



RAILWAY MAP OF VICTORIA 1958

SCALE OF MILES
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showing Victorian Government Railways (in Red)

Way & Works Branch - Victorian Railways - 1958.

PART VIII.

TRADE, TRANSPORT, ETC.

TRADE.

Constitutional Powers. By the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (section 51) (1) the power to make laws with respect to trade and commerce with other countries was conferred on the Federal Parliament, and by the same Act (section 86) the collection and control of duties of Customs and Excise passed to the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on the 1st January, 1901.

The Customs Tariff. The first Commonwealth Customs Tariff was introduced by Resolution on the 8th October, 1901, from which date the uniform duties came into effect throughout Australia. The Tariff Act was assented to on the 16th September, 1902. Since that date the Tariff has been extensively altered. The Tariff at present in operation is the Customs Tariff 1933-1956.

The Australian Customs Tariff has been developed in conformity with the policy of protecting economic and efficient Australian industries and of granting preferential treatment to imports from certain countries of the British Commonwealth. Duties are also imposed on some goods, generally of a luxury nature for revenue purposes. Customs collections are a major source of revenue, but in its protective character the tariff has an important influence on the Australian economy.

Australia has a three column tariff—the British Preferential Tariff, Intermediate Tariff and General Tariff.

British Preferential Tariff. British Preferential Tariff rates of duty apply to goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, provided such goods comply with the laws and statutory regulations in force effecting the grant of Preference and that the goods have been shipped in the United Kingdom to Australia and have not been transhipped or, if transhipped, then only if it is proved satisfactorily that the intended destination of the goods, when originally shipped from the United Kingdom, was Australia. In certain instances, British Preferential Tariff rates of duty have also been extended by separate Trade Agreements to Canada and New Zealand and by tariff legislation to Territory of Papua-New Guinea. The benefits of the British Preferential Tariff are also accorded to Ceylon, in respect of specified Tariff items, and to most of the British non-self-governing Colonies, Protectorates, and Trust Territories.

Intermediate Tariff. The Intermediate Tariff has been a feature of the Australian Customs Tariff for a considerable number of years, although its effective application dates only from 1st January, 1937, consequent upon the conclusion of trade agreements with Belgium, Czechoslovakia, and France in 1936.

The countries to which the benefits of the Intermediate Tariff applies include countries with which Australia has negotiated trade agreements (including negotiations pursuant to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) and countries which accord Australia reciprocal most-favoured-nation tariff treatment by reason of agreements between those countries and the United Kingdom. The Intermediate Tariff has also been extended to some countries to which Australia has no formal obligation to accord most-favoured-nation treatment.

The countries to which the Intermediate Tariff applies are specified by Customs proclamation.

General Tariff. The General Tariff applies to all goods other than those to which the benefits of the British Preferential Tariff or Intermediate Tariff have been extended or special rates under trade agreements apply.

Primage Duty. In addition to duties imposed by the Customs Tariff 1933-1956, *ad valorem* primage duties at rates of 4 per cent., 5 per cent., or 10 per cent. are charged on some goods according to the type of goods and origin thereof. Other goods are exempt from Primage Duty. Goods, the produce or manufacture of New Zealand, Norfolk Island, Fiji, and the territory of Papua-New Guinea, are exempt from primage duty.

The Tariff Board. The *Tariff Board Act* 1921-1953 provides for the appointment of a Tariff Board consisting of seven members, two of whom shall be administrative officers of the Department of Trade. Members of the Board are appointed for terms of not less than one year nor more than five years. The purpose of the Tariff Board is to assist the Minister in the administration of matters relating to trade and customs. The more important matters which the Minister shall refer to the Board for inquiry and report include disputes arising out of the interpretation of any Customs or Excise Tariff; the necessity for new, increased or reduced duties; the necessity for granting bounties; any proposal for the application of the British Preferential Tariff to any part of the British Dominions or any foreign country; and any complaint that a manufacturer is taking undue advantage of the protection afforded him by the Tariff by charging unnecessarily high prices for his goods or acting in restraint of trade. The Minister may refer to the Board for inquiry and report the following matters:—the classification of goods under the items of Tariff that provide for admission under By-laws; the determination of the value of goods for duty; the general effect of the working of

the Customs Tariff and the Excise Tariff; the fiscal and industrial effects of the Customs laws of the Commonwealth; the incidence between the rates of duty on raw materials and on finished or partly finished products; and any other matter affecting the encouragement of primary or secondary industries in relation to the Tariff.

Inquiries conducted by the Board relating to any revision of the Tariff, any proposal for a bounty, or any complaint that a manufacturer is taking advantage of the protection afforded him by the Tariff, shall be held in public and evidence in such inquiries shall be taken on oath, unless any witness objects to giving any evidence which the Board is satisfied is of a confidential nature when the Board may take such evidence in private. Evidence taken by the Board in connexion with any inquiry under the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921-1956* shall be taken in public and on oath.

Industries Preservation. The *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921-36* provides that, after inquiry and report by the Tariff Board, special duties shall be collected in the following cases when the importation of the goods referred to might be detrimental to an Australian industry. In the case of goods sold to Australia at a price less than the fair market value for home consumption or for a price which is less than a reasonable price, a special dumping duty shall be collected. This duty shall be equal to the difference between the price at which the goods were sold and the fair market value or the difference between the price at which the goods were sold and a reasonable price. Similar provision is made for goods consigned to Australia for sale. With regard to goods exported to Australia at rates of freight less than the normal rate of freight the dumping duty shall be—on goods carried free—the amount payable as freight at the normal rate; and in the case of any other goods—the amount equal to the difference between the freight paid and the freight which would have been payable at the normal rate.

The Act provides that the Minister for Trade and Customs, after inquiry and report by the Tariff Board, may publish a notice in the *Commonwealth Gazette* specifying the goods upon which the special rates of duty under this Act shall thereupon be charged and collected.

Trade Descriptions. The *Commerce (Trade Description) Act 1905-1950* gives power to require the application of a proper trade description on certain prescribed goods imported into or exported from the Commonwealth. Goods which must bear a prescribed trade description upon importation into Australia are specified in the *Commerce (Imports) Regulations*. As regards exports from Australia, marking requirements are prescribed in regulations issued under the Act and relating to specified export commodities.

Trade Agreements. (i) United Kingdom.—A reciprocal trade agreement between the United Kingdom and Australia, which came into force in 1932, was superseded by a new agreement signed on 9th November, 1956. The new agreement secured for Australia preferences in the United Kingdom market for a wide range of Australian export commodities as well as assurances for the sale each year of 750,000 tons of Australian wheat and flour in the United Kingdom. In return Australia agreed to grant specified tariff preferences in favour of United Kingdom goods and to continue to accord reasonable tariff protection for domestic industries through the system of inquiry and report by the Tariff Board. The new agreement is to be reviewed in five years.

(ii) Dominion of Canada.—A reciprocal trade agreement between Canada and Australia which came into force on 1st October, 1925, was superseded by a new agreement operating from 3rd August, 1931. The basis of the new agreement was, generally, the mutual accord of British Preferential Tariff treatment. Exceptions to this general rule are listed in the schedules to the agreement.

The *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Act 1931* and the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Act 1934-1956* give effect to the agreement so far as Australia is concerned.

(iii) Dominion of New Zealand.—A reciprocal trade agreement between New Zealand and Australia came into force on 1st December, 1933, superseding an earlier agreement of 1922. The basis of the new agreement was, generally, the mutual accord of British Preferential Tariff treatment. The exceptions to this general rule are listed in the schedules to the agreement.

The *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Act 1933-1954* gives legislative effect to the provisions of the agreement.

(iv) Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.—A trade agreement between Australia and the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland was signed on 30th June, 1955. Under the agreement the principal Australian exports to the Federation—wheat, processed milks, xanthates and tallow—are admitted free of duty with a preference over "most favoured nation" countries and free entry was also granted in respect of a number of other items including butter, cheese, fresh mutton and agricultural machinery. On many commodities such as canned fruits and vegetables, canned meat and fish and dried fruits Australia was guaranteed rates of duty no higher than those accorded to any other country. Concessions were also granted to cover 70 manufactured items of potential interest to Australia.

In return for these concessions, Australia extended to the whole Federation the existing concession of the British Preferential rate, less 9d. per lb. on manufactured tobacco. In addition, the following goods from the whole Federation were admitted at the British Preferential Tariff rate of duty: asbestos, chrome ore, fruit juices, tung oil, essential oils (citrus) and beeswax. The tariff treatment now accorded those products merely continues that previously granted to one or more of the territories of the Federation.

The agreement is for a period of three years and unless notice of termination is given by either party six months after the expiry of this period, it shall thereafter remain in force until six months after a notice of termination is given. Provision is made for consultation at intervals of not more than two years for the purpose of reviewing the Agreement.

(v) Other Countries.—Australia has entered into bilateral trade agreements with the Union of South Africa, Belgium, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, and Switzerland. Summaries of the texts of these agreements have been given in previous issues of the *Victorian Year-Book*. Simple reciprocal most-favoured-nation trade agreements were concluded with Israel in 1951 and Iceland in 1952.

(vi) The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade is an international trade agreement which has been in operation since 1st January, 1948, Australia was an original signatory of the Protocol of Provisional Application by which Parts I. and III. of the Agreement are being provisionally applied. Part II. is being applied to the fullest extent not inconsistent with existing legislation at the date of signature of the Protocol.

There are now thirty-four contracting parties to the Agreement, comprising most of the world's larger trading nations.

Many of the articles in Part II. of the General Agreement are similar to articles which were included in the Havana Charter for an International Trade Organization. Had the Charter come into force, Part II. of the General Agreement, containing general commercial policy provisions to prevent tariff concessions being circumvented by other measures, would have been suspended.

Three series of tariff negotiations have been conducted under the provisions of the General Agreement. As a result of these negotiations, Australia has obtained tariff concessions on almost all the principal products of which Australia is an actual or potential exporter to the

individual countries concerned. These concessions were a result both of direct negotiation by Australia and of negotiation by other countries—in the latter case, the benefits occur through the operation under the Agreement of the most-favoured-nation principle.

The contracting parties periodically hold plenary sessions to deal with questions arising out of the administration of the Agreement. The eighth session was held at Geneva in September-October, 1953. The ninth session was scheduled for Geneva in October, 1954.

**Recorded
Value of
Imports and
Exports.**

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

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

When the value of imported goods is shown on invoices in any other currency than Australian, the equivalent value in Australian currency is ascertained according to a fair rate of exchange and subject, in cases of doubt, to the determination of a fair rate of exchange by the Minister for Trade and Customs.

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

- (a) *Goods sold to overseas buyers before export.*—The f.o.b. equivalent of the price at which the goods were sold—(e.g., as regards wool, the actual price paid by the oversea buyer plus the cost of all services incurred by him in placing the wool on board ship).
- (b) *Goods shipped on consignment.*—The Australian f.o.b. equivalent of the current price offering for similar goods of Australian origin in the principal markets of the country to which the goods are despatched for sale—(as regards wool, the equivalent f.o.b. of the current price ruling in Australia will normally provide a sufficient approximation of the f.o.b. equivalent of the price ultimately received).

The Excise Tariff in operation is the Excise Tariff **Excise Tariff.** 1921-1953. The articles on which excise duty is payable can only be manufactured under licence and subject to compliance with certain conditions.

This tariff relates to beer, spirits, saccharin, liqueurs, flavoured spirituous liquors, tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, snuff, certain petroleum or shale distillates, playing cards, cigarette papers, matches, wine (certain types), wireless valves, coal and cathode ray tubes (picture tubes) as used in television receiving sets.

(1) *Customs (Import Licensing) Regulations.*—The Customs **Import Controls.** (Import Licensing) Regulations were first promulgated in December, 1939, and were made pursuant to the *Customs Act 1901-1936*, Sections 52 (g) and 56. These regulations provide, *inter alia*, that the importation into the Commonwealth of any goods shall be prohibited, unless :—

- (a) a licence to import the goods is in force and the terms and conditions (if any) to which the licence is subject are complied with; or
- (b) the goods are excepted from the application of the Regulations.

The purpose of these regulations is to protect Australia's overseas balance of payments position. The level of licensing has varied from time to time being dictated by the state of Australia's overseas exchange reserves.

During the financial year 1951-52, following a fall in the price of wool and a large increase in the volume of imports (the product, in turn, of the wool boom of 1950-51), Australia incurred a substantial deficit in over-all payments on current account. Overseas reserves fell rapidly in the latter part of 1951 and early 1952 endangering Australia's external financial position to such a degree that it became necessary on 8th March, 1952, to apply the Customs (Import Licensing) Regulations to imports from all sources with the exception of goods originating in Papua, New Guinea, and Norfolk Island. By March, 1953, Australia's balance of payments had shown sufficient improvement to justify a general relaxation in the quantitative restrictions applying to goods from sources other than the Dollar Area and Japan, and further progressive relaxations were made as from 1st July, 1953, 1st October, 1953, and 1st April, 1954, respectively.

Australia's balance of payments position deteriorated rapidly as from June, 1954, necessitating a series of intensifications in import licensing restrictions on 1st October, 1954, 1st April, 1955 and 1st October, 1955.

As these restrictions proved inadequate in stemming the decline in overseas funds, new measures were introduced on 1st July, 1956, involving considerable variations in import licensing and aimed at creating a balance between receipts and payments in foreign currency. Up to 22nd November, 1954, goods of Japanese origin were licensed on a basis quite separate from other non-dollar licensing. From that date onwards import licences for goods of Japanese origin have, with certain exceptions, been licensed for importation on the same basis as like goods originating in other non-dollar countries.

Restrictions on imports from the Dollar Area have been maintained in varying degrees since their imposition in December, 1939, and, in general, the issue of the licences for the importation of goods from the Dollar Area is restricted to goods of a high degree of essentiality, unavailable in adequate quantities from other countries. The goods imported from the Dollar Area are mainly capital goods, raw materials, semi-manufactures and other producer goods. All applications for licences are treated on the merits of each individual case.

Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations.—In addition to the Import Licensing Regulations which are imposed for balance of payments reasons, section 52 of the Customs Act provides for the prohibition of the importation of specified types of commodities and also provides for the making of Regulations prohibiting the importation of other types of commodities.

Prohibition by Regulation may be exercised by—

- (a) prohibiting the importation of goods completely;
- (b) prohibiting the importation of goods except with the consent of the Minister;
- (c) prohibiting the importation of goods except subject to conditions.

Lists of products subject to prohibition are set out in the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations.

Commodities, the importation of which has been prohibited under the Regulations include dangerous drugs, firearms, undesirable publications and articles deleterious to public health.

Export Controls. (1) *Commodity Control*.—Section 112 of the Customs Act provides that the Governor General may, by regulation, prohibit the exportation of goods from Australia and that this power may be exercised by—

- (a) prohibiting the exportation of goods absolutely ;
- (b) prohibiting the exportation of goods to a specified place ;
- (c) prohibiting the exportation of goods unless prescribed conditions or restrictions are complied with.

Goods subject to this export control are listed in the Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations.

(2) *Monetary Control—Banking Act 1945*.—As an integral part of the framework of Exchange Control, a control over goods exported from Australia is maintained under the provisions of Part III. of the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations to ensure that the full proceeds of such goods are received into the Australian banking system, and that these proceeds are received in the currency, and in the manner prescribed by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. This action is complementary to that taken under other parts of the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations to control the movement out of Australia of capital in the form of securities, gold, and currency.

Provision is made in the regulations for the granting of export licences subject to such terms and conditions as are imposed. On the receipt in Australia by the Commonwealth Bank, or by a bank acting as agent for that Bank, of advice that the foreign currency has been paid to the Commonwealth Bank, or to an agent of the Bank, for goods exported in accordance with a licence granted under the regulations, the Bank, or an agent of the Bank, pays the licensee,

or such person as is entitled to receive it, an amount, in Australian currency, equivalent to the foreign currency received. In addition to commercial transactions, exports by private individuals are controlled. Persons leaving Australia for overseas are required to obtain licences to cover their bona fide baggage, personal effects, and household effects in any individual case where the gold content thereof exceeds £A50, or the value of jewellery and other articles of high intrinsic value exceeds £A1,000 unless such articles have been the personal property of the passenger for at least twelve months.

**Alteration
in Values
of Imports.**

Prior to the year 1947-48, the values of overseas imports are shown in British currency, but for 1947-48 and subsequent years values are recorded in Australian currency. It is necessary, therefore, when comparing the values of imports for 1947-48 and subsequent years with previous years, to take into account differences in currency. This also applies when estimating the balance of trade between Victoria and other countries for years prior to 1947-48.

A reasonably accurate method of converting the values of imports (except gold) from British to Australian currency is to add 14 per cent. to British currency values. Imports of gold up to the year 1946-47 were recorded in sterling. The value of gold imported subsequent to that year was ascertained by multiplying the number of fine ounces imported by the average export price for the year (Australian currency).

**Variation in
External
Exchange
Position.**

The telegraphic transfer selling rate for £100, Australia on London, which had reached £130 10s. on 29th January, 1931, was reduced to £125 10s. on 3rd December, 1931, since when the rate has remained unchanged.

**Overseas
Trade of
Victoria.**

The total values of overseas trade to and from Victorian ports for each of the five years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are set forth in the following table. Exports do not include the value of stores shipped at Victorian ports on board overseas ships, particulars of which are shown on page 471.

OVERSEA TRADE—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO
AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1949-50 TO
1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Year ended 30th June.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.*	Total.
IMPORTS.			
	£A.	£A.	£A.
1950	182,900,006	1,356,742	184,256,748
1951	262,847,971	218,374	263,066,345
1952	361,806,782	1,386,497	363,193,279
1953	173,200,770	574,038	173,774,808
1954	237,283,425	399,448	237,682,873
EXPORTS.			
1950	165,851,180	345,393	166,196,573
1951	265,012,508	31,505	265,044,013
1952	185,953,661	40,276	185,993,937
1953	228,004,471	113,829	228,118,300
1954	203,528,015	53,060	203,581,075

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

That portion of the value of Commonwealth trade handled at Victorian ports for each of the five years 1949-50 to 1953-54 is shown in the following table. Prior to the year 1947-48 the values of imports were recorded in British currency:—

(Australian Currency Values.)

Year ended 30th June.	Commonwealth Trade—			Portion of Commonwealth Trade Handled at Victorian Ports—		
	Imports.	Exports.	Total.	Imports.	Exports.	Total.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	%	%	%
1950 ..	538,068,843	613,696,619	1,151,765,462	34·2	27·1	30·4
1951 ..	743,870,587	981,796,187	1,725,666,774	35·4	27·0	30·6
1952 ..	1,053,423,055	675,007,709	1,728,430,764	34·5	27·6	31·8
1953 ..	514,109,416	871,271,909	1,385,381,325	33·8	26·2	29·1
1954 ..	681,539,459	828,297,023	1,509,836,482	34·9	24·6	29·2

In the following table the recorded values of the principal articles imported into Victorian ports are shown in the order in which they appear in the statistical classification of 21 categories. Up to and including the year 1946-47 values were recorded in British Currency but since that year they have been shown in Australian currency:—

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Cheese	5,593	18,085	29,348	15,367	75,053
Fish—					
Preserved in Tins	663,789	657,593	977,741	196,343	757,368
All other	259,435	290,276	485,901	324,842	530,490
Meats	74,464	117,442	245,476	150,666	109,956
All other Animal Foodstuffs ..	66,284	126,186	214,688	102,043	145,935
Total, Class I.	1,069,565	1,209,582	1,953,154	789,261	1,618,802
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN: NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.					
Cocoa and Chocolate	1,460,622	855,656	1,348,612	728,636	1,220,397
Coffee and Chicory	477,814	466,276	771,071	581,259	1,170,164
Confectionery	67,415	82,603	103,018	20,037	57,424
Fruits, Dried	62,758	98,013	80,288	36,410	78,437
Grain and Pulse—					
Peas	47,180	22,510	74,689	68,961	92,879
All other	334,046	134,490	260,274	59,383	93,818
Hops	74,035	160,834	156,312	87,549	8,963
Nuts, Edible	438,772	563,177	449,586	394,628	568,969
Pickles and Sauces	19,709	34,496	57,194	5,290	25,922
Sago and Tapioca	34,062	50,075	78,109	39,835	33,390
Spices, n.e.i.	322,017	413,906	445,284	270,672	270,149
Tea	4,452,411	5,498,489	3,838,301	4,211,172	4,726,943
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs ..	169,151	179,993	501,722	100,499	163,695
Total, Class II.	7,959,992	8,560,518	8,164,460	6,604,331	8,511,150

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—*continued.*

(*Australian Currency Values.*)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Ale, Beer, Porter, &c.	23,619	39,808	89,703	10,664	13,653
Spirits (Beverages)—					
Brandy	13,829	26,307	44,772	4,090	13,146
Gin	4,896	7,469	7,335	911	3,730
Whisky	115,000	140,212	205,349	167,346	176,665
Other	20,673	46,093	86,748	1,625	24,418
Wine (Fermented)—					
Sparkling	10,117	18,056	25,545	2,472	8,884
Other	11,649	20,983	49,099	6,750	19,969
Total, Class III.	199,783	298,928	508,601	193,858	260,465
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.					
Tobacco—					
Manufactured	80,876	59,788	64,288	16,295	26,566
Unmanufactured	2,487,400	3,248,368	3,499,068	4,279,050	4,974,457
Cigars	17,582	67,723	15,280	3,255	27,639
Cigarettes	1,523,649	2,374,062	2,620,879	916,951	1,190,082
Snuff	431	935	30	272	782
Total, Class IV.	4,109,938	5,750,876	6,199,545	5,215,823	6,219,526
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	111,170	148,633	123,647	116,066	97,165
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Hides and Skins—					
Hides (Calf, Cattle, and Horse)	24,714	22,342	224,468	8,055	16,182
Skins (Goat)	1,442	23,865	1,373	4,105	815
Other	349,511	423,728	397,829	175,754	491,025
Silk, Raw	89,633	269,631	122,921	29,048	56,117
Wool	536,293	726,935	979,375	593,547	1,295,739
All other Animal Substances	296,826	389,072	761,341	182,130	494,597
Total, Class VI.	1,298,419	1,855,573	2,487,807	992,549	2,354,475
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.					
Fibres—					
Cotton, Raw	1,938,719	3,362,948	1,977,209	1,363,074	2,855,986
Flax and Hemp	26,194	60,405	233,604	229,184	100,626
Jute	287,689	590,209	726,707	76,779	600,910
Kapok	136,024	154,598	136,080	82,307	91,651
Other	808,411	2,143,906	5,014,413	1,575,319	1,425,809
Grass or Straw, for hatmaking, furniture, mats, &c.	47,737	34,521	24,051	6,929	8,993
Gums, Resins, and Balsams	143,573	387,225	545,768	193,283	296,686
Plastic Moulding Materials	910,358	1,375,791	2,120,672	1,209,466	2,510,991
Seeds	521,131	486,634	391,337	283,537	491,501
Tanning Substances	124,083	238,416	169,616	159,833	192,864
Cork and Cork Manufactures	115,333	149,483	338,022	116,066	190,242
All other Vegetable Substances	172,459	214,464	265,659	484,272	432,320
Total, Class VII.	4,331,711	9,198,600	11,943,138	5,760,051	9,198,579

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—continued.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
CLASS VIII.—(a) YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) APPAREL.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres.</i>					
Bags and Sacks—					
Bran, Chaff, and Compressed Fodder	2,509	191,976	463,341	..	27
Corn and Flour	2,419,455	2,118,554	4,581,059	24,734	638,440
Other	833,106	747,974	1,334,244	843,812	407,392
Cordage and Twines (excluding Metal Cordage)	145,156	322,898	457,650	40,228	107,635
Yarns—					
Artificial Silk	2,170,723	4,076,748	4,337,755	3,083,580	5,588,876
Cotton	1,264,785	2,985,556	4,293,238	1,062,657	2,280,330
Sewing and other Cotton Threads, &c.	661,775	924,353	1,141,498	585,055	948,652
Wool	303,686	306,749	287,989	175,185	214,563
Other	19,606	46,114	63,876	41,911	54,155
<i>(b) Textiles.</i>					
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck	469,453	713,697	1,632,837	842,337	603,770
Cotton and Linen	9,378,895	14,219,294	21,997,825	5,238,646	15,193,936
Hessians and other Jute Piece Goods	511,161	1,070,666	1,466,112	521,878	624,393
Silk and Artificial Silk	6,115,745	7,908,571	10,729,735	2,456,639	6,042,642
Velvets, Velveteens, Plushes, &c.	659,015	1,592,325	1,449,113	315,530	552,922
Woolen	2,358,251	1,938,605	1,535,902	171,740	646,286
Other	983,268	1,683,405	2,432,601	328,306	741,380
Floor Coverings—Carpets, Linoleums, Mats, &c.	3,944,566	5,409,924	6,107,251	870,515	4,110,778
Handkerchiefs, Tablecloths and Serviettes of Cotton and Linen	441,196	561,214	661,969	229,492	340,859
Towels and Towelling	561,273	401,138	763,938	86,151	346,433
All other Textiles	540,838	790,444	932,263	47,174	477,285
<i>(c) Apparel.</i>					
Boots and Shoes	356,168	585,513	1,125,869	80,392	213,998
Corsets	19,025	23,994	32,941	619	6,590
Furs and other Skins—Dressed	57,929	145,484	72,154	6,609	26,731
Gloves	361,398	547,205	741,982	242,866	707,439
Hats and Caps	178,178	332,259	350,929	80,392	297,945
Hosiery and Knitted Apparel (including Socks and Stockings)	842,547	600,585	1,014,692	66,051	318,016
Lace for Attire, Lace Flouncings, &c.	992,136	1,238,022	1,846,440	573,418	1,668,746
Shirts, Pyjamas	77,247	78,019	141,682	9,995	32,798
Men's and Boys' Outer Garments	610,617	876,277	1,276,706	92,692	267,707
Trimmings	594,540	899,120	984,190	277,177	806,236
Other	1,000,500	1,351,740	1,648,415	257,783	749,536
Total, Class VIII.	39,075,047	54,688,423	75,906,196	18,653,644	45,016,496

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Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.					
Oils—					
Kerosene, &c.	1,134,109	1,584,107	1,742,444	1,837,813	1,999,223
Lubricating (Mineral)	1,227,212	1,301,088	3,135,385	1,138,504	1,159,057
Petroleum, Crude	1,009,282	1,321,314	1,262,117	1,531,550	3,399,642
Petroleum and Shale Spirit	7,684,376	11,164,121	12,336,403	12,725,312	2,750,920
Residual and Solar	3,004,459	3,320,261	4,923,263	3,731,617	4,848,330
Linsced	184,952	162,862	735,077	165,239	206,499
Castor	6	307,215	408,011	49,572	102,808
Turpentine and Substitutes therefor	155,091	292,286	284,881	258,523	308,080
Paraffin Wax	84,341	171,652	254,383	41,675	127,283
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	504,796	887,146	1,411,045	590,539	1,068,175
Total, Class IX.	14,988,624	20,512,052	26,493,009	22,070,344	25,970,017
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	606,387	902,472	1,418,941	426,835	1,188,588
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES, AND HYDRO-CARBONS.					
Sulphur (Brimstone)	1,317,903	1,830,496	400,732	1,355,309	1,031,098
All other Rocks, Minerals, &c.	1,947,189	2,124,950	1,443,071	1,377,699	751,566
Total, Class XI.	3,265,092	3,955,446	1,843,803	2,733,008	1,782,664
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, (b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND MACHINERY, AND (c) MACHINERY.					
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures, (except Electric Appliances and Machinery).</i>					
Aluminium	289,539	364,884	619,222	373,752	346,343
Copper and Copper Manufactures (except Wire)	636,057	1,942,675	1,030,439	863,366	694,552
Heating and Cooking Appliances Iron and Steel—	281,797	599,374	1,032,788	345,199	451,947
Bar, Rod, Hoop, Ingots, Blooms, &c.	2,212,260	2,043,230	3,961,321	1,210,223	704,066
Pipes and Tubes	515,603	821,110	1,123,876	546,692	508,359
Plate and Sheet	6,114,657	11,607,766	15,601,504	8,781,784	6,149,101
Other	1,320,856	2,338,114	3,238,221	1,314,144	947,582
Lamps and Lampware	123,933	184,254	270,498	59,774	95,828
Nickel	37,962	23,964	53,806	52,151	44,845
Plated Ware and Cutlery	616,080	735,646	1,028,720	316,837	725,477
Tools of Trade (not being Machines) Vehicles—	849,168	1,090,617	1,658,750	502,518	1,003,364
Motor Cycles, Tricycles, &c.	765,987	618,845	690,319	96,413	251,461
Bodies for Motor Cars, &c.	6,453,131	5,472,352	6,639,285	1,011,998	3,062,303
Chassis for Motor Cars, &c.*	18,139,551	19,854,165	22,321,154	10,899,363	17,066,112
Aircraft and parts	899,786	1,034,130	2,324,424	5,732,044	3,086,463
Other Vehicles and Parts	2,166,734	3,912,263	5,034,438	2,335,028	3,724,183
Wire	2,466,210	3,228,147	4,081,756	737,667	1,131,940
All other Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery	3,245,850	5,745,960	8,540,165	4,042,862	5,930,614

* Including complete motor vehicles.

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(*Australian Currency Values.*)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, (b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND MACHINERY, AND (c) MACHINERY— <i>continued.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
(b) <i>Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment.</i>					
Cable and Wire, Covered ..	1,472,471	1,344,047	735,979	642,535	424,410
Dynamo Machines	1,270,292	1,488,743	2,916,374	2,287,498	1,675,916
Telephones and Switchboards ..	531,014	442,127	515,553	191,180	233,620
Wireless and Parts	81,234	137,942	183,323	273,784	336,561
Other	2,975,207	5,384,870	6,097,044	3,543,531	4,205,471
(c) <i>Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical).</i>					
Implements and Machinery (Agricultural, Horticultural, and Viticultural)	556,286	1,006,469	2,019,842	1,412,430	1,466,260
Refrigerating Appliances and Parts ..	556,456	485,458	995,676	121,956	289,577
Clothes Washing Machines	407,722	741,199	1,482,162	80,763	150,806
Vacuum Cleaners and Parts	212,278	362,290	552,312	10,499	138,909
Dredging and Excavating Machinery ..	452,055	477,318	718,162	590,916	884,643
Metal Working Machinery	1,683,483	2,096,740	2,848,346	3,571,028	3,217,290
Motive Power Machinery—					
Aircraft Engines and Parts	382,150	559,421	729,894	1,302,739	2,841,739
Motor Car Engines	62,780	101,083	264,457	106,564	196,982
Tractors and Parts	5,524,808	7,099,003	7,885,702	3,256,273	5,161,294
Locomotives and Parts thereof	139,055	1,707,511	2,692,226	1,039,603	1,879,622
Other	1,681,163	3,796,203	4,617,000	4,648,124	4,009,510
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings ..	960,205	823,582	1,599,260	1,490,462	1,250,287
Textile Industry Machinery and Appliances	2,717,366	2,573,208	2,687,297	1,861,842	3,618,797
Office and Accounting Machinery ..	624,666	1,096,664	1,587,853	889,062	994,696
All other Machines and Machinery ..	5,278,691	7,958,551	11,279,023	11,190,249	9,386,530
Total, Class XII.	74,706,543	101,299,925	131,663,171	77,732,833	88,287,460
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREOF (EXCEPT APPAREL).					
(a) <i>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures</i>					
Rubber, Crude, Powdered or Reclaimed	1,990,444	9,917,694	10,135,709	2,190,831	3,668,167
Rubber Manufactures	1,935,240	2,276,110	4,550,306	824,200	1,225,068
(b) <i>Leather and Manufactures of Leather and Substitutes therefor.</i>					
Glace Kid	15,219	13,229	14,791	7,562	23,413
All other	224,724	325,793	422,749	135,210	213,962
Total, Class XIII.	4,165,627	12,532,826	15,123,555	3,157,803	5,130,550

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INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—*continued.*

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Timber—					
Dressed	1,190,983	2,379,824	5,578,441	529,045	854,989
Undressed	1,409,565	2,320,885	4,738,589	583,858	1,035,972
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	365,396	428,153	725,787	121,778	372,668
Total, Class XIV. ..	2,965,944	5,128,862	11,042,817	1,234,681	2,263,629
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONEWARE.					
Cement (Portland) ..	283,539	371,885	1,745,383	469,115	346,345
Earthenware, China, &c. ..	1,217,539	1,110,153	1,663,074	389,380	1,398,001
Glass and Glassware ..	1,046,728	1,284,162	2,093,208	777,930	1,566,038
All other Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass, and Stoneware	467,480	874,477	1,425,027	329,734	598,579
Total, Class XV. ..	3,015,286	3,640,677	6,926,692	1,966,159	3,908,963
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.					
(a) <i>Pulp, Paper, and Board.</i>					
Cardboard and other Paper Boards	400,754	1,006,126	2,459,678	231,947	401,802
Printing	2,305,575	3,272,299	7,447,743	2,547,202	4,086,545
Pulp and Papermaking ..	348,898	1,104,085	3,649,403	961,581	1,396,805
Wrapping of all Colours ..	358,012	1,119,463	2,539,385	534,744	1,114,768
Writing and Typewriting Paper ..	205,530	537,264	1,753,158	481,735	538,528
All other	730,715	1,540,105	1,998,892	546,126	860,566
(b) <i>Paper Manufactures and Stationery.</i>					
Books (Printed), Directories, &c. ..	1,142,392	1,234,046	1,627,814	1,809,535	1,890,753
Cigarette Tubes and Papers ..	7,047	28,495	31,881	10,609	5,232
Price Lists, Catalogues, &c. ..	8,185	9,829	12,717	9,126	13,869
Pens and Pencils	469,478	431,085	386,781	259,719	567,134
All other	510,176	681,118	1,113,759	313,992	743,396
Total, Class XVI. ..	6,486,762	10,963,915	23,021,211	7,706,316	11,619,398
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES.					
Sporting Material	131,137	213,598	264,879	39,386	152,810
Fancy Goods, Toys, &c. ..	790,524	1,146,697	1,226,028	163,178	776,184
Jewellery, including Cameos, &c. ..	567,407	964,420	643,171	335,251	791,246
Watches, Clocks, Chronometers, &c. ..	908,006	935,316	1,128,304	321,198	881,921
Total, Class XVII ..	2,397,074	3,260,031	3,262,382	859,013	2,602,161

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INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—continued.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES, AND PHOTO- GRAPHIC GOODS, n.e.i.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Optical and Meteorological Instru- ments, &c.	123,199	179,983	262,763	54,236	124,772
Cinematograph Films	92,136	115,896	112,486	123,256	186,955
Photographic Goods, n.e.i.	79,008	86,378	123,411	87,596	135,946
Surgical and Dental Instruments, &c.	412,173	594,792	820,606	416,895	549,434
Scientific instruments, &c.	388,605	402,339	572,043	646,389	732,856
All other Optical and Scientific Instruments	378,136	457,652	529,708	152,814	513,782
Total, Class XVIII.	1,473,257	1,837,340	2,421,017	1,481,186	2,243,745
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS.					
Acids	157,665	208,130	744,559	105,326	185,362
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations	587,663	1,323,501	1,651,376	330,730	1,023,188
Dyes	475,979	636,572	1,104,256	347,131	940,268
Fertilizers	932,856	763,977	844,115	804,968	1,390,132
Oils, Essential (Non-spirituous)	91,153	226,114	246,036	120,465	108,353
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations	109,697	164,146	122,801	36,029	90,003
Soap and soap substitutes	21,969	84,092	80,857	27,964	128,171
Sodium Salts	199,047	418,934	730,510	160,881	200,223
Spirits and Spirituous Preparations	48,963	105,764	536,363	93,318	191,391
All other Drugs and Chemicals	1,205,000	1,842,307	3,967,285	1,743,887	2,311,469
Total, Class XIX.	3,829,992	5,773,237	10,028,158	3,770,699	6,568,560
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.					
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	514,659	761,373	5,931,715	1,640,349	1,828,838
Bags, Baskets, Trunks, &c.	196,456	285,482	248,276	34,231	152,532
Brushware	111,444	143,154	166,826	25,816	91,438
Fire Brigade and Life-saving Appliances, n.e.i.	5,645	14,846	17,672	43,766	56,930
Outside Packages	3,607,432	4,399,964	6,823,051	3,213,677	4,657,273
Vessels (Ships)	13,378	252,571	71,709	442,460	793,531
Wall and Ceiling Boards	1,102,477	3,594,538	1,205,219	71,654	110,243
Houses and Buildings, Prefabricated	1,292,301	1,878,127	3,847,126	4,608,610	2,963,222
All other Articles	1,292,301	1,878,127	2,963,884	1,655,747	1,787,025
Total, Class XX.	6,843,792	11,330,055	21,275,478	11,736,310	12,441,032
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.					
Gold	1,355,169	215,797	1,158,112	537,234	389,986
Silver	1,573	2,571	197,010	36,804	9,392
Bronze Specie . . . . .	..	6	31,375	..	70
Total, Class XXI.	1,356,742	218,374	1,386,497	574,038	399,448
Total Imports	184,256,748	263,066,345	363,193,279	173,774,808	237,682,873

* Not recorded separately.

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

The percentage which the value of each of the more important classes bore to the total value of merchandise imported during 1953-54 was as follows:—Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel 19 per cent.; machinery and metal manufactures 37 per cent.; oils, &c., 11 per cent.; paper manufactures and stationery 5 per cent.

The recorded values of the principal articles exported to oversea countries from Victorian ports during each of the five years 1950-54 are shown in 21 divisions, in accordance with the statistical classification.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(Austrian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Butter	11,224,357	7,803,626	3,165,679	7,673,702	6,985,888
Cheese	2,492,614	2,640,112	2,994,755	4,113,700	4,092,542
Eggs	1,435,407	974,294	666,378	1,646,352	1,510,989
Infants' and Invalids' Food, n.e.i.	304,350	236,669	333,718	386,398	349,748
Meats—					
Bacon and Hams	84,736	67,735	137,294	54,664	11,513
Preserved by Cold Process—					
Beef	59,173	99,247	248,881	314,713	641,070
Lamb	3,787,556	1,574,490	1,205,040	3,493,835	1,782,060
Mutton	1,121,897	125,877	211,374	1,426,465	835,907
Pork	168,571	141,804	87,016	71,458	53,823
Poultry	753,052	1,111,893	904,864	522,652	140,068
Rabbits and Hares*	2,287,253	1,790,048	2,594,094	1,986,232	1,104,993
Other	396,584	251,228	283,285	420,576	358,548
Preserved in Tins	3,336,400	3,643,134	6,426,183	11,495,279	7,821,270
Sausage Casings	880,314	875,991	1,015,397	1,177,144	957,699
Other	116,434	97,619	80,259	160,120	269,476
Milk and Cream	4,052,643	3,939,472	5,488,704	7,043,008	6,670,388
Honey	191,992	44,682	171,804	216,899	127,292
All other Animal Foodstuffs	635,740	699,356	392,183	1,315,620	481,414
Total, Class I.	33,329,073	26,117,277	26,406,908	43,518,817	34,194,688

* Including rabbit and hare meat.

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FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—continued.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Biscuits	1,907	3,795	6,213	27,413	6,989
Confectionery	1,027,529	383,321	229,350	89,530	42,008
Fruits, Dried	1,969,259	2,635,040	3,787,827	5,315,217	4,857,115
" Fresh	779,931	1,390,174	1,651,792	1,887,849	2,355,417
" Preserved in liquid	2,066,766	2,577,353	4,030,093	6,148,644	7,515,316
" Pulped	35,466	6,535	8,313	364,117	909,324
Grain and Pulse—					
Unprepared—					
Wheat	13,278,364	22,506,610	13,589,998	10,235,702	5,918,774
Oats	1,602,982	2,126,908	3,905,306	2,306,422	333,537
Barley	1,054,464	1,549,135	1,369,641	1,964,079	2,132,645
Other	129,573	223,302	146,386	140,764	11,334
Prepared—					
Flour (Wheaten)	9,535,345	8,675,409	13,214,469	15,328,705	10,039,719
Barley—Pearl and Scotch	9,591	6,921	4,362	107	2,566
Rice—Cleaned	200,831	241,951	115,904	139,779	235,902
Oatmeal, Wheatmeal and Rolled Oats	172,862	194,922	160,438	454,163	194,389
Macaroni and Vermicelli	82,352	23,237	23,493	7,360	7,727
Other	119,537	208,136	168,915	105,955	427,368
James and Jellies	1,008,761	764,610	446,795	269,837	231,534
Tea	20,454	18,940	6,961	33,899	6,952
Vegetables (including Tomatoes)	893,111	317,329	470,640	837,944	377,838
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	775,132	468,506	589,880	948,880	1,713,715
Total, Class II.	34,764,217	44,322,134	43,925,174	46,606,166	37,320,169
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS..	254,375	340,588	352,255	487,772	463,605
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF ..	25,010	13,758	18,474	6,141	16,107
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	23,817	51,109	123,626	70,722	46,250
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Hides and Skins—					
Hides (Calf, Cattle, Horse)	266,893	285,206	248,654	360,375	380,124
Fox	5,176	10,413	4,733	461	410
Opossum	43,487	4,159	25,527	30,725	102,508
Rabbit and Hare	598,594	1,152,272	484,596	476,323	475,485
Sheep	5,023,036	9,501,115	6,133,669	7,683,943	6,673,687
Other	11,674	40,934	17,186	10,876	3,206
Wool—					
Greasy	65,602,743	143,722,594	73,952,216	92,007,475	87,935,572
Scoured and Washed	11,995,200	21,340,856	14,018,548	13,172,739	12,673,059
Tops, Noils and Waste	1,547,306	2,733,179	2,204,451	3,022,917	2,506,801
Other Animal Substances	56,284	80,825	119,725	132,866	86,182
Total, Class VI.	85,150,393	178,871,553	97,209,305	116,898,700	110,837,034

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(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES, PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
	298,319	456,121	456,047	223,442	172,167
CLASS VIII.—(a) YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) APPAREL.					
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres—					
Yarns (Woolen)	303,807	402,931	441,295	27,291	76,817
(Silk)	84,853	25,702	3,824	6,169	18,526
Other	81,295	139,886	134,436	81,539	82,910
Textiles	638,691	587,678	642,218	251,857	473,803
Apparel—					
Outer Garments	48,466	9,655	8,037	6,992	8,017
Underwear	17,390	11,885	2,673	3,297	2,777
Boots and Shoes	6,444	15,301	16,823	35,786	6,429
Other	188,032	118,096	107,565	77,899	74,728
Total, Class VIII.	1,368,978	1,311,224	1,356,871	490,830	744,007
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.					
Tallow—Unrefined	725,447	601,330	327,214	627,146	675,288
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes ..	579,123	484,822	436,349	502,692	497,047
Total, Class IX.	1,304,570	1,086,152	763,563	1,129,838	1,172,335
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	101,291	239,987	369,347	145,144	187,524
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES, AND HYDROCARBONS	435,874	1,366,500	2,372,940	2,146,000	2,279,331
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, (b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND MACHINERY, AND (c) MACHINERY.					
(a) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures (except Electrical Appliances and Machinery).</i>					
Bolts, and Nuts, Rivets and Washers, n.e.i.	24,457	17,483	27,933	47,890	110,187
Iron and Steel	75,647	117,728	130,733	600,545	1,094,575
Cadmium—Blocks, Bars, &c. .. .	9,328	16,855	4,532	21,283	52,915
Lead (Pig)	231,203	4,187	26,526	88,921	90,209
Motor Cars, Lorries, &c., and Parts	190,271	121,189	543,939	560,512	692,352
Zinc—Bars, Blocks, &c. .. .	197,578	218,990	328,976	59,465	67,507
All other Metals and Manufactures thereof	961,954	936,553	1,409,949	1,347,622	2,157,288

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—*continued.*

(*Australian Currency Values.*)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, (b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND MACHINERY, AND (c) MACHINERY— <i>continued.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
(b) <i>Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment</i>	232,718	273,567	269,086	290,639	305,461
(c) <i>Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical).</i>					
Agricultural Implements	429,702	316,105	677,409	816,864	1,020,620
Other	1,234,908	1,859,567	1,916,484	2,086,274	2,530,049
Total, Class XII.	3,587,766	3,882,224	5,335,567	5,920,015	8,121,163
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR (EXCEPT APPAREL).					
Rubber and Manufactures	48,179	50,540	100,239	86,765	182,262
Leather and Manufactures	1,049,637	1,484,176	870,595	1,279,062	1,223,831
Total, Class XIII.	1,097,816	1,534,716	970,834	1,365,827	1,406,093
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED ..	72,079	94,348	167,646	126,452	128,395
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONWARE	86,575	58,781	49,927	71,331	134,801
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.					
Paper	58,542	52,867	87,200	160,006	78,808
Stationery	212,829	210,959	276,982	301,416	319,160
Total, Class XVI.	271,371	263,826	364,182	461,422	397,968
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES.					
Precious, Stones, Unset, Pearls, Cameos, &c.	50,375	5,051	11,593	94,581	54,243
Sporting Material	60,623	63,374	93,424	78,053	96,222
All other Jewellery, Time-pieces, &c.	65,821	118,911	111,844	57,335	57,286
Total, Class XVII.	176,819	187,336	216,861	229,969	207,751

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—*continued.*

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES, AND PHOTO- GRAPHIC GOODS, n.e.l. ..	£A. 340,599	£A. 300,013	£A. 471,565	£A. 456,633	£A. 519,332
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS.					
Bacteriological Products and Sera	6,983	13,101	13,840	7,634	4,747
Casein	74,576	484,022	156,086	108,020	288,071
Fertilizers	7,725	36,076	39,990	1,191	9,570
Medicines	323,870	563,142	483,780	366,666	342,643
Oil—Eucalyptus	98,193	233,549	247,999	174,927	131,123
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations, n.e.l.	24,044	32,869	35,937	14,889	22,274
Soap	105,259	147,206	163,587	106,411	69,348
Yeast	9,593	17,299	7,105	2,484	3,081
Other Drugs and Chemicals	456,974	583,467	871,291	868,218	598,216
Total, Class XIX. ..	1,107,217	2,110,731	2,019,615	1,650,440	1,469,073
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.					
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	807,205	1,150,821	1,527,691	2,892,000	2,351,471
Matches and Vestas	45,631	53,973	60,575	51,306	83,597
Patriotic Gifts	318,669	256,746	384,473	298,635	84,368
Other	883,516	942,590	1,030,215	2,756,869	1,190,786
Total, Class XX. ..	2,055,021	2,404,130	3,002,954	5,998,810	3,710,222
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.					
Gold				8,321	13,022
Silver	345,393	31,432	40,245	101,976	40,023
Bronze Specie		73	31	3,532	15
Total, Class XXI. ..	345,393	31,505	40,276	113,829	53,060
Australian produce	164,907,436	263,711,056	184,723,863	226,392,252	201,431,999
Other produce	1,289,137	1,332,957	1,270,074	1,726,043	2,149,076
Total Exports	166,196,573	265,044,013	185,993,937	228,118,300	203,581,075

The export trade consists largely of agricultural, dairying, and pastoral products. The value of wool, wheat, oats, flour, butter, fruits (all kinds), meats, hides and skins, milk and cream, cheese and eggs exported during 1953-54, amounted to 87 per cent. of the total merchandise (Australian produce) exported—wool alone represented nearly 51 per cent. The total value of exports decreased by £24,537,225 during 1953-54 as compared with the previous year.

The value of the trade with various countries of the world in each of the five years 1950-54 was as specified in the following table:—

IMPORTS (ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) INTO VICTORIAN PORTS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT THERETO FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Imports from—	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
United Kingdom ..	97,855,645	126,057,551	161,879,489	71,429,278	113,158,522
Africa, British East	795,369	1,937,121	2,753,501	1,507,204	1,270,693
" West	795,163	328,961	559,381	418,962	366,259
Canada ..	3,540,706	4,687,540	6,534,757	6,328,620	5,073,551
Hong Kong ..	181,113	377,257	733,316	101,487	383,768
India and Ceylon ..	11,584,020	15,007,707	15,913,672	7,085,660	9,261,924
Malaya (British) and Singapore	2,962,207	11,156,662	12,106,668	3,626,699	6,374,021
New Zealand ..	2,569,388	1,205,518	3,403,357	1,682,990	2,401,261
Pacific Islands (British)	163,022	106,966	199,013	197,966	169,111
South African Union	1,454,572	2,243,669	1,534,657	1,080,740	917,218
West Indies (British)	49,145	71,442	104,625	72,645	62,743
Other British Possessions	2,304,599	4,338,265	4,243,408	3,796,602	7,357,310
Bahrein Islands ..	1,937,798	3,003,432	4,094,118	4,689,019	5,493,827
Belgium ..	1,287,112	4,030,356	7,198,874	1,627,902	2,432,239
China ..	361,734	728,546	1,079,986	317,552	576,064
Czecho-Slovakia ..	1,905,612	2,364,578	2,268,954	370,963	746,853
Egypt ..	117,333	1,122,378	1,176,172	420,667	548,295
Finland ..	620,363	1,511,574	3,637,448	353,994	810,221
France ..	3,475,675	5,222,950	6,858,850	4,543,836	5,766,267
Germany ..	2,524,608	5,629,505	12,445,293	5,093,784	9,606,551
Indonesia ..	4,381,499	6,939,648	7,397,414	5,161,627	6,499,989
Italy ..	3,667,497	7,024,180	10,925,781	1,730,834	4,321,877
Japan ..	2,747,618	5,857,821	15,595,331	2,345,551	2,633,981
Netherlands ..	1,231,010	2,971,032	4,921,548	2,269,024	3,340,624
Norway ..	1,207,241	1,681,740	3,588,988	503,892	1,180,898
Persia (Iran) ..	4,745,055	5,423,262	747,651	73,095	10,693
Peru ..	26,692	42,414	59,895	..	54,832
Philippines Republic	30,778	19,190	43,935	35,750	46,028
Spain ..	132,054	341,738	383,176	107,395	239,086
Sweden ..	2,855,171	6,172,878	11,037,766	2,518,742	3,556,870
Switzerland ..	986,424	2,517,652	2,779,491	1,253,672	3,356,405
Soviet Russia (U.S.S.R.)	182,748	230,370	395,428	157,892	337,188
United States of America	18,666,465	22,492,473	36,973,515	33,031,459	27,565,383
Other Foreign Countries	3,303,510	5,820,005	12,799,770	6,625,638	7,105,048
Total (excluding Outside Packages*)	180,648,946	258,666,381	356,370,228	170,561,141	233,025,600

* "Outside Packages." 1949-50, £3,607,802; 1950-51, £4,399,964; 1951-52, £6,823,051; 1952-53, £3,213,667 and 1953-54, £4,657,273.

† Eastern and Western Zones.

IMPORTS (ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) INTO VICTORIAN PORTS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT THERETO FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—*continued.*

(Australian Currency Values.)

Exports to—	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
United Kingdom	60,363,601	77,815,699	55,561,835	86,008,996	68,437,040
Africa, British East	136,300	176,510	201,978	276,604	381,318
" " West	144,680	251,813	145,931	135,730	125,500
Canada	3,210,111	5,854,442	3,850,018	4,014,726	3,037,981
Hong Kong	2,849,520	2,473,273	1,400,208	2,194,422	1,568,677
India and Ceylon	10,983,474	8,572,164	10,989,352	13,195,981	7,623,944
Malaya (British) and Singapore	5,199,066	5,629,280	7,514,469	8,114,672	6,897,829
New Zealand	6,233,410	5,746,016	12,574,064	7,953,447	8,821,683
Pacific Islands (British)	381,621	384,931	499,620	679,831	687,854
South African Union	998,155	1,948,536	1,327,795	1,654,844	1,405,555
West Indies (British)	697,051	667,621	612,192	538,647	316,941
Other British Possessions	3,420,470	3,505,301	4,870,343	7,699,212	5,679,899
Bahrain Islands	86,471	83,266	94,527	137,575	146,105
Belgium	2,712,739	5,930,923	4,355,658	6,028,654	5,067,183
China	228,455	237,155	79,636	471,029	312,823
Czecho-Slovakia	1,781,160	1,428,260	460,444	1,292,238	695,551
Egypt	2,218,249	9,178,596	2,644,229	1,120,088	1,007,400
Finland	344,519	120,949	152,711	32,081	25,154
France	9,775,950	26,181,385	16,119,704	23,450,566	21,329,772
Germany*	3,874,089	5,316,715	6,231,987	4,778,947	6,420,309
Indonesia	190,807	1,137,618	1,681,245	2,403,830	2,026,270
Italy	4,920,902	14,989,085	10,363,185	13,266,538	13,832,372
Japan	6,311,704	16,660,930	9,180,280	17,828,606	11,381,280
Netherlands	2,751,331	2,683,463	2,619,534	1,240,204	1,744,474
Norway	457,271	938,165	60,424	200,109	28,554
Persia (Iran)	561,947	312,584	119,528	162,282	76,791
Philippines Republic	181,962	150,758	228,761	304,385	472,491
Poland	3,215,986	4,339,154	958,599	1,175,428	841,609
Spain	1,037,136	43	162,928	3,304	10,948
Sweden	2,155,485	5,949,313	2,758,561	1,040,528	1,509,656
Switzerland	515,407	657,252	454,841	353,412	898,053
Soviet Russia (U.S.S.R.)	7,458,991	4,704,724	13	444,232	10,496,954
United States of America	14,564,498	40,973,694	20,573,842	13,950,752	12,947,012
Other Foreign Countries	6,264,055	10,044,395	7,145,495	5,966,400	7,326,093
Total	166,196,573	265,044,013	185,993,937	228,118,300	203,581,075

* Eastern and Western Zones.

Imports from and exports to the United Kingdom during 1953-54 represented 49 per cent. and 34 per cent. respectively of the total value of the oversea imports into and exports from Victorian ports during that year. Details of the principal articles interchanged are shown in the following statement for each of the five years, 1950-54.

Trade with
United
Kingdom.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Imports—Articles of United Kingdom origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Whisky	112,763	136,229	202,293	166,324	175,429
Cigarettes	1,376,687	1,357,519	1,823,107	650,535	965,321
Apparel	3,895,407	4,651,540	6,749,030	860,439	2,752,817
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck	277,250	345,939	597,223	366,232	354,039
Cotton and Linen	5,800,554	7,846,927	11,883,298	3,591,082	8,549,266
Silk and Artificial Silk	4,471,712	4,953,265	5,850,860	1,361,914	3,310,644
Woolen	2,520,068	1,886,722	1,481,381	161,213	613,700
Velvets	396,529	605,950	601,698	60,899	164,252
Other	966,450	1,640,327	2,350,477	359,888	730,958
Floor Coverings	3,800,829	5,103,817	5,753,509	742,951	3,773,796
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c.	621,839	904,348	1,140,349	585,057	947,418
Yarns, other	3,164,768	5,944,536	6,595,095	3,611,325	6,005,759
Dynamo Electrical Machinery, &c.	5,315,963	7,514,134	8,608,339	4,779,148	5,084,212
Machines and Machinery	12,557,899	17,875,062	24,521,841	15,994,396	20,329,554
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	4,604,581	7,237,285	6,111,857	6,597,273	5,196,735
Pipes and Tubes	182,990	346,872	286,723	345,634	380,588
Platedware and Cutlery	591,527	672,817	902,574	296,375	686,795
Motor Cars (bodies, chassis, and parts)	20,551,108	20,076,696	22,105,714	7,410,695	15,284,886
Other Vehicles and parts, n.e.i.	2,720,233	3,743,819	5,443,997	3,103,100	4,364,699
Other Metals and Manufactures	5,009,824	7,099,145	8,766,052	4,041,057	6,221,683
Rubber and Rubber Goods	1,620,117	1,932,890	3,757,178	506,233	822,662
Crockery and Household Ware	1,191,851	1,079,705	1,562,903	359,299	1,287,643
Glass and Glassware	587,713	661,402	1,050,511	863,167	805,028
Paper	1,812,823	3,193,345	5,311,358	2,072,548	4,143,753
Books	941,842	1,029,025	1,431,658	1,563,400	1,622,643
Sporting Material, Fancy Goods, &c.	773,240	1,036,204	1,090,714	128,212	556,025
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations	504,136	944,636	1,048,914	378,401	611,741
Sodium Salts	144,035	219,849	358,989	79,921	141,570
Dyes	412,679	493,176	798,967	227,156	567,563
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	380,109	543,718	4,407,432	1,474,005	1,327,629
Houses, &c. (Prefabricated)	864,040	3,162,493	2,753,691	1,632,796	629,036
All other Articles	9,684,079	11,818,219	16,531,757	7,559,113	14,750,678
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	97,855,645	126,057,551	161,870,480	71,429,278	113,158,522
<i>Exports from Victorian Ports to United Kingdom.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Butter	9,263,845	5,833,938	1,036,752	3,713,324	3,444,565
Cheese	1,736,465	1,681,148	1,893,570	2,452,818	2,765,853
Eggs	1,121,649	937,923	623,573	1,541,853	1,490,427
Meats—					
Beef, Mutton and Lamb	4,481,000	959,801	553,063	4,025,761	2,016,994
Pork	141,941	93,241	23,093	3,188	11,167
Preserved in tins	2,687,060	2,823,706	5,442,262	11,068,594	7,092,500
Rabbits and Hares	2,055,829	1,659,455	2,318,398	1,802,597	1,002,007
Other	1,353,167	1,416,275	1,201,798	1,222,206	861,545
Milk and Cream	585,641	102,828	595,327	1,713,620	1,509,243
Honey	175,100	28,539	184,981	181,940	68,263
Fruits—all kinds	2,142,309	3,471,975	5,085,924	10,029,112	12,077,539

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—*continued.*

(*Australian Currency Values.*)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Exports from Victorian Ports to United Kingdom—continued.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Wheat and Flour	1,679,841	5,779,360	5,511,420	3,896,917	2,646,063
Oats	8,343	334,855	475,832	171,211	178,450
Jams and Jellies	910,042	531,781	247,001	83,547	75,629
Wine, fermented	25,542	16,641	20,539	30,631	20,771
Hides and Skins	1,490,189	2,565,265	1,252,679	1,221,140	1,207,541
Flax			3,864		
Wool	24,437,538	44,826,959	24,981,831	37,134,517	27,236,087
Tallow, unrefined	547,290	284,307	93,861	44,184	126,446
Lead (Pig)	194,916			32,630	77,634
Zinc (Bars, Blocks, &c.)	7,425	18,250			
Implements and Machinery—Agricultural, &c.	41,838	8,302	9,183	7,879	12,132
Leather, &c.	321,868	484,256	319,621	639,800	629,909
Soap	21,944	7,477	2,280	405	1,814
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	25,604	95,368	106,570	56,875	387,513
Bullion and Specie	345,393	30,361	37,220	103,932	38,451
All other Articles	4,561,822	3,823,688	3,621,303	4,780,315	3,458,497
Total	60,363,601	77,815,699	55,561,835	86,008,996	68,437,040

Trade with Canada. The values of the principal articles interchanged with Canada during each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are shown in the following table:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH CANADA, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(*Australian Currency Values.*)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Imports—Articles of Canadian origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Fish, preserved in tins	501	75	57	64	7
Yarns			54,278	54,826	126,729
Apparel	5		3	41	40
Piece Goods—					
Silk, etc.	67,877	15,445	2,390	107,081	
Other	63,640	292,152	158,689	27,472	7,643
Asbestos, Crude	93,501	138,550	141,115	270,216	311,636

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
CANADA, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—*continued.*

(*Australian Currency Values.*)

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Imports—Articles of Canadian origin imported into Victorian ports—continued.</i>					
Machines and Machinery—					
Electrical Machinery and appliances	260,431	395,958	510,565	422,463	89,592
Other	206,059	233,804	266,210	546,017	1,013,905
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	140,456	167,083	394,475	408,208	395,909
Nickel	1,803	2,014	10,136	2,642	4,598
Vehicles—					
Motor Car Chassis and Parts	1,525,429	2,256,944	2,087,598	2,082,714	1,378,512
Other	66,360	103,764	108,416	165,833	91,120
Other Metals, &c.	206,806	198,866	493,831	852,298	305,515
Timber	292,182	482,467	1,122,512	92,249	293,274
Paper—					
Pulp .. .. .	.. .. .	49,592	357,028	247,692	63,816
Newsprint	457,333	40,554	184,419	796,540	561,444
Other	550	3,886	130,581	10,854	27,419
Drugs and Chemicals	56,062	52,987	55,577	1,971	12,759
All other Articles	101,711	253,399	456,877	239,433	389,633
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	3,540,706	4,687,540	6,534,757	6,328,620	5,073,551
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to Canada</i>					
Butter	1,122	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Sausage Casings	162,513	151,210	154,098	137,528	152,683
Fruits—					
Dried	1,015,526	1,192,309	1,235,796	1,446,188	918,348
Preserved in Liquid	150,795	97,862	134,210	47,609	37,691
Spirituos and Alcoholic Liquors	9,255	14,506	18,484	18,473	8,375
Hides and Skins—					
Rabbit and Hare	3,946	11,415	7,287	5,800	.. .. .
Other	14,791	67,406	49,071	1,857	.. .. .
Wool	1,719,495	3,653,868	1,520,792	1,823,603	1,246,019
Vegetable Substances and Fibres	1,041	1,801	3,266	202	.. .. .
All other Articles	131,627	664,065	727,014	533,466	674,865
Total	3,210,111	5,854,442	3,850,018	4,014,726	3,037,981

Trade between Victoria and France virtually ceased when that country was occupied by Germany in 1940 and did not resume to any extent until the year 1945-46. Particulars of the value of the principal articles interchanged during each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH FRANCE, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Imports—Articles of French origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	381,131	709,593	1,118,892	184,080	601,327
Floor Coverings	350	7,683	15,938	..	446
Apparel—					
Trimmings and Ornaments	458,396	668,524	855,777	305,085	819,725
Other	93,955	157,211	163,979	47,748	134,001
Yarns	54,168	158,026	144,990	21,461	76,674
Metals and Metal Manufactures	1,141,400	1,998,048	2,427,387	417,575	1,179,173
Machines and Machinery	104,449	230,823	471,863	128,485	82,725
Pulp, Paper, and Board	90,244	78,941	164,229	34,643	29,264
Drugs and Chemicals	147,056	264,040	282,905	66,991	137,868
Stationery and Books	3,483	3,751	5,109	2,328	6,935
Wine and Spirits	37,109	68,503	113,096	7,437	33,903
All other Articles	963,934	877,807	1,094,685	3,328,003	2,664,226
Totals (excluding Outside Packages)	3,475,675	5,222,950	6,858,850	4,543,836	5,766,267
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Exports—From Victorian Ports to France.</i>					
Butter	6,246	..	1,742	744,521	840
Hides and Skins	1,803,607	5,228,439	3,742,608	5,350,876	4,317,866
Wool	7,919,835	20,899,830	12,303,132	17,209,343	16,915,895
Eucalyptus Oil	15,864	23,333	12,527	23,597	18,565
All other Articles	30,398	29,783	59,695	122,229	76,606
Total	9,775,950	26,181,385	16,119,704	23,450,566	21,329,772

The following table shows the values of the principal articles interchanged between Victoria and Italy during each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH ITALY 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Imports—Articles of Italian origin imported into Victorian Ports.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Yarns	190,547	286,490	696,895	81,930	191,708
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	1,443,859	2,911,209	4,899,105	729,779	1,733,589
Other	67,786	132,642	121,390	42,146	72,495
Apparel	306,345	591,388	660,387	245,961	568,074
Sulphur (including Brimstone) ..	718,155	1,547,931	3	683	104
Nuts (edible)	79,631	84,139	56,154	39,567	150,438
Motor Vehicles—Bodies, Chassis, &c.	292,498	196,778	276,543	6,397	183,142
Machines and Machinery	184,032	321,636	730,230	216,881	202,729
Jewellery and Timepieces	23,650	27,752	19,465	12,209	30,706
Musical Instruments	46,042	61,222	65,117	10,415	33,355
All other Articles	314,952	862,993	3,400,492	344,866	1,155,537
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	3,667,497	7,024,180	10,925,781	1,730,834	4,321,877
<i>Exports—From Victorian Ports to Italy.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Meats	93,048	11,196	7,781	48,510	19,380
Wheat .. .. .	..	3,356,352	404,613	269,029	..
Flour	169,593	8,217	337,054	31,260	3,794
Prepared Breakfast Foods—Oatmeal, &c.	1,050	58,489	77,961	8,163	46
Hides and Skins	131,544	141,356	214,927	204,275	358,903
Wool	4,418,668	11,245,473	9,156,557	11,499,310	12,882,741
All other Articles	106,999	168,002	164,292	1,205,991	567,508
Total	4,920,902	14,989,085	10,363,185	13,266,538	13,832,372

The value of the principal articles interchanged with Belgium during each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 is shown in the following table:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH BELGIUM, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Imports—Articles of Belgian origin imported into Victorian Ports.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	32,193	538,889	1,049,779	271,134	671,172
Other	22	71,232	135,045	15,823	65,264
Yarns	96,101	363,713	448,776	55,620	120,180
Iron and Steel	475,205	1,089,533	2,448,358	215,692	162,864
Wire	354,202	519,251	1,027,733	59,986	174,020
Glass and Glassware	203,015	246,082	476,634	213,389	439,593
Pulp, Paper, and Board	305	57,697	120,200	2,062	19,807
Stationery and Books	1,853	2,908	5,725	7,426	9,052
Jewellery and Timepieces	17,804	89,568	51,794	38,998	92,714
All other Articles	106,412	1,051,483	1,434,230	747,772	677,573
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	1,287,112	4,030,356	7,198,874	1,627,902	2,432,239
<i>Exports—From Victorian Ports to Belgium.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Milk and Cream	18,819	22,397	..	..	..
Barley	36,890	106,200	..	..	..
Hides and Skins	366,827	454,920	256,947	216,993	327,804
Wool	2,065,596	4,877,170	3,960,024	4,725,051	4,581,109
Meats	44,914	239	16,234	54,972	75,753
Metals, &c.—					
Lead	625	37	..	9,348	3,236
Other	17,053	5,470	2,873	241,952	24,623
All other Articles	162,015	464,490	119,580	780,318	54,658
Total	2,712,739	5,930,923	4,355,658	6,028,654	5,067,183

The values of the principal articles interchanged between Victoria and India and Ceylon for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are shown in the following table:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH INDIA AND CEYLON, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Imports—Articles of Indian and Ceylonese origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Cocoa Beans	9,042	15,701	3,337	2,778	33,368
Nuts (edible)	296,559	347,337	109,512	157,925	249,303
Spices	67,909	59,251	63,868	23,262	21,839
Tea	4,304,162	5,001,059	3,456,062	3,873,272	4,408,860
Hides and Skins	1,064	24,263	2,052	4,105	52
Fibres	531,135	729,085	841,301	374,437	664,757
Gums and Resins	45,209	92,767	78,503	38,756	51,739
Seeds—					
Linseed	174,846	221,617	..	..	..
Other	11,933	41,791	5,408	648	1,852
Apparel	7,152	6,560	12,662	7,326	5,195
Textiles—					
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck	75,613	198,788	136,680	84,481	189,654
Cotton and Linen	1,162,325	1,682,084	1,168,850	204,992	1,264,482
Hessians	469,698	825,694	1,064,468	356,687	533,617
Other	25,914	25,938	27,065	11,376	12,404
Floor Coverings	79,843	129,574	142,129	66,036	171,419
Other Textiles	45,672	42,845	38,519	2,213	38,081
Bags and Sacks	3,233,790	3,037,836	6,346,050	850,786	1,036,206
Cordage and Twine	1,933	2,503	10,108	..	..
Yarns	16,070	189,282	55,250	16,804	21,387
Oil—					
Linseed	184,952	63,268	529,075	121,741	..
Castor .. .. .	..	298,435	362,204	42,243	63,914
Waxes	56,831	13,602	20,899	19,521	11,492
Rubber, &c.	30,208	419,724	81,127	31,926	40,272
All other Articles	752,160	1,538,753	1,358,543	794,945	442,031
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	11,584,020	15,007,707	15,913,672	7,085,660	9,261,924
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to India and Ceylon.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Butter	274,052	330,946	410,363	422,571	472,330
Cheese	102,537	95,734	143,565	146,588	147,923
Meats	39,841	68,432	117,313	83,051	86,105
Milk and Cream	534,230	595,134	990,018	660,762	822,492
Biscuits	29	125	..	618	874
Hay and Chaff	4,273	2,548	4,829	2,031	4,349
Fruits (all kinds)	52,123	62,725	109,089	130,788	85,534
Wheat	5,959,971	3,101,279	1,628,911	2,203,554	947,983
Flour	3,066,399	2,317,188	5,813,782	7,855,835	3,399,998
Other Grain and Pulse	138,985	58,304	74,140	45,661	62,668
Spirituos and Alcoholic Liquors—					
Ale and Beer	70	151	470	1,661	595
Other	2,457	7,713	2,251	2,043	1,218

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH INDIA AND
CEYLON, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—continued.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to India and Ceylon—continued.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Jams and Jellies	15,236	26,252	40,852	51,477	30,272
Vegetables	10,155	11,007	45,743	5,114	3,275
Horses	3,847	10,701	7,055	30,810	3,021
Wool	193,783	1,357,344	903,900	485,774	456,982
Apparel	514	460	365	1,700	55
Yarns, Wool .. .. .	.. .. .	2,118	1,025	25	15,625
Tallow, unrefined	82,762	133,109	107,051	280,035	271,885
Zinc (bars, blocks, &c.)	76,137	24,450	48,750	..	2,188
Soap	128	..	19,496	..	8,829
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	78,229	82,380	97,149	151,732	55,593
All other Articles	347,716	284,064	423,235	634,151	743,450
Total	10,983,474	8,572,164	10,989,352	13,195,981	7,623,944

The values of the principal articles interchanged with
New Zealand for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54
were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
NEW ZEALAND, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Imports—Articles of New Zealand origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Fish	139,125	41,254	112,596	143,349	147,975
Milk and Cream	5,546	4,541	8,365	4	..
Meats	15,477	12,266	40,013	7,897	11,695
Grain and Pulse	52,276	22,402	74,035	70,188	98,625
Animals (horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs)	28,763	10,129	19,175	16,336	23,860
Hides and Skins	18,464	20,779	116,684	8,055	17,251
Wool	507,330	501,420	947,643	512,983	1,046,534
Marine Animal (incl. Fish) Oils	30,625	48,284	53,381	29,339	27,526
Crockery and Householdware	14,304	2,215	8,828	228	165
Seeds	188,044	138,220	272,074	197,725	264,697
Timber	156,400	63,463	574,875	171,019	123,722
Gold and Silver	1,219,415	155,356	777,971	282,930	290,825
All other Articles	193,619	185,189	397,717	242,937	353,886
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	2,569,388	1,205,518	3,403,357	1,682,990	2,401,261

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH NEW ZEALAND,
1949-50 TO 1953-54—Continued.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to New Zealand</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Eggs	173,722	10	36	394	3,092
Fruits, all kinds	710,368	655,112	1,327,985	999,633	1,224,339
Grain and Pulse—					
Wheat	1,487,352	912,929	3,689,576	2,120,967	1,592,686
Flour	1,054	256,568	595	823	1,051
Rice and Rice Meal	36,121	20,473	67,527	15,919	40,220
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	150,547	213,069	216,514	113,412	30,149
Wool	200,871	170,243	681,620	35,541	177,964
Apparel	23,104	17,988	32,091	30,398	29,797
Textiles	305,067	198,307	325,741	85,178	154,703
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres ..	264,127	370,085	507,399	80,951	141,086
Oils	17,701	19,043	39,895	42,844	32,694
Machines and Machinery	587,268	730,719	1,341,420	1,215,632	1,202,260
Metal Manufactures	608,720	577,816	1,462,243	784,701	1,247,751
Rubber Manufactures	20,094	18,336	56,998	22,364	56,418
Leather, &c.	59,947	67,377	69,745	37,772	109,225
Books	114,799	93,492	107,524	137,156	151,861
Photographic goods and materials	230,131	195,814	362,621	304,391	368,144
Drugs and Chemicals	248,823	239,240	444,059	281,988	326,491
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	171,965	104,841	196,896	428,410	762,149
All other Articles	821,629	884,554	1,643,579	1,214,973	1,169,603
Australian produce	6,065,675	5,675,655	12,372,995	7,816,924	8,586,003
Other produce	167,735	70,361	201,069	136,523	235,680
Total	6,233,410	5,746,016	12,574,064	7,953,447	8,821,683

Trade with
United States
of America.

The values of the principal articles interchanged between Victoria and the United States of America for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are shown in the following table :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June--				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Imports—Articles of United States origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Sausage Casings	39,174	75,810	147,169	123,564	40,501
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes ..	1,946,379	2,162,267	2,552,852	2,808,721	3,189,036
Cotton, raw	13	56	1,245,141	384,123	923,689
Gums, Resins, Balsams, and Rosin ..	76,616	107,487	212,395	67,773	111,478
Plastic Materials	319,815	396,069	442,926	340,620	492,140
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	570,557	263,977	385,582	111,209	170,341
Other	1,327	9,125	23,888	24,347	19,002
Manufactured Fibres and Yarns	45,825	161,909	234,114	45,125	297,346
Oils	1,491,336	1,415,837	5,713,274	3,717,273	2,404,200
Pigments, Paints and Varnishes	214,618	431,291	352,682	177,223	515,975
Asphalt, Bitumen, and Pitch	769	1,085	670	598	295
Electrical Machines and Appliances ..	394,244	535,798	687,737	1,047,936	368,965
Metal Working Machinery	330,269	550,453	584,439	842,786	549,513
Motive Power Machinery—					
Aircraft Engines and Parts	16,228	27,411	80,454	841,536	712,185
Other	3,149,363	4,092,390	5,276,306	2,912,060	3,090,256
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings ..	422,525	412,510	860,612	706,303	467,996
Other Machines and Machinery	2,230,932	2,328,226	3,382,629	5,633,259	3,410,173
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	1,953,258	3,274,721	3,634,550	2,644,081	1,747,493
Tools of Trade	71,347	71,662	92,962	65,644	85,852
Vehicles and Parts—					
Motor Bodies, Chassis, &c.	1,665,690	2,178,307	3,246,545	2,316,772	2,625,676
Aircraft	572,379	729,668	1,416,942	4,352,240	1,951,711
Other	351,588	640,012	673,983	458,260	393,737
Other Metals, &c.	466,230	263,459	397,730	546,345	604,078
Rubber, &c.	228,850	183,939	336,585	287,934	318,434
Timber	463,400	411,832	1,733,283	337,760	516,302
Glass and Glassware	20,003	27,535	48,952	25,259	30,109
Pulp for Papermaking	3,429	753	84,393	2,283	..
Paper and Board	148,927	203,882	406,737	52,610	70,112
Stationery, &c.	147,322	160,210	164,795	221,129	310,362
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Fancy Goods, &c.	5,868	15,081	6,662	6,012	5,650
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments	196,013	168,460	183,721	361,637	260,322
Sulphur (inc. Brimstone)	473,447	282,391	400,675	616,464	916,053
Drugs and Chemicals	292,329	445,225	1,019,019	444,530	405,139
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives ..	3,862	5,353	406,971	77,146	54,636
Fire Brigade and Life Saving Appliances	3,630	6,130	5,962	5,546	11,656
All other Articles	348,903	452,152	730,178	425,351	494,970
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	18,666,465	22,492,473	36,973,515	33,031,459	27,565,383

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1949-50 TO 1953-54—continued.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to the United States.</i>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Sausage Casings	335,512	428,330	530,397	491,445	386,940
Rabbits and Hares (frozen)	129,785	91,220	186,163	68,830	42,279
Hides and Skins	1,784,411	2,202,543	1,001,803	1,029,505	966,449
Wool	11,654,821	36,356,608	16,477,190	9,342,288	8,964,498
Seeds—Agricultural and Vegetable	134,722	94,597	98,881	56,233	14,560
Vegetable Fibres—Rag, Clippings, &c.	26,128	49,915	34,289	6,677	..
Machines and Machinery	19,043	19,066	8,743	186,077	226,697
Lead (Pig) .. .. .	..	..	..	841	2,809
Iron and Steel—scrap	31,845	82,826	77,188	90,076	8,842
Leather, &c.	4,981	9,840	2,841	2,418	3,951
Eucalyptus Oil	22,111	62,245	41,387	67,983	15,007
Scheelite—Ores and Concentrates..	36,122	..	636,600	889,250	1,299,515
All other Articles	385,017	1,576,504	1,478,360	1,719,129	1,015,465
Total	14,564,498	40,973,694	20,573,842	13,950,752	12,947,012

Principal Exports—Quantities and Values.

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

PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED OVERSEAS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE YEARS 1950-51 TO 1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Commodity.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1953.	1954.
Wool—				
Greasy	{ lb. 219,644,051	{ lb. 227,444,674	{ lb. 260,690,949	{ lb. 236,716,421
	{ £ 143,722,594	{ £ 73,952,216	{ £ 92,007,475	{ £ 87,935,572
Scoured and Washed	{ lb. 32,164,369	{ lb. 30,775,013	{ lb. 31,749,696	{ lb. 28,935,860
	{ £ 21,340,856	{ £ 14,018,548	{ £ 13,172,739	{ £ 12,673,059
Tops, Noils, and Waste	{ lb. 5,711,007	{ lb. 6,858,972	{ lb. 8,903,718	{ lb. 6,278,570
	{ £ 2,733,179	{ £ 2,204,225	{ £ 3,022,917	{ £ 2,606,801
Butter	{ lb. 50,389,605	{ lb. 17,768,047	{ lb. 42,128,509	{ lb. 38,484,339
	{ £ 7,803,626	{ £ 3,165,679	{ £ 7,673,702	{ £ 6,985,888
Wheat	{ tons 716,076	{ tons 425,436	{ tons 320,230	{ tons 191,822
	{ £ 22,506,610	{ £ 13,589,998	{ £ 10,235,702	{ £ 5,913,774
Flour (wheaten)	{ centals 4,664,413	{ centals 9,327,822	{ centals 7,139,151	{ centals 5,180,604
	{ £ 8,675,409	{ £ 13,214,469	{ £ 15,348,964	{ £ 10,069,609

PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED OVERSEAS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS
DURING EACH OF THE YEARS 1950-51 TO 1953-54—continued.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Commodity.		1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.
Fruits—					
Dried	lb.	60,682,647	68,655,998	113,619,607	104,210,109
	£	2,635,040	3,787,827	5,315,217	4,857,115
Fresh—					
Oranges	bushel	193,616	171,394	226,065	315,758
	£	275,284	323,637	405,152	470,882
Apples	bushel	135,370	81,360	106,310	118,724
	£	154,865	141,885	178,930	161,189
Pears	bushel	616,893	589,386	654,838	911,877
	£	940,590	1,170,256	1,241,084	1,642,522
All Other	£	19,435	16,014	62,683	80,824
Preserved in Liquid	lb.	56,139,987	73,195,505	97,624,318	111,595,116
	£	2,577,353	4,030,093	6,148,644	7,515,316
Meats—					
Beef (frozen)	lb.	1,593,226	2,694,211	3,454,488	8,696,086
	£	99,247	248,881	314,713	641,070
Lamb (frozen)	lb.	30,296,923	19,068,771	52,164,036	22,774,373
	£	1,574,490	1,205,040	3,493,835	1,782,060
Mutton (frozen)	lb.	3,573,678	4,321,712	43,855,188	24,487,997
	£	125,877	211,374	1,426,465	835,907
Pork (frozen)	lb.	1,450,273	606,397	476,993	277,669
	£	141,804	87,016	71,458	53,823
Poultry (frozen)	£	1,111,893	904,864	522,652	140,068
Rabbits and Hares (frozen)	pairs	6,572,064	8,920,434	6,231,997	3,875,900
	£	1,752,639	2,346,806	1,842,763	1,044,999
Preserved in tins	lb.	39,766,898	54,986,399	91,278,929	54,056,970
	£	3,643,134	6,426,183	11,495,279	7,821,270
Sausage Casings	cwt.	10,303	9,366	18,204	17,041
	£	875,991	1,015,397	1,177,144	957,699
All other	£	453,991	748,126	778,829	688,018
Milk and Cream	£	3,939,472	5,488,704	7,043,008	6,670,388
Hides and Skins—					
Sheep (with wool)	lb.	26,437,776	28,703,788	45,514,061	35,053,844
	£	8,625,098	5,712,182	7,051,183	6,157,956
Calf, Cattle, Horse	lb.	2,739,858	2,715,264	4,474,689	5,600,752
	£	285,206	248,654	360,375	380,124
Rabbit and Hare	lb.	5,979,834	2,834,858	3,433,068	2,537,618
	£	1,152,272	484,596	476,323	475,485
Other Skins	£	931,523	47,446	674,822	621,603
Tallow (unrefined)	cwt.	118,343	57,263	173,636	192,477
	£	601,330	327,214	627,146	675,288
Eggs in shell	dozen	4,125,684	2,389,320	4,733,370	2,024,235
	£	584,185	402,008	1,001,005	446,502
Eggs not in shell	£	390,109	264,370	645,741	1,064,487
Cheese	lb.	29,156,561	28,787,886	35,186,848	37,865,040
	£	2,640,112	2,994,755	4,113,700	4,092,542

Ships' Stores. Prior to 1906 goods shipped at Victorian ports on board oversea vessels as ships' stores were included in particulars of exports. From 1906 the information has been excluded from the export figures. The nature and value of these stores shipped during each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are given in the following table :—

VICTORIA—VALUE OF STORES SHIPPED ON OVERSEA
VESSELS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Item.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Ale, Beer, and Porter	27,511	20,114	32,422	83,450	77,971
Butter	50,660	102,941	73,845	153,688	127,071
Cheese	12,670	12,254	11,535	10,314	10,188
Coal (Bunker)	102	298	2,049	3,573	1,540
Coffee, Cocoa, and Chocolate	16,752	22,707	14,911	8,859	9,692
Cordage and Twines	4,765	8,165	30,747	17,524	9,206
Eggs	45,869	63,351	54,089	47,576	47,860
Fish	47,759	43,159	56,008	49,063	42,421
Fruits (all kinds)	46,238	64,366	56,786	61,881	48,312
Fruit and Vegetables (in liquid)	15,636	26,420	33,918	25,206	27,730
Vegetables	39,690	47,496	61,055	42,611	42,909
Flour (wheaten)	35,362	25,767	40,130	67,246	27,923
Rice	28,682	44,033	58,936	32,678	44,642
Jams and Jellies	5,579	6,763	5,706	12,751	7,881
Meats	284,021	457,297	660,466	599,522	589,596
Milk and Cream (preserved)	34,288	55,285	58,456	105,447	81,247
Oils for use as fuel in vessels	274,623	379,151	345,370	699,243	1,436,760
Oils for use as fuel in aircraft	2,896	1,122	15,177	26,665	41,465
Oils, other	42,009	30,696	35,831	29,236	107,575
Paints and Colours	11,983	10,147	21,110	17,297	29,130
Potatoes	20,509	26,926	22,651	25,410	22,663
Spirits	6,776	7,372	9,592	2,430	3,552
Sugar	19,752	20,051	14,098	12,408	10,979
Tea	7,398	8,390	11,732	8,949	7,111
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes	15,044	22,357	23,326	13,741	11,431
All other Articles	272,673	197,758	279,791	305,669	260,547
Australian Produce	1,251,331	1,647,547	1,935,360	2,070,467	2,070,065
Other Produce	117,916	56,889	94,430	391,970	1,047,387
Total	1,369,247	1,704,436	2,029,790	2,462,437	3,117,452

Customs
and Excise
Revenue.

The oversea trade and the gross revenue collected at Victorian ports, during the year 1953-54, are shown in the following statement:—

OVERSEA TRADE AND GROSS REVENUE COLLECTED AT
VICTORIAN PORTS, 1953-54.

(Australian Currency Values.)

	Melbourne*	Geelong.	Portland.	Other.	Total.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Oversea Trade					
Imports	223,312,732	13,678,016	588,052	104,073	237,682,873
Exports	193,074,656	7,920,600	2,585,819	..	203,581,075
Total	416,387,388	21,598,616	3,173,871	104,073	441,263,948
Gross Revenue—					
Customs duties	27,924,924	862,532	353,580	..	29,141,036
Excise Duties	38,472,490	276,066	37,167	..	38,785,723
Primage	2,575,683	129,496	50,144	..	2,755,323
Other Sources	53,165	775	..	..	53,940
Total	69,026,262	1,268,869	440,891	..	70,736,022†

* Includes Port of Melbourne, Essendon Airport and Parcels Post.

† After deducting £1,630,741 for refunds and drawbacks, &c., the net revenue was £69,105,281.

Interstate Trade. On the 13th September, 1910, the Commonwealth Government abandoned the collecting and recording of information relating to interstate imports and exports, but, at the Statisticians' Conference held in 1926 in Perth, it was resolved that action should be taken by the Statistician of each State (with the exception of Western Australia and Tasmania where schemes for collecting interstate trade statistics were in force) with a view to obtaining a record of the principal items of interstate trade. It has not been possible to obtain complete information regarding the interstate trade of Victoria. Returns have been received from the Harbor Trusts, but the Railway Department has been unable to supply any information since February, 1942. The quantity of goods transported by road is not available.

SHIPPING.

Vessels entered and cleared. Victorian shipping, as dealt with in the succeeding tables, refers to vessels trading with other States and overseas countries; the tonnage quoted is net. Public vessels which were exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, equipment and war supplies and vessels trading on the Victorian coast and on the River Murray are not included. Coastal shipping is included in the particulars of the shipping at Victorian ports (page 475).

The number of vessels entered and cleared, and their total tonnage in each of the five years 1950-54, were as follows:—

**VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING,
1950-1954.**

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Vessels Entered—					
Number	2,315	2,287	2,316	2,448	2,818
Net tonnage ..	8,305,761	8,528,946	8,748,426	8,625,918	9,935,477
Average net tonnage	3,588	3,729	3,881	3,524	3,526
Vessels Cleared—					
Number	2,314	2,316	2,328	2,437	2,803
Net tonnage ..	8,301,760	8,599,072	8,840,096	8,588,719	9,984,631
Average net tonnage	3,588	3,713	3,797	3,524	3,562

Shipping with various countries.

The principal countries having shipping communication with Victoria are set out in the following statement.

Voyages and tonnages of vessels arriving from or departing to particular countries are recorded against one country only, notwithstanding that the same vessel on the same voyage may carry cargo or passengers to or from Victoria from or to several countries. Thus vessels calling at New Zealand on voyages to and from United States of America or Canada are not shown in shipping communication with New Zealand and likewise vessels calling at ports *en route* to and from the United Kingdom are credited to the United Kingdom only. To this extent the records are misleading.

VICTORIA—SHIPPING WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES, 1952-53 AND 1953-54.

Countries.	Vessels Entered.		Vessels Cleared.		
	Steamers and Sailing Vessels.*		Steamers and Sailing Vessels.*		
	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.	
Other Australian States	{ 1952-53	1,581	4,031,958	1,720	4,785,147
	{ 1953-54	1,642	4,198,617	1,832	5,151,220
United Kingdom	{ 1952-53	217	1,586,537	204	1,482,119
	{ 1953-54	267	1,827,852	210	1,552,318
New Zealand	{ 1952-53	60	179,903	62	169,640
	{ 1953-54	60	156,919	64	177,781
India	{ 1952-53	49	189,098	46	181,674
	{ 1953-54	26	103,619	37	165,570
Straits Settlements	{ 1952-53	65	324,761	34	166,066
	{ 1953-54	64	306,948	51	229,190
Other British	{ 1952-53	182	751,021	180	725,375
	{ 1953-54	238	1,076,591	155	647,398
Total British Countries	{ 1952-53	2,154	7,063,278	2,246	7,520,021
	{ 1953-54	2,297	7,670,546	2,349	7,923,477
Japan	{ 1952-53	72	250,440	69	253,615
	{ 1953-54	60	222,734	69	252,752
United States of Indonesia	{ 1952-53	48	282,188	33	172,059
	{ 1953-54	50	271,940	41	210,582
United States of America	{ 1952-53	103	484,073	36	171,900
	{ 1953-54	108	500,216	31	160,837
Other Foreign	{ 1952-53	184	1,082,615	169	915,258
	{ 1953-54	187	1,014,292	177	941,132
Total Foreign Countries	{ 1952-53	417	2,099,316	307	1,512,832
	{ 1953-54	405	2,009,182	318	1,565,303
Grand Total	{ 1952-53	2,571	9,162,594	2,553	9,032,853
	{ 1953-54	2,702	9,679,728	2,667	9,488,780

* Includes oil-burning vessels.

Nationality of vessels. The nationality of vessels which entered or were cleared at Victorian ports for the year 1953-54 was as follows:—

VICTORIA—NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1953-54.

Nationality.	Vessels Entered.		Vessels Cleared.	
	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.
British—				
Australian	1,256	2,001,149	1,251	2,009,029
United Kingdom	971	5,428,725	960	5,354,335
Hong Kong	19	66,461	17	55,203
New Zealand	72	133,497	72	132,494
Other British	37	109,393	35	109,173
Total British	2,355	7,739,225	2,335	7,660,234
Foreign—				
Chinese	2	4,094	3	6,673
Danish	30	129,750	31	139,131
French	8	28,992	7	22,671
Dutch	84	422,104	83	422,562
Italian	47	321,353	48	333,060
Japanese	22	74,614	23	77,426
Norwegian	120	531,230	119	521,110
Swedish	62	217,991	66	236,178
United States of America	45	219,918	45	222,183
Panamanian	32	186,840	32	186,729
Other Foreign	11	59,366	11	56,674
Total Foreign	463	2,196,252	468	2,224,397
Grand Total	2,818	9,935,477	2,803	9,884,631

Shipping entered at Victorian Ports.

Particulars of shipping—oversea, interstate, and intra-state—which entered each port of Victoria are given in the following statement for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

VICTORIA—VESSELS ENTERED AT EACH PORT, 1952-53
AND 1953-54.

Route.	Melbourne.		Geelong.		Portland.		
	No.	Net Tonnage.	No.	Net Tonnage.	No.	Net Tonnage.	
Oversea— Steam* and Sailing	{ 1952-53 1953-54	276 256	1,245,245 1,180,839	38 75	124,484 313,998	....	....
Interstate—† Steam and Sailing	{ 1952-53 1953-54	1,988 2,072	6,746,718 7,042,417	133 123	449,444 380,004	13 20	60,027 95,582
Oversea, <i>via</i> Ports— Steam* and Sailing	{ 1952-53 1953-54	46 41	195,396 182,384	39 55	205,424 290,613	8 4	50,024 25,416
Interstate, <i>via</i> Ports— Steam* and Sailing	{ 1952-53 1953-54	21 49	56,455 140,233	9 6	27,281 18,057	1 2	6,121 13,062
Local (within the State)— Steam* and Sailing	{ 1952-53 1953-54	30 45	113,251 121,219	65 64	135,297 98,497	2 6	10,221 33,156
Total— Steam* and Sailing	{ 1952-53 1953-54	2,261 2,463	8,357,065 8,667,092	284 323	941,930 1,101,169	24 32	126,393 167,216

NOTE.—“Ports” means Victorian ports.

* Includes oil-burning vessels.

† Including “Oversea *via* States”.

The following tables show the tonnage of oversea and interstate cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria during 1952-1953 and 1953-1954, also the tonnage of oversea cargo discharged and shipped during 1953-1954, according to the nationality of the vessels in which the cargo was carried.

VICTORIA—TONNAGE OF INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA
CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED AT EACH PORT
DURING THE YEAR 1952-53.

Port.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate (Tons.)		Oversea (Tons.)		Interstate (Tons.)		Oversea (Tons.)	
	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.
Melbourne	2,050,805	188,877	2,212,555	609,026	392,625	262,520	630,115	504,137
Geelong ..	220,296	..	320,619	18,100	11,603	570	376,711	466
Portland ..	3,526	..	40,828	2,475	..	..	9,477	..
Total ..	2,274,627	188,877	2,474,002	629,601	404,228	263,090	1,016,303	504,603

**VICTORIA—TONNAGE OF INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED
AND SHIPPED AT EACH PORT DURING THE YEAR 1953-54.**

Port.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate (Tons).		Oversea (Tons).		Interstate (Tons).		Oversea (Tons).	
	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.
Melbourne	1,978,778	340,667	2,112,946	903,452	361,976	422,676	566,903	492,705
Geelong ..	235,113	2,213	728,836	24,253	99,748	175	277,675	..
Portland ..	2,428	949	29,359	15,176	148	..	11,876	..
Total ..	2,216,319	343,829	2,871,141	942,881	461,872	422,851	856,454	492,705

**VICTORIA—TONNAGE OF OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED
AND SHIPPED DURING THE YEAR 1953-54 ACCORDING
TO THE NATIONALITY OF VESSELS.**

Nationality of Vessels.	Discharged.		Shipped.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.
British—				
Australian	30,260	1,303	9,332	2
United Kingdom ..	1,635,406	642,175	464,852	379,452
Hong Kong	3,136	4,030	25,696	2,068
New Zealand	5	42,200	54,727	56,697
Other British	18,611	8,049	29,271	7,732
Total (British) ..	1,687,418	697,757	583,878	445,951
Foreign—				
Chinese .. ..	..	..	4,037	57
Danish	63,900	13,112	13,702	992
French	125	4,596	..	5,855
Dutch	242,415	49,330	54,785	5,518
Italian	15,674	19,403	25,068	3,290
Japanese	5,211	2,828	38,020	3,796
Norwegian	453,441	76,206	61,123	5,476
Swedish	101,457	37,028	53,048	5,261
United States of America ..	20,361	34,755	13,589	16,503
Panamanian	219,655	..	8,704	..
Other Foreign	61,484	7,816	500	6
Total (Foreign) ..	1,183,723	245,124	272,576	46,754
Grand Total ..	2,871,141	942,881	856,454	492,705

PRINCIPAL PORTS OF VICTORIA.

Port of Melbourne. The Port of Melbourne which is under the control of the Melbourne Harbor Trust, had 11·78 miles of wharfs, piers, and jetties in the Yarra River, Victoria Dock, Maribyrnong River, and Hobson's Bay at 31st December, 1953. The area of these wharfs, &c., is 58 acres, and there are 34½ acres of sheds. Reference to the constitution of the Trust and the revenue and expenditure thereof are shown in part "Local Government".

Trade of the Port of Melbourne. During the year 1954, vessels to the number of 2,427 (1,263 steamers, 974 motor vessels, and 190 sailing vessels) with registered gross tonnage aggregating 14,557,709 berthed within the Port. Total imports in 1953 amounted to 5,303,377 tons, of which 2,236,888 tons were interstate and coastal cargo. Exports totalled 1,926,009 tons, including interstate and coastal tonnage, amounting to 721,229. Coal formed a great part of the interstate imports. Excluding 34,900 tons transhipped to vessels and 19,099 tons kept on board and landed at Geelong, or other ports, or used for bunkers, the quantity imported during 1953 amounted to 1,178,574 tons.

Port of Geelong. The Port of Geelong is controlled by the Geelong Harbor Trust. The number of berthings of vessels visiting the port during 1954 was 471 and represented 2,673,595 gross tonnage. Imports and exports for that period aggregated 1,790,015 and 931,645 tons respectively.

COMMUNICATION.

POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES, AND WIRELESS.

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

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

Post Offices, Mails, &c. The number of post offices and the number of mails despatched and received in each of the five years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are as follows:—

**VICTORIA—NUMBER OF POST OFFICES AND MAILS,
1949-50 TO 1953-54.**

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Post Offices.*	Number of Mails—	
		Despatched.	Received.
1950	2,455	2,403,475	2,266,793
1951	2,430	2,410,662	2,263,492
1952	2,414	2,443,595	2,322,546
1953	2,386	2,351,881	2,212,392
1954	2,374	†	†

* Excluding "Telephone" offices at which telegraph and telephone business only is transacted, viz., 1949-50, 225; 1950-51, 223; 1951-52, 209; 1952-53, 204 and 1953-54, 201.

† Not Available.

**Postal
Returns—
Victoria.**

Particulars relating to the number of letters, packets, and newspapers dealt with during 1952-53 and 1953-54 are given hereunder.

**VICTORIA—LETTERS, PACKETS, AND NEWSPAPERS
DEALT WITH, 1952-53 AND 1953-54.**

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June, 1953.			Year ended 30th June, 1954.		
	Letters, Post-cards, Letter- cards.	News- papers and Packets.	Total.	Letters, Post-cards, Letter- cards.	News- papers and Packets.	Total.
<i>Posted for delivery—</i>	No. '000.	No. '000.	No. '000.	No. '000.	No. '000.	No. '000.
Within the Com- monwealth ..	338,884	52,254	391,138	370,551	53,844	424,395
Beyond the Com- monwealth—						
Despatched	5,843	2,761	8,604	7,261	3,100	10,361
Received ..	8,247	6,834	15,081	9,269	7,717	16,986
Total ..	352,974	61,849	414,823	387,081	64,661	451,742

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

VICTORIA—REGISTERED ARTICLES AND PARCELS POST,
1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Year ended 30th June—	Registered Articles (other than Parcels).				Parcels Post.*			
	Posted for Delivery—		Total Posted in Commonwealth.	Received from Beyond the Commonwealth.	Posted for Delivery—		Total Posted in Commonwealth.	Received from Beyond the Commonwealth.
	Within the Commonwealth.	Beyond the Commonwealth.			Within the Commonwealth.	Beyond the Commonwealth.		
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
1950 ..	4,689,300	92,300	4,781,600	163,600	4,429,400	697,500	5,126,900	167,100
1951 ..	4,770,300	118,000	4,888,300	159,600	4,947,100	423,300	5,370,400	197,700
1952 ..	4,424,000	114,100	4,538,100	175,600	3,692,200	315,300	4,007,500	218,400
1953 ..	4,073,000	101,000	4,174,000	173,000	3,744,000	250,000	3,994,000	147,000
1954 ..	4,134,900	202,100	4,337,000	195,300	4,007,000	185,000	4,192,000	179,200

* Including Registered Value payable and Duty Parcels.

During 1953-54 there were 312,300 letters, &c., and 97,320 packets, &c., returned direct to writers or delivered; 100,020 letters, &c., and 112,165 packets, &c., were destroyed in accordance with the Post and Telegraph Act; and 59,190 letters, &c., and 6,200 packets, &c., were returned, as unclaimed, to other countries. Money and valuables to the amount of £16,225 were found in postal articles sent to the Dead Letter Office as undeliverable. Of 85,200 postal articles posted without address, 165 contained money and valuables amounting to £2,229.

The following table shows the total number and value of money orders and postal notes issued and paid in each of the five years 1949-50 to 1953-54:—

Money Orders and Postal Notes.

**VICTORIA—MONEY ORDERS AND POSTAL NOTES, 1949-50
TO 1953-54.**

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Number of Money Order Offices open	902	911	923	928	944
Money Orders issued—					
Intra-state .. {	848	992	1,030	1,113	1,220
Number '000	7,301	8,959	10,195	10,998	11,602
Amount £'000					
Interstate .. {	143	158	167	172	181
Number '000	1,023	1,313	1,458	1,415	1,449
Amount £'000					
Beyond the Com- {	35	47	57	74	79
monwealth .. {	140	199	255	267	263
Number '000					
Amount £'000					
Total .. {	1,026	1,197	1,254	1,359	1,480
Number '000	8,464	10,471	11,908	12,680	13,314
Amount £'000					
Money Orders Paid—					
Intra-state .. {	848	988	1,004	1,125	1,235
Number '000	7,301	8,878	10,192	11,018	11,613
Amount £'000					
Interstate .. {	228	228	219	214	214
Number '000	1,540	1,675	1,757	1,758	1,758
Amount £'000					
Beyond the Com- {	36	32	33	34	34
monwealth .. {	154	141	150	160	148
Number '000					
Amount £'000					
Total .. {	1,112	1,248	1,256	1,373	1,483
Number '000	8,995	10,694	12,099	12,936	13,514
Amount £'000					
Postal Notes—					
Issued .. {	11,574	11,859	11,085	11,440	11,294
Number '000	4,217	4,552	4,323	4,428	4,368
Amount £'000					
Paid - Issued {	5,402	5,014	4,205	3,964	4,140
within the {	2,337	2,373	2,101	2,206	2,029
State .. {					
Number '000					
Amount £'000					
Paid-Issued in {	882	849	759	775	793
other States {	393	391	353	347	351
Number '000					
Amount £'000					

Of the money orders issued in 1953-54, 1,401,695 for £13,050,019 were payable in the Commonwealth of Australia, and 78,927 for £264,443 in other countries. The orders paid included 1,448,516 for £13,365,717 issued in the Commonwealth, and 34,655 for £148,101 in other countries.

The following table gives particulars relating to the **Telegraphs and Telegrams.** telegraph business during each of the five years 1949-50 to 1953-54 :—

VICTORIA—TELEGRAPH BUSINESS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Number of Telegraph Offices (including Railway Telegraph Offices)	2,443	2,425*	2,411*	2,390	2,385
Telegrams—					
Within the Commonwealth—					
Paid and Collect Telegrams Despatched—					
Ordinary, Urgent, and Press Lettergrams	7,535,803	7,419,396	5,552,147	4,838,567	4,714,634
Radiograms	19,998	17,361	18,537	17,930	19,008
Radiograms	4,775	4,161	4,827	4,372	4,489
Unpaid Telegrams Trans- mitted—					
Service and Meteorological	469,033	433,473	431,119	387,457	305,588
Total	8,029,609	7,874,391	6,006,630	5,248,326	5,043,714
Beyond the Commonwealth—					
Despatched	424,978	482,224	444,894	397,944	429,279
Received	449,812	466,491	482,405	482,533	443,169
Total Number of Telegrams dealt with	8,904,399	8,823,106	6,933,929	6,128,803	5,910,162
Revenue—					
Telegrams within the Common- wealth	£ 715,892	£ 851,045	£ 918,281	£ 772,828	£ 804,607
Telegrams beyond the Common- wealth	72,745	117,290	525,091	482,533	642,321
Total Revenue received in State	788,637	968,335	1,443,372	1,255,361	1,446,928

* Excluding Railway Telegraph Offices.

Information relating to the telephone service is given
Telephones. below for the years 1949-50 to 1953-54.

VICTORIA—TELEPHONES, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Telephone Exchanges ..	1,714	1,728	1,729	1,730	1,745
Public Telephones ..	3,607	3,900	4,335	4,459	4,532
Lines connected ..	244,853	269,826	291,902	312,088	332,311
Instruments connected	348,505	381,809	413,534	441,547	471,473
Instruments per 1,000 of Population	158.2	168.3	177.1	185.2	192.5
Effective Paid Local Calls—					
(a) Subscribers ..	241,313,273	252,938,000	267,214,826	267,400,960	282,977,168
(b) Public Telephones	23,222,440	25,099,000	28,299,976	30,653,692	31,851,370
Trunk Line Calls ..	19,450,398	20,262,000	20,108,257	21,647,226	23,853,874

**Wireless
Licences
in force.**

Details of Broadcast Services and Amateur Stations licensed in Victoria at the end of each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are shown hereunder. Consequent on the passing of the Australian Broadcasting Act in July, 1942, broadcast listeners' licences from 1942-43 to 31st December, 1951, inclusive were issued in two categories, viz. :—(a) licences for one receiver, (b) licences for receivers in excess of one. In 1951 the Broadcasting Act was amended and a single licence now covers any number of receivers operated by the holder or a member of his family if the sets are ordinarily kept at the address specified in the licence. The requirement that a separate half-fee licence be held for each receiver in excess of one was repealed.

**VICTORIA—NUMBER OF WIRELESS LICENCES IN FORCE
1949-50 TO 1953-54.**

Class of Licence.	At 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Broadcasting*	19	19	19	19	20
Broadcast Listeners—					
One receiver	505,078	522,502	520,364	533,329	545,148
More than one receiver	52,478	63,891	†	†	†
Amateur	910	931	951	959	956

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

† See reading matter above.

**Radiocom-
munication
Stations
Authorized.**

The number of stations authorized in Victoria, at the end (30th June) of each of the years 1950 to 1954 is shown in the following table. Prior to the year 1947-48, statistics of radio-communication stations were compiled on the basis of licences issued but as some stations were authorized without being licensed it became necessary to publish particulars of stations authorized.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF RADIO-COMMUNICATION STATIONS
AUTHORIZED 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Type of Station.	At 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Transmitting and Receiving—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Aeronautical	9	9	4	5	5
Coast	4	5	5	6	6
Land and Fixed	198	233	236	289	340
Mobile (General)	662	724	948	1,305	1,820
Miscellaneous	13	13	15	18	22
Receiving only—					
Land and Fixed	202	197	208	210	200
Mobile (General)	149	138	141	90	27

Post Office
revenue and
expenditure.

Particulars concerning the revenue and expenditure of the Postmaster-General's Department in Victoria for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are contained in the following table:—

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S
DEPARTMENT IN VICTORIA, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
<i>Revenue.</i>					
Postage	4,069	4,661	6,106	6,392	6,799
Money Order Commission	138	152	275	296	298
Poundage on Postal Notes	21	31	36	38	40
Private Boxes and Bags	295	306	426	542	594
Miscellaneous					
Total Postal	4,523	5,150	6,843	7,268	7,731
Telegraphs	1,021	1,206	1,364	1,240	1,246
Telephones	5,493	6,642	9,147	10,676	11,200
Total Revenue	11,028	12,998	17,354	19,184	20,177
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries and Contingencies—					
Salaries and Payments in the					
Nature of Salary	5,043	6,480	7,802	8,512	8,826
General Expenses	470	651	831	737	777
Stores and Material	364	451	361	547	344
Mail Services	493	551	578	590	620
Engineering Services (other than new works)	3,334	4,143	5,005	5,464	6,035
Rents, Repairs, Maintenance, Fittings, &c.	143	161	182	262	221
Proportion of Audit Expenses	4	5	7	8	8
New Works—					
Telegraph, Telephones, and Wireless	3,810	5,747	7,622	6,899	6,269
New Buildings, &c.	837	1,069	859	1,340	1,291
Post Office Stores and Transport Trust Account—Advance	3,000	11,000	..	..	..
Other Expenditure	4	3	3	..	..
Total Expenditure	17,502	30,261	23,250	24,359	24,391

TRANSPORT.

**Transport
Regulation
Board.**

The Transport Regulation Board was set up in 1934 under the provisions of the *Transport Regulation Act 1932* as amended by the *Transport Regulation Act 1933* for the purposes of securing the improvement and co-ordination of and facility for locomotion and transport. The Board consists of three members appointed by the Governor in Council for a term of three years.

Until October, 1951, the Board's jurisdiction was confined to the licensing of commercial goods vehicles throughout the State and of commercial passenger vehicles, except in the metropolitan area of Melbourne and the urban districts of Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong. With the passing of the *Transport Act* of 9th October, 1951, all commercial passenger vehicles and aircraft operating solely within Victoria were brought under the ambit of the Board.

In December, 1955 all existing legislation, with minor exceptions, was repealed and replaced by the *Transport Regulation Act 1955* and the *Commercial Goods Vehicles Act 1955*, which largely consolidated previous Acts. The section covering the licensing of intra-state air services was not included in the new Acts. In addition Part II. of the latter Act introduced a system of road charges on commercial goods vehicles exceeding 80 cwt. load capacity.

With the exception of licences referred to in Section 4 of the *Commercial Goods Vehicles Act 1955*, (in respect of certain types of commercial goods vehicle operation) all licences issued by the Board are discretionary.

All licence and permit fees received by the Board are paid into a Treasury Trust Fund known as the "Transport Regulation Fund". From this fund is paid the cost of administration and certain statutory charges. All monies received in respect of road charges are paid direct to the Country Roads Board to be used for road maintenance purposes.

The following table shows the number of Transport Licences and Permits in force for each of the years 1951-52 to 1953-54 :—

**VICTORIA—NUMBER OF TRANSPORT LICENCES AND
PERMITS IN FORCE 1951-52 TO 1953-54.**

Type of Licence or Permit—	Year Ended 30th June—		
	1952.	1953.	1954.
Temporary Licences—			
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	988	138	72
Commercial Goods Vehicles	3,837	2,033	1,737
	4,825	2,171	1,809
Permanent "Discretionary" Licences—			
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	3,620	5,258	5,282
Commercial Goods Vehicles	2,213	2,462	2,748
	5,833	7,720	8,030
Licences issued "As of Right"—			
To operate for hire or reward—within 25 miles of the G.P.O.—			
Melbourne	10,811	10,274	9,529
Ballarat	363	381	372
Bendigo	356	373	359
Geelong	533	548	501
Within 20 miles of place of business of the owner; generally outside the radius of 25 miles from the G.P.O., Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong	8,900	8,888	8,227
Primary Producers	7,825	9,299	9,991
Commercial goods vehicles owned by butter and cheese factories	692	743	669
Commercial goods vehicles authorized to carry the goods of the owners	27,029	27,075	25,115
Commercial goods vehicles being used as—			
Carriers of all "Third Schedule" goods	5,076	5,953	6,143
Racehorse floats	40	42	51
Tank wagons for carriage of petroleum products	349	378	419
Commercial travellers' cars	485	497	580
	62,459	64,451	61,956
Additional Licences to commercial goods vehicles to carry passengers	201	150	170
Total Licences issued	73,318	74,492	71,966
Financial Transactions—	£	£	£
Revenue	702,352	768,349	888,165
Expenditure	246,002	373,413	410,751
Amount transferred to Consolidated Revenue	456,350	394,936	477,414

RAILWAYS.

All railways in Victoria available for general traffic are the property of the State, and are under the management of three Commissioners appointed by the Government.

As from 1st February, 1952, the 14 miles of railway between Kerang and Koondrook was taken under the control of the Victorian Railways. This line was formerly owned and operated by the Shire of Kerang.

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

All lines controlled by the Railways Commissioners are shown on the map opposite page 435.

The succeeding tables relate to the State Railways, the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Black Rock Electric Tramways, and the Road Motor Services under the control of the Railways Commissioners. The operations of these tramways and the Road Motor Services are also shown separately on pages 491 and 492. Steam, motor or diesel-electric power provides the traction for country passenger and goods traffic, while electricity is used mainly for passenger traffic on suburban lines.

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

The total capital cost of all lines constructed and in course of construction, and of all works, rolling stock and equipment of the Railways Department as at 30th June, of each of the five years 1950-1954, is shown in the following table :—

**Reduction of
loan liability.**

**Total capital
cost of
railways and
equipment.**

VICTORIA—TOTAL CAPITAL COST OF RAILWAYS, ETC.,
EQUIPMENT AND ROLLING STOCK, 1950-1954.

At 30th June—	Railways.		Electric Tramways.	Road Motor Services.	Total Capital Cost.*
	Lines Opened.	Lines in Process of Construction.	Lines Opened.		
	£	£	£	£	£
1950	55,722,636	243,178	131,591	8,768	56,106,173
1951	60,478,709	307,925	128,528	6,678	60,921,840
1952	71,194,196	409,510	125,465	5,509	71,734,680
1953	76,614,127	460,232	122,402	33,744	77,230,505
1954	83,094,112	513,742	119,339	28,084	83,755,277

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

The face value of stock and bonds allocated to the Railways Department, as reduced in accordance with Act No. 4429, amounted to £88,932,058 at 30th June, 1954. After deducting the value of securities purchased by the National Debt Sinking Fund and cancelled (£9,255,420), the total liability in respect of current loans outstanding at that date was £79,676,638. The annual interest payable on this amount, calculated at the average rate of 3.433 per cent., was £2,735,299.

Additional funds, which amounted to £6,624,579 at 30th June, 1954, have been provided for railway construction, equipment, stores, &c., out of Consolidated Revenue and the National Recovery Loan and other Funds. No interest is charged on this amount.

The mileage and traffic of the railways (exclusive of electric tramways and road motor services) for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are given in the following table:—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS MILEAGE AND TRAFFIC (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES), 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Heading.	At 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Lines Constructed ..	Miles. 4,830.79	Miles. 4,830.79	Miles. 4,844.79*	Miles. 4,844.79*	Miles. 4,844.79*
„ Closed for Traffic ..	139.01	140.01	147.06	180.52	247.72
„ Open for Traffic ..	4,691.78	4,690.78	4,697.73	4,664.27	4,597.07
	During Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Traffic Train Mileage ..	17,549,489	14,574,809	16,972,801	18,673,655	19,270,809
Passenger Journeys ..	182,101,351	141,312,589	165,130,762	169,371,872	172,497,575
Goods and Live Stock Carried (Tons) ..	9,125,140	7,539,166	9,204,410	9,191,615	9,200,573

* Includes 14 miles of railway owned and operated by the Shire of Kerang until 31st January, 1952.

The revenue and expenditure of the Railways Department during each of the five financial years 1950-1954 were as follows:—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE,
1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Revenue—					
	£	£	£	£	£
Passenger, &c., Business—					
Passenger Fares	7,353,549	6,517,373	8,226,553	9,500,163	9,948,938
Parcels, Mails, &c.	833,533	756,809	941,862	1,076,635	1,132,194
Other	41,242	41,510	53,755	51,253	62,262
Goods, &c., Business—					
Goods	9,706,717	9,138,159	12,269,567	17,680,222	20,762,386
Live Stock	932,286	696,256	970,799	1,435,113	1,632,757
Miscellaneous	177,862	158,094	225,314	270,542	264,355
Miscellaneous—					
Dining Car and Refreshment Services	830,416	850,408	1,140,242	1,263,830	1,297,395
Sale of Electrical Power	124,569	102,513	11,598	5,341	4,352
Rentals	202,626	234,092	291,092	348,960	376,339
Book Stalls	147,121	144,015	199,826	215,782	229,124
Advertising	47,426	44,812	53,577	62,989	62,045
Subsidy paid by Treasury for Interest, &c.	1,687,828	1,789,670	1,754,640	1,798,278	1,934,903
Other	75,340	67,079	69,362	91,520	69,790
Total	22,160,515	20,540,790	26,208,187	33,800,628	37,776,840
Expenditure—					
	£	£	£	£	£
Working Expenses—					
Way and Works	3,500,199	3,760,983	5,439,809	6,687,482	7,787,598
Rolling Stock	6,902,938	7,052,559	10,411,162	12,307,632	12,086,009
Transportation	6,222,089	6,512,545	9,208,953	10,093,935	10,488,746
Electrical Engineering Branch Stores Branch	993,796	1,187,244	1,713,830	1,839,370	1,841,402
Pensions (non-contributory)	259,996	268,922	373,578	424,313	408,102
Payment to the Superannuation Fund	654,435	926,150	880,379	960,258	1,151,494
Contribution to Railway Renewals and Replacements Fund	650,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	550,000
Contribution to Railway Accident and Fire Insurance Fund	135,000	163,184	251,357	259,506	261,082
Pay-roll Tax	331,703	345,667	486,214	529,653	573,396
Long Service Leave	158,586	165,122	434,831	438,471	466,780
Other	403,430	433,990	583,272	612,414	637,451
Total Working Expenses	20,212,172	21,016,366	29,983,385	34,353,034	36,252,060
Less Expenditure charged to Special Funds	94,609	67,072	174,910	92,911	80,000
Working Expenses charged to Railway Revenue	20,117,563	20,949,294	29,808,475	34,260,123	36,172,060
Net Revenue	2,042,952	408,504	3,600,288	459,495	1,604,780
		<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Dr.</i>	

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1949-50
TO 1953-54—continued.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
Debt Charges—					
Interest Charges and Expenses†	1,934,546	2,073,028	2,047,487	2,132,049	2,307,452
Exchange on Interest Payments					
and Redemption	157,444	157,292	157,843	148,383	126,846
Contribution to National Debt					
Sinking Fund	137,019	147,589	142,966	151,921	162,371
Net Result for Year ..	- 186,057	- 2,786,411	- 5,948,584	- 2,891,848	- 991,889
Proportion of Working Expenses to					
Revenue	%	%	%	%	%
	90.8	101.99	113.74	101.36	95.75

† Including Loan Conversion Expenses.

The revenue for 1953-54 increased by £3,976,212 as compared with that for 1952-53. Passenger business increased by £1,515,343, while goods, &c., business increased by £3,273,621. Total working expenses increased by £1,899,026, as compared with those of the previous year.

The earnings, expenses charged to railway revenue, and net revenue per average mile of railway worked for each of the five years 1949-50 to 1953-54 were as follows.

This table does not take account of the interest paid on railway loans and expenses of paying same, which are shown in the previous table :—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PER
AVERAGE MILE OPEN, 1949-50 TO 1953-54 (EXCLUDING
ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES).

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Average Number of Miles open for					
Traffic	4,692	4,687	4,687	4,678	4,574
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross Revenue* per Mile ..	4,341	3,981	5,193	6,812	7,806
Working Expenses† per Mile ..	4,259	4,440	6,318	7,270	7,860

* Excluding recoups by Treasury to offset interest etc. payments.

† Charged to Railway Revenue.

At 30th June, 1954, the capital cost of the broad-gauge rolling stock, after being written down in accordance with Act No. 4429 of 1936, was £26,281,101, of the narrow-gauge £5,601, of the electric street tramways £16,116, and of the road motor coaches and trucks £23,357.

The number of officers and employees in the railways service (including casual labour and butty-gang workers) and the amount of salaries and wages (including travelling and incidental expenses) paid in each of the five financial years 1950-54 are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS STAFF—NUMBERS, SALARIES, ETC.,
1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Employees at End of Year.			Salaries, Wages and Travelling Expenses.
	Permanent.	Supernumerary and Casual.	Total.	
				£
1950	18,868	8,190	27,058	14,427,690
1951	17,618	9,034	26,652	15,144,588
1952	17,486	11,085	28,571	21,364,891
1953	17,940	10,019	27,959	23,232,776
1954	18,605	11,287	29,892	25,129,838

The results of operating the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Black Rock Electric Tramways for 1952-53 and 1953-54, are detailed in the following statements. As these tramways are controlled and operated by the Railways Commissioners, particulars relating to them have been included in the preceding railway tables unless otherwise indicated.

ELECTRIC STREET TRAMWAYS, 1952-53 AND 1953-54.

(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	St Kilda-Brighton Electric Tramway.		Sandringham-Black Rock Electric Tramway.	
	1952-53.	1953-54.	1952-53	1953-54.
Average Mileage of Tramway Worked	5.18	5.18	2.42	2.42
Car Mileage	470,206	482,854	129,315	129,491
Passengers Carried	3,668,631	3,633,800	1,472,117	1,443,554
Gross Revenue	83,701	83,928	28,348	28,423
Working Expenses	150,866	129,166	30,783	28,209
Interest Charges, &c.	3,080	2,929	1,395	1,361
Net Loss	70,245	48,167	3,830	1,147
Capital Expenditure at 30th June, as written down under Act No. 4429 of 1936—				
Construction of Lines, &c.	69,500	68,295	35,104	34,928
Rolling Stock	16,606	15,077	1,192	1,039
Total	86,106	83,372	36,296	35,967

The following table gives particulars for each of the four years 1950-51 to 1953-54 of the operations of the Road Motor Services under the control of the Railways Commissioners.

VICTORIA—ROAD MOTOR SERVICES, 1950-51 TO 1953-54.
(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Car Mileage	298,330	356,085	383,918	355,558
Passenger Journeys*	963,712	1,087,378	1,374,132	1,314,822
	£	£	£	£
Gross Revenue	15,513	20,170	26,968	27,054
Working Expenses	39,686	54,699	70,579	64,272
Interest Charges and Exchange	257	241	197	1,186
Net Loss	24,430	34,770	43,826	33,404
Capital Expenditure at end of Year (less depreciation written off)	6,678	5,509	33,744	28,084

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

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

Prior to 1st February, 1952, the railway between Kerang and Koondrook was owned and worked by the Shire of Kerang, but since that date the line has been taken under the control of the Victorian Railways.

Municipal
Railway.

TRAMWAYS.

The various tramway systems in the State at 30th June, 1954 (excluding those under the control of the Railways Commissioners) comprised 169·10 miles of electric lines, of which 139·12 miles were double and 29·98 miles single track.

Victorian
Tramways.

The electric street tramways, St. Kilda to Brighton and Sandringham to Black Rock, under the management of the Victorian Railways Commissioners, are not referred to in this connexion, but are included under the heading "Railways," page 491, and "All Victorian Tramways," page 497.

The subjoined table contains particulars relating to all tramways in Victoria (with the foregoing exceptions) for each of the five years 1949-50 to 1953-54.

VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

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

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons Employed.
	Double	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.						
1950*	135·70	29·94	20,053,555	217,910,550	2,997,041	2,858,201	840	5,055
1951 ..	137·31	29·97	22,901,475	252,447,118	4,092,147	3,801,095	848	4,750
1952 ..	137·12	30·16	23,145,349	230,066,460	4,790,235	4,373,670	853	5,468
1953 ..	138·25	29·01	23,741,705	220,072,104	5,332,944	4,846,394	841	5,326
1954 ..	139·12	29·98	23,517,947	217,463,790	5,309,056	4,986,076	838	5,326

* The decrease in passenger journeys, traffic receipts, &c., was caused by the stoppage of tram services during the period 23rd February to 23rd April, 1950, owing to a strike of employees.

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

The Board is empowered to borrow up to £5,500,000 by the issue of stock or debentures secured upon its revenues and undertakings, this being in addition to the transferred liabilities attaching to the tramways vested in it. At 30th June, 1954, the Board had borrowing powers available to the extent of £416,798. Power is given to have an overdraft not exceeding £400,000.

Particulars relating to the electric tramway systems under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board are shown for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 in the following statement.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling- stock.	Persons Em- ployed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.						
1950* ..	126·20	5·16	18,330,297	203,697,025	2,826,134	2,568,234	764	4,686
1951 ..	127·81	5·19	21,309,127	238,708,844	3,917,640	3,274,640	764	4,396
1952 ..	127·81	5·19	21,648,265	217,684,502	4,610,100	3,998,524	772	5,126
1953 ..	128·75	4·23	22,214,569	207,397,594	5,169,998	4,483,863	761	5,003
1954 ..	129·62	4·20	22,000,257	204,746,974	5,124,733	4,580,774	758	5,003

* See note on page 493.

In the next statement the operations of the motor omnibus systems under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board are shown for each of the years 1949-50 and 1953-54.

MOTOR OMNIBUS SYSTEMS 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

(Under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board.)

Year ended 30th June—	Route Miles.	Bus Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Ex- penses.	Rolling- stock.	Persons Em- ployed.
			No.	£	£	No.	No.
1950* ..	66·74	6,822,761	59,764,992	763,076	844,364	330	1,245
1951 ..	66·74	7,625,949	67,442,080	1,032,117	1,041,873	317	1,208
1952 ..	66·74	7,598,236	62,618,833	1,266,065	1,259,091	332	1,475
1953 ..	68·94	8,075,527	61,045,110	1,486,000	1,423,386	344	1,383
1954 ..	64·11	7,892,309	59,111,408	1,473,457	1,411,504	330	1,299

* See note on page 493.

A summary of the revenue and expenditure by the Tramways Board for the year ended 30th June, 1954, is set out hereunder:—

	£	£
Traffic Receipts	6,598,190	
Advertisements, rents, &c.	44,484	
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Total Revenue		6,642,674
Working Expenses		6,003,029
Surplus on Operation		639,645
Fixed Charges (excluding Depreciation)		392,098
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		247,547
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Appropriations—		
Loan Redemption	36,524	
Loan Sinking Funds	61,567	
Renewals Reserve	115,702	
General Reserve	201,432	
Other	47,385	
	<hr/>	462,610
	<i>Dr.</i>	215,063
<i>Less—</i>		
Investment Income		36,896
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		178,167
Payments to Consolidated Revenue		70,777
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Deficit for Year		248,944
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Pursuant to section 77 of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act* (No. 3732), the Board is required to make certain annual payments to the Consolidated Revenue of the State. The total of such payments up to 30th June, 1954, amounted to £4,263,991. This amount was allocated as follows:—Fire Brigades Board, £2,406,254; Licensing Fund, £435,251; and Infectious Diseases Hospital, £1,422,486. Under the provisions of Act No. 4598 the Board was relieved of the Licensing Fund payment as from 1st July, 1938.

Up to 30th June, 1954, the capital cost of the tramways vested in the Tramways Board, after writing off the value of obsolete assets, amounted to £12,759,790, of which £10,656,684 related to electric tramways, £1,799,676 to motor omnibuses, and £303,430 to general properties. Assets at book value—£186,964—being plant, &c. scrapped, were written off during the year.

In the next statement comparisons are made between the electric and omnibus systems operated by the Tramways Board; the receipts per mile, the cost of working, &c., being shown for the year 1953-54.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD
TRAFFIC RECEIPTS, WORKING EXPENSES, ETC., PER
MILE, ETC., 1953-54.

System.	Traffic Receipts.			Working Expenses to Total Revenue.	Working Expenses per Vehicle Mile, including Power Cost.	Average Distance per Penny.
	Per Vehicle Mile.	Per Mile of Single Track Operated.	Per Passenger.			
	<i>d.</i>	£	<i>d.</i>	%	<i>d.</i>	Miles.
Electric ..	55·905	19,454	6·007	88·988	49·971	·473
Omnibus ..	44·807	11,491	5·982	95·574	42·923	·508

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

The traffic particulars of these lines for each of the five years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are summarized in the following table:—

TRAMWAYS IN EXTRA-METROPOLITAN CITIES, 1949-50 TO
1953-54.

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons Employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.	
1950 ..	9·50	24·78	1,723,258	14,213,525	170,907	289,967	76	369
1951 ..	9·50	24·78	1,592,348	13,738,274	174,507	326,455	84	354
1952 ..	9·50	24·78	1,497,084	12,381,958	180,135	375,146	81	342
1953 ..	9·50	24·78	1,527,136	12,674,510	184,004	407,531	80	323
1954 ..	9·50	24·78	1,517,690	12,716,816	184,757	405,302	80	323

A summary of the operations for each of the years 1952-53 and 1953-54 of the foregoing tramway systems and of the electric tramways under the control of the Railways Commissioners is given in the following table:—

ALL VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1952-53 AND 1953-54.

Heading.	1952-53.	1953-54.
Route Mileage Open—Double miles	145·85	146·72
Single miles	29·01	28·98
Total miles	174·86	175·70
Cost of Construction and Equipment £	10,178,278	10,826,929
Gross Revenue—		
Traffic Receipts £	5,441,692	5,418,261
Other £	24,951	26,469
Total Revenue £	5,466,643	5,444,730
Working Expenses £	5,024,896	5,140,720
Net Earnings £	441,747	304,010
Interest, &c. £	110,966	114,300
Statutory Charges, Rates, &c. £	616,557	594,628
Net Result after Paying Working Expenses, Interest, &c., Statutory Charges, Rates, &c. £	Loss 285,776	Loss 404,918
Tram Miles Run miles	24,341,226	24,130,292
Passenger Journeys No.	225,212,852	222,541,144
Staff Employed—		
Salaried No.	761	764
Wages No.	4,663	4,653
Total Staff No.	5,424	5,417
Rolling Stock No.	872	868

MOTOR VEHICLES.

Licensed
vehicles in
Melbourne.

Prior to 9th October, 1951, the licensing and regulating of vehicles plying for hire within the City of Melbourne and within the distance of 8 miles of the City, were controlled by the Melbourne City Council.

With the passing of the *Transport Act* (No. 5559) on 9th October, 1951, the licensing of these vehicles came under the jurisdiction of the Transport Regulation Board. A summary of the licences, &c., issued by the Board during each of the years 1951-52 to 1953-54 is shown on page 486.

Every motor car and every trailer attached thereto and every motor cycle, together with a trailer, fore-car or side-car attached thereto, must be registered with the Chief Commissioner of Police if used on Victorian roads. *The Motor Car (Fees) Act* 1956, which amended the principal Act, provided for an increase, as from 1st January, 1957, in the rates payable for the registration of motor vehicles. Notwithstanding anything appearing in this table, the minimum fee for registration of any motor car other than a motor cycle shall be four pounds ten shillings.

Following is a brief summary of the annual registration fees payable, as from 1st January, 1957, for the various types of motor vehicles:—

Type of Vehicle.	Rate Chargeable for Annual Registration.
Motor Cycles (without trailer, &c.) ..	£1 10 0
Motor Cycles (with trailer, &c. attached)	£2 5s.
Motor Cars (private use)	4s. 6d. for each power-weight unit*
Trailers attached to motor cars ..	£1 10s. to £6 each, according to the unladen weight and the type of tires
Motor omnibuses (operating on specified routes in the metropolitan area)	£7 10s. plus additional fees for each passenger seat
Motor Cars used for carrying passengers or goods for hire or in the course of trade	From 6s. to 13s. 3d. for each power-weight unit* according to the unladen weight and the type of tires
Motor Cars (constructed for the carriage of goods) owned by primary producers and used solely in connexion with their business	From 3s. 9d. to 8s. for each power-weight unit* according to the number of wheels and the type of tires (When more than one motor car is so owned, the rate shall apply to one motor car only)

* The number of power-weight units is that number which is equal to the sum of the horse-power and the weight in hundredweights of a motor car unladen and ready for use.

Where a vehicle is powered by a diesel engine the registration fee is double that charged for a vehicle of the same power-weight units fitted with a petrol engine.

**Motor
Driver's
Licence.**

Under the provisions of the *Municipalities and Other Authorities Finances Act* 1950 (No. 5512), the fee payable upon the issue of a licence to drive a motor car was increased from 5s. to 10s. per annum as from 1st January, 1951. The Act also provided that one half of the increased fee, less cost of collection, was to be paid to the Municipalities Assistance Fund and that the other half, less cost of collection, was to be paid to the Country Roads Board Fund.

**Registrations
of Motor
Vehicles, etc.**

The following statement shows, for each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54, the number of motor vehicles registered, the number of drivers', &c., licences issued and the total revenue received at the Motor Registration Branch of the Police Department.

**VICTORIA—REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ETC.,
DRIVERS' LICENCES, ETC., ISSUED 1949-50 TO 1953-54.**

Heading.	At 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Motor Vehicles—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Private Cars	222,251	253,709	368,944	370,870	392,653
Commercial Vehicles	69,763	74,780	85,021	82,613	81,483
Hire Cars	4,262	4,463	4,898	4,825	4,561
Primary Producers'	69,380	69,552	44,038*	43,961*	45,498*
Omnibuses †	866	878	1,172	749	812
Traction Engines	47	47	36	36	15
Trailers	11,100	10,699	12,532	12,442	11,342
Motor Cycles	34,231	33,531	34,874	33,437	30,840
Drivers' and Riders' Licences	525,709	575,753	639,910	645,962	708,307
Dealers' Licences	805	900	1,024	1,064	1,052
Total Revenue Received during year ended 30th June..	£ 2,910,536	£ 3,511,964	£ 4,557,177	£ 4,785,324	£ 5,009,904

* Prior to 12th November, 1951, Primary Producers' vehicles included private cars and commercial vehicles, but since that date only vehicles constructed for the carriage of goods and used by Primary Producers solely in connection with their business, are included under this heading.

† Operating within 8 miles of the G.P.O. Melbourne—other omnibuses are included with hire cars.

In the next statement, details relating to new registrations and renewals of registration of motor cars and motor cycles are shown for the years 1952-53 and 1953-54 respectively.

VICTORIA—NEW REGISTRATIONS AND RENEWALS OF
REGISTRATION OF MOTOR CARS AND MOTOR CYCLES
1952-53 AND 1953-54.

Vehicles.	1952-53.			1953-54.		
	New Registration.		Renewals of Registra- tion.	New Registration.		Renewals of Registra- tion.
	New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.		New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Cars—						
Private	28,556	15,966	378,668	34,258	14,356	342,039
Commercial and Hire .. .	7,272	4,392	80,139	7,957	3,914	74,173
Primary Producers' .. .	4,343	2,598	40,930	3,801	2,358	39,339
Motor Cycles .. .	2,523	6,259	23,086	2,482	5,195	23,163

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

Summary of
all Traffic
Accidents.

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

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS: NUMBER OF PERSONS
AFFECTED, 1953-54.

Place of Occurrence.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.	Other Accidents in which Damage to Property was Estimated to Exceed £10	Total Accidents.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
City of Melbourne .. .	1,086 (1,310)	28 (42)	1,248 (1,525)	769 (964)	1,855 (2,274)
Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne) .. .	4,785 (4,740)	148 (173)	5,701 (5,579)	2,639 (2,911)	7,424 (7,651)
Total—Metropolitan Area .. .	5,871 (6,050)	176 (215)	6,949 (7,104)	3,408 (3,875)	9,279 (9,925)
Remainder of State .. .	4,251 (4,048)	315 (300)	5,858 (5,460)	2,199 (2,378)	6,450 (6,426)
Grand Total .. .	10,122 (10,098)	491 (515)	12,807 (12,564)	5,607 (6,253)	15,729 (16,351)

NOTE.—Figures in parentheses in the table above relate to the year 1952-53.

In the table which follows, traffic accidents occurring during 1953-54 have been recorded according to the classification of male and female victims:—

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, 1953-54.

Description.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pedestrian	127	1,807	47	886	174	2,693
Driver of motor vehicle other than motor cycle	89	2,377	5	259	94	2,636
Driver of motor cycle	66	1,600	..	17	66	1,617
Passenger—motor car, truck, bus, &c.	67	1,894	42	1,992	109	3,886
Passenger—Motor cycle and side car (including pillion rider)	9	225	1	97	10	322
Pedal cyclist	29	1,283	5	204	34	1,487
Driver or passenger of horse-drawn vehicle or equestrian	1	45	..	4	1	49
Other	2	77	1	40	3	117
Total	390	9,308	101	3,499	491	12,807

Particulars of victims of traffic accidents during 1953-54 are shown according to age and sex in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, 1953-54.

Age Group. (Years)	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Under 5	14	271	6	168	20	439
5 and under 7	11	361	3	191	14	552
7 and under 17	25	944	9	421	34	1,365
17 and under 20	37	1,139	6	303	43	1,442
20 and under 30	38	2,564	12	546	100	3,110
30 and under 40	47	1,513	6	529	53	2,042
40 and under 50	48	1,066	10	454	58	1,520
50 and under 60	37	672	15	402	52	1,074
60 and over	79	660	32	425	111	1,085
Not stated	4	118	2	60	6	178
Total	390	9,308	101	3,499	491	12,807

Causes of Accidents.

The principal causes of road accidents in which casualties occurred also the number of persons killed or injured are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—CAUSES OF ROAD ACCIDENTS, 1953-54.

Principal Causes of Road Accidents.	Accidents Involving Casualties.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.
	No.	No.	No.
Driver or rider of vehicle responsible—			
Excessive speed	1,470	144	2,149
Not keeping to left	593	27	942
Not giving right of way to other vehicle at intersection	1,004	15	1,373
Failing to make right hand turn at intersection with due care	200	3	259
Intoxicated	93	4	149
Inexperience	91	5	117
Inattentive driving or riding	3,126	101	3,853
Hit-run drivers	23	1	24
Reversing without care	99	5	105
Overtaking on near side or in the face of oncoming vehicles	114	3	163
Following other vehicle too closely	55	2	78
Infirmary of driver or rider	16	4	15
Driver asleep or drowsy	62	7	73
Dazzled by lights of an approaching vehicle	96	5	155
Failing to signal intention of turning or stopping or giving incorrect signal	91	..	103
Pulling out from kerb suddenly or without warning	37	1	36
Disregarding, misunderstanding, or failing to observe traffic sign or signal of other driver	181	5	252
Crossing railway level crossing without due care	28	21	32
Other	25	..	25
	7,404	353	9,903
Vehicle defects responsible—			
Defective brakes or steering	116	5	193
Inadequate or no lights	110	11	137
Defective tyres	34	2	55
Other	80	1	95
	340	19	480
Pedestrians responsible—			
Boarding vehicle in motion	41	2	42
Walking across roadway without due care	1,043	64	1,029
Running across roadway	292	6	294
Passing from behind or in front of vehicle without care	25	4	24
Stepping off kerb without care	74	4	73
Intoxicated	24	1	26
Infirmary	5	1	4
Child under 7 years of age not under, or breaking away from, the supervision of an elder person	443	18	433
Other	5	..	5
	1,952	100	1,930

VICTORIA—CAUSES OF ROAD ACCIDENTS, 1953-54—*continued.*

Principal Causes of Road Accidents.	Accidents Involving Casualties.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.
Passengers responsible—	No.	No.	No.
Alighting from vehicle in motion	41	1	41
Falling from vehicle in motion	120	5	117
Riding improperly on vehicle	21	1	20
Intoxicated	12	..	12
Other	7	1	7
	201	8	197
Other causes responsible—			
Attributed to animals	89	5	114
Road faults	53	4	68
Weather conditions	14	..	20
Accidents attributed to parties not involved ..	65	1	92
Other	4	1	3
	225	11	297
Total	10,122	491	12,807

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

VICTORIA—PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, TYPES OF VEHICLES, ETC., INVOLVED, 1952-53 AND 1953-54.

Type of Vehicle, &c., Involved.	1952-53.			1953-54.		
	Number of Accidents.*	Number Killed.	Number Injured.	Number of Accidents.*	Number Killed.	Number Injured.
Motor Car	7,312	310	9,375	7,536	320	9,895
Motor Van	702	44	955	742	48	1,026
Motor Truck, Lorry	1,454	112	1,830	1,334	104	1,650
Motor Bus	258	14	330	272	7	337
Motor Cycle	2,134	118	2,428	1,973	82	2,264
Pedal Cycle	1,523	54	1,555	1,560	36	1,634
Tram	274	15	349	174	9	200
Train	25	20	27	32	21	37
Horse-drawn Vehicle	79	3	90	71	4	77
Horse	14	1	14	11	1	10
Pedestrian	2,713	168	2,748	2,712	172	2,744
Other	14	6	12	12	..	13

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