

PART VI.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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

A statement of the provisions of the laws in force on 16th September, 1929, will be found in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29 on pages 127 to 131, and a summary of the principal provisions of the *Local Government Act 1934* in the *Year-Book* for 1933-34 on pages 127 and 128.

During the year ended 31st December, 1942, the State Parliament passed several Acts affecting local government, and details of their principal provisions are given in Part I. of this *Year-Book*, pages 21 to 38. The numbers and the titles of the principal Acts are as follow:—

- No. 4883.—*Sewerage Rates Act 1942.*
- No. 4891.—*Melbourne Markets Act 1942.*
- No. 4898.—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways (Reserve Funds) Act 1942.*
- No. 4899.—*Milk and Dairy Supervision Act 1942.*
- No. 4900.—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Contributions' Act 1942.*
- No. 4902.—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Rates Act 1942.*
- No. 4908.—*Country Roads Board Fund Act 1942.*
- No. 4909.—*Financial Emergency (Grants and Funds) Act 1942.*
- No. 4914.—*Farmers' Protection Amendment Act 1942.*
- No. 4915.—*Water Act 1942.*
- No. 4916.—*Patriotic Funds Act 1942.*
- No. 4921.—*Local Government (Loans and Debentures) Act 1942.*
- No. 4922.—*Local Government Building Regulations Act 1942.*
- No. 4925.—*Motor Car Amendment Act 1942.*
- No. 4926.—*Local Government (Street Construction) Act 1942.*
- No. 4927.—*Victorian Inland Meat Authority Act 1942.*
- No. 4928.—*Railway Construction Trusts Liability Act 1942.*
- No. 4931.—*Grain Elevators Act 1942.*
- No. 4939.—*Land Surveyors' Act 1942.*

MUNICIPALITIES.

The number of municipalities throughout the State at 30th September, 1943, was 197. Of these, 34 ranked as cities, 5 as towns, 20 as boroughs, and 138 as shires. The only unincorporated areas of the State are French Island, in Westernport Bay, containing about 42,000 acres; Julia Percy Island, off Port Fairy, containing 650 acres; and an area of 8,262 acres at Yallourn which is under the control of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria.

The following is a statement of the number of rate-payers, the number of properties rated, the estimated value of rateable property, the estimated number of dwellings (occupied and unoccupied), and the number of houses built in the municipalities of Victoria for each of the five years 1938-39 to 1942-43.

VICTORIA—PROPERTIES RATED AND NUMBER OF DWELLINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1938-39 TO 1942-43.

| Year. | Number of Distinct Rate-payers. | Number of Properties Rated. | Value of Rateable Property. | | Estimated Number of Dwellings. | | Number of Dwellings erected during the year. |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--|
| | | | Net Annual Value. | Estimated Capital Improved Value. | Occupied. | Unoccupied.† | |
| MUNICIPALITIES IN GREATER MELBOURNE* | | | | | | | |
| 1938-39 .. | 334,430 | 385,020 | 19,899,043 | 368,150,780 | 271,940 | 1,127 | 6,089 |
| 1939-40 .. | 342,037 | 399,871 | 20,643,224 | 380,382,670 | 278,340 | 1,239 | 6,995 |
| 1940-41 .. | 346,659 | 403,929 | 21,325,029 | 392,639,020 | 286,412 | 966 | 8,461 |
| 1941-42 .. | 349,713 | 405,315 | 21,953,130 | 406,643,810 | 288,623 | 323 | 1,799 |
| 1942-43 .. | 351,018 | 403,975 | 22,148,012 | 410,705,140 | 288,955 | 311 | 388 |
| MUNICIPALITIES OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE. | | | | | | | |
| 1938-39 .. | 304,529 | 424,944 | 14,955,076 | 298,414,000 | 217,423 | 2,897 | 3,222 |
| 1939-40 .. | 302,462 | 426,532 | 15,258,855 | 304,480,630 | 219,215 | 3,282 | 2,533 |
| 1940-41 .. | 304,319 | 428,533 | 15,383,199 | 306,904,190 | 220,604 | 3,562 | 2,189 |
| 1941-42 .. | 304,610 | 430,100 | 15,467,324 | 308,898,320 | 221,571 | 2,870 | 714 |
| 1942-43 .. | 305,605 | 430,933 | 15,469,382 | 307,721,310 | 222,145 | 2,282 | 208 |
| TOTAL. | | | | | | | |
| 1938-39 .. | 638,959 | 809,973 | 34,854,119 | 666,564,780 | 489,363 | 4,024 | 9,311 |
| 1939-40 .. | 644,499 | 826,403 | 35,902,079 | 684,863,300 | 497,555 | 4,521 | 9,528 |
| 1940-41 .. | 650,978 | 832,462 | 36,708,228 | 699,543,210 | 507,016 | 4,523 | 10,650 |
| 1941-42 .. | 654,323 | 835,415 | 37,420,454 | 715,542,130 | 510,194 | 3,193 | 2,513 |
| 1942-43 .. | 656,623 | 834,908 | 37,617,394 | 718,426,450 | 511,100 | 2,593 | 596 |

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

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

In 1942-43 the estimated capital improved value of rateable property reached its highest point, (£718,426,450).

The following table shows, for each municipality in Victoria, the general rate levied in the £, the estimated value of rateable property, the amount of loans outstanding at 30th September, 1943, the Municipal Fund receipts, and the estimated number of dwellings.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1942-43.

| Municipality. | Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value. | Value of Rateable Property. | | Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1943. | Municipal Fund Receipts. | Estimated Number of Dwellings. | |
|--|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | | Net Annual Value. | Estimated Capital Improved Value. | | | Occupied. | Un-occupied. |
| MUNICIPALITIES IN GREATER MELBOURNE. | | | | | | | |
| <i>Cities.</i> | <i>s. d.</i> | £ | £ | £ | £ | | |
| Box Hill .. | 2 7 | 286,210 | 5,143,510 | 156,975 ^c | 40,808 | 4,872 | 1 |
| Brighton .. | 2 3 | 735,273 | 14,703,060 | 181,718 | 101,948 | 9,988 | .. |
| Brunswick .. | 0 7 a | 722,686 | 11,038,370 | 171,458 | 128,850 | 13,738 | .. |
| Camberwell .. | 0 4½ a | 1,358,154 | 23,883,190 | 317,818 | 154,500 | 19,480 | .. |
| Caulfield .. | 0 4½ a | 1,201,962 | 21,641,450 | 259,755 | 137,540 | 20,494 | .. |
| Chelsea .. | 0 6½ a | 106,245 | 1,739,510 | 10,817 ^d | 22,548 | 2,847 | .. |
| Coburg .. | 0 6 a | 506,950 | 8,561,590 | 347,873 | 103,200 | 10,919 | .. |
| Collingwood .. | 2 6 | 509,218 | 10,184,360 | 76,549 | 79,680 | 7,253 | .. |
| Essendon .. | 0 6 a | 704,708 | 11,451,500 | 243,664 | 106,851 | 13,192 | .. |
| Fitzroy .. | 2 1 | 474,488 | 9,849,760 | 103,047 | 67,143 | 7,088 | 121 |
| Footscray .. | 2 3 | 735,712 | 14,714,240 | 251,964 | 139,844 | 12,374 | .. |
| Hawthorn .. | 2 1 | 708,935 | 14,178,700 | 105,791 | 85,942 | 10,478 | .. |
| Heidelberg .. | 2 6 | 469,977 | 9,399,540 | 171,645 | 107,885 | 8,145 | .. |
| Kew .. | 2 6 | 506,119 | 10,122,380 | 159,643 | 74,409 | 7,323 | .. |
| Malvern .. | 2 2 | 1,038,904 | 20,778,080 | 209,301 | 140,494 | 12,948 | .. |
| Melbourne .. | 2 0 | 5,077,831 | 101,556,620 | 4,188,000 | 802,217 | 21,138 | 166 |
| Moorabbin .. | 2 6 | 346,966 | 6,939,320 | 114,761 ^e | 57,010 | 6,476 | 1 |
| Mordialloc .. | 0 4½ a | 159,112 | 2,935,920 | 72,752 ^f | 40,063 | 3,081 | .. |
| Northcote .. | 2 6 | 503,151 | 10,063,020 | 144,541 | 140,740 | 11,254 | 7 |
| Oakleigh .. | 0 6½ a | 182,232 | 3,061,330 | 64,404 | 32,492 | 3,537 | .. |
| Port Melbourne .. | 2 6 | 264,779 | 5,295,580 | 50,188 | 53,556 | 3,513 | 1 |
| Prahran .. | 1 8 | 1,425,536 | 21,383,040 | 184,734 | 146,357 | 16,502 | .. |
| Preston .. | 2 6 | 452,270 | 9,045,400 | 332,975 | 86,999 | 10,015 | .. |
| Richmond .. | 2 6 | 604,541 | 12,090,820 | 212,600 | 109,164 | 9,762 | 1 |
| Sandringham .. | 0 5 a | 329,407 | 5,719,370 | 185,100 ^g | 60,329 | 6,101 | .. |
| South Melbourne .. | 2 6 | 889,900 | 17,798,000 | 204,594 | 147,364 | 10,497 | 10 |
| St. Kilda .. | 1 10 | 1,267,647 | 15,845,500 | 271,823 | 134,791 | 16,387 | .. |
| Williamstown .. | 2 3 | 313,428 | 6,268,560 | 118,533 | 90,906 | 6,249 | 3 |
| <i>Shire.</i> | | | | | | | |
| Braybrook .. | 2 0 b | 265,671 | 5,313,420 | 47,441 | 67,685 | 3,304 | .. |
| Total Municipalities in Greater Melbourne .. | .. | 22,148,012 | 410,705,140 | 8,960,464 | 3,461,375 | 288,955 | 311 |

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £4,246 due by Shire of Blackburn and Mitcham.

d Excluding £2,680 due to Shire of Dandenong.

e Including £2,483 due by the Cities of Mordialloc and Sandringham; but excluding £3,203 due to the City of Sandringham.

f Excluding £4,373 due to Cities of Moorabbin and Sandringham.

g Including £6,406 due by Cities of Moorabbin and Mordialloc; but excluding £2,002 due to City of Moorabbin.

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| Municipality. | Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value. | Value of Rateable Property. | | Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1943. | Municipal Fund Receipts. | Estimated Number of Dwellings. | |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | | Net Annual Value. | Estimated Capital Improved Value. | | | Occupied. | Un-occupied. |
| OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE. | | | | | | | |
| <i>Cities.</i> | | | | | | | |
| | <i>s. d.</i> | £ | £ | £ | £ | | |
| Ballaarat .. | 2 6 | 430,730 | 8,607,400 | 54,470 ^b | 80,260 | 10,070 | 15 |
| Bendigo .. | 2 6 | 311,099 | 6,221,980 | 108,981 | 60,263 | 7,146 | .. |
| Geelong .. | 2 9 | 316,358 | 6,327,160 | 116,363 | 61,480 | 4,305 | .. |
| Geelong West .. | 2 9 | 149,131 | 2,982,620 | 60,823 ^c | 24,216 | 3,854 | 5 |
| Mildura .. | 2 11 | 128,306 | 2,566,120 | 153,860 ^d | 39,113 | 1,896 | .. |
| Warrnambool .. | 2 4 | 128,272 | 2,565,440 | 57,854 | 22,320 | 2,343 | 4 |
| <i>Towns.</i> | | | | | | | |
| Ararat .. | 2 3 | 46,850 | 937,000 | 107,718 | 12,362 | 1,091 | 7 |
| Hamilton .. | 2 3 | 83,980 | 1,679,600 | 11,267 | 15,066 | 1,683 | .. |
| Horsham .. | 2 6 | 73,555 | 1,471,100 | 60,830 | 16,990 | 1,518 | .. |
| Newtown and Chilwell .. | 0 5 ^a | 140,547 | 2,683,520 | 30,135 | 19,131 | 2,360 | 2 |
| Sale .. | 2 6 | 58,114 | 993,060 | 16,568 | 13,873 | 1,145 | .. |
| <i>Boroughs.</i> | | | | | | | |
| Castlemaine .. | 3 0 | 51,651 | 1,033,020 | 12,357 | 11,255 | 1,455 | 6 |
| Clunes .. | 1 9 | 10,250 | 205,000 | 9,065 | 2,263 | 337 | 10 |
| Colac .. | 2 3 | 75,849 | 1,516,980 | 7,950 ^e | 14,619 | 1,346 | 1 |
| Daylesford .. | 3 0 | 26,965 | 539,300 | 6,387 | 7,878 | 865 | 1 |
| Eaglehawk .. | 2 6 | 21,411 | 428,220 | 67 | 6,799 | 1,112 | .. |
| Echuca .. | 2 3 | 49,846 | 996,920 | 16,240 | 8,793 | 1,116 | .. |
| Inglewood .. | 2 0 | 6,994 | 139,880 | 17,498 | 2,201 | 275 | .. |
| Koroit .. | 2 2 | 17,383 | 347,660 | 600 | 3,373 | 384 | 5 |
| Maryborough .. | 2 9 | 48,978 | 979,560 | 8,746 | 11,275 | 1,613 | .. |
| Port Fairy .. | 2 3 | 22,813 | 456,260 | 1,913 | 4,103 | 480 | 8 |
| Portland .. | 0 5 ^a | 49,667 | 843,520 | 14,457 | 10,703 | 864 | 35 |
| Queenscliffe .. | 2 9 | 23,157 | 463,140 | 10,300 | 6,042 | 691 | .. |
| Ringwood .. | 2 8 | 58,511 | 1,170,220 | 29,547 ^f | 12,628 | 1,034 | .. |
| Sebastopol .. | 2 9 | 11,270 | 225,400 | .. | 2,607 | 479 | 4 |
| Shepparton .. | 2 8 | 98,128 | 1,962,560 | 35,754 ^g | 18,249 | 1,737 | .. |
| St. Arnaud .. | 2 6 | 30,262 | 605,240 | 24,958 | 7,636 | 807 | 12 |
| Stawell .. | 2 9 | 37,339 | 746,780 | 72,154 | 9,332 | 1,286 | 8 |
| Swan Hill .. | 2 0 | 56,327 | 1,126,540 | 3,088 ^h | 9,286 | 1,059 | .. |
| Wangaratta .. | 2 6 | 73,589 | 1,471,780 | 40,798 | 21,086 | 1,311 | .. |
| Wonthaggi .. | 3 0 | 31,421 | 628,420 | 5,447 | 9,220 | 1,288 | 20 |
| <i>Shires.</i> | | | | | | | |
| Alberton .. | 2 5 | 107,772 | 2,155,440 | 10,824 | 16,344 | 1,487 | .. |
| Alexandra .. | 2 0 | 58,514 | 1,170,280 | 1,627 | 10,472 | 977 | 4 |
| Arapiles .. | 1 9 | 58,714 | 1,174,280 | 3,145 | 6,700 | 515 | 15 |
| Ararat .. | 1 6 | 198,757 | 3,975,140 | .. | 18,246 | 1,434 | 2 |
| Avoca .. | 2 0 | 43,829 | 876,580 | 545 | 6,974 | 845 | 30 |

^a Levied on unimproved value of land.

^b Excluding £548 due to Shire of Bungaree.

^c Excluding £8,335 due to Shire of Corio.

^d Excluding £2,972 due to Shire of Mildura.

^e Excluding £6,569 due to Shire of Colac.

^f Excluding £445 due to Shire of Lillydale.

^g Excluding £941 due to Shire of Shepparton.

^h Excluding £27,314 due to Shire of Swan Hill.

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|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | | Net Annual Value. | Estimated Capital Improved Value. | | | Occupied. | Un-occupied. |
| <i>Shires—continued.</i> | <i>s. d.</i> | <i>£</i> | <i>£</i> | <i>£</i> | <i>£</i> | | |
| Avon .. | 2 0 | 56,092 | 1,121,840 | 746 | 8,020 | 703 | 10 |
| Bacchus Marsh .. | 1 9 <i>b</i> | 62,841 | 1,256,820 | 1,310 | 11,429 | 895 | .. |
| Bairnsdale .. | 1 9 <i>b</i> | 160,184 | 3,203,680 | 29,311 | 25,723 | 2,158 | .. |
| Ballan .. | 1 9 | 64,860 | 1,297,200 | .. | 6,570 | 902 | .. |
| Ballaarat .. | 1 6 | 73,360 | 1,467,200 | 576 | 8,173 | 789 | 5 |
| Bannockburn .. | 1 8 | 52,584 | 1,051,680 | .. | 7,150 | 614 | 36 |
| Barrabool .. | 1 9 | 57,670 | 1,153,400 | 5,375 | 6,074 | 531 | .. |
| Bass .. | 2 6 | 63,093 | 1,261,860 | 8,479 ^c | 12,175 | 1,097 | .. |
| Beechworth .. | 2 0 <i>b</i> | 41,752 | 835,040 | 21,686 | 7,445 | 1,083 | 6 |
| Belfast .. | 1 9 | 72,835 | 1,456,700 | .. | 6,764 | 490 | 7 |
| Bellarine .. | 2 0 | 58,166 | 1,163,320 | 1,166 | 8,857 | 1,224 | .. |
| Benalla .. | 1 9 <i>b</i> | 197,710 | 3,954,200 | 29,842 | 26,122 | 2,075 | 28 |
| Berwick .. | 2 0 <i>b</i> | 146,613 | 2,932,260 | 10,588 | 23,724 | 3,163 | .. |
| Bet Bet .. | 2 0 <i>b</i> | 40,397 | 807,940 | 10,845 | 5,932 | 1,138 | .. |
| Birchip .. | 1 6 | 49,069 | 981,380 | 894 | 7,823 | 473 | 22 |
| Blackburn and Mitchem .. | 2 10 | 129,737 | 2,594,740 | 15,032 ^d | 22,100 | 2,251 | .. |
| Bright .. | 2 0 | 46,170 | 923,400 | 9,329 | 7,311 | 1,205 | 12 |
| Broadford .. | 2 0 | 26,007 | 520,140 | 3,811 | 4,861 | 445 | 2 |
| Broadmeadows .. | 1 9 <i>b</i> | 155,710 | 3,114,200 | 22,676 | 21,221 | 1,784 | .. |
| Bulla .. | 1 9 | 41,456 | 829,120 | 8,842 | 4,584 | 434 | 2 |
| Buln Buln .. | 2 6 | 92,319 | 1,846,380 | 1,326 | 19,731 | 1,796 | .. |
| Bungaree .. | 1 9 | 33,085 | 661,700 | 2,206 ^e | 3,642 | 571 | .. |
| Buninyong .. | 2 0 | 57,278 | 1,145,560 | 2,243 | 7,013 | 1,186 | 20 |
| Charlton .. | 1 8 <i>b</i> | 81,222 | 1,624,440 | 1,980 | 11,460 | 605 | 50 |
| Chiltern .. | 1 9 <i>b</i> | 34,612 | 692,240 | 5,169 | 4,831 | 536 | 12 |
| Cohuna .. | 1 9 | 56,397 | 1,126,140 | 4,935 | 8,726 | 816 | 15 |
| Colac .. | 1 7 <i>b</i> | 217,003 | 4,340,060 | 13,163 ^f | 24,359 | 1,910 | .. |
| Corio .. | 2 3 | 147,963 | 2,959,260 | 67,541 ^g | 22,914 | 1,011 | 6 |
| Cranbourne .. | 2 6 <i>b</i> | 112,835 | 2,256,700 | 16,269 | 18,834 | 1,745 | 100 |
| Creswick .. | 1 6 <i>b</i> | 69,007 | 1,380,140 | 3,334 | 9,088 | 1,204 | 12 |
| Dandenong .. | <i>ab</i> 4 ¹ / ₁₂ | 158,156 | 3,017,470 | 159,873 ^h | 43,410 | 3,293 | .. |
| Deakin .. | 1 6 | 92,574 | 1,851,480 | 1,839 | 9,844 | 1,049 | 40 |
| Dimboola .. | 1 9 | 171,709 | 3,434,180 | 11,916 ⁱ | 19,656 | 1,522 | 5 |
| Donald .. | 1 9 | 88,722 | 1,774,440 | 8,114 | 12,917 | 751 | 34 |
| Doncaster and Templestowe .. | 2 3 | 54,910 | 1,098,200 | 590 | 8,870 | 925 | .. |
| Dundas .. | 2 1 | 142,702 | 2,854,040 | .. | 15,907 | 899 | .. |
| Dunmunkle .. | 1 7 | 160,013 | 3,200,260 | 12,474 | 17,997 | 1,138 | 46 |
| East Loddon .. | 1 6 | 63,564 | 1,271,280 | 4 | 5,528 | 404 | 35 |
| Eltham .. | 2 6 | 64,587 | 1,291,740 | 12,745 | 11,135 | 1,826 | .. |
| Euroa .. | 2 0 <i>b</i> | 88,378 | 1,767,560 | 15,398 | 13,190 | 1,014 | .. |
| Fern Tree Gully .. | 3 0 | 164,941 | 3,298,820 | 80,723 | 35,836 | 4,876 | 240 |
| Flinders .. | 2 9 | 115,533 | 2,310,660 | 15,868 | 22,241 | 2,613 | 6 |

b Differential general rates levied.*c* Including £2,544 due by Shire of Phillip Island.*d* Excluding £4,246 due by City of Box Hill.*e* Including £548 due by City of Ballaarat.*f* Including £6,569 due by Borough of Colac.*g* Including £8,335 due by City of Geelong West.*h* Including £2,680 due by City of Chelsea.*i* Excluding £270 due to Shire of Karkaroc

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|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | | Net Annual Value. | Estimated Capital Improved Value. | | | Occupied. | Un-occupied. |
| <i>Shires—</i> | <i>s. d.</i> | <i>£</i> | <i>£</i> | <i>£</i> | <i>£</i> | | |
| <i>continued.</i> | | | | | | | |
| Frankston and Hastings .. | 2 9 | 156,454 | 3,129,080 | 49,971 | 38,234 | 2,922 | .. |
| Gisborne .. | 1 9 <i>b</i> | 42,061 | 841,220 | 6,263 | 5,692 | 685 | .. |
| Glencol .. | 2 0 | 156,574 | 3,131,480 | 25,201 | 20,917 | 1,351 | 37 |
| Glenlyon .. | 1 9 | 43,440 | 868,800 | 1,494 | 5,126 | 942 | 20 |
| Gordon .. | 1 9 | 105,155 | 2,103,100 | 4,758 | 12,397 | 800 | 40 |
| Goulburn .. | 1 6 <i>b</i> | 46,957 | 939,140 | 3,431 | 5,620 | 503 | 9 |
| Grenville .. | 1 9 | 54,600 | 1,092,000 | 1,632 | 7,241 | 753 | 30 |
| Hampden .. | 2 0 | 308,826 | 6,176,520 | 1,974 | 39,947 | 2,809 | 12 |
| Healesville .. | 3 0 | 45,434 | 908,680 | 14,152 | 10,238 | 871 | .. |
| Heytesbury .. | 2 0 | 131,545 | 2,626,900 | 5,302 | 15,857 | 1,304 | 13 |
| Huntly .. | 1 9 | 55,657 | 1,113,140 | 5,568 | 6,050 | 883 | 6 |
| Kaniva .. | 1 8 | 87,199 | 1,743,980 | 8,544 | 8,760 | 584 | 8 |
| Kara Kara .. | 1 6 | 107,088 | 2,141,760 | 2,744 | 8,285 | 627 | 37 |
| Karkaroc .. | 1 6 | 123,731 | 1,474,620 | 7,541 ^c | 15,214 | 1,370 | 85 |
| Keilor .. | 1 9 | 74,777 | 1,495,540 | 4,955 | 11,563 | 732 | 2 |
| Kerang .. | 2 0 | 176,559 | 3,531,580 | 48,474 | 24,180 | 2,136 | 12 |
| Kilmore .. | 2 0 <i>b</i> | 24,684 | 493,680 | 9,487 | 3,432 | 451 | .. |
| Korong .. | 1 9 | 94,049 | 1,880,980 | 19,623 | 10,920 | 1,141 | 28 |
| Korumburra .. | 2 0 <i>b</i> | 118,158 | 2,363,160 | 2,322 | 21,673 | 1,798 | 4 |
| Kowree .. | 2 0 | 112,183 | 2,243,760 | 57 | 14,696 | 927 | 3 |
| Kyneton .. | 1 9 <i>b</i> | 97,476 | 1,949,520 | 14,603 | 16,321 | 1,830 | 25 |
| Leigh .. | 1 6 | 58,977 | 1,179,540 | .. | 5,554 | 358 | 58 |
| Lexton .. | 1 9 | 44,589 | 891,780 | .. | 6,331 | 424 | 10 |
| Lillydale .. | 2 6 | 173,683 | 3,473,660 | 48,191 ^d | 30,628 | 3,599 | 10 |
| Lowan .. | 1 7 <i>b</i> | 133,048 | 2,660,960 | 5,202 | 15,538 | 987 | .. |
| Maffra .. | 1 11 | 131,556 | 2,631,120 | 6,698 | 18,430 | 1,475 | .. |
| Maldon .. | 1 9 <i>b</i> | 35,913 | 718,260 | .. | 4,421 | 722 | 8 |
| Mansfield .. | 2 4 <i>b</i> | 92,024 | 1,840,480 | 6,273 | 13,782 | 1,027 | .. |
| Marong .. | 1 6 | 99,249 | 1,984,980 | 3,291 | 10,107 | 1,374 | 40 |
| Melton .. | 1 6 | 43,796 | 875,920 | 4,275 | 4,056 | 431 | .. |
| Metcalfe .. | 1 6 <i>b</i> | 45,897 | 917,940 | .. | 6,526 | 719 | 20 |
| Mildura .. | 1 6 | 238,262 | 4,765,240 | 36,293 ^e | 35,646 | 4,369 | 50 |
| Minhamite .. | 1 9 <i>b</i> | 84,652 | 1,693,040 | 4,694 | 9,819 | 515 | .. |
| Mirboo .. | 3 0 | 31,094 | 621,880 | 6,624 | 7,202 | 397 | .. |
| Mornington .. | 2 6 | 76,500 | 1,530,000 | 12,618 | 12,337 | 1,066 | .. |
| Mortlake .. | 1 9 | 185,993 | 3,719,860 | .. | 18,592 | 818 | 22 |
| Morwell .. | 2 0 | 99,859 | 1,997,180 | 6,981 | 13,543 | 2,497 | .. |
| Mount Rouse .. | 1 6 <i>b</i> | 106,321 | 2,126,420 | .. | 11,676 | 637 | .. |
| Mulgrave .. | 2 6 | 74,680 | 1,493,780 | 32,200 | 21,508 | 969 | 4 |
| McIvor .. | 1 6 <i>b</i> | 64,742 | 1,294,840 | 6,803 | 6,825 | 760 | 12 |
| Narracan .. | 2 3 | 116,184 | 2,323,680 | 6,279 | 18,511 | 2,394 | 4 |
| Newham and Woodend .. | 2 0 | 32,232 | 644,640 | .. | 5,850 | 583 | 1 |
| Newstead and Mt. Alexander .. | 2 0 | 27,708 | 554,160 | 385 | 3,820 | 683 | 15 |
| Numurkah .. | 1 6 <i>b</i> | 104,103 | 2,082,060 | 12,689 | 15,778 | 1,464 | 74 |
| Omco .. | 2 3 | 52,396 | 1,047,920 | 1,170 | 8,050 | 676 | 30 |
| Orbost .. | 2 3 | 73,176 | 1,563,520 | 27,366 | 13,007 | 1,324 | 6 |
| Otway .. | 3 0 | 45,983 | 919,660 | .. | 10,076 | 1,014 | 10 |

b Differential general rates levied.*c* Including £270 due by Shire of Dimboola.*d* Including £445 due by Borough of Ringwood.*e* Including £2,972 due by City of Mildura.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1942-43—continued.

| Municipality. | Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value. | Value of Rateable Property. | | Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1943. | Municipal Fund Receipts. | Estimated Number of Dwellings. | |
|---|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | | Net Annual Value. | Estimated Capital Improved Value. | | | Occupied. | Un-occupied. |
| <i>Shires—continued.</i> | | | | | | | |
| | <i>s. d.</i> | £ | £ | £ | £ | | |
| Oxley .. | 2 0 | 76,318 | 1,526,360 | 5,371 | 11,779 | 1,103 | 9 |
| Phillip Island .. | 2 6 | 21,550 | 431,000 | 15,388 ^c | 4,048 | 275 | 2 |
| Portland .. | 2 0 | 115,944 | 2,318,880 | 983 | 16,077 | 1,535 | 40 |
| Pyalong .. | 2 0 | 27,563 | 551,260 | .. | 2,868 | 181 | .. |
| Ripon .. | 1 6 | 101,236 | 2,024,720 | 18,459 | 11,159 | 948 | 6 |
| Rochester .. | 1 6 | 155,823 | 3,116,460 | 3,577 | 16,998 | 1,448 | 85 |
| Rodney .. | 2 0 | 189,375 | 3,787,500 | 35,349 | 30,652 | 2,266 | 2 |
| Romsey .. | 2 0 | 64,168 | 1,283,360 | 5,809 | 7,771 | 821 | .. |
| Rosedale .. | 0 1½ ^a | 134,534 | 2,648,060 | 83 | 11,058 | 1,066 | 52 |
| Rutherforden .. | 1 9 ^b | 59,057 | 1,181,140 | 6,078 | 8,688 | 858 | 25 |
| Seymour .. | 1 6 ^b | 74,798 | 1,495,960 | 23,397 | 12,385 | 1,097 | 1 |
| Shepparton .. | 2 0 ^b | 124,902 | 2,498,049 | 15,315 ^d | 18,911 | 1,287 | 28 |
| South Barwon .. | 2 3 ^b | 72,910 | 1,458,200 | 35,403 | 12,597 | 1,643 | .. |
| South Gippsland .. | 2 9 | 67,708 | 1,354,160 | 7,784 | 13,142 | 1,168 | 3 |
| Stawell .. | 2 0 | 78,622 | 1,572,440 | 1,769 | 8,902 | 868 | 20 |
| Strathfieldsaye .. | 1 9 | 37,223 | 744,460 | .. | 4,809 | 935 | 12 |
| Swan Hill .. | 1 6 | 163,092 | 3,261,840 | 72,052 ^e | 23,647 | 2,778 | 30 |
| Talbot .. | 2 0 | 28,360 | 567,200 | 1,786 | 3,696 | 370 | 4 |
| Tambo .. | 2 0 | 57,632 | 1,152,640 | 1,700 | 7,883 | 1,069 | .. |
| Towong .. | 1 9 | 97,281 | 1,945,620 | .. | 11,130 | 1,171 | 6 |
| Traralgon .. | 2 0 | 76,327 | 1,526,540 | 19,315 | 12,227 | 1,102 | .. |
| Tullaroop .. | 1 9 | 41,848 | 836,960 | 277 | 4,948 | 574 | .. |
| Tungamah .. | 1 6 | 130,185 | 2,603,700 | 12,770 | 13,349 | 1,180 | 4 |
| Upper Murray .. | 2 0 | 58,650 | 1,173,000 | 6,484 | 9,462 | 593 | 2 |
| Upper Yarra .. | 3 0 | 44,116 | 882,320 | 1,967 | 10,274 | 1,301 | 10 |
| Violet Town .. | 2 0 | 50,733 | 1,014,660 | 1,759 | 5,623 | 397 | 20 |
| Walpeup .. | 1 6 ^b | 95,794 | 1,915,880 | 29,896 | 11,171 | 1,567 | 79 |
| Wangaratta .. | 1 9 ^b | 56,127 | 1,122,540 | 1,443 | 5,690 | 590 | .. |
| Wannon .. | 1 6 | 133,010 | 2,660,200 | 628 | 11,912 | 852 | 30 |
| Waranga .. | 1 6 ^b | 100,852 | 2,017,040 | 4,118 | 14,120 | 1,352 | 10 |
| Warracknabeal .. | 1 9 ^b | 155,802 | 3,116,040 | 26,161 | 24,303 | 1,367 | 20 |
| Warragul .. | 2 6 | 119,624 | 2,392,480 | 20,804 | 20,261 | 1,449 | .. |
| Warrnambool .. | 1 7 ^b | 269,056 | 5,381,120 | .. | 27,767 | 1,887 | .. |
| Werribee .. | 2 0 ^b | 128,546 | 2,570,920 | 63,848 | 25,665 | 1,971 | .. |
| Whittlesea .. | 2 0 ^b | 75,093 | 1,501,860 | 2,134 | 12,524 | 902 | .. |
| Wimmera .. | 1 6 ^b | 140,540 | 2,810,800 | 1,731 | 15,290 | 955 | 7 |
| Winchelsea .. | 2 0 ^b | 106,108 | 2,122,160 | 4,838 | 16,754 | 994 | 4 |
| Wodonga .. | 1 9 | 47,598 | 951,960 | 18,227 | 9,668 | 956 | .. |
| Woorayl .. | 2 9 | 114,734 | 2,294,680 | 13,706 | 20,291 | 1,565 | .. |
| Wycheproof .. | 1 6 | 146,928 | 2,938,560 | 48,905 ^f | 16,842 | 1,379 | 40 |
| Yackandandah .. | 1 9 | 57,536 | 1,150,720 | .. | 7,147 | 708 | 9 |
| Yarrowonga .. | 2 1 | 69,251 | 1,385,020 | 39,293 | 14,393 | 848 | .. |
| Yea .. | 0 2½ ^a | 62,725 | 1,229,700 | 7,554 | 7,080 | 716 | 12 |
| Total Municipalities outside Greater Melbourne .. | .. | 15,469,382 | 307,721,310 | 2,773,738 | 2,367,282 | 222,145 | 2,282 |
| Total—Victoria .. | .. | 37,617,394 | 718,426,450 | 11,734,202 | 5,828,657 | 511,100 | 2,593 |

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Excluding £2,544 due to Shire of Bass.

d Including £941 due by Borough of Shepparton.

e Including £1,199 due by Shire of Wycheproof, and £27,314 due by Borough of Swan Hill.

f Excluding £1,199 due to Shire of Swan Hill.

Rating on unimproved values.

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

Since the year 1926-27, the number of municipalities which levied the general rate on the unimproved value has remained unchanged at 14. The following table gives for those municipalities particulars of the capital value of land (improved and unimproved), the net annual value, the rating, &c., for the year 1942-43.

VICTORIA—RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES, 1942-43.

| Municipality. | Estimated Capital Improved Value. | Unimproved Capital Value. | Net Annual Value (excluding Special Rateable Properties). | Amount of Rate in the £ on Unimproved Capital Value. | Equivalent Rate on Net Annual Value. | Amount Collectable in 1942-43 on Unimproved Capital Value. | Unimproved Capital Value to Capital Improved Value. |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | d. | s. d. | £ | % |
| IN GREATER MELBOURNE. | | | | | | | |
| <i>Cities.</i> | | | | | | | |
| Brunswick .. | 11,038,370 | 3,033,382 | 713,694 | 7 | 2 6 | 88,473 | 27.48 |
| Camberwell .. | 23,883,190 | 6,508,782 | 1,353,702 | 4½ | 1 11 | 128,820 | 27.25 |
| Caulfield .. | 21,641,450 | 6,269,386 | 1,195,962 | 4½ | 1 11 | 117,550 | 28.97 |
| Chelsea .. | 1,739,510 | 597,235 | 106,245 | 6¼ | 2 11 | 15,553 | 34.33 |
| Coburg .. | 8,561,590 | 2,730,565 | 501,833 | 6 | 2 9 | 68,264 | 31.89 |
| Essendon .. | 11,451,500 | 3,366,887 | 701,757 | 6 | 2 5 | 84,172 | 29.40 |
| Mordialloc .. | 2,935,920 | 1,130,200 | 159,112 | 4½ | 2 10 | 22,369 | 38.50 |
| Oakleigh .. | 3,061,330 | 968,492 | 181,225 | 6¼ | 2 9 | 25,221 | 31.64 |
| Sandringham .. | 5,719,370 | 1,929,711 | 328,393 | 5 | 2 5 | 40,201 | 33.74 |
| OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE. | | | | | | | |
| <i>Newton and Chilwell Town</i> | | | | | | | |
| Newton and Chilwell Town | 2,683,520 | 730,631 | 140,127 | 5 | 2 2 | 15,223 | 27.23 |
| <i>Portland Borough</i> | | | | | | | |
| Portland Borough | 836,240 | 267,568 | 49,302 | 5 | 2 3 | 5,574 | 32.00 |
| <i>Shires.</i> | | | | | | | |
| Dandenong .. | 3,017,470 | 1,260,958 | 158,156 | 4 ¹ / ₁₂ * | 2 9 | 21,454 | 41.79 |
| Rosedale .. | 2,648,060 | 1,306,170 | 134,420 | 1½ | 1 3 | 8,164 | 49.33 |
| Yea .. | 1,229,700 | 573,630 | 62,725 | 2¼ | 1 9 | 5,378 | 46.65 |

* Differential general rates levied.

**Municipal
revenue and
expenditure.**

The following table summarizes for 1942-43 the revenue and expenditure of municipalities in Victoria under the headings of Municipal Fund (including Town Fund in the Cities of Melbourne and Geelong) and Business Undertakings. The accounts of the Municipal Fund are presented on a cash basis and those of Business Undertakings generally on a revenue basis. Particulars relating to Loan Accounts, Private Streets Accounts, and Special Improvement Charge Accounts are excluded from this statement.

VICTORIA—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF
MUNICIPALITIES, 1942-43.

| Heading. | Revenue. | | | | Expenditure. | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|---|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|---|------------------|
| | Metropolitan Municipalities. | | Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area. | Total. | Metropolitan Municipalities. | | Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area. | Total. |
| | City of Melbourne. | Other. | | | City of Melbourne. | Other. | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Municipal Fund.. | 802,217 | 2,659,158 | 2,367,282 | 5,828,657 | 821,666 | 2,291,844 | 2,064,923 | 5,178,433 |
| Business Undertakings— | | | | | | | | |
| Electric Light Undertakings | 907,507 | 928,515 | 250,624 | 2,086,646 | 841,938 | 911,103 | 241,146 | 1,994,187 |
| Gasworks .. | .. | 80,279 | 38,197 | 118,476 | .. | 85,620 | 37,764 | 123,384 |
| Waterworks .. | .. | 1,492 | 52,354 | 53,846 | .. | 1,827 | 46,923 | 48,750 |
| Abattoirs .. | 100,197 | .. | 27,073 | 127,270 | 114,075 | .. | 24,626 | 138,701 |
| Quarries .. | .. | 6,728 | 1,193 | 7,921 | .. | 9,104 | 1,406 | 10,510 |
| Hydraulic Power | 18,207 | .. | .. | 18,207 | 17,128 | .. | .. | 17,128 |
| Railway .. | .. | .. | 8,154 | 8,154 | .. | .. | 6,927 | 6,927 |
| Total .. | 1,828,128 | 3,676,172 | 2,744,877 | 8,249,177 | 1,794,807 | 3,299,498 | 2,423,715 | 7,518,020 |

**Municipal
Fund.**

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

Details of the principal items of receipts during 1942-43 are given below :—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND RECEIPTS, 1942-43.

| Items of Receipts. | Metropolitan Municipalities. | | Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area. | Total. |
|--|------------------------------|-----------|---|-----------|
| | City of Melbourne. | Other. | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Rates— | | | | |
| General and Extra | 511,009 | 1,912,952 | 1,678,682 | 4,102,643 |
| Other | .. | 492 | 2,253 | 2,745 |
| Interest on overdue rates | 1,030 | 9,104 | 17,461 | 27,595 |
| Licences and Registration Fees— | | | | |
| Dog | 453 | 17,501 | 24,334 | 42,288 |
| Health, Dairy, Slaughtering, and Noxious Trades | 1,168 | 1,888 | 4,977 | 8,033 |
| Hackney Carriages | .. | .. | 536 | 536 |
| Petrol Pump | 170 | 1,360 | 1,420 | 2,950 |
| Dancing Saloon | 50 | 23 | 18 | 91 |
| Other | .. | .. | 720 | 720 |
| Total Taxation | 513,880 | 1,943,320 | 1,730,401 | 4,187,601 |
| Public Works and Services— | | | | |
| Health— | | | | |
| Sanitary and Garbage | 14,997 | 24,688 | 131,899 | 171,584 |
| Infectious Diseases Patients' contributions | .. | .. | 2,911 | 2,911 |
| Other | 1,626 | 6,662 | 8,176 | 16,464 |
| Council Properties— | | | | |
| Markets | 122,834 | 13,980 | 30,718 | 167,532 |
| Halls | 11,825 | 16,891 | 27,484 | 56,200 |
| Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facili- ties | 20,564 | 32,939 | 12,280 | 65,783 |
| Weighbridges | 3,180 | 93 | 8,766 | 12,039 |
| Sale of Materials | .. | 9,490 | 14,741 | 24,231 |
| Plant Hire | .. | 1,312 | 68,051 | 69,363 |
| Grazing Fees | .. | 21 | 7,319 | 7,340 |
| Pounds | 57 | 621 | 5,544 | 6,222 |
| Other | 17,954 | 48,934 | 47,215 | 114,103 |
| Contributions for Road and Pavement Works | 11,564 | 60,169 | 31,469 | 103,202 |
| Other Services— | | | | |
| Car Parking | 5,095 | 78 | .. | 5,173 |
| Sheep Dipping | .. | .. | 2,343 | 2,343 |
| Building Fees | 507 | 1,575 | 754 | 2,836 |
| Munition Annexes | .. | 31,450 | .. | 31,450 |
| Other | .. | 2,495 | 1,949 | 4,444 |
| Total Public Works and Services | 210,203 | 251,398 | 401,619 | 863,220 |

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND RECEIPTS, 1942-43—*continued.*

| Items of Receipts. | Metropolitan Municipalities. | | Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area. | Total. |
|--|------------------------------|-----------|---|-----------|
| | City of Melbourne. | Other. | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Miscellaneous— | | | | |
| Police Court Fines .. | 4,785 | 5,171 | 2,698 | 12,654 |
| Interest on Investments .. | .. | 4,004 | 2,686 | 6,690 |
| Supervision of Private streets .. | .. | 4,383 | 5 | 4,388 |
| Other | 4,956 | 15,970 | 28,964 | 49,890 |
| Total Miscellaneous .. | 9,741 | 29,528 | 34,353 | 73,622 |
| Transfers from Business Undertakings (excluding Loan Recoups and Administration Refunds) | 50,000 | 132,991 | 2,150 | 185,141 |
| Government Grants— | | | | |
| Roads | 6,548 | 59,165 | 18,704 | 84,417 |
| Parks, Gardens, &c. .. | .. | 100 | 1,041 | 1,141 |
| Underground Drainage .. | .. | .. | 41 | 41 |
| River Works | .. | .. | 1,781 | 1,781 |
| Infectious Diseases Treatment .. | .. | .. | 7,964 | 7,964 |
| Infant Welfare Centres .. | 879 | 6,937 | 6,237 | 14,053 |
| Licences Equivalent .. | 8,716 | 13,265 | 37,062 | 59,043 |
| Vermine Destruction .. | .. | .. | 985 | 985 |
| National Emergency .. | .. | 60,219 | 4,488 | 64,707 |
| War Damage Insurance Commission | .. | 18,075 | 10,660 | 28,735 |
| Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board .. | 2,250 | 46,683 | 214 | 49,147 |
| Sustenance, Materials and Administration, and Farm Labourers' Scheme | .. | 3,396 | 5,401 | 8,797 |
| Other | .. | 5,890 | 5,697 | 11,587 |
| Total Government Grants | 18,393 | 213,730 | 100,275 | 332,398 |
| Trust Receipts— | | | | |
| Refunds of Advances .. | .. | 18,623 | 24,101 | 42,724 |
| Contractors' Deposits .. | .. | 3,793 | 4,394 | 8,097 |
| Other | .. | 65,865 | 69,989 | 135,854 |
| Total Trust Receipts .. | .. | 88,191 | 98,484 | 186,675 |
| Grand Total | 802,217 | 2,659,158 | 2,367,282 | 5,828,657 |

Of the total Municipal Fund receipts (excluding sustenance, &c., and trust items) during 1942-43, 74·3 per cent. was derived from taxation (73·3 per cent. from rates and 1·0 per cent. from licences and registration fees); 15·3 per cent. from public works and services; 3·3 per cent. from transfers from business undertakings; 5·8 per

cent. from Government grants; and 1.3 per cent. from other sources. The total amount collected from taxation (£4,187,601) was equivalent to £2 2s. 5d. per head of population or to £6 7s. 7d. per distinct ratepayer.

Details of the principal items of expenditure from the Municipal Fund during 1942-43 are set out hereunder:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND EXPENDITURE, 1942-43.

| Items of Expenditure. | Metropolitan Municipalities. | | Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area. | Total. |
|--|------------------------------|----------------|---|----------------|
| | City of Melbourne. | Other. | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| General Administration (including Pay Roll Tax)* | 91,411 | 259,592 | 351,725 | 702,638 |
| Debt Services— | | | | |
| Redemption of Loans | .. | 265,414 | 133,132 | 398,546 |
| Sinking Fund Instalments .. | 47,223 | 1,924 | 2,221 | 51,368 |
| Interest on Loans | 128,928 | 197,814 | 93,256 | 419,998 |
| Interest on Overdrafts | 4,908 | 9,722 | 16,561 | 31,191 |
| Payments to Municipalities on account of severance adjustments | .. | 2,119 | 6,624 | 8,743 |
| Other | 234 | 97 | 262 | 593 |
| Total Debt Services | 181,293 | 477,090 | 252,056 | 910,439 |
| Public Works and Services— | | | | |
| Health— | | | | |
| Administration | 9,000 | 19,059 | 32,057 | 60,116 |
| Sanitary and Garbage | 43,631 | 171,224 | 131,147 | 346,002 |
| Statutory Contributions— | | | | |
| Queen's Memorial Infectious Diseases Hospital | 11,976 | 41,063 | 4,067 | 57,106 |
| Heatherton Sanatorium | 1,446 | 4,819 | 194 | 6,459 |
| Infant Welfare Centres | 4,418 | 25,100 | 16,832 | 46,350 |
| Infectious Diseases— | | | | |
| Maintenance and Treatment | .. | .. | 18,459 | 18,459 |
| Furniture and Equipment | .. | .. | 636 | 636 |
| Building | .. | .. | 94 | 94 |
| Other | 4,554 | 10,624 | 8,312 | 23,490 |
| Council Properties— | | | | |
| Markets | 54,240 | 7,279 | 18,107 | 79,626 |
| Halls | 31,053 | 35,208 | 22,835 | 89,096 |
| Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities | 98,106 | 176,480 | 64,126 | 338,712 |
| Weighbridges | 1,648 | 341 | 5,407 | 7,396 |
| Grazing Expenses | .. | .. | 4,578 | 4,578 |
| Pounds | 112 | 992 | 6,178 | 7,282 |
| Other | 7,297 | 60,100 | 34,350 | 101,747 |

* For details see page 186.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND EXPENDITURE, 1942-43—continued.

| Items of Expenditure. | Metropolitan Municipalities. | | Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area. | Total. |
|---|------------------------------|-----------|---|-----------|
| | City of Melbourne. | Other. | | |
| Public Works and Services— <i>continued.</i> | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Plant, Furniture and Equipment | 48,201 | 30,126 | 62,361 | 140,688 |
| Roads, Streets, Footpaths, and Bridges— | | | | |
| Construction, Maintenance, Cleaning, and Watering | 151,335 | 564,360 | 692,263 | 1,407,958 |
| Lighting | 1,578 | 85,502 | 52,278 | 139,358 |
| Other Works and Services— | | | | |
| Car Parking | 15,345 | 35 | 88 | 15,468 |
| Sheep Dipping | .. | .. | 1,723 | 1,723 |
| River Works | .. | .. | 955 | 955 |
| Vermin Destruction | .. | 220 | 1,799 | 2,019 |
| Underground Drainage | .. | 739 | .. | 739 |
| Munition Annexes | .. | 23,336 | .. | 23,336 |
| National Emergency | .. | 50,855 | 5,952 | 56,807 |
| Other | .. | 1,615 | 9,804 | 11,419 |
| Total Public Works and Services | 483,940 | 1,309,077 | 1,194,602 | 2,987,619 |
| Grants and Contributions— | | | | |
| Country Roads Board | .. | 5,787 | 95,086 | 100,873 |
| Fire Brigades | 16,051 | 53,300 | 14,568 | 83,919 |
| Hospitals, Ambulances, and other Charities | 19,120 | 19,540 | 24,341 | 63,001 |
| Other | 28,411 | 61,068 | 14,722 | 104,201 |
| Total Grants and Contributions | 63,582 | 139,695 | 148,717 | 351,994 |
| Miscellaneous— | | | | |
| Sustenance, Sustenance Administration, and Farm Labourers' Scheme | 518 | 3,003 | 5,275 | 8,796 |
| Other | 922 | 11,813 | 10,169 | 22,904 |
| Total Miscellaneous | 1,440 | 14,816 | 15,444 | 31,700 |
| Trust Expenditure— | | | | |
| Advances | .. | 18,450 | 24,725 | 43,175 |
| Contractors' deposits refunded | .. | 6,907 | 6,092 | 12,999 |
| Other | .. | 66,307 | 71,562 | 137,869 |
| Total Trust Expenditure | .. | 91,664 | 102,379 | 194,043 |
| Grand Total | 821,666 | 2,291,844 | 2,064,923 | 5,178,433 |

Of the total Municipal Fund expenditure (excluding sustenance, &c., and trust items) in 1942-43, 14·1 per cent. was for administration ; 18·3 per cent. for debt services ; 11·2 per cent. for health services ; 6·8 per cent. for parks, gardens, &c. ; 31·1 per cent. for roads, streets, &c. ; 10·9 per cent. for other public works and services ; 7·1 per cent. for grants and contributions ; and 0·5 per cent. for miscellaneous items.

Particulars of the principal items of expenditure during 1942-43 in respect of general municipal administration are given in the appended statement. In considering the cost of administration, it must be borne in mind that the municipalities are not recouped for any administrative costs incurred in the supervision of work on main roads, &c., for the Country Roads Board.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, COST OF, 1942-43.

| Heading. | Metropolitan Municipalities. | | Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area. | Total. |
|---|------------------------------|---------|---|---------|
| | City of Melbourne. | Other. | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Salaries* | 65,321 | 143,870 | 211,406 | 420,597 |
| Mayoral and Presidential Allowances | 2,500 | 10,395 | 14,231 | 27,126 |
| Audit Expenses | 850 | 2,886 | 5,896 | 9,632 |
| Dog Registration Expenses | 845 | 2,572 | 10,253 | 13,670 |
| Election Expenses | 208 | 3,644 | 2,421 | 6,273 |
| Insurances | 9,446 | 13,843 | 16,400 | 39,689 |
| Legal Expenses | 624 | 3,164 | 3,685 | 7,473 |
| Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Postage, Telephone | 4,343 | 31,972 | 47,400 | 83,715 |
| Pay Roll Tax | 1,280 | 21,658 | 19,812 | 42,750 |
| Other | 5,994 | 25,498 | 20,221 | 51,713 |
| Total | 91,411 | 259,502 | 351,725 | 702,638 |

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

**Municipal
electric light
undertakings
and gasworks.**

In Victoria, in 1942-43, electric light undertakings were operated by 42 municipalities, and there were also eight municipally-owned gasworks. The revenue and expenditure of such undertakings in 1942-43 amounted to £2,205,122 and £2,117,571 respectively.

**Municipal
waterworks.**

The council of any municipality may be constituted a "local governing body" under the provisions of the *Water Act 1928* with such water supply district as is defined by the Governor in Council. At 30th September, 1943, thirteen municipalities had been so constituted. In seven other municipalities the water supply services were being administered in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1928*. An analysis of the authorities controlling water supply in Victoria is given on page 160 of the *Year-Book* for 1939-40.

During 1942-43 the receipts and expenditure of the abovementioned municipal waterworks amounted to £53,846 and £48,750 respectively

**Other
municipal
business
undertakings.**

Quarries, abattoirs, hydraulic power (in the City of Melbourne), and the Kerang-Koondrook railway are other undertakings which are under the control of municipalities in Victoria. In 1942-43, the total revenue on account of these undertakings was £161,552 and the total expenditure amounted to £173,266. In those cases in which the finances of quarries and abattoirs were operated through the Municipal Fund, particulars of the amounts have been included in the statement of that Fund, under the heading of "Other Council Properties".

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

**Assets and
liabilities of
municipalities.**

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

Arrears of
general and
extra rates.

The following table shows the total amount of arrears of general and extra rates and also the amount of arrears, per distinct ratepayer in the cities, towns, and boroughs and in the shires at the end of each of the five years, 1938-39 to 1942-43.

VICTORIA—ARREARS OF GENERAL AND EXTRA RATES,
1938-39 TO 1942-43.

| Year. | Arrears of General and Extra Rates— | | | Arrears per Distinct Ratepayer— | | |
|------------|-------------------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| | Cities, Towns, and Boroughs. | Shires. | All Municipalities. | Cities, Towns, and Boroughs. | Shires. | All Municipalities. |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| 1938-39 .. | 213,133 | 360,055 | 573,188 | 0 11 1 | 1 8 2 | 0 17 11 |
| 1939-40 .. | 202,339 | 339,087 | 541,426 | 0 10 3 | 1 7 0 | 0 16 10 |
| 1940-41 .. | 174,830 | 337,184 | 512,014 | 0 8 10 | 1 6 7 | 0 15 9 |
| 1941-42 .. | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 1942-43 .. | 133,657 | 252,218 | 385,875 | 0 6 8 | 0 19 10 | 0 11 9 |

* Not available.

For the year 1934-35 and each subsequent year, the particulars tabulated were in respect of the arrears of general and extra rates combined. As compared with the year 1934-35, the arrears of general and extra rates per distinct ratepayer decreased in 1942-43 by 60·0 per cent. in cities, towns, and boroughs; by 63·8 per cent. in shires; and by 61·5 per cent. in all municipalities.

Endowments
to municipa-
lities.

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

The endowments were last made in respect of the year 1929-30, provision for the discontinuance of such payments in subsequent years having been incorporated in special legislation passed by Parliament. The *Financial Emergency (Grants and Funds) Act* 1942 provided for the non-payment of endowments during 1942-43.

Number of councillors. In the municipalities throughout the State, there were, at 30th September, 1943, 2,121 councillors viz., 360 in cities in Greater Melbourne; 294 in cities, towns, and boroughs outside Greater Melbourne; and 1,467 in shires.

Municipal loans. With the credit of the municipality as security, moneys may be borrowed by a municipal council for permanent works or undertakings or to liquidate the principal moneys owing on account of any previous loan. Permanent works include *inter alia* the construction or alteration of streets, roads and bridges, and the construction or purchase of waterworks, electric light undertakings, gasworks, municipal offices, pounds, abattoirs, workers' dwellings, baths, and pleasure grounds.

The amount of money borrowed at any time for permanent works or undertakings shall not, except so far as it is otherwise expressly enacted, exceed ten times the average income of the municipality for the previous three years from general rates not exceeding 2s. in the £1. In addition, however, loans, not upon the credit of the municipality but on the security of certain specified income thereof, may be raised for permanent works or undertakings by the issue of debentures or by mortgage. Such loans shall have a currency of not more than 30 years and shall not exceed five times the average amount of such income for the three years preceding the raising of the loan.

Municipal loan receipts. The following statement shows the loan receipts (exclusive of conversion loans) during each of the five years, 1938-39 to 1942-43. Particulars of loans raised for work in private streets, are also excluded.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN RECEIPTS, 1938-39 TO 1942-43.

(Excluding Conversion Loans.)

| Year. | Gross Proceeds of Loans— | | Other Receipts. | Total. |
|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| | From Government. | From Other Sources. | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1938-39 | 9,756 | 925,867 | 195,748 | 1,131,371 |
| 1939-40 | 3,403 | 363,990 | 137,567 | 504,960 |
| 1940-41 | 7,368 | 230,369 | 598,130 | 835,867 |
| 1941-42 | * | * | * | * |
| 1942-43 | 644 | 11,150 | 221,256† | 233,050 |

* Not available.

† Including, in the City of Melbourne, £215,312 transferred from General, Electric Supply, and Hydraulic Power Accounts.

**Municipal
loan
expenditure.**
1942-43.

In the following statement details are given of the loan expenditure exclusive of expenditure on private streets by municipalities for each of the five years, 1938-39 to 1942-43.

**VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN EXPENDITURE,
1938-39 TO 1942-43.**

| Heading. | 1938-39. | 1939-40. | 1940-41. | 1942-43. |
|---|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Roads, Streets, and Bridges | 319,626 | 258,144 | 125,745 | 10,938 |
| Waterworks | 12,918 | 3,405 | 1,568 | 644 |
| Drainage | 34,185 | 50,857 | 22,497 | 452 |
| Electric Light Undertakings | 405,651 | 236,621 | 218,759 | 121,240 |
| Gasworks | 5,958 | 5,624 | 16,401 | 1,659 |
| Halls | 114,097 | 37,059 | 26,209 | .. |
| Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities | 113,747 | 59,703 | 26,105 | 1,682 |
| Plant | 13,211 | 19,235 | 3,122 | 589 |
| Abattoirs | 27,847 | 9,531 | 10,842 | 8,918 |
| Markets | 29,764 | 24,613 | 14,657 | 8,800 |
| Infant Welfare Centres | 7,961 | 13,978 | 6,740 | 82 |
| Other Council Properties | 21,598 | 25,166 | 8,227 | 1,383 |
| Foreshore Improvements | 1,836 | .. | .. | .. |
| Creek Improvements | 1,578 | 4,383 | 4,747 | 666 |
| Other Purposes | 5,383 | 9,470 | 7,980 | 4,960 |
| Transfer to Depreciation Fund | .. | .. | .. | 29,332 |
| Total | 1,115,360 | 757,789 | 493,599 | 191,845 |

NOTE.—Particulars for 1941-42 are not available.

At 30th September, 1943, there was a credit balance in loan accounts amounting to £225,476.

**Municipal
loan
liability.** The loan liability of the municipalities in Victoria at the end of each of the five years, 1938-39 to 1942-43 is given hereunder.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN LIABILITY, 1938-39 TO 1942-43.

| At 30th September— | Due to— | | Gross Loan Liability. | Accumulated Sinking Funds. | Net Loan Liability. | |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Government.* | Public. | | | Amount. | Per Head of Population. |
| | £ | £ | | | £ | £ s. d. |
| 1939 | 613,217 | 12,487,661 | 13,100,878 | 937,706 | 12,163,082 | 6 9 1 |
| 1940 | 594,460 | 12,315,785 | 12,910,245 | 1,006,653 | 11,903,592 | 6 4 7 |
| 1941 | 567,214 | 12,051,417 | 12,618,631 | 1,055,475 | 11,563,156 | 5 18 11 |
| 1942 | † | † | † | † | † | † |
| 1943 | 489,743† | 11,244,459 | 11,734,202 | 1,266,721 | 10,467,481 | 5 5 5 |

* Excluding liability to Country Roads Board.

† Not available.

‡ Including £28,328 due under the provisions of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918*, No. 2995.

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

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

Construction of private streets. The council of any municipality may form, level, &c., any street, road, &c., which is formed or set out on private property or on land of the Crown or of any public body, and which is not formed, &c., to the satisfaction of the council. The cost of doing so is recoverable from the owners of adjoining properties. At the request of any owner, the amount apportioned as his total liability may be made payable by forty or, if the council so directs, sixty quarterly instalments bearing interest on the portion that from time to time remains unpaid.

For the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of work in respect of which any person is liable to pay by instalments, the council may, on the credit of the municipality, obtain advances from a bank by overdraft on current account or borrow money by the issue of debentures, but such borrowings shall not exceed the total amount of instalments payable. This borrowing power is additional to those powers mentioned on page 189.

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

Length of roads and streets. The following table shows the estimated length of all roads and streets in the State in the year 1943. The mileage of roads, &c. (excluding State Highways) has been compiled from information furnished by all municipal authorities, but some doubts exist as to the accuracy of the particulars on a number of returns. The mileage of State Highways has been obtained from the Country Roads Board.

VICTORIA—LENGTH OF ALL ROADS AND STREETS, 1943.

| Type of Road or Street. | Roads and Streets (excluding State Highways). | State Highways. | Total. |
|--|---|--------------------|----------------|
| | Miles. | Miles. | Miles. |
| Wood or stone | 67 | .. | 67 |
| Portland cement concrete | 130 | 1 | 131 |
| Asphaltic concrete and sheet asphalt .. | 243 | 12 | 255 |
| Tar or bitumen surface seal over tar or bitumen penetrated or waterbound pavements | 6,929 | 1,772 | 8,701 |
| Waterbound macadam, gravel, sand, and hard loam pavements | 24,945 | 1,015 | 25,960 |
| Formed, but not otherwise paved .. | 25,385 | .. | 25,385 |
| Surveyed roads not formed which are used for general traffic | 45,065 | .. | 45,065 |
| Total | 102,764 | 2,800 | 105,564 |

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

The receipts of the Fund during the year 1942-43 amounted to £6,696 and were made up of contributions by municipalities, £6,171; and interest on credit balance of the Fund, £525. The amount expended from the Fund was £23,130, all of which was used for the redemption of municipal loans.

The total receipts of the Fund to the 30th June, 1943, amounted to £2,100,014. The payments out of the Fund were—redemption of municipal loans, £1,411,377; payment to the Treasury in reduction of municipal liabilities, £604,180; interest, £84,447; and sundries, £10. There was no balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1943.

Licensing Fund. During the year 1942-43 a sum of £59,044 was paid out of this Fund to municipalities, as provided by Section 311 of the *Licensing Act* 1928. The payments to cities amounted to £29,917; to towns, £1,611; to boroughs, £6,042; and to shires, £21,474. A statement of the receipts and expenditure of this Fund appears in part "Law, Crime, &c.", of this issue, page 150.

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

The premium revenue for the year ended 30th September 1944, was £1,262, for guarantees amounting to £374,456. The claims paid from January, 1908, the date of the inception of the fund, to 30th September, 1944, amounted to £6,664. The amount to the credit of the fund at 30th September, 1944, was £32,610.

COUNTRY ROADS BOARD.

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

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

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

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

The *Country Roads Board Fund Act 1943* provides that, for the year 1943-44, all fees (other than fees for licences to drive motor cars) and fines paid under the Motor Car Acts, less the cost of collection of such fees and fines, shall be placed to the credit of the Country Roads Board Fund, and that the annual payment into the Fund of the amount of £50,000 from Consolidated Revenue shall be suspended.

The receipts and expenditure of the Fund for each of the five years, 1939-40 to 1943-44, were as follows:—

**VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD FUND—
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.**

| — | 1939-40. | 1940-41. | 1941-42. | 1942-43. | 1943-44. |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <i>Receipts.</i> | | | | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Payments by Municipalities .. | 335,169 | 312,042 | 297,878 | 244,756 | 225,653 |
| Fees Motor Car Act .. | 1,747,024 | 1,682,980 | 1,443,597 | 1,248,426 | 1,344,524 |
| Fees and Registration of Traction Engines .. | 1,415 | 1,654 | 853 | 345 | 328 |
| Fees Motor Omnibus Act .. | 21 | 13 | 6 | 14 | 50 |
| Stores and Materials .. | 215,013 | 199,931 | 231,312 | 286,366 | 270,121 |
| Hire of Plant .. | 54,705 | 59,979 | 57,033 | 58,627 | 104,333 |
| Other Receipts (advance from Public Account for unemployment relief and other works, &c.) .. | 88,521 | 72,506 | 93,131 | 272,039 | 223,909 |
| TOTAL .. | 2,441,868 | 2,329,105 | 2,123,810 | 2,110,573 | 2,168,918 |
| <i>Expenditure.</i> | | | | | |
| Maintenance and reconditioning of main roads, State highways, and tourists' roads .. | 1,162,611 | 1,009,842 | 627,762 | 519,033 | 645,640 |
| Relief to Municipalities .. | 234,790 | 229,290 | 223,700 | 221,040 | 221,040 |
| Interest and Sinking Fund .. | 116,276 | 114,598 | 112,901 | 110,258 | 108,604 |
| Recoup to Revenue (Interest, Sinking Fund, &c.) .. | 368,330 | 351,684 | 357,723 | 343,469 | 343,069 |
| Plant, Stores, and Materials .. | 279,624 | 312,063 | 326,969 | 445,614 | 336,344 |
| Other Expenditure (including administration) .. | 238,773 | 201,279 | 211,650 | 292,919 | 292,553 |
| TOTAL .. | 2,400,404 | 2,218,756 | 1,860,795 | 1,932,333 | 1,947,750 |

The balance to the credit of the Fund at 30th June, 1944, was £788,747.

The money received from the issue of stock or debentures under the authority of section 32 of the *Country Roads Act 1928* is placed to the credit of the Loan Account, which is debited with all payments made towards the cost of permanent road works. There were no transactions during 1943-44.

The Developmental Roads Loan Account is credited with money received from stock and debentures issued under the authority of Section 85 of the *Country Roads Act* 1928 and is debited with expenditure in connexion with the construction of developmental roads. During 1943-44 there were no transactions owing to the funds having been exhausted in previous years.

The following is a summary of the total expenditure by the Board on road construction during each of the five years, 1939-40 to 1943-44 :—

**VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD—EXPENDITURE
ON ROADS, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.**

| — | 1939-40. | 1940-41. | 1941-42. | 1942-43. | 1943-44. |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| State Highways*— | | | | | |
| Maintenance and reconditioning | 506,551 | 392,510 | 237,136 | 203,964 | 240,729 |
| Main Roads*— | | | | | |
| Construction | 187,130 | 81,843 | 27,090 | 5,707 | 23,022 |
| Maintenance | 699,692 | 646,836 | 411,170 | 323,837 | 399,866 |
| Total Main Roads .. | 886,822 | 728,179 | 438,260 | 329,544 | 422,888 |
| Developmental Roads*— | | | | | |
| Construction, &c. | 461,661 | 303,985 | 100,308 | 88,920 | 94,526 |
| Unemployment Relief | 53,609 | 4,871 | 1,212 | 20 | .. |
| Tourists' Roads*— | | | | | |
| Construction, &c. | 68,262 | 55,389 | 20,605 | 27,880 | 44,479 |
| Murray River Bridges and Punts— | | | | | |
| Maintenance | 8,275 | 3,668 | 2,908 | 2,555 | 3,635 |
| Roads adjoining Commonwealth Areas | 11,908 | 8,647 | 3,188 | 5,407 | 1,572 |
| Commonwealth Defence Works | | | | | |
| Unemployment Relief | 93,758 | 21,392 | 9,072 | 9,443 | 5,106 |
| Commonwealth Defence Works (Northern Territory) Construction &c. | .. | .. | 131,898 | 670,102 | 894,436 |
| Commonwealth Defence Works (Allied Works Council) | .. | .. | 1,158 | 43,842 | 20,991 |
| TOTAL | 2,090,846 | 1,518,641 | 945,745 | 1,381,677 | 1,728,362 |

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

HARBOR TRUSTS.

The Port of Melbourne is under the control of this **Melbourne Harbor Trust**. Trust, and its constitution, powers and functions are set out on page 145 of the *Year-Book* for 1929-30. The following are particulars of the ordinary revenue and ordinary and capital expenditure for the years 1939 to 1943. The loan indebtedness as at the end of each of the five years is also shown.

MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1939 TO 1943.

| Heading. | 1939. | 1940. | 1941. | 1942. | 1943. |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| REVENUE. | | | | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Wharfage and Tonnage Rates .. | 681,168 | 684,032 | 642,318 | 747,695 | 621,735 |
| Rents | 42,782 | 42,297 | 44,874 | 45,520 | 48,144 |
| Interest | 844 | 734 | 660 | 752 | 8,127 |
| Other Revenue | 119,105 | 128,169 | 138,380 | 186,230 | 277,946 |
| | 843,899 | 855,232 | 826,232 | 980,197 | 955,952 |
| <i>Less</i> Statutory Payments to— | | | | | |
| Consolidated Revenue .. | 140,234 | 142,806 | 132,463 | 153,539 | 145,043 |
| Geelong Harbor Trust .. | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Total | 688,665 | 697,426 | 678,769 | 811,658 | 795,909 |
| REVENUE EXPENDITURE. | | | | | |
| General Management and Expenses | 41,973 | 53,564 | 28,094 | 76,466 | 62,370 |
| Flotation and Redemption of Loans | | | | | |
| Expenses | 3,825 | 3,825 | 3,825 | 3,825 | 3,825 |
| Operating Expenses | 35,208 | 37,794 | 45,388 | 86,228 | 116,792 |
| Maintenance— | | | | | |
| Dredging | 97,329 | 98,241 | 112,204 | 82,391 | 110,527 |
| Harbor | 4,164 | 1,361 | 1,879 | 3,405 | 3,240 |
| Wharves | 89,671 | 79,853 | 58,706 | 33,482 | 48,216 |
| Approaches | 5,846 | 12,467 | 7,844 | 6,744 | 5,100 |
| Railways | 2,426 | 3,650 | 1,939 | 9,622 | 2,827 |
| Other Properties | 2,091 | 3,023 | 4,727 | 4,669 | 4,756 |
| Interest on Loans and Exchange | 203,801 | 202,415 | 202,295 | 188,623 | 190,754 |
| Depreciation, Renewals, and Insurance Account | 129,160 | 135,688 | 135,150 | 126,476 | 115,799 |
| Sinking Fund | 66,849 | 47,146 | 52,447 | 114,465 | 54,462 |
| Total | 682,343 | 679,027 | 654,498 | 736,396 | 718,668 |
| Surplus on Revenue Account .. | 6,322 | 18,399 | 24,271 | 75,262 | 77,241 |
| CAPITAL EXPENDITURE. | | | | | |
| Land and Property | 694 | 863 | 6,415 | 8,505 | 2,090 |
| Deepening Waterways | 28,013 | 48,837 | 31,794 | 55,261 | 39,837 |
| Wharves Construction | 56,930 | 28,565 | 36,584 | 107,399 | 60,244 |
| Approaches Construction | 26,661 | 5,894 | 11,922 | 12,703 | 13,008 |
| Other Harbor Improvements .. | 11,418 | 36,898 | 32,865 | 692 | 664 |
| Floating and General Plant | 6,997 | 39,212 | 112,651 | 99,846 | 114,669 |
| Total | 130,713 | 160,269 | 232,231 | 284,406 | 230,562 |
| At 31st December— | | | | | |
| Loan Indebtedness* | 4,018,527 | 4,028,880 | 4,004,434 | 4,049,483 | 4,123,821 |
| Sinking Fund | 129,557 | 133,471 | 154,475 | 165,406 | 188,101 |
| Net Indebtedness | 3,888,970 | 3,895,409 | 3,849,959 | 3,884,077 | 3,935,720 |

* Excluding bank overdraft as follows:—£141,712 in 1939; £103,785 in 1940; £164,892 in 1941; £4,441 in 1942; and £97,924 in 1943.

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

The following is a summary of the revenue and expenditure for each year 1939 to 1943. Capital expenditure during, and loan indebtedness at end of, each of the five years is also shown.

**GEE LONG HARBOR TRUST — REVENUE AND
EXPENDITURE, 1939 TO 1943.**

| Heading. | 1939. | 1940. | 1941. | 1942. | 1943 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| REVENUE. | | | | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Wharfage, Tonnage and Special Berth Rates | 61,110 | 55,606 | 39,345 | 37,997 | 30,870 |
| Rents, Fees, and Licences | 5,436 | 5,302 | 5,663 | 6,544 | 7,020 |
| Freezing Works and Abattoirs | 8,465 | 10,732 | 13,000 | 14,563 | 17,580 |
| Contribution by Melbourne Harbor Trust | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Other Revenue | 3,503 | 2,974 | 3,181 | 5,556 | 6,810 |
| Total | 93,514 | 89,614 | 76,189 | 79,660 | 77,280 |
| REVENUE EXPENDITURE. | | | | | |
| Management Expenses | 15,937 | 15,753 | 13,022 | 15,036 | 14,581 |
| Maintenance— | | | | | |
| Wharves and Approaches | 4,468 | 2,871 | 3,472 | 2,415 | 2,144 |
| Harbor | 3,597 | 4,625 | 3,104 | 2,449 | 7,873 |
| Floating Plant | 12,405 | 5,784 | 2,883 | 3,828 | 1,091 |
| Other | 2,508 | 2,059 | 1,996 | 2,154 | 2,811 |
| Interest on Loans | 14,700 | 17,022 | 17,398 | 18,119 | 17,900 |
| Sinking Fund | 3,997 | 3,992 | 3,984 | 3,962 | 3,921 |
| Freezing Works and Abattoirs | 9,700 | 8,550 | 6,293 | 7,961 | 7,743 |
| Depreciation Reserve Account | 30,748 | 31,594 | 23,615 | 24,763 | 25,264 |
| Miscellaneous | 425 | 70 | 86 | 609 | 643 |
| Total | 98,485 | 92,320 | 75,853 | 81,296 | 83,971 |
| CAPITAL EXPENDITURE. | | | | | |
| Land and Property | 2,063 | 4,077 | 24,631 | 20,395 | 3,367 |
| Deepening Waterways | 32,730 | 10,093 | .. | .. | .. |
| Wharves and Approaches | 21,428 | 5,993 | 48 | .. | .. |
| Other | 2,104 | 4,915 | 893 | 3,426 | 351 |
| Total | 58,325 | 25,078 | 25,572 | 23,821 | 3,718 |
| At 31st December— | | | | | |
| Loan Indebtedness | 529,360 | 526,580 | 557,501 | 553,883 | 546,657 |
| Sinking Fund | 25,131 | 30,169 | 35,345 | 40,700 | 46,186 |
| Net Indebtedness | 504,229 | 496,411 | 522,156 | 513,183 | 500,471 |

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITIES.

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

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.

Creation and constitution of Board. The Board was established by Act of Parliament on 20th December, 1890, and entered upon its duties on 18th March, 1891.

It consists of 40 members, including the chairman, who is elected every four years by the other members, and is eligible for re-election. The other thirty-nine members, who are called commissioners, are from time to time elected by the councils of 22 of the municipal districts within the metropolis.

Functions of the Board. The principal functions of the Board are to control and manage the metropolitan water supply system, and to provide the metropolis with an efficient system of main and general sewerage.

Area under Board's Control. All land within a radius of 13 miles of the post office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth-streets, Melbourne, and the remaining portions of the Cities of Moorabbin and Mordialloc and the Shire of Blackburn and Mitcham and certain portions of the Shire of Dandenong (all of which portions are outside such radius) but excluding a portion of the Shire of Werribee within such radius are included in the metropolis for water supply and sewerage purposes. This territory has an area of 443 square miles and comprises 26 cities and one shire, and parts of one other city and 10 other shires.

Board's borrowing powers and liability on loans. The Board is empowered to borrow £24,750,000, this amount being exclusive of loans amounting to £2,389,934 originally raised by the Government for the construction of waterworks for the supply of Melbourne and suburbs. These works were vested in and taken over by the Board on 1st July, 1891.

The Board's liability under loans was £26,029,165 on 30th June, 1944. The Board was at that date empowered to borrow £1,110,769 before reaching the limit of its borrowing powers.

The following is a statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Board during each of the five years, 1939-40 to 1943-44.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

| Heads of Revenue and Expenditure. | 1939-40. | 1940-41. | 1941-42. | 1942-43. | 1943-44. |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| REVENUE. | | | | | |
| Water Supply— | | | | | |
| Water Rates and Charges (including Revenue from water supplied by measure) | £ 959,203 | £ 1,048,102 | £ 1,078,752 | £ 1,093,580 | £ 1,125,150 |
| Meter Rents | 57,733 | 60,158 | .. | .. | .. |
| Sewerage— | | | | | |
| Sewerage Rates | 1,121,722 | 1,090,930 | 1,128,808 | 1,155,897 | 1,168,477 |
| Sanitary Charges | 19,248 | 22,630 | 23,868 | 24,177 | 27,211 |
| Metropolitan Farm— | | | | | |
| Grazing Fees, Rents, Pastures, &c. Balance Live Stock Account .. | 3,886 | 6,254 | 10,591 | 9,748 | 7,138 |
| Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers— | | | | | |
| Drainage and River Improvement Rate | 83,797 | 86,871 | 89,689 | 92,629 | 93,728 |
| River Water Charges | 5,724 | 7,836 | 9,190 | 9,183 | 9,033 |
| Total | 2,277,156 | 2,351,277 | 2,375,039 | 2,439,842 | 2,483,201 |
| REVENUE EXPENDITURE. | | | | | |
| Water Supply— | | | | | |
| Management and Incidental Expenses | 49,137 | 49,399 | 53,203 | 64,666 | 74,560 |
| Maintenance | 121,759 | 121,598 | 126,836 | 137,329 | 164,613 |
| Sewerage— | | | | | |
| Management and Incidental Expenses | 56,673 | 51,810 | 61,969 | 71,781 | 82,085 |
| Maintenance | 102,720 | 107,724 | 112,870 | 108,020 | 112,980 |
| Metropolitan Farm— | | | | | |
| Administrative Expenses | 1,116 | 1,095 | 1,096 | 1,167 | 1,340 |
| Maintenance | 54,293 | 59,770 | 56,222 | 68,921 | 81,460 |
| Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers— | | | | | |
| Management and Incidental Expenses | 5,062 | 4,562 | 5,099 | 4,733 | 5,806 |
| Maintenance | 16,465 | 14,940 | 18,046 | 13,570 | 16,728 |
| Pensions and Allowances | 5,424 | 5,677 | 5,897 | 10,143 | 15,750 |
| Discount and Expenses <i>re</i> Loans .. | 81,928 | 19,777 | 2,743 | 2,852 | 5,083 |
| Interest on Overdraft | 69 | 148 | 178 | 1,017 | 224 |
| Interest on Loans | 1,290,917 | 1,317,976 | 1,311,197 | 1,300,752 | 1,215,778 |
| Exchange | 45,944 | 46,126 | 53,293 | 46,413 | 46,411 |
| Contribution to— | | | | | |
| Sinking Fund | 65,351 | 65,601 | 65,601 | 65,283 | 65,073 |
| Renewals Fund | 175,000 | 225,000 | 200,000 | 240,479 | 240,421 |
| Superannuation Accounts | 21,521 | 22,032 | 22,553 | 16,018 | 15,461 |
| Insurance Account | 25,000 | 25,662 | 430 | 25,430 | 25,000 |
| Rates Equalization Reserve | 25,000 | 70,000 | 100,000 | 200,000 | 75,000 |
| General Reserve | 70,000 | .. | .. | .. | 51,000 |
| Exchange Reserve | .. | .. | .. | .. | 75,000 |
| Deferred Maintenance Reserve .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Depreciation | 37,895 | 60,000 | 33,200 | 80,000 | 80,590 |
| Contributions to Municipalities .. | 3,850 | 3,850 | 3,850 | 3,860 | 3,850 |
| Defence Expenses | 20,920 | 19,748 | 120,133 | 96,609 | 35,262 |
| Contributions to Patriotic Funds .. | .. | 6,520 | 2,615 | .. | .. |
| Sundries | 332 | 15 | .. | .. | .. |
| Total | 2,276,286 | 2,299,030 | 2,356,996 | 2,559,043 | 2,489,475 |

WATER SUPPLY.

The rate to be paid in respect of any lands and houses for the supply of water for domestic purposes, otherwise than by measure, is limited to an amount not exceeding 8d. in the pound on the annual value of the lands and houses served. The water rate levied in the year 1943-44 was 6d. in the pound on the annual value of the property served. Assessments of £20 and under are charged a minimum rate of 10s. per annum. There is a charge of 1s. per 1,000 gallons for water supplied by meter, with the assessed rate as a minimum. For shipping at Melbourne wharves the charge is 3s. per 1,000 gallons.

The total annual value of property assessed for water supply purposes and liable to water rates was £21,703,097 in 1942-43 and £21,833,424 in 1943-44.

The total cost of the water supply system to 30th June, 1943 and 1944, was as follows:—

| | To 30th June. | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 1943. | 1944. |
| | £ | £ |
| Original water supply works, tank, pumping station, &c. | 12,505 | 12,505 |
| Yan Yean system | 664,789 | 665,244 |
| Maroondah system | 1,708,679 | 1,707,724 |
| O'Shannassy system | 3,249,015 | 3,261,811 |
| Service reservoirs | 622,733 | 622,368 |
| Large mains | 3,104,291 | 3,111,376 |
| Reticulation | 3,576,447 | 3,619,849 |
| Afforestation | 92,739 | 98,577 |
| Investigations, future works | 7,332 | 8,008 |
| Total | 13,038,530 | 13,106,862 |

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

The total output of water from the various sources of supply in 1942 and 1943 was as follows:—

| | 1942. | 1943. |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Gallons. | Gallons. |
| Yan Yean Reservoir | 3,494,700,000 | 2,721,600,000 |
| Maroondah Reservoir | 13,940,700,000 | 14,908,100,000 |
| O'Shannassy River and Silvan No. 1 | 15,063,800,000 | 15,822,800,000 |
| Total Output | 32,499,200,000 | 33,452,500,000 |

Storage and service reservoirs.

There are five storage reservoirs (Yan Yean, Toorourong, Maroondah, O'Shannassy, and Silvan No. 1) with a total capacity of 23,351,305,000 gallons, twenty-two service reservoirs (including one at the Metropolitan Farm, Werribee) and three elevated tanks, with a total capacity of 262,200,000 gallons.

Consumption of water in Melbourne and suburbs.

The total consumption of water amounted to 32,313,100,000 gallons in 1942 and 33,510,700,000 gallons in 1943, and the average consumption per day was 88,529,041 gallons in 1942 and 91,810,137 in 1943. In 1942 the maximum (169,200,000 gallons) and the minimum (55,000,000 gallons) daily consumption occurred on 4th March and 24th May respectively, and in 1943 the maximum (189,200,000 gallons) and the minimum (52,300,000 gallons) occurred on 29th January and 20th June, respectively.

The following table shows for each of the five years, 1939 to 1943, the daily average consumption of water, and the daily average per head :—

DAILY AVERAGE QUANTITY OF WATER CONSUMED IN MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS, 1939 TO 1943.

(MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS AREA.)

| Year. | Properties Supplied with Water at 30th June. | Number of Properties for which Sewers were Provided at 30th June. | Daily Average of Annual Consumption of Water to 31st December. | Daily Consumption of Water per Head of Population Served. |
|------------|--|---|--|---|
| | | | Gallons. | Gallons. |
| 1939 | 285,408 | 269,411 | 66,870,310 | 78·67 |
| 1940 | 291,261 | 274,974 | 88,911,415 | 59·02 |
| 1941 | 297,392 | 281,288 | 84,977,148 | 71·97 |
| 1942 | 302,361 | 286,473 | 88,529,041 | 73·75 |
| 1943 | 303,536 | 287,146 | 91,810,137 | 76·19 |

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

These figures show that additional properties to the number of 1,175 were supplied with water during the year ended 30th June, 1943.

SEWERAGE.

The Board is empowered to levy a general sewerage rate not exceeding 1s. 2d. in the £1 on the net annual value of properties in sewered areas. The sewerage rate for the year 1943-44 was 1s. 1d. in the £1. The total annual value of property in the Board's area in 1943-44 was £22,561,368, of which £21,406,730 was liable to the sewerage rate, the balance being the value of property in unsewered districts.

The receipts from the general sewerage rates and charges in 1943-44 amounted to £1,195,688.

Sewerage assessments, rates, and receipts.

Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan sewerage system. The cost of sewerage works to 30th June, 1943 and 1944 is allocated as follows:—

| | To 30th June. | |
|--|---------------|------------|
| | 1943. | 1944. |
| | £ | £ |
| Farm purchase and preparation | 1,303,465 | 1,339,292 |
| Treatment works | 194,953 | 190,753 |
| Outfall sewers and rising mains | 536,574 | 536,635 |
| Pumping stations, buildings, and plant | 304,567 | 305,299 |
| Main and Branch sewers | 3,268,156 | 3,269,902 |
| Reticulation sewers | 8,364,885 | 8,391,075 |
| Cost of house connexions chargeable to capital | 720,981 | 670,872 |
| Sanitary depots | 50,209 | 50,202 |
| Investigations | .. | 1,565 |
| Cost of sewerage system | 14,743,790 | 14,755,595 |

Main and subsidiary sewerage systems.

The sewerage system of the metropolis at 30th June, 1944, consisted of the main system and three subsidiary systems:—

The Main system (serving an area of 63,731 acres) the sewage from which gravitates to Spotswood Pumping Station where it is lifted to the Main Outfall Sewer at Brooklyn and thence flows to the Metropolitan Farm at Werribee.

The Sunshine system (serving an area of 846 acres in the Shire of Braybrook, including the township of Sunshine) the sewage from which is pumped to the Main Outfall Sewer.

The Kew system (serving an area of 90 acres in Kew) the sewage from which drains to a local treatment plant.

The South Eastern system (serving an area of 1,836 acres in Cheltenham, Parkdale, Mentone, and Mordialloc) the sewage from which drains to the Braeside treatment plant in the Shire of Dandenong.

Number of buildings for which sewers were provided. The first house was connected in Port Melbourne in August, 1897. On 30th June, 1943 and 1944, the number of buildings for which sewers were provided was 287,146 and 288,100 respectively, and the estimated population served by the system was 1,139,970 at 30th June, 1943, and 1,143,760 at 30th June, 1944.

During the years 1942-43 and 1943-44 the number of new houses erected in the Board's area was 145 and 462 respectively, and provision was made for the sewerage of 673 buildings in 1942-43 and 954 in 1943-44.

The following statement shows the progress of sewer connexions to 30th June, 1943 and 1944 :—

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—
SEWER CONNEXIONS AT 30TH JUNE, 1943 and 1944.

| Municipality. | Number of Buildings for which Sewers were provided at 30th June— | |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------|
| | 1943. | 1944. |
| Blackburn and Mitcham Shire | 1,131 | 1,154 |
| Box Hill City | 4,677 | 4,683 |
| Braybrook Shire (part of) | 2,140 | 2,173 |
| Brighton City | 10,094 | 10,089 |
| Broadmeadows Shire (part of) | 601 | 589 |
| Brunswick City | 14,198 | 14,243 |
| Camberwell City | 19,571 | 19,571 |
| Caulfield City | 21,032 | 20,952 |
| Coburg City | 10,748 | 10,991 |
| Collingwood City | 8,158 | 8,155 |
| Essendon City | 13,167 | 13,171 |
| Fitzroy City | 7,964 | 7,912 |
| Footscray City | 12,537 | 12,558 |
| Hawthorn City | 10,480 | 10,484 |
| Heidelberg City (part of) | 7,071 | 7,228 |
| Keilor Shire (part of) | 382 | 361 |
| Kew City | 7,266 | 7,253 |
| Malvern City | 13,168 | 13,166 |
| Melbourne City | 22,686 | 22,690 |
| Moorabbin City | 4,785 | 4,768 |
| Mordialloc City | 2,762 | 2,809 |
| Mulgrave Shire | 13 | 8 |
| Northcote City | 11,425 | 11,422 |
| Oakleigh City | 3,583 | 3,576 |
| Port Melbourne City | 3,596 | 3,608 |
| Prahran City | 16,603 | 16,594 |
| Preston City | 9,181 | 9,731 |
| Richmond City | 10,573 | 10,556 |
| Sandringham City | 6,003 | 6,005 |
| South Melbourne City | 10,047 | 10,047 |
| St. Kilda City | 15,057 | 15,043 |
| Werribee Shire (part of) | 4 | 2 |
| Williamstown City | 6,443 | 6,508 |
| Total | 287,146 | 288,100 |

Pumping stations. At 30th June, 1944, pumping stations had been established at Spotswood, Preston, Sunshine, Box Hill, Black Rock, Braybrook, Mordialloc, Port Melbourne, Prahran, and Kew.

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

The statistical data for the year ended 30th June, 1944, are as under:—

| | | |
|--|---------|---------------|
| Total area of farm | | 23,793 acres. |
| Area used for sewage disposal | | 14,045 „ |
| Rainfall at farm for year | | 15·67 inches. |
| Average rainfall over 50 years | | 18·77 „ |
| Net cost of sewage purification for year per head of population served | | 1s. 4·3d. |
| Profit on cattle for year | | £ 51,264 |
| Loss on horses for year | | £ 125 |
| Profit on sheep for year | | £ 1,325 |
| Profit on agistment for year | | £ 1,417 |

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

For the year 1943-44, the working expenses were £6,266, while interest amounted to £2,091, making a total of £8,357. The revenue was £2,788, leaving a deficiency of £5,569.

METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS.

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

Assessed value of property. The total annual value of property assessed for Drainage and River purposes for 1943-44 was £22,446,863.

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

The total cost of Drainage and River Improvement works to 30th June, 1944, was £1,738,229.

**Length of
main drains.**

The classification and length of all main drains under the control of the Board at 30th June, 1944, were as follows :—

| | Miles. | Chains. |
|---|------------|-----------|
| Underground drains | 94 | 29 |
| Constructed open drains | 11 | 37 |
| Natural watercourses and unlined open drains .. | 5 | 46 |
| Total | <u>111</u> | <u>32</u> |

THE BALLARAT WATER COMMISSION.

The Water Supply District of the Ballarat Water Commission, which was constituted under the provisions of the Water Acts on 1st July, 1880, embraces an area of about 27 square miles, including the City of Ballarat, the Borough of Sebastopol, and portions of the Shires of Ballarat, Buninyong, and Bungaree. The estimated population in this area is 45,000. The works comprise six reservoirs which have a total storage capacity of 2,331,554,000 gallons.

To 31st December, 1943, the capital cost of construction was £649,201, and the loans outstanding (due to the Government) at that date were £280,676. During 1943 receipts amounted to £105,823 and expenditure to £95,013.

GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE TRUST.

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

The amount of loans which may be raised is limited to £900,000 for water supply, £760,000 for sewerage works, and £270,000 for sewerage installations to properties under deferred payments conditions. The expenditure on these services to 30th June, 1944, was—water supply, £755,345, sewerage, £650,118, and sewerage installation, £257,897, of which £283 is outstanding. The revenue for the

year ended 30th June, 1944, was £66,966 on account of waterworks and £45,122 on account of sewerage. Since 1913 the Trust has appropriated and set apart sums out of surplus revenues for the creation of a sinking fund to redeem loans. At 30th June, 1944, the amounts so appropriated were :—sewerage, £85,658, and water supply, £92,537. Of such amounts £164,053 has been used to redeem loans which have matured from time to time.

The population supplied is estimated by the Trust at 51,240. The number of buildings situate within the "Drainage Area" is 12,712; the number within the "Sewered Areas," 12,460; and the number connected with the sewers, 12,449.

Water Supply. The catchment area of the Moorabool watersheds is about 16,000 acres. There are five storage reservoirs and seven service reservoirs. The total storage capacity of the reservoirs and service basins is 2,738,120,000 gallons.

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

Sewerage. The sewerage system consists of a main outfall sewer, 4 ft. 3 in. by 3 ft. 3 in., to the ocean at Black Rock, a distance of about 9 miles from Geelong, and 146 miles of main and reticulation sewers. The sewerage area is 9,571 acres and includes the City of Geelong, the City of Geelong West, the Town of Newtown and Chilwell, and the suburban areas in the Shires of Corio, South Barwon, and Bellarine.

Rates. *Water Rate.*—A water rate of one shilling in the pound of the net annual value of all rateable properties with a minimum of £1 per annum for land on which there is a building and a minimum of five shillings per annum for land on which there is no building.

Sewerage Rate.—A general sewerage rate of one shilling and twopence in the pound of the net annual value of all properties within the drainage area which are now or may hereafter become sewered during the period for which such rate is made.

WATERWORKS TRUSTS.

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

All loan moneys are provided by the Treasurer of Victoria. At 30th June, 1943, the loan liability of Waterworks Trusts amounted to £1,427,302 (including £44,489 on account of loans from Unemployment Relief Funds).

MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST.

This Trust, which was constituted under the provisions of the Mildura Irrigation Trusts Acts, supplies water for domestic use in the City of Mildura. The revenue and expenditure of this authority for the year ended 30th June, 1943, were as follows:—

MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1942-43.

| Revenue. | | Expenditure. | |
|------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | £ | | £ |
| Water Rates | 5,191 | Administrative Expenses .. | 924 |
| Water Charges | 2,690 | Meter Maintenance | 408 |
| Meter Rents | 99 | Maintenance and Repairs .. | 3,713 |
| Interest on overdue Rates .. | 30 | Interest on Loans | 494 |
| Other | 414 | Interest on Overdraft | 4 |
| | | Depreciation | 1,993 |
| | | Other | 1 |
| Total | 8,424 | Total | 7,537 |

At 30th June, 1943, the net loan liability of the Trust amounted to £11,763, of which £10,076 was due to the Government.

SEWERAGE AUTHORITIES.

In districts outside the areas under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust (which bodies were constituted under special Acts), sewerage authorities may be constituted in Victoria under the provisions of the Sewerage Districts Acts. At 31st December 1943, thirty-eight such authorities had been constituted.

The following statement gives general statistical information relating to all authorities (including the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust) in whose districts the sewerage systems were in operation in 1943.

SEWERAGE SYSTEMS IN OPERATION IN VICTORIA, 1943.

| Authority. | Year of Constitution. | Estimated Population Served by System.* | Number of Properties Connected to Sewers. | Sewerage Rate Levied in £ of Net Annual Municipal Value. |
|---|-----------------------|---|---|--|
| Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works | 1890 | 1,139,970 | 287,146 | s. d. 1 1 |
| Ararat | 1935 | 4,500 | 1,101 | 2 0 |
| Bairnsdale | 1932 | 4,000 | 1,100 | 1 6 |
| Ballarat | 1920 | 39,470 | 8,760 | 1 7 |
| Benalla | 1934 | 4,800 | 1,118 | 2 2 |
| Bendigo | 1916 | 26,500 | 6,555 | 1 3 |
| Castlemaine | 1934 | 4,750 | 1,090 | 2 0 |
| Colac | 1923 | 5,520 | 1,452 | 1 9 |
| Dandenong | 1935 | 5,000 | 1,020 | 1 8 |
| Dimboola | 1938 | 120 | 29 | 2 4 |
| Echuca | 1927 | 4,000 | 1,090 | 2 0 |
| Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust | 1908 | 51,160 | 12,445 | 1 2 |
| Hamilton | 1935 | 5,500 | 1,478 | 1 7 |
| Horsham | 1926 | 5,000 | 1,307 | 1 6 |
| Kerang | 1932 | 2,800 | 625 | 2 6 |
| Kyabram | 1938 | 800 | 180 | 2 5 |
| Kyneton | 1933 | 2,610 | 746 | 2 0 |
| Mildura | 1928 | 7,400 | 1,726 | 1 3 |
| Mornington | 1939 | 1,050 | 298 | 1 9 |
| Morwell | 1939 | 2,350 | 580 | 1 9 |
| Murtoa | 1938 | 1,200 | 285 | 2 0 |
| Nhill | 1938 | 2,800 | 460 | 2 0 |
| Portland | 1938 | 530 | 168 | 1 7 |
| Shepparton | 1934 | 8,000 | 1,786 | 1 6 |
| Swan Hill | 1926 | 4,500 | 902 | 2 6 |
| Wangaratta | 1933 | 5,000 | 1,234 | 1 7 |
| Warracknabeal | 1938 | 2,800 | 759 | 2 0 |
| Warragul | 1935 | 3,600 | 630 | 2 0 |
| Warrnambool | 1929 | 7,770 | 2,103 | 0 9 |
| Total | .. | 1,353,500 | 338,173 | .. |

* As estimated by the authorities concerned.

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

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

Yallourn. Under the provisions of the State Electricity Commission Acts, a scheme of sewerage for Yallourn has been adopted after approval by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission and the Public Health Department. The erection of the treatment plant, pump house and pipe-testing depot has been completed. The project is in abeyance and the system cannot be brought into operation until sufficient labour is available.

FIRE BRIGADES BOARDS.

Constitution of Fire Brigades Boards. Under the *Fire Brigades Act 1928* there are constituted a metropolitan fire district, controlled by the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board, and nine country fire districts, controlled by the Country Fire Brigades Board. Particulars of the principal provisions of the *Fire Brigades Act 1937* are given in the *Year Book* for 1937-38, page 164.

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

The Board on 30th June, 1944, had under its control the following :—
42 stations, 346 members of permanent staff, 101 members of special service staff, 17 members of clerical staff, 66 men engaged in the workshops, 12 employees engaged in the tailoring department, and 164 partially paid firemen.

During 1943-44 the cost of maintenance of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade was £226,142, one-third being contributed by each of the contributing bodies, viz., Government of Victoria, municipalities within the Metropolitan Fire District, and the fire insurance companies carrying on business in that district. The municipalities' contribution was equal to 811d. in the pound on the annual value of £22,307,463 of property within the Fire District, and that of the insurance companies to £6 4s. 1·81d. for every £100 of premiums on insured property. The premiums received in the Metropolitan Fire District in 1942 amounted to £1,214,335.

Country Fire Brigades Board. The Country Fire Brigades Board, which was constituted in 1891, consists of nine members. Three are appointed by the Governor in Council, two are elected by the municipal councils of the districts in which there are brigades registered under the Board, two by the fire insurance companies carrying on business in such districts, and two by the registered fire brigades. The Board's revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1944, was £40,220. This was made up of equal contributions of £12,911 from the Government, the municipalities, and the insurance companies, and £1,487 from other sources. The expenditure for the same year amounted to £36,826. There are 138 municipal councils and 111 insurance companies included in the operation of the Act. The premiums received by the insurance companies during the year 1942 amounted to £444,866. The annual value of rateable property assessed within the Board's districts in 1943 was £4,696,348. All brigades under the control of the Board are volunteer brigades but, in the large centres, a few permanent stationkeepers and auxiliaries are employed. There are 177 registered brigades and the number of registered firemen is 3,157. In addition to the registered firemen there is in most brigades a number of "reserve" members. The number of A.R.P. emergency firemen as at 30th June, 1944, was 390.

Receipts and expenditure. Particulars of receipts and expenditure of both Fire Brigades Boards for the five years, 1939-40 to 1943-44, are as follows:—

VICTORIA—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF FIRE BRIGADES BOARDS, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

| Heading. | 1939-40. | 1940-41. | 1941-42. | 1942-43. | 1943-44. |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <i>Ordinary Receipts.</i> | | | | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Contributions—Government, Municipal, and Insurance | 222,109 | 224,057 | 240,796 | 242,201 | 264,851 |
| Receipts for Services | 30,393 | 32,613 | 46,379 | 52,876 | 58,091 |
| Interest and Sundries | 19,243 | 23,232 | 26,092 | 36,107 | 27,477 |
| Total | 271,745 | 279,902 | 313,267 | 331,184 | 350,419 |
| <i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i> | | | | | |
| Salaries | 166,250 | 166,921 | 182,988 | 182,428 | 194,278 |
| Fire Expenses | 4,390 | 4,265 | 4,284 | 4,531 | 4,692 |
| Administrative Charges, &c. .. | 40,797 | 44,418 | 49,746 | 58,459 | 51,402 |
| Plant—Purchase and Repairs .. | 13,713 | 16,711 | 20,241 | 33,183 | 31,211 |
| Buildings | 2,790 | 2,430 | 6,547 | 3,911 | 8,557 |
| Interest | 11,720 | 12,410 | 12,439 | 11,940 | 11,160 |
| Repayment of Loans | 15,753 | 15,534 | 16,436 | 17,253 | 18,131 |
| Superannuation Fund | 6,149 | 6,138 | 6,437 | 6,496 | 6,809 |
| Motor Replacement Reserve .. | 2,000 | 3,900 | 3,900 | 3,900 | 3,900 |
| Miscellaneous | 4,691 | 6,381 | 10,913 | 8,753 | 8,963 |
| Total | 268,253 | 279,108 | 313,911 | 330,859 | 339,103 |
| <i>Loan Expenditure.</i> | | | | | |
| Purchase of Land and Erection of Buildings, &c. | 28,230 | 39,881 | 8,223 | .. | 4,836 |
| At 30th June— | | | | | |
| Loan Indebtedness | 236,068 | 297,043 | 280,609 | 263,351 | 252,219 |

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL BODIES.

In the following statement particulars are given of the new money loan raisings during each of the years 1936-37 to 1940-41 by Local Government and Semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies in Victoria. Comparable information for the years subsequent to 1940-41 is not available.

VICTORIA—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—NEW MONEY LOAN RAISINGS, 1936-37 TO 1940-41.

| Heading. | 1936-37. | 1937-38. | 1938-39. | 1939-40. | 1940-41. |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| LOCAL GOVERNMENT. | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Due to Government | 32,493 | 6,501 | 13,737 | 6,272 | 3,741 |
| Due to Public Creditor | 485,577 | 792,542 | 795,211 | 624,178 | 347,249 |
| Total Local Government | 518,070 | 799,043 | 808,948 | 630,450 | 350,990 |
| SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL, ETC. | | | | | |
| Due to Government | 138,235 | 42,773 | 405,529 | 674,057 | 473,940 |
| Due to Public Creditor | 565,374 | 1,381,774 | 1,478,846* | 3,210,930* | 1,196,247* |
| Total Semi-Governmental, &c. | 703,609 | 1,424,547 | 1,884,369 | 3,884,987 | 1,670,187 |
| ALL AUTHORITIES. | | | | | |
| Due to Government | 170,728 | 49,274 | 419,266 | 680,329 | 477,681 |
| Due to Public Creditor | 1,050,951 | 2,174,316 | 2,274,051 | 3,835,103 | 1,543,496 |
| Grand Total | 1,221,679 | 2,223,500 | 2,693,317 | 4,515,437 | 2,021,177 |

* Including the following amounts borrowed to repay loans from Government —£100,000 in 1938-39, £500,000 in 1939-40, and £50,000 in 1940-41.

HOUSING.

Housing and Reclamation by municipalities. The Council of any municipality may, under existing statutory power, erect or purchase dwelling-houses for eligible persons at a cost not exceeding £850, including the cost of the land, if the dwelling be of wood, or £950 if it be of brick, stone, or concrete. An eligible person, within the meaning of the *Local Government Act* 1928, is one who does not own a dwelling-house in Victoria or elsewhere and who is in receipt of an income not exceeding £400 a year.

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

War Service Homes. The Commonwealth Government assists eligible members of the Australian Defence Forces and their female dependants to acquire homes, the operations being conducted under the *War Service Homes Act* 1918-1941. A summary of the activities of the War Service Homes Commission in Victoria to 30th June, 1944, discloses that 10,723 applications had been approved, 5,014 homes erected, 3,791 homes purchased, and 482 mortgages discharged. The sums paid as instalments of principal and interest amounted to £7,138,300, whilst the arrears of instalments totalled £90,066, the percentage of arrears to the total amount due being 1.25.

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

Information is given in the following statement for the years ended 30th June, 1943 and 1944, of the contracts let by the Commission for the erection of dwellings in Victoria (excluding contracts on account of the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust). Particulars of work performed by day labour are included in the statement. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLINGS, 1942-43 AND 1943-44.

| Municipality. | Year ended 30th June— | | | | Total, 31st July 1939 to 30th June 1944. | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------|---------|--|-----------|
| | 1943. | | 1944. | | Dwelling Units. | Value. |
| | Dwelling Units. | Value. | Dwelling Units. | Value. | | |
| | No. | £ | No. | £ | No. | £ |
| METROPOLITAN. | | | | | | |
| Cities— | | | | | | |
| Brunswick .. | 5 | 3,105 | 38 | 27,550 | 123 | 79,318 |
| Coburg .. | 29 | 23,808 | 271 | 238,532 | 300 | 262,340 |
| Northcote .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 42 | 31,044 |
| Port Melbourne .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 414 | 243,564 |
| Preston .. | 32 | 24,403 | .. | .. | 394 | 242,640 |
| Richmond .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 138 | 93,157 |
| Williamstown .. | 50 | 35,441 | 59 | 43,478 | 165 | 118,322 |
| Total Metropolitan | 116 | 86,757 | 368 | 309,560 | 1,576 | 1,070,885 |
| OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN Area. | | | | | | |
| Cities— | | | | | | |
| Geelong West .. | .. | .. | 37 | 36,138 | 37 | 36,138 |
| Warrnambool .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 40 | 29,870 |
| Town— | | | | | | |
| Newtown and Chilwell .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 54 | 35,822 |
| Boroughs— | | | | | | |
| Castlemaine .. | .. | .. | 13 | 12,690 | 13 | 12,690 |
| Shepparton .. | .. | .. | 25 | 27,956 | 25 | 27,956 |
| Swan Hill .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 11 | 8,356 |
| Shire— | | | | | | |
| Mildura .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 30 | 19,562 |
| Total outside Metropolitan Area | .. | .. | 75 | 76,784 | 210 | 170,394 |
| Grand Total .. | 116 | 86,757 | 443 | 386,344 | 1,786 | 1,241,279 |

NOTE.—The above statement excludes contracts for 8 shops for £8,704, a hall for £3,432, a pavilion for £750 at Port Melbourne; and a rent office for £320 at Brunswick.

Particulars are given in the appended table of the number of dwelling units for which contracts have been let (including work performed by day labour) by the Commission, the number erected to 30th June, 1944, and the number in course of erection at that date. Contracts for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust have been excluded from the statement.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION
OF VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLINGS
TO 30TH JUNE, 1944.

| Municipality | Total Dwelling Units— Contracts Let, &c. | Dwelling Units— | | Materials of Outer Walls. | | | |
|--|---|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| | | Com- pleted. | In Course of erection. | Brick. | Brick Veneer. | Con- crete. | Timber and Fibro- cement. |
| METROPOLITAN. | | | | | | | |
| Cities— | | | | | | | |
| Brunswick .. | 123 | 85 | 20 | 22 | .. | 96 | 5 |
| Coburg .. | 300 | 57 | 217 | 230 | .. | .. | 70 |
| Northcote .. | 42 | 42 | .. | 42 | .. | .. | .. |
| Port Melbourne .. | 414 | 414 | .. | 344 | .. | 70 | .. |
| Preston .. | 394 | 394 | .. | 375 | .. | .. | 19 |
| Richmond .. | 138 | 138 | .. | 138 | .. | .. | .. |
| Williamstown .. | 165 | 103 | 62 | 56 | .. | 89 | 20 |
| Total Metropolitan | 1,576 | 1,233 | 299 | 1,207 | .. | 255 | 114 |
| OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA. | | | | | | | |
| Cities— | | | | | | | |
| Geelong West .. | 37 | .. | 37 | .. | 37 | .. | .. |
| Warrnambool .. | 40 | 40 | .. | .. | 40 | .. | .. |
| Town— | | | | | | | |
| Newtown and Chilwell .. | 54 | 54 | .. | .. | 54 | .. | .. |
| Boroughs— | | | | | | | |
| Castlemaine .. | 13 | .. | 13 | .. | 13 | .. | .. |
| Shepparton .. | 25 | .. | 25 | .. | 25 | .. | .. |
| Swan Hill .. | 11 | 11 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 11 |
| Shire— | | | | | | | |
| Mildura .. | 30 | 30 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 30 |
| Total Outside Metropolitan Area | 210 | 135 | 75 | .. | 169 | .. | 41 |
| Grand Total .. | 1,786 | 1,368 | 374 | 1,207 | 169 | 255 | 155 |

Building permits.

Information relating to the value of building permits issued by municipal councils gives a reliable indication of the effect of varying economic conditions on the building industry. The particulars represent the values recorded, but, owing to the variation in building costs during the periods under review, a complete comparison cannot be made. As the Crown is exempt from municipal regulations in respect of building permits, particulars of Government buildings erected during the periods under notice are not included in the following statements.

Building Restrictions by National Security Regulations.

With a view to conserving manpower and building materials, Building Control regulations under the *National Securities Act 1939-40* have restricted building operations. These Regulations and the principal provisions thereof are as follow:—Statutory Rules Nos. 250 of 1940; 37, 131, 221 of 1941; 21, 22, 185, 265 of 1942; and 85 of 1944.

No. 250 of 1940 which came into operation on 5th December, 1940, provided that, without written consent, no permit was to be issued for the erection or alteration of a building the estimated cost of which exceeded £5,000. This amount was reduced to £3,000 by No. 86 of 1941.

Statutory Rule No. 37 of 1941 limited the amount to be expended without consent in the erection or the alteration of a hotel to £1,000. No. 131 of 1941 limited to £3,000 the amount to be expended without consent, on the *erection* only of a dwelling house. This amount was reduced to £2,000 by No. 22 of 1942. In respect of alterations only, No. 131 of 1941, without consent, restricted expenditure to £1,000 in the case of a building (other than a hotel, a building containing shop premises or a dwelling house); to £500 in the case of a hotel or a building containing shop premises; and to £250 in the case of a dwelling house.

No. 21 of 1942 restricted, as from 28th January, 1942, the erection of, or alteration or addition to any building intended to be used for habitation (1) within 25 miles from the G.P.O. at Sydney, Melbourne, and (from 23rd February, 1942), Perth and (2) any area specified by the treasurer by order published in the *Gazette*. The Commonwealth War Workers Housing Trust was exempted from the Regulation as were also buildings exclusively for the purposes of air-raid precautions.

The National Security (Building Operations) Regulations (No. 85 of 1944), which came into force on 1st June, 1944, drastically altered the conditions previously obtaining in respect of expenditure on building, &c. The provisions of such Regulation which may be summarized as follow, require consent to be obtained for (inter alia) :—

Erecting, re-erecting, demolishing, removing, altering, adding to, renovating or repairing any building, bridge, wall, fence, gate, terrace, concrete work or any other structure.

Painting, colouring, whitewashing, papering, decorating, &c., any structure or installing fittings or fixtures in it.

Water, gas, electricity, sewerage, drainage, heating, ventilating, or air conditioning installations.

Constructing or repairing private roads, drives, paths, terraces, &c.

The following operations are exempted :—

Certain Commonwealth and State Works.

Public utility and local government works (except on buildings and sewerage and drainage connexions).

Fencing, drainage, or irrigation work for agricultural purposes.

Structures on factory premises consisting solely of machinery, &c., for operations in the factory.

Buildings for A.R.P. purposes are no longer exempt.

Consent is not needed if the cost (defined in the new Regulations to include the value of materials and labour) *does not exceed* in the financial year—

£25, in the case of painting, colouring, papering, or whitewashing a residential building (as defined in the new Regulations) ;

£25, in the case of work (not including painting, &c.) done on or in the grounds of a residential building :

£100, in the case of work on or in the grounds of a business, educational or religious building (as defined in the new regulations) ;

£25, in the case of other structures (e.g., farm buildings), provided not more than £100 is spent by the owner during the year.

Building permits issued in Greater Melbourne. The value of permits issued by municipalities in Greater Melbourne for all classes of buildings, i.e., dwellings, other new buildings, and alterations and additions to existing buildings, during the period of twelve months ended on 31st December in each of the fifteen years 1929 to 1943 was as follows :—

**GREATER MELBOURNE—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED,
1929 TO 1943.**

| Year ended 31st December— | Value of Permits Issued. | | | | Index to Total Value = 100 in 1929. |
|------------------------------|---|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|---|
| | Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.) | Other New Buildings. | Alterations and Additions. | Total. | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | |
| 1929 | 4,187,832 | 1,991,927 | 1,033,018 | 7,212,777 | 100·00 |
| 1930 | 1,308,976 | 852,079 | 578,521 | 2,739,576 | 37·98 |
| 1931 | 418,572 | 364,339 | 342,990 | 1,125,901 | 15·61 |
| 1932 | 1,033,844 | 908,761 | 496,011 | 2,438,616 | 33·81 |
| 1933 | 1,661,722 | 883,500 | 763,660 | 3,308,882 | 45·88 |
| 1934 | 2,588,426 | 902,245 | 1,293,794 | 4,784,465 | 66·33 |
| 1935 | 3,721,608 | 1,384,773 | 1,454,323 | 6,560,704 | 90·96 |
| 1936 | 4,172,779 | 1,810,825 | 1,435,625 | 7,419,229 | 102·86 |
| 1937 | 4,648,987 | 1,817,369 | 1,732,083 | 8,198,439 | 113·67 |
| 1938 | 5,131,951 | 1,634,079 | 1,436,354 | 8,202,384 | 113·72 |
| 1939 | 5,187,662 | 1,654,465 | 1,634,872 | 8,476,999 | 117·53 |
| 1940 | 6,625,287 | 2,143,770 | 1,445,743 | 10,214,800 | 141·62 |
| 1941 | 6,572,600 | 900,661 | 1,391,603 | 8,864,864 | 122·91 |
| 1942 | 186,014 | 241,206 | 619,194 | 1,046,414 | 14·51 |
| 1943 | 12,102 | 506,773 | 531,480 | 1,050,355 | 14·56 |

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

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN GREATER MELBOURNE, 1942 AND 1943.

| Class of Permit. | 1942. | | 1943. | |
|---|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| | Number. | Value. | Number. | Value. |
| New Buildings. | | | | |
| Buildings for Habitation— | | £ | | £ |
| Private Dwellings— | | | | |
| Brick, concrete, &c. .. | 26 | 32,445 | 3 | 1,500 |
| Brick veneer | 36 | 38,965 | 6 | 2,310 |
| Wood, fibro-cement, &c. .. | 136 | 105,754 | 23 | 8,292 |
| Flats | 1 | 8,500 | .. | .. |
| Other (Hotels, Guest Houses, &c.) | 1 | 350 | .. | .. |
| Total, Buildings for Habitation | 200 | 186,014 | 32 | 12,102 |
| Commercial Buildings— | | | | |
| With Residence— | | | | |
| Shops | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Garages | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Factories | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Other | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Without Residence— | | | | |
| Shops | 1 | 450 | .. | .. |
| Garages | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Factories | 40 | 200,671 | 28 | 491,924 |
| Other | 14 | 40,085 | 8 | 12,759 |
| Public Buildings— | | | | |
| Hospitals | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Churches | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Schools | .. | .. | 1 | 1,340 |
| Theatres | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Other | .. | .. | 1 | 750 |
| Total, Commercial and Public Buildings | 55 | 241,206 | 38 | 506,773 |
| Alterations and Additions— | | | | |
| Private Dwellings | 1,410 | 60,625 | 2,641 | 87,858 |
| Flats | 2 | 370 | 22 | 3,919 |
| Other Buildings for Habitation | 70 | 3,311 | 111 | 8,137 |
| Shops | 57 | 6,920 | 49 | 6,614 |
| Garages (Commercial) | 5 | 9,505 | 3 | 1,058 |
| Factories | 340 | 468,551 | 322 | 335,359 |
| Other Business Premises | 90 | 56,959 | 67 | 56,242 |
| Public Buildings | 33 | 12,953 | 50 | 32,293 |
| Total, Alterations and Additions | 2,007 | 619,194 | 3,265 | 531,480 |
| Grand Total, Building Permits | 2,262 | 1,046,414 | 3,335 | 1,050,355 |

NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW
PRIVATE DWELLINGS, FLATS, HOTELS, ETC, IN
GREATER MELBOURNE, 1937 TO 1943.

| Name of Municipality. | Year ended 31st December— | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 1937. | 1938. | 1939. | 1940. | 1941. | 1942. | 1943. |
| CITIES. | | | | | | | |
| Box Hill | 99 | 152 | 170 | 177 | 287 | 9 | 2 |
| Brighton | 216 | 360 | 336 | 357 | 324 | 5 | .. |
| Brunswick | 121 | 149 | 107 | 143 | 113 | 2 | .. |
| Camberwell | 808 | 882 | 845 | 701 | 762 | 14 | 1 |
| Caulfield | 319 | 386 | 312 | 434 | 414 | 9 | .. |
| Chelsea | 45 | 56 | 66 | 73 | 83 | 2 | 4 |
| Coburg | 261 | 304 | 304 | 275 | 336 | 14 | 7 |
| Collingwood | 26 | 20 | 15 | 17 | 9 | .. | .. |
| Essendon | 214 | 238 | 249 | 248 | 266 | 31 | 1 |
| Fitzroy | 14 | 13 | 16 | 16 | 7 | .. | .. |
| Footscray | 253 | 322 | 251 | 218 | 269 | 18 | 1 |
| Hawthorn | 150 | 139 | 141 | 157 | 132 | 2 | .. |
| Heidelberg (exclusive of Greensborough Ward) .. | 188 | 205 | 199 | 284 | 287 | 4 | 4 |
| Kew | 134 | 131 | 152 | 217 | 244 | 5 | .. |
| Malvern | 141 | 137 | 165 | 212 | 282 | 3 | 1 |
| Melbourne | 68 | 62 | 74 | 132 | 122 | .. | .. |
| Moorabbin | 196 | 239 | 275 | 318 | 361 | 12 | 5 |
| Mordialloc | 88 | 93 | 78 | 116 | 132 | 4 | .. |
| Northcote | 92 | 120 | 135 | 143 | 217 | 2 | .. |
| Oakleigh | 83 | 86 | 89 | 109 | 150 | 6 | .. |
| Port Melbourne | 17 | 20 | 31 | 19 | 29 | 1 | .. |
| Prahran | 177 | 160 | 110 | 156 | 118 | 1 | .. |
| Preston | 223 | 298 | 302 | 281 | 317 | 11 | 4 |
| Richmond | 31 | 37 | 48 | 67 | 33 | 1 | .. |
| Sandringham | 121 | 164 | 163 | 163 | 171 | 5 | 2 |
| South Melbourne | 12 | 18 | 15 | 12 | 16 | .. | .. |
| St. Kilda | 98 | 96 | 63 | 120 | 107 | 1 | .. |
| Williamstown | 89 | 98 | 79 | 101 | 84 | 9 | .. |
| SHIRE. | | | | | | | |
| Braybrook (exclusive of Western Riding) .. | 65 | 101 | 112 | 156 | 183 | 29 | .. |
| Total | 4,354 | 5,086 | 4,902 | 5,422 | 5,855 | 200 | 32 |

NOTE.—Excluding contracts let by the Housing Commission for the erection of dwellings (see pages 213 and 214).

VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR ALL BUILDINGS IN GREATER MELBOURNE DURING THE YEARS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1939 TO 1943.

| Name of Municipality. | Year ended 31st December— | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 1939. | 1940. | 1941. | 1942. | 1938. |
| CITIES. | | | | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Box Hill | 151,386 | 180,597 | 264,479 | 18,588 | 9,325 |
| Brighton | 360,504 | 432,061 | 395,526 | 18,063 | 27,479 |
| Brunswick | 146,860 | 187,300 | 188,693 | 49,573 | 40,405 |
| Camberwell | 1,068,578 | 952,062 | 1,077,524 | 31,408 | 14,657 |
| Caulfield | 399,163 | 502,016 | 503,737 | 14,771 | 8,675 |
| Chelsea | 48,015 | 72,205 | 67,312 | 2,750 | 6,049 |
| Coburg | 265,482 | 311,078 | 344,396 | 14,694 | 12,834 |
| Collingwood | 66,268 | 95,182 | 171,778 | 30,754 | 15,978 |
| Essendon | 243,655 | 285,498 | 268,466 | 27,095 | 8,608 |
| Fitzroy | 103,851 | 52,720 | 50,231 | 5,189 | 17,815 |
| Footscray | 362,067 | 315,486 | 375,192 | 72,706 | 76,184 |
| Hawthorn | 242,954 | 319,433 | 222,569 | 14,552 | 8,753 |
| Heidelberg (exclusive of Greensborough Ward) | 232,643 | 337,959 | 341,031 | 10,055 | 15,856 |
| Kew | 310,035 | 364,455 | 372,098 | 7,911 | 2,296 |
| Malvern | 249,953 | 371,253 | 366,357 | 7,110 | 6,207 |
| Melbourne | 1,817,715 | 1,977,400 | 956,242 | 135,554 | 160,055 |
| Moorabbin | 230,221 | 294,365 | 321,339 | 19,803 | 27,123 |
| Mordialloc | 78,018 | 108,466 | 138,543 | 6,676 | 3,866 |
| Northcote | 108,336 | 127,207 | 198,857 | 7,504 | 19,379 |
| Oakleigh | 93,746 | 96,841 | 137,729 | 10,882 | 19,209 |
| Port Melbourne | 181,815 | 115,778 | 66,994 | 152,015 | 199,323 |
| Prahran | 411,880 | 770,053 | 379,788 | 11,588 | 11,992 |
| Preston | 245,659 | 260,342 | 284,649 | 33,590 | 13,228 |
| Richmond | 129,942 | 229,131 | 187,597 | 66,941 | 28,507 |
| Sandringham | 175,529 | 177,409 | 201,635 | 10,298 | 6,453 |
| South Melbourne | 183,928 | 393,116 | 183,040 | 65,010 | 190,767 |
| St. Kilda | 246,381 | 490,364 | 366,661 | 11,817 | 6,130 |
| Williamstown | 102,609 | 177,881 | 137,138 | 68,505 | 41,587 |
| SHIRE. | | | | | |
| Braybrook (exclusive of Western Riding) | 219,806 | 217,142 | 295,263 | 121,012 | 51,615 |
| Total | 8,476,999 | 10,214,800 | 8,864,864 | 1,046,414 | 1,050,355 |

Building permits issued by provincial municipalities.

With a view to gauging the relative activity of the building industry during recent years in centres outside Greater Melbourne, particulars relating to building permits issued by certain provincial municipalities during each of the five years, 1939 to 1943, are given below:—

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1939 TO 1943.

| Municipality. | Period. | New Buildings. | | | | Alterations and Additions. | | Total. | |
|---------------------------|---------|----------------|--------|------------------|--------|----------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| | | Dwellings. | | Other Buildings. | | No. | Value. | No. | Value. |
| | | No. | Value. | No. | Value. | | | | |
| | | | £ | | £ | | £ | | £ |
| Ballarat City | 1939 | 126 | 88,640 | 5 | 9,960 | 143 | 43,520 | 274 | 142,120 |
| | 1940 | 103 | 68,090 | 6 | 94,520 | 120 | 27,298 | 229 | 189,908 |
| | 1941 | 118 | 84,672 | 9 | 17,105 | 109 | 32,927 | 236 | 134,704 |
| | 1942 | 16 | 12,700 | .. | .. | 39 | 4,743 | 55 | 17,443 |
| | 1943 | 2 | 1,200 | 1 | 2,800 | 45 | 18,146 | 48 | 22,146 |
| Bendigo City .. | 1939 | 74 | 47,824 | 5 | 11,050 | 138 | 16,016 | 217 | 74,890 |
| | 1940 | 78 | 52,730 | 3 | 13,450 | 102 | 16,004 | 183 | 82,184 |
| | 1941 | 95 | 70,725 | 4 | 8,060 | 84 | 15,323 | 183 | 94,108 |
| | 1942 | 12 | 6,640 | 1 | 2,000 | 49 | 5,568 | 62 | 14,208 |
| | 1943 | 2 | 622 | 8 | 23,690 | 66 | 2,521 | 76 | 26,833 |
| Geelong City ... | 1939 | 36 | 22,970 | 7 | 30,780 | 113 | 29,827 | 156 | 83,577 |
| | 1940 | 24 | 18,913 | 6 | 26,785 | 96 | 37,542 | 126 | 83,240 |
| | 1941 | 28 | 22,057 | 6 | 5,455 | 86 | 19,896 | 120 | 43,408 |
| | 1942 | 2 | 1,505 | 6 | 14,805 | 41 | 3,614 | 49 | 19,924 |
| | 1943 | 1 | 400 | .. | .. | 48 | 2,747 | 49 | 3,147 |
| Geelong West City | 1939 | 85 | 62,729 | 5 | 4,004 | 19 | 3,350 | 109 | 70,983 |
| | 1940 | 75 | 54,068 | 1 | 300 | 30 | 7,523 | 106 | 61,891 |
| | 1941 | 80 | 71,144 | 3 | 1,450 | 71 | 6,665 | 154 | 79,259 |
| | 1942 | 7 | 6,087 | .. | .. | 34 | 3,252 | 41 | 9,339 |
| | 1943 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 68 | 2,583 | 68 | 2,583 |
| Horsham Town | 1939 | 55 | 31,901 | 9 | 11,150 | 22 | 4,244 | 86 | 47,295 |
| | 1940 | 36 | 18,193 | 3 | 16,500 | 14 | 5,872 | 53 | 40,565 |
| | 1941 | 5 | 2,710 | 2 | 50,099 | 7 | 3,908 | 14 | 56,717 |
| | 1942 | 2 | 780 | 1 | 1,000 | 16 | 1,035 | 19 | 2,815 |
| | 1943 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 7 | 230 | 7 | 230 |
| Mildura City .. | 1939 | 97 | 70,663 | 10 | 9,510 | 33 | 10,178 | 140 | 90,351 |
| | 1940 | 33 | 21,095 | 3 | 3,300 | 32 | 7,683 | 68 | 32,078 |
| | 1941 | 4 | 2,307 | 2 | 750 | 19 | 2,948 | 25 | 6,005 |
| | 1942 | 4 | 2,520 | .. | .. | 8 | 281 | 12 | 2,801 |
| | 1943 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 10 | 675 | 10 | 675 |
| Newtown and Chilwell Town | 1939 | 46 | 36,228 | .. | .. | 42 | 7,185 | 88 | 43,413 |
| | 1940* | 38 | 29,436 | 1 | 300 | 50 | 10,284 | 89 | 40,020 |
| | 1941 | 42 | 47,957 | 2 | 15,882 | 75 | 24,260 | 119 | 88,099 |
| | 1942 | 4 | 3,314 | 1 | 900 | 27 | 5,723 | 32 | 9,937 |
| | 1943 | 1 | 347 | 1 | 1,800 | 50 | 10,314 | 52 | 12,461 |

* Exclusive of contracts let by the Housing Commission for the erection of 54 dwellings valued at £33,495.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY CERTAIN
PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES 1939 TO 1943—*continued.*

| Municipality. | Period. | New Buildings. | | | | Alterations and Additions. | | Total. | |
|----------------------|---------|----------------|--------|------------------|--------|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | Dwellings. | | Other Buildings. | | No. | Value. | No. | Value. |
| | | No. | Value. | No. | Value. | | | | |
| | | | £ | | £ | | £ | | £ |
| Sale Town | 1939 | 28 | 18,433 | 2 | 5,100 | 40 | 2,308 | 70 | 25,841 |
| | 1940 | 15 | 10,495 | 1 | 4,989 | 11 | 2,195 | 27 | 17,679 |
| | 1941 | 10 | 8,170 | 1 | 390 | 12 | 2,964 | 23 | 11,524 |
| | 1942 | .. | .. | 1 | 777 | 17 | 867 | 18 | 1,644 |
| | 1943 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 27 | 597 | 27 | 597 |
| Shepparton Brough .. | 1939 | 51 | 30,888 | 6 | 7,286 | 54 | 23,823 | 111 | 61,997 |
| | 1940 | 40 | 32,130 | 6 | 8,364 | 54 | 5,493 | 100 | 45,987 |
| | 1941 | 19 | 19,442 | 1 | 575 | 32 | 5,128 | 52 | 25,145 |
| | 1942 | 8 | 5,820 | 1 | 480 | 22 | 2,173 | 31 | 8,473 |
| | 1943 | .. | .. | 1 | 650 | 25 | 7,461 | 26 | 8,111 |
| Warrnambool City .. | 1939 | 49 | 50,010 | 10 | 18,239 | 15 | 12,821 | 74 | 81,070 |
| | 1940 | 39 | 40,606 | 2 | 29,000 | 23 | 12,899 | 64 | 82,505 |
| | 1941* | 23 | 22,043 | 1 | 150 | 35 | 6,433 | 59 | 23,626 |
| | 1942 | 2 | 1,750 | 1 | 450 | 11 | 1,249 | 14 | 3,449 |
| | 1943 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 15 | 1,415 | 15 | 1,415 |

* Exclusive of contracts let by the Housing Commission for the erection of 40 dwellings valued at £29,870.