,684	87,998
Other British Possessions ..	197,750	179,772	357,747	1,178,149	3,613,375
Eahrein Island ..	19,034	4,000	4,306	2,796	22,990
Belgium ..	..	..	..	1,274,219	3,241,045
China ..	..	..	10	160,558	1,804,416
Czecho-Slovakia ..	..	..	..	42,772	317,523
Egypt ..	581,714	1,316,320	1,097,869	841,361	1,959,388
France ..	..	..	132,177	2,601,313	4,366,040
Germany ..	..	..	..	..	83,732
Iran ..	13,361	20,846	23,791	43,703	256,368
Italy ..	3	91,560	204,399	134,535	2,580,989
Japan ..	..	..	..	24,477	164,347
Netherlands ..	..	..	..	114,922	505,013
Netherlands East Indies ..	65	53	..	314,531	30,266
Norway ..	..	..	..	15,215	153,686
Peru ..	219,107	..	..	..	..
Philippine Islands ..	..	..	..	905	90,180
Spain ..	..	..	..	252	109,448
Sweden ..	..	..	..	257,510	1,021,286
Switzerland ..	..	..	..	38,647	305,312
Soviet Russia (U.S.S.R.) ..	139,890	27,095	15,945	351,657	262,635
United States of America ..	7,143,873	8,940,908	9,190,946	9,371,224	12,785,014
Other Foreign Possessions ..	611,452	772,141	772,467	1,178,655	2,907,110
Country not stated ..	2,747,888	1,461,773	832,975	1,178,428	1,425
Total ..	34,549,851	36,546,893	40,070,161	75,916,365	88,611,358

Trade with United Kingdom.

Imports from and exports to the United Kingdom during 1946-47 represented 38 per cent. and 32 per cent. respectively of the total value of imports into and exports from Victorian ports during that year. Details of the principal articles interchanged are given hereunder for each of the five years, 1943-1947.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

Articles.	Values in Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imports (British Currency Values), Articles of United Kingdom origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Whisky ..	18,374	10,665	51,677	44,155	52,427
Cigarettes ..	15,998	..	..	2,788	65,703
Apparel ..	165,395	93,046	161,174	480,412	1,085,822
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck ..	333,763	594,525	353,834	319,630	102,290
Cotton and Linen ..	1,368,265	1,454,346	2,293,961	2,376,680	2,022,664
Silk and Artificial Silk ..	1,862,456	2,041,276	2,671,770	2,448,639	2,573,250
Woolen ..	197,003	52,494	78,319	132,311	230,543
Velvets ..	88,353	4,516	15,020	10,480	54,005
Other ..	377,276	237,606	443,485	177,580	279,583

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1942-43 TO 1946-47—continued.

Articles.	Values in Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imports (British Currency Values).</i>					
<i>Articles of United Kingdom origin</i>					
<i>imported into Victorian ports—</i>					
<i>continued.</i>					
Floor Coverings	41,098	58	16,069	180,024	602,808
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c.	327,663	262,817	245,461	214,419	222,369
Yarns, other	1,095,647	1,061,047	1,493,624	1,572,436	1,467,752
Machines and Machinery	3,316,958	3,066,053	3,750,680	3,508,106	2,994,685
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	160,068	173,826	130,816	379,757	864,929
Pipes and Tubes	7,821	27,947	19,091	34,937	20,704
Plated ware and Cutlery	129,640	120,991	125,965	182,204	407,875
Motor Cars (bodies, chassis, and parts)	47,041	56,319	41,900	841,899	1,784,835
Other Vehicles and parts, n.e.l.	7,766,715	4,930,506	2,668,802	1,277,225	781,551
Other Metals and Manufactures	788,537	716,626	671,002	975,387	1,318,183
Rubber and Rubber Goods	35,656	21,642	35,527	143,730	333,866
Crockery and Household Ware	139,829	121,463	186,194	264,651	362,390
Glass and Glassware	92,152	70,414	115,982	193,575	244,195
Paper	256,624	226,477	284,882	312,936	542,715
Books	248,955	427,259	446,929	415,612	539,193
Fancy Goods	36,847	34,118	39,325	89,834	274,540
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations	115,671	167,601	274,873	139,727	229,692
Sodium Salts	194,828	151,251	216,190	101,935	101,578
Dyes	359,366	479,310	391,259	334,899	459,561
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	14,670,822	6,930,500	2,566,131	2,313,895	172,669
All other Articles	2,346,566	1,515,785	1,475,495	2,446,110	4,897,095
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	36,605,447	25,050,484	21,265,437	21,915,973	25,089,477
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to United Kingdom.</i>					
Butter	3,559,502	2,821,147	3,780,630	4,444,355	6,633,032
Cheese	187,553	32,738	32,131	237,321	716,099
Eggs	184	..	..	615,819	952,286
Meats—					
Beef, Mutton and Lamb	2,704,458	2,440,490	1,825,097	588,296	3,323,272
Pork	3,999	131,371	420,583	357,393	133,069
Preserved in tins	237,522	103,105	212,583	704,700	1,155,010
Rabbits and Hares .. .. .	..	14,939	138,026	94,949	499,458
Other	237,564	206,186	252,188	144,496	497,417
Milk and Cream	88,276	91,708	88,809	88,610	258,549
Fruits—all kinds	1,073,390	1,302,002	1,279,848	947,693	2,238,332
Wheat and Flour	460,806	..	47,405	..	1,210,629
Jams and Jellies .. .. .	..	21	81,480	50,898	271,480
Wine, fermented	1,987	177	23,482	19,522	67,614
Hides and Skins	65,829	173,521	331,585	297,455	752,318
Flax	257,314	360,406	314,196	271,988	261,897
Wool	3,610,506	3,442,955	5,879,217	2,916,815	6,757,248
Tallow, unrefined	4,410	84,656	116,234	40,455	9,146
Lead (Pig)	52,921	245,097	244,256	68,178	..
Zinc (Bars, Blocks, &c.)	115,617	700,688	544,066	93,735	278,400
Implements and Machinery—Agri-cultural, &c.	299,598	302,360	126,046	55,323	20,850
Leather, &c.	150,831	95,011	167,267	262,616	363,990
Soap .. .. .	..	636	1,092	215	115
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	10,476	96,832	5,538	1,569	18,584
Bullion and Specie .. .. .	..	..	..	26,411,224	6,652
All other Articles	202,690	292,857	420,411	575,020	1,821,998
Total	13,325,433	12,938,903	16,332,170	39,288,645	28,247,445

During 1946-47 the value of imports from Canada into Victorian ports increased by £2,024,725 as compared with the previous year. The value of exports increased in the same period by £395,790.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH CANADA, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imports (British Currency Values).</i>					
<i>Articles of Canadian origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Fish, preserved in tins	4,699	28,193	7,071	60,404	101,706
Apparel	114,945	8,419	40	1,620	6,061
Pulp for Papermaking	12,284	3,406	190,672	127,732	66,488
Piece Goods—					
Silk	11,209	..	21,744	24,962	159,334
Other	19,118	13,236	83,496	101,719	184,146
Asbestos, Crude	5,515	25,124	75,626	29,342	41,280
Machines and Machinery—					
Electrical Machinery and appliances	123,624	28,220	9,132	54,697	38,020
Motor Car Engines (imported separately)	304,503	9,882	10,863	933	..
Other	65,293	38,235	69,102	48,263	81,473
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	122,661	101,519	109,612	16,559	34,881
Nickel	85,087	..	3,832	532	5,883
Vehicles—					
Motor Car Bodies and Parts	66	718	..	..	305
" " Chassis and Parts	1,256,508	466,140	330,828	716,398	1,627,426
Other	573,800	1,294,977	1,794,812	90,326	79,968
Other Metals, &c.	372,189	233,165	101,630	95,919	81,008
Timber	64,898	71,997	177,637	218,305	569,174
Paper—					
Newsprint	3,351	161,164	547,577	584,383	954,706
Other	25,915	33,340	81,368	21,111	176,442
Drugs and Chemicals	149,023	150,614	36,688	37,531	135,766
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	810,696	655,165	109,874	1,514	132
All other Articles	370,933	139,235	223,593	480,905	393,681
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	4,496,317	3,462,749	3,985,197	2,713,155	4,737,880
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to Canada.</i>					
Sausage Casings	27,968	49,044	32,917	15,200	59,484
Fruits—					
Dried	439,967	386,236	666,465	422,080	466,482
Preserved in Liquid .. ..	..	..	178	5	..
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	4,673	1,006	1	13,693	7,999
Hides and Skins—					
Rabbit and Hare	57,855	95,371	69,130	260,295	114,980
Other	11,390	37,994	34,617	9,766	18,970
Wool	413,521	667,368	610,909	632,855	909,968
Vegetable Substances and Fibres	167	3,656	104	1,125	249
Tallow, unrefined .. ..	..	22,223	2,386	4,017	1,090
All other Articles	20,080	22,456	42,793	157,120	332,724
Total	975,621	1,285,354	1,459,500	1,516,156	1,911,946

During 1946-47 the value of imports into Victorian ports from India and Ceylon increased by £1,681,582 as compared with the previous year, while the value of exports from Victorian ports to those countries decreased by £2,338,840. The principal articles interchanged in each of the five years 1943-47 were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH INDIA AND CEYLON, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

Articles.	Values in Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of Indian and Cingalese origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Cocoa Beans	43,039	19,696	31,069	3,186	6,748
Coffee	11,094	7,202			
Nuts	10,749	8,943	8,358	67,562	163,441
Spices	59,891	32,206	47,598	64,608	39,872
Tea	1,394,650	1,249,121	1,324,129	1,566,004	2,017,424
Hides and Skins	24,952	17,869	14,063	31,062	89,243
Fibres	243,353	322,746	375,426	316,335	644,475
Gums and Resins	94,901	36,059	6,283	25,251	46,805
Seeds—					
Linseed	122,590	112,149	188,505	174,600	111,265
Other	207,935	145,912	142,310	163,378	169,819
Apparel	8,577	237,645	349,715	35,211	21,088
Textiles—					
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck	133,553	376,495	58,950	22,942	34,969
Cotton and Linen	1,368,986	3,206,196	1,633,672	641,596	761,813
Hessians	452,785	865,693	310,968	344,636	337,719
Other	191,565	167,990	143,819	10,994	3,615
Floor Coverings	3,650	1,489	15,107	33,484	385,053
Other Textiles	95,346	842,142	24,064	127,807	49,362
Bags and Sacks	1,493,385	495,485	883,131	531,554	1,518,154
Cordage and Twine	15,209	296,762	54	90	
Yarns	229,933	303,360	534,700	112,604	76,569
Oils in Bulk	6,430	2	18,090		
Waxes	58,025	23,219	50,385	60,218	94,616
Rubber, &c.	625,363	1,067,163	791,476	1,106,595	514,531
All other Articles	322,725	598,896	149,291	139,097	178,815
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	7,218,686	10,434,440	7,101,163	5,578,814	7,260,396
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to India and Ceylon.</i>					
Butter	59,520	117,522	367,629	456,040	112,996
Cheese	11,980	502,405	735,473	256,338	127,285
Meats	174,643	484,646	1,320,262	670,190	152,348
Milk and Cream	392,194	629,047	867,165	843,847	753,569
Biscuits	72,913	28,331	13,106	273,616	13,309
Hay and Chaff	95	22	536	108	3,101
Fruits (all kinds)	13,665	115,749	59,474	203,673	80,987
Wheat	573,856	275,276			7,518
Flour	703,830	1,187,746	932,045	1,769,894	2,184,350
Other Grain and Pulse	14,734	121,643	311,817	114,861	312,107
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors—					
Ale and Beer	176,321	138,520	128,984	3,528	137
Other	51,702	83,809	49,195	81,325	19,189

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH INDIA AND
CEYLON, 1942-43 TO 1946-47—*continued.*

Articles.	Values in Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to India and Ceylon—continued.</i>					
Jams and Jellies	186,995	270,716	190,179	500,093	74,214
Vegetables	18,287	54,271	119,167	1,168,500	98,699
Horses			100	9,145	50,324
Wool	1,200,583	1,421,484	1,263,406	1,287,883	607,683
Apparel—					
Underwear	35,997	1,882	12	7,609	10,812
Other	639	6,060	4,992	54,799	115,355
Yarns, Wool	839,079	250,688	8,533	13,811	14,783
Tallow, unrefined	52,915	37,570	21,767	23,957	83,815
Zinc (bars, blocks, &c.)	144,538	43,837	447,090	865,333	1,151,623
Soap		16,904	9,535	7,564	3,591
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	6,556	132,641		288	8,304
All other Articles	155,815	423,437	517,895	1,043,272	1,330,735
Total	4,886,857	6,344,206	7,368,362	9,655,674	7,316,834

Trade with New Zealand. The value of imports into Victorian ports from New Zealand during 1946-47 increased by £428,823 as compared with that of the previous year, whilst the value of exports from Victorian ports thereto increased by £1,705,547. The principal articles of trade during each of the five years 1943-47 were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
NEW ZEALAND, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of New Zealand origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Fish	79,317	83,776	80,568	113,207	144,077
Milk and Cream	4,127	3,951	3,011	3,217	
Meats	62,325	36,416	27,123	18,380	36,680
Grain and Pulse	88,268	36,440	16,762	31,412	46,540
Hops	1,006	412			
Animals (horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs)	3,643	18,414	23,969	47,606	64,342
Hides and Skins	139,516	89,140	104,027	303,249	421,465
Wool	11,714	35,369	40,215	4,791	272,618
Flax and Hemp					
Oakum and Tow		77			
Seeds	48,308	54,596	97,896	231,204	181,302
Timber	17,366	6,838	31,433	73,423	40,870
Gold and Silver	738,574	376,773	257,951	88,766	114,933
All other Articles	78,587	80,330	176,830	203,065	224,316
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	1,272,751	822,532	859,785	1,118,320	1,547,143

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH NEW ZEALAND,
1942-43 TO 1946-47—continued.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to New Zealand.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Fruits, all kinds	355,890	355,090	335,582	297,982	254,487
Grain and Pulse—					
Wheat	274,779	398,638	..	..	304,177
Flour .. .. .	..	..	2,967	5,233	4,264
Rice and Rice Meal	16,042	23,304	4,701	552	36,225
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	13,724	46,297	29,518	45,161	87,895
Apparel	34,082	27,256	23,927	75,208	102,695
Textiles	32,083	44,506	156,787	184,276	268,634
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres	183,270	138,101	183,144	186,815	398,074
Oils	14,784	21,843	14,038	8,410	12,048
Machines and Machinery	114,861	89,475	118,516	179,438	330,197
Metal Manufactures	129,574	129,114	146,858	165,487	325,516
Rubber Manufactures	148,150	130,425	111,239	170,827	314,096
Leather, &c.	81,267	91,110	41,094	50,990	107,160
Books	26,153	23,251	31,358	44,986	123,445
Photographic goods and materials	45,965	29,282	55,724	28,065	101,112
Drugs and Chemicals	97,286	103,050	90,813	43,225	154,149
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	612,940	137,640	85,579	108,464	85,117
All other Articles	241,663	407,512	343,173	578,302	869,677
Australian produce	2,342,239	2,148,557	1,739,918	2,051,507	3,785,488
Other produce	80,274	47,337	35,100	121,914	93,480
Total	2,422,513	2,195,894	1,775,018	2,173,421	3,878,968

Trade with Germany was broken off after the outbreak of war in 1939, virtually ceased with France and Belgium after their occupation in 1940, was discontinued with Japan on the entry of that country into the war in December 1941 and with the Netherlands East Indies when they were occupied by Japan early in 1942.

Although trade between Victoria and the above-mentioned countries has been resumed to some extent since the end of hostilities in 1945, it falls far short of prewar levels.

The value of imports into Victorian ports from the United States of America decreased by £1,745,155 during 1946-47 as compared with 1945-46, whilst the value of exports from Victorian ports to that country increased during the same period by £3,413,790. The principal articles included in the trade with the United States of America in each of the five years 1943-47 were as follows :—

Trade with
United States
of America.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of United States origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Fish, preserved in tins	104,936	60,741	4,092	23,718	66,370
Sausage Casings	26,755	5,388	80,662	1,459,472	1,090,863
Tobacco, &c.	270,834	1,205,517	1,080,861	125,231	92,936
Cotton, raw	1,293	119,167	138,628	72,508	167,467
Gums and Resins	73,952	113,237	321,302	561,268	258,064
Plastic Materials	*	*	*	120,050	26,903
Pulp for Papermaking	308,489	339,229	244,462		
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	499,496	1,751,690	4,746,322	731,013	1,366,386
Other	132,817	16,845	166,796	412,932	35,986
Manufactured Fibres and Yarns	239,586	145,097	54,849	86,319	45,537
Oils	1,689,858	2,275,865	744,773	1,282,582	1,248,204
Paints and Varnishes	40,391	49,064	54,971	147,308	146,437
Asphalt, Bitumen, and Natural Pitch	12,603	30,694	57,285	65,449	14,990
Electrical Machines and Appliances	720,982	1,152,277	1,788,341	595,053	296,438
Metal Working Machinery	2,209,455	1,991,586	607,832	128,214	228,522
Motive Power Machinery—					
Aircraft Engines and Parts	2,758,642	1,675,254	564,096	101,355	165,664
Other	806,331	1,410,555	2,207,876	932,212	1,151,546
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings	571,993	316,103	288,933	138,489	78,469
Other Machines and Machinery	659,542	1,210,544	826,690	631,967	904,572
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	2,286,738	2,717,839	2,401,533	1,719,075	1,638,368
Tools of Trade	359,201	486,335	673,225	265,631	52,432
Vehicles and Parts—					
Motor Bodies, Chassis, &c.	1,641,740	762,729	366,828	1,458,405	1,169,011
Aircraft	7,023,272	6,817,930	2,966,422	1,925,351	1,163,273
Other	15,073,105	12,473,956	3,107,952	27,673	220,632
Other Metals, &c.	605,952	1,285,058	247,950	189,187	153,263
Rubber, &c.	155,073	6,953	24,562	62,565	199,591
Timber	7,282	17,345	126,193	94,925	83,764
Glass and Glassware	13,971	2,321	26,501	28,657	48,291
Paper	89,719	641,107	498,661	400,087	460,176
Stationery	29,011	90,726	104,511	146,668	199,801
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Fancy Goods	10,549	47,594	45,738	16,893	17,384
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments	334,438	216,647	259,534	366,947	286,480
Acetone	161,663				
Sulphur (Brimstone)	43,980	48,648	85,000	147,599	318,193
Other Drugs and Chemicals	495,099	512,186	363,708	360,477	389,343
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	13,292,133	2,222,831	570,620	790,105	17,204
Celluloid, Sheet, Strips, &c.	161,650	108,491	66,380	†	†
Fire Brigade and Life Saving Appliances	461,173	2,319,300	91,696	914	3,502
Vessels (Ships)	606,774	555,344	1,296	58	121
Gold, Silver, and Bronze Specie	192,961	649,448			
All other Articles	253,266	474,598	494,443	356,482	421,501
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	54,426,705	46,326,239	26,501,524	15,972,839	14,227,684

* Included in Gums and Resins.

† Included in Plastic Materials.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.—*continued.*

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to the United States.</i>					
Sausage Casings	166,558	117,561	159,099	101,064	119,538
Hides and Skins	1,689,321	2,694,378	2,445,093	3,201,534	3,028,945
Wool	4,927,860	5,811,086	6,071,698	5,079,181	8,710,721
Seeds—Agricultural and Vegetable	33,874	43,500	31,857	49,367	83,594
Vegetable Fibres—Rag, Clippings, &c.	14,486	27,641	35,224	78,767	38,818
Tallow, unrefined	14,507	130,906	44,729	..	..
Machines and Machinery	1,904	3,117	3,769	5,196	3,642
Lead (Pig)	216,539	..	..	5,552	..
Zinc (Spelter)—Bars, Blocks, &c. .. ..	..	..	90,635	90,927	..
Leather, &c.	499	6,517	802	9,830	19,768
Eucalyptus Oil	35,263	57,010	62,421	64,701	109,859
All other Articles	40,562	49,192	245,619*	685,105†	670,129
Total	7,143,873	8,940,908	9,190,946	9,371,224	12,785,014

* Including re-exports of Hessians £170,100.

† Including Fresh Fruits £105,060 and re-exports of Hessians £402,828.

Principal Exports—Quantities and Values.

Particulars relating to quantities and values of the principal commodities exported from Victorian ports are given in the following table:—

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE YEARS 1943-44 TO 1946-47.
(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.)

Commodity.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
Wool—				
Greasy	lb. 102,687,848	134,674,426	122,598,522	193,595,564
	£ 8,175,116	10,504,923	9,718,556	20,799,838
Scoured and Washed	lb. 14,611,839	18,376,296	17,577,493	44,391,722
	£ 1,783,890	2,149,169	2,421,215	6,658,839
Tops, Noils, and Waste	lb. 9,136,602	9,878,048	8,557,169	9,845,839
	£ 1,860,512	1,959,552	2,110,684	2,157,926
Butter	lb. 49,490,628	50,340,413	57,714,740	82,594,500
	£ 3,299,164	4,381,131	5,116,989	7,786,346
Wheat	centals 2,370,710	22,943	144	410,976
	£ 952,342	10,349	122	312,072
Flour (wheaten)	centals 3,494,116	2,973,159	2,556,857	4,429,523
	£ 1,994,574	1,689,926	2,897,017	7,025,624

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE YEARS 1943-44 TO 1946-47—*continued.*

Commodity.		1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
Fruits—					
Dried	{ lb. £	107,942,369 1,950,668	106,270,439 2,025,967	63,089,291 1,393,976	70,682,940 1,682,138
Fresh	{ lb. £	6,390,600 157,497	7,270,800 143,913	17,666,700 297,547	19,131,200 477,743
Preserved in Liquid .. .	{ lb. £	3,758,560 128,885	9,921,572 183,078	23,545,821 518,786	45,197,285 1,368,813
Meats—					
Beef (frozen) .. .	{ lb. £	1,294,546 35,018	8,457,401 237,049	1,212,459 37,622	17,909,891 445,946
Lamb (frozen) .. .	{ lb. £	82,627,738 2,383,616	62,345,457 1,857,590	18,560,104 568,285	79,827,160 2,576,358
Mutton (frozen) .. .	{ lb. £	11,173,911 181,741	19,470,482 387,708	8,884,125 190,576	29,936,686 486,341
Pork (frozen) .. .	{ lb. £	4,141,392 154,114	13,346,400 509,909	10,479,042 409,856	4,013,637 169,480
Poultry (frozen) .. .	£	4,419	..	7,619	221,147
Rabbits and Hares (frozen) {	pairs £	328,487 28,520	1,379,537 160,675	1,035,311 109,044	4,528,137 528,825
Preserved in tins .. .	{ lb. £	13,050,951 642,728	22,291,310 1,132,070	28,092,602 1,461,462	34,444,231 2,061,345
Sausage Casings .. .	{ cwt. £	12,989 281,977	13,818 300,651	7,196 174,749	10,437 271,727
All other	£	283,506	520,919	392,849	578,379
Milk and Cream .. .	£	832,479	1,051,847	1,569,404	2,733,230
Hides and Skins—					
Sheep	{ lb. £	15,139,758 639,118	24,196,964 1,002,186	46,712,108 1,923,515	56,448,590 3,550,140
Calf, Cattle, Horse .. .	{ No. £	43,658 56,754	27,083 95,681	63,389 81,021	25,883 67,295
Rabbit and Hare .. .	{ lb. £	5,906,243 2,072,741	5,750,112 1,750,681	6,203,553 2,616,670	4,947,452 2,020,950
Other Skins	£	258,539	173,898	95,070	103,204
Tallow (unrefined) .. .	{ cwt. £	190,907 278,402	115,722 193,001	36,555 71,091	16,895 94,682
Eggs in shell .. .	{ dozen £	10,550 866	55,920 3,749	1,880,850 126,923	3,479,898 230,238
Eggs not in shell .. .	{ lb. £	1,975,664 133,418	884,359 60,636	7,563,634 531,365	9,261,330 895,374
Cheese	{ lb. £	14,882,977 986,770	16,573,648 1,086,603	11,923,578 642,800	30,259,127 1,430,698

Ships' Stores.

Prior to 1906 goods shipped at Victorian ports on board oversea vessels as ships' stores were included in particulars of exports. From 1906 the information has been excluded from the export figures. The nature and value of these stores shipped during each of the years 1942-43 to 1946-47 is given in the following table:—

VICTORIA—VALUE OF STORES SHIPPED ON OVERSEA
VESSELS, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£	£	£	£	£
Ale, Beer, and Porter	22,414	15,756	22,364	24,371	19,442
Butter	13,126	13,093	14,032	16,270	13,859
Cheese	3,361	2,600	3,004	4,293	3,762
Coal (Bunker)	16,561	19,712	28,739	7,063	13,178
Cordage and Twines	4,098	5,819	6,302	6,201	3,276
Eggs	15,235	6,962	12,471	7,894	9,131
Fish	16,270	15,033	15,120	22,106	25,295
Fruits (all kinds)	15,441	10,489	14,878	16,986	16,155
Fruit and Vegetables (in liquid) ..	5,408	5,569	6,229	6,366	4,896
Vegetables	19,408	8,448	10,679	14,962	15,212
Flour (wheaten)	58,185	14,694	8,480	12,029	17,939
Jams and Jellies	5,231	3,099	3,969	3,388	2,158
Meats	94,340	73,048	101,507	110,845	113,687
Milk and Cream (preserved)	14,347	11,555	11,380	13,949	12,583
Oils for use as fuel in vessels ..	1,109,147	1,237,045	1,905,505	567,011	372,934
Oils for use as fuel in aircraft ..	6,075	1,87	187	..	6,723
Oils, other	53,483	53,519	48,019	29,056	38,331
Paints and Colours	26,150	24,601	35,114	25,962	18,691
Potatoes	11,957	5,739	9,998	11,510	10,505
Spirits	11,100	7,186	8,564	6,523	4,525
Sugar	4,144	5,132	5,217	5,712	5,239
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes ..	22,133	12,708	14,332	19,886	20,260
All other Articles	171,338	168,993	170,371	137,386	128,445
Australian Produce	544,257	472,743	554,933	470,763	533,854
Other Produce	1,174,695	1,248,244	1,901,341	599,006	342,372
Total	1,718,952	1,720,987	2,456,274	1,069,769	876,226

**Customs
and Excise
Revenue.**

The oversea trade and the gross revenue collected at Victorian ports, during the year 1946-47, are shown in the following statement:—

OVERSEA TRADE AND GROSS REVENUE COLLECTED AT
VICTORIAN PORTS, 1946-47.

Heading.	Melbourne.	Geelong.	Portland.	Total.
	£	£	£	£
Overseas Trade—				
Imports (British Currency)	64,635,780	2,291,528	144,417	67,071,725
Exports (Australian Currency)	87,336,298	588,703	686,357	88,611,358
Gross Revenue (Australian Currency)—				
Customs Duties	14,193,004	698,015	240,006	15,126,025
Excise Duties	16,662,445	58,001	..	16,720,446
Primage	1,880,520	38,033	10,806	1,929,359
Other Sources	262,638	13,355	101	276,094
Total	32,998,607	802,404	250,913	34,051,924*

* After deducting £805,377 for Refunds and Drawbacks, &c., the net revenue was £33,246,547.

Interstate Trade.

On the 13th September, 1910, the Commonwealth Government abandoned the collecting and recording of information relating to Interstate imports and exports, but, at the Statisticians' Conference held in 1926 at Perth, it was resolved that action should be taken by the Statistician of each State (with the exception of Western Australia and Tasmania where schemes for collecting interstate trade statistics were in force) with a view to obtaining a record of the principal items of interstate trade. It has not been possible to obtain complete information regarding the interstate trade of Victoria. However, returns relating to the interchange of certain goods between Victoria and the other States were received from the Harbor Trusts, the Ports and Harbors Branch of the Public Works Department, and the Railways Department (until February, 1942), but staff difficulties have necessitated discontinuance of their publication.

SHIPPING.**Vessels entered and cleared.**

Victorian shipping, as dealt with in the succeeding tables, refers to vessels trading with other States and overseas countries; the tonnage quoted is net. Public vessels which were exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, equipment and war supplies and vessels trading on the Victorian coast and on the River Murray are not included. Coastal shipping is included in the particulars of the shipping at Victorian ports (page 304).

The number of vessels entered and cleared, and their total tonnage in each of the five years 1943-1947, were as follows:—

**VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING,
1942-43 TO 1946-47.**

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Vessels Entered—					
Number	1,681	1,494	1,412	1,442	1,679
Tons	3,281,980	3,000,917	2,998,775	3,485,783	4,844,421
Average tonnage ..	1,952	2,009	2,124	2,417	2,885
Vessels Cleared—					
Number	1,678	1,499	1,444	1,434	1,659
Tons	3,260,936	2,986,356	3,096,963	3,482,275	4,804,031
Average tonnage ..	1,943	1,992	2,145	2,428	2,896

For the twelve months ended 30th June, 1947, steamers numbered 1,582 of the vessels entered and 1,575 of the vessels cleared, their tonnage aggregating 4,831,794 and 4,793,960 respectively. The inward shipping included 37 vessels in ballast, of an aggregate tonnage of 136,779, while the outward shipping included 282 vessels in ballast, having an aggregate tonnage of 921,730.

Note.— Oil burning vessels are included with steamers, which prior to 1936-37 also included "Sailing Vessels with auxiliary engines".

Shipping with principal countries. The countries having shipping communication with Victoria in 1946-47 are set out in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—SHIPPING WITH PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, 1946-47.

Countries.	Vessels Entered.				Vessels Cleared.			
	Steamers.*		Sailing Vessels.		Steamers.*		Sailing Vessels.	
	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.
Australian States	1,116	2,556,115	93	11,985	1,128	2,677,082	79	9,267
United Kingdom	74	548,059	..	..	91	546,554	..	..
New Zealand	25	86,201	4	642	44	181,373	5	804
India	35	153,375	..	..	40	195,469	..	..
Straits Settlements.. ..	14	57,154	..	..	26	103,441	..	..
Other British	162	746,095	..	..	89	409,518	..	..
Total British Countries..	1,426	4,146,999	97	12,627	1,418	4,113,437	84	10,071
Japan	2	8,146	..	..	2	9,036	..	..
Dutch East Indies	5	20,197	..	..	4	12,288	..	..
United States of America ..	71	331,432	..	..	44	192,307	..	..
Other Foreign	78	325,020	..	..	107	466,392	..	..
Total Foreign Countries	156	684,795	..	..	157	680,523	..	..
Grand Total	1,582	4,831,794	97	12,627	1,575	4,793,960	84	10,071

* Includes oil-burning vessels.

Nationality of vessels. The nationality of vessels entered and cleared at Victorian ports for the year 1946-47 was as follows:—

VICTORIA—NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1946-47.

Nationality.	Vessels Entered.		Vessels Cleared.	
	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.
British—				
Australian	892	1,168,831	877	1,151,141
United Kingdom	551	2,835,289	546	2,816,012
Canadian	9	38,545	11	47,128
Hong Kong	1	2,989	1	2,989
New Zealand	54	68,027	51	62,201
South African	2	6,787	2	6,787
Other British	14	39,158	14	37,250
Total British	1,523	4,159,626	1,502	4,123,508
Foreign—				
Danish	7	26,102	7	26,102
French	1	6,395	1	6,395
German .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Dutch	21	104,314	20	98,161
Italian	1	6,182	1	6,182
Japanese .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Norwegian	37	156,534	37	151,790
Swedish	31	96,861	32	102,088
United States of America	48	231,486	49	236,358
Other Foreign	10	56,921	10	53,447
Total, Foreign	156	684,795	157	680,523
Grand Total	1,679	4,844,421	1,659	4,804,031

Shipping entered at Victorian Ports.

Particulars of shipping—oversea, interstate, and coastal—which entered at each port of Victoria are given in the following statement for the year ended 30th June, 1947.

VICTORIA—VESSELS ENTERED AT EACH PORT, 1946-47.

Route.	Melbourne.		Geelong.		Portland.		Warrnambool.	
	Number.	Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.
Oversea—								
Steam*	431	2,132,594	31	123,788	4	19,297	..	..
Sailing	4	642	..	..	..	..	..	..
Interstate—†								
Steam*	1,059	2,412,353	52	126,080	5	17,682	..	..
Sailing	92	11,891	1	94	..	..	..	..
Oversea, <i>via</i> Ports—								
Steam* and Sailing ..	15	61,874	13	64,829	4	21,489	..	..
Interstate <i>via</i> Ports—								
Steam* and Sailing ..	16	50,904	3	5,671	..	..	..	..
Local (within the State)—								
Steam* and Sailing ..	39	119,502	38	81,097	1	5,918	..	..
Total—								
Steam* and Sailing ..	1,656	4,789,760	138	401,559	14	64,386	..	..

NOTE.—“Ports” means Victorian ports.

* Includes oil-burning vessels.

† Including “Oversea *via* States”.

Cargo discharged and shipped. Statistics relating to the tonnage of cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria during the year ended 30th June, 1947, are shown in the following tables. The former shows the tonnage of interstate and oversea cargo handled at each port in the State, and the latter the tonnage of oversea cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria according to the nationality of the vessels in which the cargo was carried.

VICTORIA—TONNAGE OF INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED AT EACH PORT DURING THE YEAR 1946-47.

Port.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate (Tons).		Oversea (Tons).		Interstate (Tons).		Oversea (Tons).	
	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.
Melbourne ..	1,902,101	237,681	1,082,638	444,073	515,162	272,672	544,376	458,138
Geelong ..	158,531	1,380	221,346	11,119	62,561	12,559	25,698	528
Portland ..	..	..	29,757	..	25	..	11,239	..
Warrnambool	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	2,060,632	239,061	1,333,741	455,192	577,748	285,231	581,313	458,666

VICTORIA—TONNAGE OF OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED
AND SHIPPED DURING THE YEAR 1946-47 ACCORDING
TO THE NATIONALITY OF VESSELS.

Nationality of Vessels.	Discharged.		Shipped.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.
Australian	916	3,225		232
United Kingdom	1,003,417	308,432	448,886	357,019
Canadian	5,433	17,601	8,887	6,957
Hong Kong				
New Zealand	225	21,383	6,616	31,963
South African		3	134	967
Other British	1,958	5,071	4,049	11,045
Total (British)	1,011,949	355,715	468,572	408,183
Danish	1,144	5,030	4,588	14
French			2,703	320
German				
Dutch	33,089	8,988	6,290	4,671
Italian	13,815			
Japanese				
Norwegian	88,289	33,105	22,993	30,392
Swedish	36,611		37,485	
United States of America	97,200	50,871	29,056	14,961
Other Foreign	51,644	1,483	9,826	125
Total (Foreign)	321,792	99,477	112,741	50,483
Grand Total	1,333,741	455,192	581,313	458,666

PRINCIPAL PORTS OF VICTORIA.

Port of
Melbourne.

The Port of Melbourne is under the control of the Melbourne Harbor Trust, which had 11.69 miles of wharfs, piers, and jetties in the River Yarra, Victoria Dock, Maribyrnong River, and Hobson's Bay at 31st December, 1947. The area of these wharfs, &c., is 58 acres, and there are 30 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres of sheds. Reference to the constitution of the Trust and the revenue and expenditure thereof are shown in part "Local Government".

Trade of
the Port
of Melbourne.

During the year 1947, vessels to the number of 1,937 (1,445 steamers, 396 motor vessels, and 96 sailing vessels) with registered gross tonnage aggregating 8,894,393 berthed within the Port. Total imports in 1947 amounted to 4,182,459 tons, of which 2,191,384 tons were interstate and coastal cargo. Exports totalled 1,701,762 tons, including interstate and coastal tonnage, amounting to 678,705. Coal formed a great part of the interstate imports and, excluding 66,871 tons transhipped to vessels and 26,062 tons kept on board and landed at Geelong, or other ports, or used for bunkers, the quantity imported during 1947 amounted to 1,031,304 tons.

Part of
Geelong.

The Port of Geelong is controlled by the Geelong Harbor Trust. The number of berthings of vessels visiting the port during 1947 was 270 and represented 848,953 gross tonnage. Imports and exports for that period aggregated 404,420 and 216,295 tons respectively.

POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES, AND WIRELESS.

The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (63 and 64 Vict., Chapter 12) provided, in section 51, power to make laws with respect to *inter alia*, "postal, telegraphic, telephonic, and other like services".

These services are under the control of the Postmaster-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. Information given in the following tables refers only to the Victorian activities of the Department.

The number of post offices and the number of mails despatched and received in each of the five years 1942-43 to 1946-47 are given hereunder.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF POST OFFICES AND MAILS, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Post Offices.*	Number of Mails—	
		Despatched.	Received.
1943	2,546	2,303,387	2,093,297
1944	2,528	2,090,731	1,837,481
1945	2,510	2,201,985	1,944,136
1946	2,484	2,321,749	2,106,878
1947	2,470	2,347,028	2,137,329

* Excluding "Telephone" offices at which telegraph and telephone business only is transacted, viz., 1942-43, 243; 1943-44, 240; 1944-45, 238; 1945-46, 229; and 1946-47, 231.

Postal Returns—Victoria. Particulars relating to the number of letters, packets, and newspapers dealt with during 1945-46 and 1946-47 are given hereunder.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF LETTERS, PACKETS, AND NEWSPAPERS DEALT WITH, 1945-46 AND 1946-47.

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June, 1946.			Year ended 30th June, 1947.		
	Letters, Post-cards, Letter-cards.	Newspapers and Packets.	Total.	Letters, Post-cards, Letter-cards.	Newspapers and Packets.	Total.
<i>Posted for delivery—</i>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Within the Commonwealth ..	252,611,900	43,847,700	296,459,600	261,540,200	43,043,300	304,583,500
Beyond the Commonwealth—						
Despatched	7,634,800	3,338,900	10,973,700	8,808,600	2,783,600	11,592,200
Received ..	10,484,900	3,295,500	13,780,400	10,589,200	4,745,000	15,334,200
Total ..	270,731,600	50,482,100	321,213,700	280,938,000	50,571,900	331,509,900

The number of registered articles posted and received and particulars concerning parcels post, are shown below.

VICTORIA—REGISTERED ARTICLES AND PARCELS POST 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

Year ended 30th June—	Registered Articles (other than Parcels).				Parcels Post.*			
	Posted for Delivery—		Total Posted in Commonwealth.	Received from Beyond the Commonwealth.	Posted for Delivery—		Total Posted in Commonwealth.	Received from Beyond the Commonwealth.
	Within the Commonwealth.	Beyond the Commonwealth.			Within the Commonwealth.	Beyond the Commonwealth.		
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
1943 ..	3,774,300	37,500	3,811,800	74,400	4,241,900	119,400	4,361,300	114,500
1944 ..	4,481,300	26,500	4,507,800	50,600	4,866,100	156,600	5,022,700	146,300
1945 ..	4,606,000	30,800	4,636,800	50,900	4,751,600	247,100	4,998,700	138,800
1946 ..	4,745,700	52,000	4,797,700	100,500	4,256,500	900,300	5,156,800	175,700
1947 ..	4,792,400	92,000	4,884,400	123,400	4,280,200	1,204,300	5,484,500	127,300

* Including Registered Value payable and Duty Parcels.

During 1946-47 there were 255,541 letters, &c., and 73,532 packets, &c., returned direct to writers or delivered; 29,563 letters, &c., and 54,005 packets, &c., were destroyed in accordance with the Post and Telegraph Act; and 16,007 letters, &c., and 1,617 packets, &c., were returned, as unclaimed, to other countries. Money and valuables to the amount of £57,064 were found in postal articles sent to the Dead Letter Office as undeliverable. Postal articles numbering 163 were posted without address and contained money and valuables to the extent of £2,215.

The following table shows the total number and value of money orders and postal notes issued and paid in each of the five years 1942-43 to 1946-47:—

VICTORIA—MONEY ORDERS AND POSTAL NOTES, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Number of Money Order Offices open	849	856	860	862	862
Money Orders Issued—					
Intra-state .. {	586,233	562,280	573,019	571,575	626,868
.. {	4,991,706	5,626,657	4,933,879	4,962,914	5,340,591
Interstate .. {	153,250	152,687	161,972	141,062	149,050
.. {	752,490	817,470	932,721	859,051	832,129
Beyond the Com- {	15,029	16,046	16,703	17,214	16,772
monwealth .. {	32,512	36,079	38,786	39,912	45,447
Total .. {	754,512	731,013	751,694	729,851	793,590
.. {	5,776,708	6,480,206	5,905,386	5,861,877	6,218,167
Money Orders Paid—					
Intra-state .. {	586,192	562,423	571,124	572,007	626,781
.. {	4,991,724	5,626,674	4,935,898	5,062,914	5,351,082
Interstate .. {	223,698	223,428	219,964	215,336	208,818
.. {	1,226,676	1,325,260	1,331,837	1,283,043	1,300,576
Beyond the Com- {	13,074	13,209	14,517	20,321	30,687
monwealth .. {	43,202	53,990	71,265	103,628	132,491
Total .. {	822,964	799,060	805,605	807,664	866,286
.. {	6,261,602	7,005,924	6,339,000	6,449,585	6,784,149
Postal Notes—					
Issued .. {	6,235,422	6,381,376	6,908,015	7,396,752	8,787,712
.. {	2,344,942	2,344,864	2,502,405	2,644,900	3,099,084
Paid—Issued with- {	3,919,877	3,596,401	3,725,409	3,876,187	4,319,501
in the State .. {	1,594,967	1,467,350	1,507,500	1,552,195	1,742,278
Paid—Issued in {	839,210	1,055,637	1,066,324	942,583	798,458
other States .. {	447,230	690,560	623,237	512,732	350,126

Of the money orders issued in 1946-47, 776,818 for £6,172,720 were payable in the Commonwealth of Australia, 3,286 for £6,757 in New Zealand, 9,210 for £24,656 in the United Kingdom, and 4,276 for £14,034 in other countries. The orders paid included 835,599 for £6,651,658 issued in the Commonwealth, 6,619 for £14,083 in New Zealand, 20,045 for £98,107 in the United Kingdom, and 4,023 for £20,301 in other countries.

The following table gives particulars relating to the telegraph business during each of the five years 1942-43 to 1946-47 :—

VICTORIA—TELEGRAPH BUSINESS, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Number of Telegraph Offices (including Railway Telegraph Offices)	2,465	2,468	2,424	2,404	2,402
Telegrams—					
Within the Commonwealth—					
Paid and Collect Telegrams Despatched—					
Ordinary, Urgent, and Press Lettergrams	6,426,727	7,329,335	7,835,768	8,110,736	7,498,130
Radiograms	25,197	19,139	22,531	25,803	25,492
Radiograms	1,521	1,046	1,345	3,559	5,113
Unpaid Telegrams Transmitted—					
Service and Meteorological	487,266	499,566	470,232	444,400	455,385
Total	6,940,711	7,849,086	8,329,876	8,584,498	7,984,120
Beyond the Commonwealth—					
Despatched	445,946	307,491	302,774	284,646	309,702
Received	365,528	276,147	262,265	296,487	292,741
Total Number of Telegrams dealt with	7,752,185	8,432,724	8,894,915	9,165,631	8,586,563
Revenue—	£	£	£	£	£
Telegrams within the Commonwealth	432,797	469,705	491,313	554,864	518,452
Telegrams beyond the Commonwealth	89,189	71,112	64,510	72,002	69,019
Total Revenue received in State	521,986	540,817	555,823	626,866	587,471

Information relating to the telephone service is given below for the years 1942-43 to 1946-47.

VICTORIA—TELEPHONES, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Telephone Exchanges ..	1,672	1,671	1,674	1,668	1,672
Public Telephones ..	3,059	3,056	3,059	3,066	3,058
Lines connected ..	170,780	175,526	181,685	190,507	202,769
Instruments connected	246,507	254,861	264,013	272,147	287,303
Instruments per 1,000 of Population	124.4	128.1	131.1	134.0	139.8
Effective Paid Local Calls—					
(a) Subscribers ..	181,036,915	180,057,726	187,850,951	198,063,052	215,540,283
(b) Public Telephones	17,402,442	18,592,378	19,931,558	21,066,906	20,697,363
Trunk Line Calls ..	13,643,346	14,877,335	15,909,051	16,208,011	236,237,646

Wireless
Licences
in force.

Details of Broadcast Services and Experimental Stations licensed in Victoria at the end of each of the years 1942-43 to 1946-47 are shown hereunder. Consequent on the passing of the Australian Broadcasting Act in July, 1942, broadcast listeners' licences for 1942-43 and subsequent years were issued in two categories, viz. :—(a) licences for one receiver, (b) licences for receivers in excess of one. The number of licences (for one receiver) in force in Victoria, at 30th June, 1947, represented 28 per cent. of the total for Australia (1,678,276).

VICTORIA—WIRELESS LICENCES IN FORCE, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

Class of Licence.	At 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Broadcasting* ..	19	19	19	19	19
Broadcast Listeners—					
One receiver ..	375,933	391,542	394,315	396,700	475,215
More than one receiver ..	15,017	17,783	18,002	19,085	24,729
Experimental ..	†	†	†	†	658

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

† Operation of Experimental Stations suspended.

Prior to 1946-47 Statistics of authorized stations were compiled on the basis of wireless licences issued. Subsequently certain Stations were authorized without being licensed and it therefore became necessary to publish Statistics on the basis of stations authorized.

At 30th June 1947 the particulars of authorized radio-communication stations were as follows :—

(1) Transmitting and Receiving. (a) Aeronautical 4; (b) Coast 1; (c) Land 79; (d) Mobile (General) 200; and (e) Miscellaneous 2.

(2) Receiving Only (c) Land 200; (d) Mobile (General) 122.

Particulars concerning the revenue and expenditure of the Postmaster-General's Department in Victoria for the years 1942-43 to 1946-47 are contained in the following table:—

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT IN VICTORIA, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Revenue.</i>					
Postage*	2,389,994	2,704,970	2,851,507	3,062,904	3,404,602
Money Order Commission	80,369	79,496	85,320	89,284	101,583
Poundage on Postal Notes	15,429	16,404	17,235	18,867	19,954
Private Boxes and Bags	274,715	261,483	242,589	254,139	232,850
Miscellaneous*					
Total Postal	2,760,507	3,062,353	3,196,651	3,425,194	3,758,989
Telegraphs	959,100	948,931	1,021,560	901,390	864,880
Radio*	187,417	189,125	192,690	199,790	235,565
Telephones	3,242,806	3,433,529	3,619,451	3,703,004	3,870,487
Grand Total†	7,149,830	7,633,938	8,030,352	8,229,378	8,729,921
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries and Contingencies—					
Salaries and Payments in the Nature of Salary	2,257,362	2,511,527	2,578,439	2,745,087	3,076,067
General Expenses	146,114	171,579	183,984	205,671	229,632
Stores and Material	152,295	609,838	1,002,421	436,650	183,472
Mail Services	300,404	376,302	454,817	407,904	368,853
Engineering Services (other than new works)	1,320,346	1,272,968	1,296,507	1,625,931	1,900,229
Rents, Repairs, Maintenance, Fittings, &c.	41,205	51,998	64,220	65,457	80,475
Proportion of Audit Expenses	3,550	3,550	3,550	3,550	3,550
New Works—					
Telegraph, Telephones, and Wireless	653,700	732,500	729,400	1,028,000	1,565,964
Other Expenditure	16,290	14,772	11,655	9,865	8,404
New Buildings, &c.	72,247	48,783	63,889	128,572	154,987
Total Expenditure‡	4,963,513	5,793,817	6,388,882	6,656,687	7,571,633

* Including "Central Office" collections. † Actual collections. ‡ Actual payments.

TRANSPORT.

Under the provisions of the *Transport Regulation Act* 1932, as amended by the *Transport Regulation Act* 1933, the Transport Regulation Board was appointed by Governor-in-Council, for the purpose of securing the improvement and co-ordination of means and facilities for locomotion and transport and of carrying into effect the objects and purposes of the Act. The first Board took office on 1st May, 1934. The Board's term is for a period of three years.

Brief reference to certain provisions of the *Transport Regulation Acts* of 1933, 1935, 1940, and 1941 respectively, and the system evolved to implement them is made in previous issues of the *Year-Book*.

It was not until 1941 that vehicles which carried passengers otherwise than at a separate and distinct fare for each passenger (i.e., private hire cars) were brought within the provisions of the Act. When these vehicles were brought under control in 1941, a proviso was included that licences would issue "as of right" for such vehicles with seating capacity less than six. This proviso was removed by a short amending Act in 1946, and the position now is that all commercial passenger vehicle licences are at the discretion of the Board to grant or refuse, subject to review of the Board's decision by Governor-in-Council.

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT LICENCES IN FORCE AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1947.

Discretionary Licences.			Licences "As of Right."		
Type of Licence.	Permanent Licences relating to Commercial Passenger Vehicles operated as—	Number of Licences.	Type of Licence.	To operate for Hire or Reward—	Number of Licences.
A	Stage Omnibuses ..	1,328	EA	Within 25 miles of Melbourne ..	9,136
B	Touring Omnibuses ..	58	EB {	Within 25 miles of Ballarat	302
C	Special Service Omnibuses	73		Within 25 miles of Bendigo	303
PH	Private Hire ..	889		Within 25 miles of Geelong	433
D	Permanent licences relating to commercial goods vehicles ..	1,058	EC	Within 20 miles of the places of business of the owners outside the radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong ..	8,022
			ED	Primary Producers, the vehicles being operated in connexion with their business as such and in some cases for the carriage for hire or reward of their neighbours' produce ..	4,275
			EF	Commercial goods vehicles owned by butter or cheese factories and operated for the carriage of milk or cream and goods necessary for such factory ..	473
			EG	Private Carriers, the vehicles being used to carry the goods of the owners in the course of trade in connexion with their own business ..	26,554
			EH	(i) Carrying only 3rd Schedule goods ..	2,869
				(ii) Racehorse floats ..	25
				(iii) Tank wagons carrying only petroleum products ..	238
				(iv) Commercial travellers' vehicles registered at the commercial rate of motor registration	609
	Total (Discretionary) ..	3,406		Total (As of Right) ..	53,239

In addition to those shown, temporary licences numbering 3,364, and additional licences for passenger carrying on goods vehicles numbering 283 were issued. This made the grand total of licences issued at 30th June 1947, 60,292, while the fees collected amounted to £28,039. Total revenue during the year (including permit fees) amounted to £60,790.

**Directorate of
Emergency
Road
Transport.**

The Board has continued to act for the Commonwealth under delegated powers in regard to the release of new motor cars and new commercial vehicles up to one ton load capacity.

**Liquid Fuel
Control Board.**

The rationing of liquid fuel continues in force and is administered by the State Liquid Fuel Control Board consisting of the Members of the Transport Regulation Board and two outside Members appointed by the Commonwealth. The scale of rations can still be regarded as generous, but the scheme has been retained in case more stringent rationing becomes necessary.

RAILWAYS.

All railways in Victoria available for general traffic, with the exception referred to on page 320, are the property of the State, and are under the management of three Commissioners appointed by the Government.

Certain border railways in New South Wales are also under the control of the Victorian Railways Commissioners by virtue of an agreement ratified between the Victorian and New South Wales Governments under Act No. 3194 of 1922.

All lines controlled by the Railways Commissioners are shown on the map opposite page 267.

The succeeding tables relate to the State Railways, the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramways, and the Road Motor Services under the control of the Railways Commissioners. The operations of these tramways and the Road Motor Services are also shown separately on pages 319 and 320. Steam or motor power provides the traction for country passenger and goods traffic, while electricity is used mainly for passenger traffic on suburban lines.

Important legislation bearing on railway finances was contained in the *Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act* 1936, No. 4429. A brief outline of the principal provisions of this Act was published in the *Victorian Year-Book* for 1939-40, page 361.

**Reduction of
loan liability.**

Total capital cost of railways and equipment.

The total capital cost of all lines constructed and in course of construction, and of all works, rolling stock and equipment of the Railways Department as at 30th June of each of the five years 1943-1947, is shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—TOTAL CAPITAL COST OF RAILWAYS, ETC., EQUIPMENT AND ROLLING STOCK, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

At 30th June—	Railways.		Electric Tramways.	Road Motor Services.	Total Capital Cost.*
	Lines Opened.	Lines in Process of Construction.	Lines Opened.		
	£	£	£	£	£
1943	51,000,215	164,372	158,162	8,327	51,331,076
1944	50,867,331	163,724	152,323	7,604	51,190,982
1945	50,861,453	163,029	147,961	7,180	51,179,623
1946	51,242,184	163,077	143,853	14,139	51,563,253
1947	51,627,002	168,012	140,436	12,722	51,948,172

* Written down in accordance with Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act No. 4429 of 1936. Particulars are exclusive of the cost of stores and materials on hand and in course of manufacture.

The face value of stock and bonds allocated to the **Loan liability.** Railways Department, as reduced in accordance with Act No. 4429, amounted to £51,595,478 at 30th June, 1947. After deducting the value of securities purchased by the National Debt Sinking Fund and cancelled (£5,214,814), the total liability in respect of current loans outstanding at that date was £46,380,664. The annual interest payable on this amount, calculated at the average rate of 3·67 per cent., was £1,702,170.

In addition to the proceeds from loans, funds amounting to £6,187,429 at 30th June, 1947, have been provided for railway construction, equipment, stores, &c., out of Consolidated Revenue and the National Recovery Loan and other Funds. No interest is charged on this amount.

Railways traffic. The mileage and traffic of the railways (exclusive of electric tramways and road motor services) for each of the years 1942-43 to 1946-47 are given in the following table:—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS MILEAGE AND TRAFFIC (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES), 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

Heading.	At 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Lines Constructed	4,830·29	4,830·29	4,830·29	4,830·29	4,830·29
„ Closed for Traffic	72·79	82·20	82·25	82·25	88·53*
„ Open for Traffic	4,757·50	4,748·09	4,748·04	4,748·04	4,741·76
	During Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Traffic Train Mileage	18,436,533	16,413,406	16,337,140	16,343,796	15,539,188
Passenger Journeys	195,830,057	194,137,624	195,697,963	196,117,567	170,164,983
Goods and Live Stock Carried (Tons)	8,759,113†	8,294,226†	8,063,591†	7,229,025†	7,561,773

* Of the 88·53 miles closed for traffic, 74·71 miles have been dismantled.

† Tonnage of live stock estimated.

Railways revenue and expenditure. The revenue and expenditure of the Railways Department during each of the five financial years 1943-1947, were as follows:—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Revenue—	£	£	£	£	£
Passenger, &c., Business—					
Passenger Fares	7,155,733	6,673,164	6,683,370	6,880,225	5,833,483
Parcels, &c.	460,137	554,655	543,199	585,184	570,439
Other	121,758	37,016	38,683	40,533	40,715
Goods, &c., Business—					
Goods	7,382,881*	6,712,652*	6,065,778*	5,439,358*	5,410,127
Live Stock	621,016*	611,194*	660,441*	519,206*	598,253
Minerals	136,720	163,588	136,812	99,941	100,293
Other					

* Estimated.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1942-43
TO 1946-47—continued.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£	£	£	£	£
Miscellaneous—					
Dining Car and Refreshment Services ..	766,167	744,051	748,307	746,956	660,460
Sale of Electrical Power ..	59,820	60,856	64,001	55,029	57,368
Rentals ..	186,914	177,530	169,674	158,828	163,271
Book Stalls ..	113,588	123,191	133,864	135,513	122,459
Advertising ..	34,568	37,974	40,615	42,930	42,656
Other* ..	80,921	78,763	67,749	64,619	63,322
Total ..	17,120,223	15,974,634	15,352,493	14,768,322	13,662,846
Expenditure—					
Working Expenses—					
Way and Works ..	2,462,845	2,595,023	2,401,738	2,474,303	2,419,485
Rolling Stock ..	3,763,564	3,892,340	4,024,720	4,047,667	4,379,689
Transportation ..	3,725,552	3,756,038	3,905,232	3,871,245	4,061,356
Electrical Engineering Branch	482,702	536,741	512,352	534,962	632,550
Stores Branch ..	156,346	172,598	170,362	173,842	182,597
Pensions (non-contributory) ..	74,499	65,618	57,035	48,586	40,245
Payment to the Superannuation Fund ..	388,816	393,234	403,001	412,230	426,387
Contribution to Railway Renewals and Replacements Fund ..	1,800,000	1,050,000	700,000	500,000	200,000
Contribution to Railway Accident and Fire Insurance Fund ..	47,921	99,996	63,169	61,842	89,358
Child Endowment Pay-roll Tax ..	195,664	202,542	203,921	207,339	221,354
War Damage Insurance ..	68,904	33,918	..	..	..
Long Service and provision for Accrued Leave ..	297,970	201,330	219,689	49,308	139,648
Provision Way and Works Maintenance ..	400,000	54,000	..	..	..
Other ..	285,439	261,126	256,109	280,623	306,493
Total Working Expenses	14,150,222	13,314,504	12,917,328	12,661,947	13,099,162
Less Expenditure charged to special Funds ..	31,281	18,608	3,240	46,388	91,490
Working Expenses charged to Railway Revenue ..	14,118,941	13,295,896	12,914,088	12,615,559	13,007,672
Net Revenue ..	3,001,282	2,678,738	2,438,405	2,152,763	655,174
Debt Charges—					
Interest Charges and Expenses†	1,889,545	1,901,656	1,902,592	1,902,028	1,839,909
Exchange on Interest Payments and Redemption ..	197,674	201,321	200,027	184,876	169,123
Contribution to National Debt Sinking Fund ..	126,361	127,625	128,773	128,259	128,310
Net Result for Year ..	+ 787,702	+ 448,136	+ 207,013	— 62,400	— 1,482,168
Proportion of Working Expenses to Revenue ..	%	%	%	%	%
	82·47	83·23	84·12	85·42	94 20

* Including recoup on account of reduction in outer suburban fares, £33,000 in 1942-43, £30,000 in 1943-44, £27,000 in 1944-45, £24,000 in 1945-46, and £21,000 in 1946-47.

† Including Loan Conversion Expenses.

The revenue for 1946-47 decreased by £1,105,476 as compared with that for 1945-46. Passenger business decreased by £1,061,305 while goods, &c., business increased by £50,128. Total working expenses increased by £437,215, as compared with those of the previous year.

Railways earnings and expenses per mile open. The earnings, expenses charged to railway revenue, and net revenue per average mile of railway worked for each of the five years 1942-43 to 1946-47 were as hereunder. The particulars exclude electric tramways and road motor services under the control of the Railways Department.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PER AVERAGE MILE OPEN, 1942-43 TO 1946-47 (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES).

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Average Number of Miles open for Traffic	4,758	4,751	4,748	4,748	4,748
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross Earnings per Mile	3,579	3,343	3,214	3,110	2,878
Working Expenses* per Mile	2,951	2,781	2,703	2,657	2,740
Net Revenue per Mile	628	562	511	453	138

* Charged to Railway Revenue.

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

Capital cost of Railways Rolling stock. At 30th June, 1947, the capital cost of the broad-gauge rolling stock after being written down in accordance with Act No. 4429 of 1936 was £6,784,267, of the narrow-gauge £14,064, of the electric street tramway £27,890, and of the road motor coaches and trucks £6,671.

Railways staff. The number of officers and employees in the railways service (including casual labour and butty-gang workers) and the amount of salaries and wages (excluding travelling and incidental expenses) paid in each of the five financial years 1943-47, are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS STAFF—NUMBERS, SALARIES, ETC.,
1942-43 TO 1946-47.

Year Ended 30th June—	Number of Employees at End of Year.			Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid during Year.
	Permanent.	Supernumerary.	Total.	
				£
1943	15,241	10,316	25,557	8,670,724
1944	14,970	10,970	25,940	8,970,445
1945	14,735	10,389	25,124	8,828,090
1946	16,476	10,909	27,385	8,912,719
1947	15,724	11,333	27,057	9,421,264

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

The results of operating the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramways for 1946-47 are detailed in the following statement. As these tramways are controlled and operated by the Railways Commissioners, particulars relating to them have been included in the preceding railway tables unless otherwise indicated.

ELECTRIC STREET TRAMWAYS, 1946-47.

(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	St. Kilda- Brighton Electric Tramway.	Sandringham- Beaumaris Electric Tramway.	Total.
Average Mileage of Tramway Worked	5.18	2.42	7.60
Car Mileage	466,922	117,797	584,719
Passengers Carried	5,594,455	1,766,638	7,361,093
	£	£	£
Gross Revenue	57,345	16,324	73,669
Working Expenses	53,972	12,805	66,777
Interest Charges, &c.	4,260	1,690	5,950
Net Result	<i>Loss</i> 887	<i>Profit</i> 1,829	<i>Profit</i> 942
Capital Expenditure at 30th June, 1947, as written down under Act 4429 of 1936—			
Construction of Lines, &c.	76,386	36,160	112,546
Rolling Stock	25,908	1,982	27,890
Total	102,294	38,142	140,436

The following table gives particulars for each of the four years 1943-44 to 1946-47 of the operations of the Road Motor Services under the control of the Railways Commissioners.

VICTORIA—ROAD MOTOR SERVICES, 1943-44 TO 1946-47.

(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Car Mileage	149,974	155,472	180,763	275,492
Passenger Journeys*	863,887	888,082	872,544	1,113,364
Gross Revenue—	£	£	£	£
Passenger Service*	5,947	6,038	6,715	12,293
Goods Service				
Working Expenses	19,776	17,690	18,680	25,112
Interest Charges	401	245	254	584
Net Loss	14,230	11,897	12,219	13,403
Capital Expenditure at end of Year (less depreciation written off)	7,604	7,180	14,139	12,722

* Exclusive of passengers carried on the Hawthorn to Kew motor omnibus service.

NOTE.—The apparent discrepancy between the amount of the working expenses and the revenue was brought about by the revenue not having received a proportion of the combined rail and road services earnings while the working expenses have been charged with the road motor operating cost in full.

Municipal railway. A railway between Kerang and Koondrook, owned and worked by the council of the Shire of Kerang, is open for general traffic. This railway, which has a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge, is 13 miles 75 chains in length and, up to 30th September, 1947, cost £44,084 for construction and equipment. During the year ended 30th September, 1947, the gross receipts were £9,266 and the working expenses excluding interest, £8,340. The train mileage for the same year was 10,636, the number of passenger journeys 7,611, and the tonnage of goods and livestock carried 21,973.

Under Act No. 4861 of 1941 the Shire Council was relieved from all its liability (£8,037 2s. 5d.) to the Government of Victoria in respect of this railway.

TRAMWAYS.

Victorian Tramways. The various tramway systems in the State at 30th June, 1947, (excluding those under the control of the Railways Commissioners) comprised 165·656 miles of electric lines, of which 135·496 miles were double, and 30·160 miles single track.

The electric street tramways, St. Kilda to Brighton and Sandringham to Beaumaris, under the management of the Victorian Railways Commissioners, are not referred to in this connexion, but are included under the heading "Railways," page 319, and "All Victorian Tramways," page 325.

The subjoined table contains particulars relating to all tramways in Victoria (with the foregoing exceptions) for each of the five years 1942-43 to 1946-47.

VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

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

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons Employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.						
1943 ..	132·738	31·003	24,670,703	282,405,272	3,161,425	1,900,831	783	4,480
1944 ..	133·012	31·453	24,803,578	295,321,861	3,308,648	1,971,154	778	4,626
1945 ..	134·278	31·395	24,523,966	300,854,847	3,379,030	2,004,027	788	4,724
1946 ..	134·278	31·371	24,457,902	297,732,295	3,398,763	2,083,824	806	5,203
1947 ..	135·496	30·160	24,245,489	278,089,259	3,342,693	2,284,402	817	5,207

The Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act became operative on 7th January, 1919. The Act provided for a Board consisting of seven members appointed by the Governor in Council to control all tramways in the metropolitan area, with the exception of the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris electric systems.

The Board is empowered to borrow up to £5,500,000 by the issue of stock or debentures secured upon its revenues and undertakings, this being in addition to the transferred liabilities attaching to the tramways vested in it. At 30th June, 1947, the Board had borrowing powers available to the extent of £1,646,084. Power is given to have an overdraft not exceeding £400,000.

Particulars relating to the electric tramway systems under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board are shown for each of the years 1942-43 to 1946-47 in the following statement.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1942-43
TO 1946-47.

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons Employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.						
1943 ..	123·268	6·923	22,925,648	265,927,574	3,025,921	1,761,498	712	4,197
1944 ..	123·542	6·643	23,000,054	278,451,170	3,166,050	1,812,025	707	4,338
1945 ..	124·778	6·615	22,730,635	284,139,431	3,233,102	1,843,266	717	4,429
1946 ..	124·778	6·591	22,673,730	281,198,208	3,253,010	1,927,979	732	4,893
1947 ..	125·996	5·380	22,494,656	262,406,398	3,201,384	2,109,514	740	4,887

In the next statement the operations of the electric tramways and the motor omnibus systems under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board are shown separately, for each of the years 1945-46 and 1946-47.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1945-46
AND 1946-47.

System.	Track Open.		Tram/Bus Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons Employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.						
1945-46.								
Electric ..	124·778	6·591	22,673,730	281,198,208	3,253,010	1,927,979	732	4,893
Motor Omnibus	68·602	..	7,865,400	70,196,236	751,367	667,187	315	1,357
1946-47.								
Electric ..	125·996	5·380	22,494,656	262,406,398	3,201,384	2,109,514	740	4,887
Motor Omnibus	68·602	..	6,928,996	57,947,171	646,259	646,516	318	1,325

A summary of the revenue and expenditure by the Tramways Board and the appropriation of the surplus on operation for the year ended 30th June, 1947, is set out hereunder :—

	£	£
Traffic Receipts	3,847,643	
Advertisements, rents, &c.	22,008	
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Total Revenue	3,869,651
Working Expenses	2,764,263
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Surplus on Operation	1,105,388
Interest and Other Charges	435,263
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		670,125
Brought forward from 1945-46	937
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Available for Appropriation	671,062
Appropriations—		
Renewals Reserve	395,000	
Loan Redemption	56,207	
Fire Insurance & Public Reserves	25,000	
Loan Sinking Funds	72,755	
Consolidated Revenue	120,641	
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		669,603
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Net Surplus	1,459
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During the five financial years ended 30th June, 1946, the Board distributed surplus revenue totalling £225,814 amongst the 30 Municipalities referred to in Section 76 of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1928* (No. 3732). Due, however, to declining revenue and increased operating costs, the Board was unable to make any distribution during the financial year 1946-47.

Pursuant to section 77 of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act No. 3732*, the Board is required to make certain annual payments to the Consolidated Revenue of the State. The total of such payments up to 30th June, 1947, amounted to £3,055,342. This amount was allocated as follows:—Fire Brigades Board, £1,598,517; Licensing Fund, £435,251; and Infectious Diseases Hospital, £1,021,574. Under the provisions of Act No. 4598 the Board was relieved of the Licensing Fund payment as from 1st July, 1938.

Up to 30th June, 1947, the capital cost of the tramways vested in the Tramways Board, after writing off the value of obsolete assets, amounted to £9,829,955, of which £149,806 related to cable tramways, £8,602,491 to electric tramways, £891,077 to motor omnibuses, and £186,581 to general properties.

In the next statement comparisons are made between the electric and bus systems operated by the Tramways Board, the receipts per mile, the cost of working, &c., being shown for the year 1946-47.

**MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD
TRAFFIC RECEIPTS, WORKING EXPENSES, ETC., PER
MILE, ETC., 1946-47.**

System.	Traffic Receipts.			Working Expenses to Total Revenue.	Working Expenses per Vehicle Mile, including Power Cost.	Average Distance per Penny.
	Per Vehicle Mile.	Per Mile of Single Track Operated.	Per Passenger.			
	<i>d.</i>	£	<i>d.</i>	%	<i>d.</i>	Miles.
Electric ..	34·156	12,439	2·928	65·703	22·507	·948
Bus ..	22·385	4,710	2·678	99·143	22·393	·932

The cities, other than the metropolis, having electric tramway systems are:—Ballarat, with 13·84 miles of lines (2·33 double and 11·51 single track); Bendigo, with 8·64 miles of lines (2·43 double and 6·21 single track); and Geelong, with 11·80 miles of lines (4·74 double and 7·06 single track).

The traffic particulars of these lines for each of the five years 1942-43 to 1946-47 are summarized in the following table:—

**TRAMWAYS IN EXTRA-METROPOLITAN CITIES, 1942-43 TO
1946-47.**

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons Employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.						
1943 ..	9·47	24·81	1,745,055	16,477,698	135,504	139,315	71	283
1944 ..	9·47	24·81	1,803,524	16,870,691	142,598	159,129	71	288
1945 ..	9·50	24·78	1,793,331	16,715,416	145,928	160,761	71	295
1946 ..	9·50	24·78	1,784,172	16,514,087	145,753	155,845	74	310
1947 ..	9·50	24·78	1,750,833	15,682,861	141,309	174,888	77	320

Summary of all Victorian Tramways. A summary of the operations for each of the years 1945-46 and 1946-47 of the foregoing tramway systems and of the electric tramways under the control of the Railways Commissioners is given in the following table:—

ALL VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1945-46 AND 1946-47.

Heading.		1945-46.	1946-47.
Route Mileage Open—Double	.. miles	141·668	142·886
Single	.. miles	31·581	30·370
Total	.. miles	173·249	173·256
Cost of Construction and Equipment	.. £	8,852,582	9,040,295
Gross Revenue—			
Traffic Receipts	.. .. . £	3,485,321	3,416,362
Other	.. .. . £	9,500	10,286
Total Revenue	.. .. . £	3,494,821	3,426,648
Working Expenses	.. .. . £	2,148,445	2,350,001
Net Earnings	.. .. . £	1,346,376	1,076,647
Interest, &c.	.. .. . £	127,186	111,943
Statutory Charges, Rates, &c.	.. .. . £	1,045,091	799,136
Net Profit after Paying Working Expenses, Interest, &c., Statutory Charges, Rates, &c.	.. .. . £	191,452	165,568
Tram Miles Run	.. .. . miles	25,103,216	24,830,208
Passenger Journeys	.. .. . No.	306,679,072	285,450,352
Staff Employed—			
Salaried	.. .. . No.	734	771
Wages	.. .. . No.	4,571	4,541
Total Staff	.. .. . No.	5,305	5,312
Rolling Stock	.. .. . No.	837	848

LICENSED VEHICLES.

Licensed
vehicles in
Melbourne.

The licensing and regulating of vehicles used as hackney carriages, plying for hire within the City of Melbourne and within the distance of eight miles from the corporate limits of the City of Melbourne, are controlled by the Melbourne City Council.

Particulars regarding licences issued during 1946-47 were as follows :—

Description.	Number. Licensed.	Revenue Received.
		£
Horse-drawn Vehicles—		
Wagonettes (36), Owners (20)	56	} 32
Hackney Carriage Drivers	44	
Carters (for conveyance of goods)	1,020	51
Motor Vehicles—		
Motor Omnibuses	393	1,200
Taxi-cabs	650	} 3,340
Private Hire Cars	525	
Motor Cabs	44	
Chars-a-banc	42	
Hire and Drive Yourself Cars	10	
Hackney Carriage Motor Car Owners	870	
Hackney Carriage Motor Car Drivers	3,500	
Total Revenue .. .. .	..	4,623

The above-named annual licences are issued in respect of the following periods :—

Horse-drawn vehicles and motor omnibuses—from 1st January to 31st December.

Carters—1st August to 31st July.

All other vehicles together with hackney carriage motor car owners and motor car drivers—1st July to 30th June.

Motor
vehicles, &c.,
registrations.

A detailed statement of the rates chargeable for the annual registration of motor vehicles, &c., is given in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 500. Subsequent amendments to the Motor Car Acts have provided *inter alia* for a reduction in the rate chargeable for registration or renewal of registration of motor vehicles owned by primary producers.

The *Motor Car (Amendment) Act 1942* (No. 4925) provided *inter alia* for a reduction of 25% in the fee otherwise payable under the Motor Car Act for registration or renewal of registration of a motor car unless such vehicle is fitted with a gas producer or receives a monthly allowance of more than 25 gallons of liquid fuel.

In the following statement particulars are given, as furnished by the Motor Registration Office of the Police Department, of the number of motor vehicles on the register and of the number of drivers' and riders' licences in force at the end of each of the years 1942-43 to 1946-47. The revenue of that office is also shown for the same periods.

VICTORIA—REGISTRATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ETC.,
DRIVERS' LICENCES, ETC., ISSUED, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

Heading.	At 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Vehicles—					
Private Cars	128,667	133,973	138,385	143,356	153,855
Commercial Vehicles	32,307	34,790	37,187	44,000	50,894
Hire Cars	2,553	2,611	2,596	2,933	3,263
Primary Producers'	51,358	52,645	54,952	55,981	57,942
Omnibuses	666	688	689	716	780
Traction Engines	79	71	65	69	73
Trailers	6,757	7,240	8,053	8,546	9,090
Motor Cycles	16,267	17,937	19,798	23,228	26,172
Drivers' and Riders' Licences	329,595	337,171	353,584	401,610	437,924
Dealers' Licences	176	207	223	354	458
Transfers	44,408	56,512	62,528	81,400	82,488
Total Revenue Received* during year ended 30th June..	£ 1,456,097	£ 1,528,371	£ 1,607,178	£ 1,782,888	£ 2,028,076

* These amounts (less cost of collection, refunds, transfer fees, and the amount received on account of drivers' licences) are included in the Country Roads Board Fund.

The principal items of revenue received during 1946-47 were in respect of motor cars, £1,846,124; motor cycles, £22,120; and drivers' licences, £109,495.

In the next statement, details relating to new registrations and renewals of registration of motor cars and motor cycles are shown for the years 1945-46 and 1946-47 respectively.

**VICTORIA—NEW REGISTRATIONS AND RENEWALS OF
REGISTRATION OF MOTOR CARS AND MOTOR CYCLES
1945-46 AND 1946-47.**

Vehicles.	1945-46.			1946-47.		
	New Registrations.		Renewals of Registra- tion.	New Registrations.		Renewals of Registra- tion.
	New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.		New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Cars—						
Private	1,205	12,417	130,735	6,122	9,874	137,859
Commercial and Hire ..	2,037	6,586	38,309	3,222	6,246	44,689
Primary Producers' ..	311	2,924	52,747	1,411	2,983	53,548
Motor Cycles	377	6,235	16,616	1,642	5,428	19,102

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

**Summary of
all Traffic
Accidents.**

The following statements contain particulars of traffic accidents which occurred only in the public thoroughfares of Victoria. Figures regarding accidents on private property or on railway lines (except at level crossings) are not included. The total number of deaths shown in these statements is not comparable therefore, with those shown in Part "Vital Statistics" of this *Year-Book*.

**VICTORIA—NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS: NUMBER OF
PERSONS AFFECTED, 1946-47.**

Place of Occurrence.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.	Accidents in which no Person was Killed or Injured.	Total Accidents.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
City of Melbourne	1,104 (1,064)	34 (42)	1,254 (1,156)	2,018 (1,557)	3,122 (2,621)
Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne)	3,515 (2,778)	155 (120)	3,997 (3,209)	3,949 (2,725)	7,464 (5,503)
Total—Metropolitan Area ..	4,619 (3,842)	189 (162)	5,251 (4,365)	5,967 (4,282)	10,586 (8,124)
Remainder of State	1,903 (1,443)	197 (174)	2,559 (1,837)	2,080 (1,604)	3,983 (3,047)
Grand Total	6,522 (5,285)	386 (336)	7,810 (6,202)	8,047 (5,886)	14,569 (11,171)

NOTE.—Figures in parentheses relate to the year 1945-46.

In the table which follows traffic accidents during 1946-47 have been recorded according to the classification of male and female victims.

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—PARTICULARS OF
PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, 1946-47.

Description.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pedestrian	93	1,332	33	697	126	2,029
Driver of motor vehicle other than motor cycle	60	860	..	63	60	923
Driver of motor cycle	35	971	..	2	35	973
Passenger—motor car, truck, bus, &c. Passenger—motor cycle, side car	51	1,013	24	926	75	1,939
Pillion rider	2	33	1	13	3	46
Pedal cyclist	8	156	1	58	9	214
Riding tandem or on handle or bar of bicycle	45	1,111	5	252	50	1,363
Tram passenger .. .. .	..	19	1	10	1	29
Driver or passenger of horse-drawn vehicle	4	79	1	62	5	141
Equestrian	13	82	1	11	14	93
Other	5	26	1	4	6	30
	2	30	..	..	2	30
Total	318	5,712	68	2,098	386	7,810

Particulars of victims of traffic accidents during 1946-47 are shown according to age and sex in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—SEX AND AGE OF
PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, 1946-47.

Age Group.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
0- 4	11	132	4	100	15	232
5- 9	19	334	4	147	23	481
10-14	11	309	2	139	13	448
15-19	30	603	2	202	32	805
20-29	79	1,676	11	389	90	2,065
30-39	29	870	14	283	43	1,153
40-49	39	630	6	258	45	888
50-59	38	517	7	255	45	772
60 and over	60	530	12	267	72	797
Not stated	2	111	6	58	8	169
Total	318	5,712	68	2,098	386	7,810

Causes of Accidents. Numerous reasons are given to the Police as the causes of accidents. A summary of the principal reasons given is published hereafter. It must be remembered that, in some cases, only one party has been able to give evidence.

VICTORIA—CAUSES OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 1946-47.

Stated Cause.	Number of Accidents.		
	Fatal.	Non-fatal with Injured.	Total.
Driver or Rider—			
Skidding on roadway	14	266	280
Failure to exercise care at intersection	21	705	726
Excessive speed	28	144	172
Not keeping to left	22	194	216
Swerving to avoid vehicle or other object	2	139	141
Stopping or turning in front of other vehicle or leaving kerb without warning	2	180	182
Level Crossing	7	9	16
Rounding corner carelessly or on wrong side	3	70	73
Obscured vision	6	132	138
Failing to give right of way .. .. .	..	59	59
Dazzled by sun or light	6	124	130
Breaking traffic regulations or failing to obey traffic officer's signal	7	75	82
Careless, negligent, or inefficient driving	49	835	884
Hit and run motorist	13	154	167
Error of judgment	9	515	524
All other	13	234	247
Total	202	3,835	4,037
Vehicle—			
Defective mechanism and/or tyres	9	197	206
No lights	9	60	69
Other	3	16	19
Total	21	273	294
Passenger—			
Alighting from moving vehicle	3	41	44
Falling from moving vehicle .. .. .	..	18	18
Other	13	93	106
Total	16	152	168
Pedestrian—			
Walking or running on roadway or crossing without care	55	935	990
Boarding vehicle in motion	2	41	43
Children under seven years of age crossing road unattended	11	208	219
Stepping on to road without care	2	9	11
Other	16	279	295
Total	86	1,472	1,558
Other—			
Horses shying, bolting, or stumbling	12	58	70
Other (including not known)	21	374	395
Total	33	432	465
Grand Total	358	6,164	6,522

A comparative statement of the number of persons killed or injured in traffic accidents during each of the five years 1943-1947 is given below. Accidents involving one vehicle with another vehicle or object are classified according to one type of vehicle only.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED
IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

Vehicle, &c.	1943.		1944.		1945.		1946.		1947.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pedal Cycle ..	18	225	9	213	11	226	15	226	17	220
Motor Bus ..	45	255	20	200	10	207	11	223	6	293
Motor Car, Truck, &c.	185	3,049	167	3,072	190	3,784	249	4,862	308	6,268
Motor Cycle ..	13	211	12	315	22	367	30	542	23	698
Train—Electric and Steam ..	1	3	2	2	5	2	4	..	1	..
Tram—Electric ..	22	370	19	301	13	254	8	235	9	202
Other Vehicle ..	16	60	10	85	9	50	9	40	13	53
Pedestrian ..	8	169	5	91	5	88	4	65	4	63
Horse ..	1	17	3	13	5	17	6	9	5	13
Total ..	309	4,359	247	4,292	270	4,995	336	6,202	386	7,810

In the next table, accidents in which persons were killed or injured have been classified according to type of vehicle, &c., involved, e.g., where a collision has occurred between a motor car and a pedal cyclist, particulars of such accident are included under each heading. Correct totals cannot be arrived at by the addition of the items shown in the table.

VICTORIA—PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, TYPES OF
VEHICLES, ETC., INVOLVED, 1945-46 AND 1946-47.

Type of Vehicle, &c., Involved.	1946.			1947.		
	Number of Accidents.*	Number Killed.	Number Injured.	Number of Accidents.*	Number Killed.	Number Injured.
Motor Car ..	3,123	141	3,792	4,012	187	4,885
Motor Van ..	141	7	162	183	10	270
Motor Truck, Lorry ..	1,019	117	1,271	1,378	125	1,669
Motor Bus ..	252	11	287	244	9	373
Motor Cycle ..	960	56	1,140	1,380	54	1,591
Pedal Cycle ..	1,126	42	1,155	1,456	53	1,487
Tram—Electric ..	306	15	367	247	26	306
Train—Electric and Steam ..	10	8	6	12	7	32
Horse-drawn Vehicle ..	162	16	175	149	19	160
Horse ..	29	7	24	38	6	34
Pedestrian ..	1,935	127	1,930	2,030	125	2,036
Other ..	1	1	..	2	..	2

* Number of accidents refers only to those in which persons were killed or injured.

Details of breaches of the Motor Car Act and Traffic Regulations will be found in Part "Law, Crime, &c.", of this *Year-Book*.

AIRCRAFT.

The collection and the compilation of aircraft statistics were undertaken by the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics as from 1st July, 1922.

The following particulars relating to civil aircraft registered in Victoria for the years specified below have been received from that source.

The main air lines of Victoria are shown on the map opposite page 267 of this *Year-Book*.

VICTORIA—CIVIL AIRCRAFT, 1942-43 TO 1946-47.

Particulars.	At 30th June—				
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Registered Owners	(b) 34	(b) 32	32	53	78
Registered Aircraft	(b) 27	(b) 45	45	94	175
Licensed Pilots—					
Private	29	40	(a)	(a)	(a)
Commercial	60	90	(a)	(a)	(a)
Licensed Ground Engineers ..	277	316	(a)	(a)	(a)
Licensed Navigators	18	22	(a)	(a)	(a)
Licensed Aircraft Radio Telegraph Operators	14	20	(a)	(a)	(a)
Licensed Aircraft Radio Telephone Operators	18	23	(a)	(a)	(a)
Landing Grounds—					
Government	2	2	2	2	14
Public	13	10	8	8	9
Government Emergency Grounds	5	4	4	4	2
Flights carried out	12,675	20,817	28,608	42,306	56,343
Hours flown	25,766	38,888	58,334	88,962	121,509
Approximate mileage	3,567,910	5,415,403	8,358,641	12,769,963	18,703,630
Passengers carried—					
Paying	83,954	164,319	258,409	409,043	697,026
Non-paying	1,214	2,086	2,627	4,050	8,544
Total Passengers carried ..	85,168	166,405	261,036	413,093	705,570
Goods, Weight Carried .. lb.	1,130,562	1,795,380	3,058,196	7,554,749	21,441,986
Mails, Weight Carried	963,555	2,057,893	1,079,009	923,563	330,196
Accidents—					
Persons Killed	2	1	10	2	1
Persons Injured	3	..	..	1	7

(a) Not available

(b) At 31st December.