

FINANCE.

State Finance. Under the Constitution Act the revenues of the State are payable into Consolidated Revenue, but certain of these revenues have been hypothecated by various Acts of Parliament for specified purposes, and are payable into special accounts or funds kept at the State Treasury. Apart from these special funds, the financial transactions are concerned with (a) Consolidated Revenue Fund, (b) Trust Funds, and (c) Loan Funds. In the succeeding tables the revenue and expenditure relating to the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the public revenue of certain special funds or accounts which appear in the Treasurer's Finance Statement are included. Payments from Consolidated Revenue are made either under the authority of an Annual Appropriation Act passed by the Legislature, or by a permanent appropriation under a Special Act. The special appropriations represent services such as interest on the Public Debt, exchange on Interest payable overseas, contributions to the National Debt Sinking Fund, the salaries of the Governor, the Judges and certain other officials, expenditure on State pensions, payments to the Unemployment Relief Fund, and the contribution to the Hospital and Charities Fund per totalizator, etc.

A concise statement of the chief special funds kept at the Treasury is shown in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, pages 76 to 80. Additional funds since established include the Unemployment Relief Fund, the Winter Relief Fund and the Milk Board Fund.

Commonwealth and State Financial Relations. A brief outline of the principal provisions of the "Financial Agreement" is given in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 75.

A summary of the transactions for the financial year 1934-35 in the Consolidated Revenue Fund and in the special funds gives the following result:—

| | £ | £ | |
|--|----|----|------------|
| Revenue deficit at 30th June, 1934 | .. | .. | 6,958,397 |
| Revenue, 1934-35 | .. | .. | 25,805,557 |
| Expenditure, 1934-35 | .. | .. | 25,956,754 |
| Deficit for the year | .. | .. | 151,197 |
| Revenue deficit at 30th June, 1935 | .. | .. | 7,109,594 |

The differences between the amounts of revenue and expenditure shown above and those given in the Treasurer's Finance Statement arise from the use of a different method of classification for statistical

purposes. The public revenue of certain special funds is added to the Consolidated Revenue—an equivalent amount being entered as expenditure. The particulars for 1934-35 are as follows:—

| Items. | Public Revenue. | Public Expenditure. |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Total according to Treasurer's Finance Statement .. | 25,311,036 | 25,462,233 |
| <i>Add public revenue of the following funds—</i> | | |
| Country Roads Board Fund | 807,187* | 807,187 |
| Licensing Fund | 110,611† | 110,611 |
| Police Superannuation Fund | 9,637 | 9,637 |
| Assurance Fund | 3,652 | 3,652 |
| Cattle Compensation Fund | 16,313 | 16,313 |
| Swine Compensation Fund | 5,839 | 5,839 |
| Metropolitan Roads Fund | 5,304 | 5,304 |
| Milk Board Fund | 21,266 | 21,266 |
| Commonwealth Contribution to Unemployment Relief (Act 4027) | 39,495 | 39,495 |
| <i>Deduct—</i> | | |
| Loss on non-paying railways | 142,330 | 142,330 |
| Payment to Railways Department on account of reduced Freight Charges | 382,453 | 382,453 |
| Total | 25,805,557 | 25,956,754 |

* Excluding £510,438 recouped to Revenue under Acts Nos. 3944, and 4140, Sec. 2.

† Excluding £104,676 transferred to Revenue under Section 312 of Act No. 3717 as amended by Section 5 of Act No. 4212.

The revenue and expenditure of the State for the last five years, after taking into account the considerations mentioned above, are shown in the next statement:—

STATE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1930-31 TO 1934-35.

| Year. | Public Revenue. | Public Expenditure. | Surplus (+). Deficiency (—) | |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| | | | For each Year. | Accumulated Deficiency to end of each Year (i.e. 30th June). |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1930-31 | 25,575,504 | 28,029,702 | —2,454,198 | —3,739,333 |
| 1931-32 | 24,565,272 | 26,173,595 | —1,608,323 | —5,347,656 |
| 1932-33 | 24,905,985 | 25,747,486 | —841,501 | —6,189,157 |
| 1933-34 | 24,777,739 | 25,546,979 | —769,240 | —6,958,397 |
| 1934-35 | 25,805,557 | 25,956,754 | —151,197 | —7,109,594 |

Heads of State Revenue. Details of the sources of the revenue for the last five financial years are given in the following statement:—

HEADS OF STATE REVENUE, 1930-31 TO 1934-35.

| Heads of Revenue. | 1930-31. | 1931-32. | 1932-33. | 1933-34. | 1934-35. |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Commonwealth Payments to State .. | 2,127,159 | 2,127,159 | 2,127,159 | 2,127,159 | 2,677,159 |
| State Taxation— | | | | | |
| Income Tax .. | 2,659,585 | 2,061,561 | 2,117,000 | 2,329,629 | 2,603,512 |
| Land Tax .. | 506,025 | 497,609 | 503,752 | 535,947 | 494,593 |
| Probate Duty .. | 1,131,603 | 1,014,669 | 1,164,200 | 1,143,330 | 1,124,933 |
| Unemployment Relief— | | | | | |
| Direct .. | 861,530 | 999,814 | 1,799,212 | 1,652,997 | 1,694,571 |
| Stamp Duty.. | 376,974 | 650,678 | 18,336 | .. | .. |
| Entertainments Tax | 160,066 | 159,719 | 194,621 | 201,792 | 228,195 |
| Racing Taxation .. | 160,011 | 212,375 | 293,933 | 313,364 | 319,389 |
| Other Stamp Duties | 704,958 | 649,578 | 725,834 | 733,054 | 826,056 |
| Motor Car and Motor Omnibus Acts* | 1,118,170 | 1,124,362 | 1,222,684 | 1,280,878 | 1,403,134 |
| Liquor Licences†.. | 345,797 | 270,076 | 179,722 | 184,093 | 180,657 |
| Other Licences .. | 77,855 | 77,650 | 81,366 | 86,860 | 97,412 |
| Duties on Bank Notes .. | 1,655 | 1,603 | 534 | .. | .. |
| Other Taxation .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 21,266 |
| Public Works and Services— | | | | | |
| Railways .. | 9,698,720 | 9,149,448 | 9,153,225 | 8,764,154 | 8,981,492 |
| Water Supply .. | 579,616 | 644,038 | 604,960 | 601,118 | 580,650 |
| State Coal Mine .. | 576,007 | 416,955 | 228,775 | 209,188 | 242,514 |
| State Electricity Commission .. | 982,418 | 1,086,336 | 1,009,123 | 960,179 | 923,342 |
| Transfer from Country Roads Board Fund (Act No. 4038) .. | .. | 150,000 | .. | .. | .. |
| Country Roads Board† .. | 101,447 | 105,880 | 82,706 | 60,867 | 17,426 |
| Maffra Beet Sugar Factory .. | 144,795 | 193,871 | 195,757 | 218,315 | 177,902 |
| Victoria Dock Cool Stores .. | 45,382 | 51,419 | 48,205 | 44,106 | 57,074 |
| Wharfage Rates, &c. .. | 53,307 | 52,464 | 57,331 | 58,823 | 63,418 |
| Other .. | 53,953 | 53,715 | 69,953 | 75,821 | 59,654 |

* 1930-31—net amount paid into the Country Roads Board Fund and Metropolitan Roads Fund. Amounts for 1931-32, 1932-33, 1933-34 and 1934-35 include cost of collection of Motor Fees paid into the Country Roads Board Fund.

† Received by the Licensing Fund.

‡ Represents the difference between the interest received by Consolidated Revenue on account of Country Roads and the recoups to Consolidated Revenue as shown in the Country Roads Board Fund. See remarks on p. 279 with reference to the statistical method of arriving at total public revenue.

HEADS OF STATE REVENUE, 1930-31 TO 1934-35—continued.

| Heads of Revenue. | 1930-31. | 1931-32. | 1932-33. | 1933-34. | 1934-35. |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Land— | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Land Sales, Rents, Penalties, &c. . . | 279,205 | 256,725 | 360,459 | 378,878 | 363,669 |
| Interest on Loans— | | | | | |
| Closer Settlement | 450,141 | 471,709 | 426,521 | 437,248 | 419,653 |
| Discharged Soldiers' Settlement .. | 1,269,910 | 1,153,762 | 1,077,252 | 1,070,255 | 1,021,133 |
| Fees, Fines, &c. . . | 210,368 | 196,061 | 207,052 | 211,141 | 226,112 |
| Tramways Act No. 3732 (Sec. 77) .. | 117,633 | 106,910 | 108,218 | 112,201 | 113,724 |
| Government Printer | 135,349 | 116,256 | 103,161 | 107,510 | 112,235 |
| Harbor Trust Contributions .. | 111,005 | 81,812 | 108,778 | 113,216 | 114,169 |
| Department of Agriculture* .. | 40,643 | 39,117 | 39,403 | 32,424 | 35,547 |
| Commonwealth Contribution to Unemployment Relief .. | .. | .. | 200,000 | 210,000 | 39,495 |
| Transfer from Assurance Fund, Act No. 4164 .. | .. | .. | .. | 50,000 | .. |
| Miscellaneous .. | 494,217 | 391,941 | 396,753 | 473,192 | 580,471 |
| Total .. | 25,575,504 | 24,565,272 | 24,905,985 | 24,777,739 | 25,805,557 |
| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| Per Head of Population .. | 14 5 4 | 13 12 4 | 13 14 6 | 13 11 6 | 14 1 0 |

* Excluding "Maffra Beet Sugar Factory" and "Victoria Dock Cool Stores."

The following table shows for the last five years the principal heads of expenditure from State Revenue:—

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE REVENUE, 1930-31 TO 1934-35.

| Heads of Expenditure. | 1930-31. | 1931-32. | 1932-33. | 1933-34. | 1934-35. |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <i>General Government.</i> | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Governor .. | 7,035 | 6,603 | 6,241 | 10,096 | 10,605 |
| Parliament and Ministry .. | 117,654 | 117,449 | 90,889 | 99,242 | 115,960 |
| Civil Establishment, n.s.i. .. | 424,256 | 361,394 | 379,946 | 381,665 | 409,586 |
| Pensions and Gratuities* .. | 922,788 | 918,132 | 901,005 | 918,395 | 968,015 |

* For details, see page 300.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE REVENUE, 1930-31 TO
1934-35—continued.

| Heads of Expenditure. | 1930-31. | 1931-32. | 1932-33. | 1933-34. | 1934-35. |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <i>Law, Order, and Protection.</i> | | | | | |
| Judicial and Legal .. | 252,293 | 216,906 | 210,508 | 203,804 | 214,834 |
| Police .. | 675,624 | 588,489 | 604,343 | 620,570 | 665,750 |
| Penal Establishments and Gaols .. | 112,451 | 97,559 | 95,956 | 106,332 | 108,835 |
| <i>Education, &c.</i> | | | | | |
| State Schools .. | 2,539,925 | 2,227,081 | 2,200,451 | 2,207,509 | 2,332,763 |
| Technical Schools .. | 159,579 | 123,567 | 101,918 | 107,466 | 112,478 |
| University .. | 68,156 | 52,900 | 52,800 | 46,250 | 50,800 |
| Libraries, &c. .. | 46,879 | 38,241 | 40,458 | 43,980 | 43,476 |
| Art and Science .. | 7,073 | 6,042 | 3,366 | 3,727 | 3,897 |
| <i>Recreation and Health.</i> | | | | | |
| Parks, Gardens, and Public Resorts .. | 22,328 | 17,614 | 15,905 | 14,845 | 15,114 |
| Public Health .. | 133,668 | 123,073 | 141,204 | 128,992 | 134,029 |
| Charitable Institutions, &c. .. | 1,206,352 | 1,087,112 | 1,049,001 | 1,024,625 | 1,031,124 |
| <i>Unemployment Relief*</i> | 1,238,504 | 1,650,493 | 2,017,548 | 1,862,997 | 1,734,066 |
| <i>Crown Lands, &c.</i> | | | | | |
| Crown Lands† .. | 1,155,847 | 1,117,967 | 978,104 | 1,103,846 | 1,111,924 |
| Agriculture and Stock‡ .. | 237,367 | 203,885 | 289,376 | 221,693 | 245,985 |
| Mining§ .. | 35,091 | 29,733 | 27,490 | 33,838 | 35,705 |
| <i>Public Works.</i> | | | | | |
| Railways (excluding Pensions) .. | 7,349,989 | 5,977,658 | 6,155,461 | 6,007,502 | 6,240,538 |
| Water Supply .. | 249,038 | 210,908 | 202,409 | 238,009 | 302,189 |
| Harbors, Rivers, and Lights .. | 48,122 | 44,787 | 40,365 | 38,763 | 65,924 |
| Roads and Bridges .. | 19,339 | 2,878 | 1,276 | 2,076 | 1,828 |
| Country Roads Board | 644,572 | 662,613 | 730,472 | 765,986 | 807,187 |
| State Coal Mine .. | 551,990 | 481,609 | 283,794 | 281,386 | 325,383 |
| State Coal Mine Depreciation Fund .. | 19,839 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Maffra Beet Sugar Factory .. | 135,650 | 127,951 | 141,267 | 143,144 | 134,076 |
| Development of Export Trade .. | 53,996 | 52,132 | 57,318 | 51,399 | 53,387 |
| Discharged Soldiers' Concessions Fund .. | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 |

* Figures for 1930-31 and 1931-32 represent amounts paid from Consolidated Revenue to the Unemployment Relief Fund. Those for 1932-33, 1933-34, and 1934-35 include amounts of £200,000, £210,000, and £39,495 respectively—Commonwealth contributions towards Unemployment Relief. Details of the actual expenditure on Unemployment Relief are shown on page 227 of this issue of the *Year Book*.

† Excluding "Newport Seasoning Works."

‡ Excluding "Maffra Beet Sugar Factory" and "Development of Export Trade."

§ Excluding "State Coal Mine."

|| Represents difference between "Public Revenue" of Country Roads Board and recoups to revenue made by the Board. Details of Country Roads Board Fund expenditure are shown on page 140 of this issue of the *Year Book*.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE REVENUE, 1930-31 TO
1934-35—continued.

| Heads of Expenditure. | 1930-31. | 1931-32. | 1932-33. | 1933-34. | 1934-35. |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <i>Public Works—cont.</i> | | | | | |
| Assistance to Municipalities* .. | 102,066 | 100,868 | 60,740 | 60,496 | 160,332 |
| Other Public Works .. | 83,193 | 74,042 | 85,857 | 93,629 | 149,067† |
| <i>Public Debt Charges.</i> | | | | | |
| Interest and Expenses of Public Debt .. | 8,172,554 | 7,617,083 | 7,006,100 | 7,000,452 | 6,651,102 |
| Exchange on payment of Interest in London .. | 419,772 | 1,003,250 | 889,504 | 789,721 | 665,963 |
| Contribution to National Debt Sinking Fund .. | 484,053 | 536,699 | 542,647 | 624,951 | 670,707 |
| <i>Other Expenditure.</i> | | | | | |
| Mint Subsidy .. | 24,000 | 22,500 | 27,000 | 25,000 | 29,000 |
| Fire Brigades .. | 73,309 | 61,095 | 61,073 | 61,923 | 61,752 |
| Immigration .. | 3,149 | 464 | 925 | 925 | 1,563 |
| Licences Reduction Board (Adm.), including Compensation .. | 30,750 | 30,497 | 24,865 | 25,440 | 27,279 |
| Railway passes to Blind and Incapacitated Soldiers .. | 12,747 | 11,293 | 11,501 | 11,189 | 11,370 |
| Liquidation of guaranteed Bank Overdrafts of Freezing Companies, &c. .. | 35,703 | 1,721 | .. | .. | .. |
| Cattle Compensation Fund .. | 20,888 | 23,257 | 23,990 | 21,228 | 19,428 |
| Swine Compensation Fund .. | 6,659 | 4,145 | 4,107 | 4,795 | 5,839 |
| Shrine of Remembrance— | | | | | |
| Government Installation .. | .. | 16,481 | 6,087 | 8,357 | 9,519 |
| Miscellaneous .. | 50,454 | 50,423 | 109,219 | 75,736 | 143,375 |
| Total .. | 28,029,702 | 26,173,594 | 25,747,486 | 25,546,979 | 25,956,754 |
| Per Head of Population .. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| | 15 12 8 | 14 10 2 | 14 3 9 | 14 0 0 | 14 2 9 |

* The annual payments from the Licensing Fund to Municipalities were as follows—1930-31, £61,156; 1931-32, £60,868; 1932-33, £60,740; 1933-34, £60,496, and 1934-35, £60,332. Municipal endowment was suspended from 1929-30 inclusive. The figures for 1934-35 include £100,000—Grants to Municipalities under "Works in Return for Sustainance Scheme."

† Including contribution to State Electricity Commission of Victoria towards reconstruction of Ballarat and Bendigo Tramway Systems—£50,000.

**Surplus
Revenue
Expenditure.**

The total amount appropriated under Surplus Revenue Acts in various years was £2,936,307. The whole of this amount has now been expended, £314,866 having been spent on capital purposes. Particulars of expenditure up to 30th June, 1928, are shown in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 86. Expenditure in each of the following years was applied to the service of "Charitable Institutions" and was as follows:—1928-29, £1,062; 1929-30, £673; 1930-31, £2,472; 1931-32, £517; 1932-33, nil; 1933-34, £221; and 1934-35, £85.

**Melbourne
Financial
Plan.**

The Melbourne Financial Plan, which was formulated at a conference between Ministers of the Commonwealth and Ministers of the States in May, 1931, was the initial step taken towards ensuring to the Commonwealth and States a return to financial stability and conditions of general prosperity.

At this Conference it was agreed—(1) that a reduction of 20 per cent. be made, as compared with the year 1929-30, in all adjustable Government expenditure, (2) that the internal debts of the Commonwealth and the States be voluntarily converted on the basis of 22½ per cent. reduction of interest, (3) that additional revenue be secured by taxation, (4) that bank and savings bank rates of interest on deposits and advances be reduced, and (5) that relief be accorded in respect of private mortgages.

**Financial
Emergency
Legislation.**

The principal legislative provisions made by Parliament to enable Victoria to fulfil the conditions of the agreement under the above-mentioned Plan are included in (1) the *Debt Conversion Agreement Act* 1931, (2) the *Financial Emergency Act* 1931 (a brief summary of each of these Acts is given in the *Year-Book* for 1930-31, page 229), (3) additional and amending legislation as outlined on pages 235 and 236 of the *Year-Book* for 1931-32, (4) the *Financial Emergency (Continuation) Act* 1933 No. 4109, which is briefly summarized in the *Year-Book* for 1932-33, (5) the *Financial Emergency (Continuation) Act* 1934 No. 4212, and (6) the *Financial Emergency (Salaries and Pensions) Act* 1934 No. 4259, both of which are analysed in brief in the *Year-Book* for 1933-34, (7) the *Financial Emergency (Salaries and Pensions) Continuation Act* 1935 No. 4282, which made provision for an extension of time in the operation of the *Financial Emergency (Salaries and Pensions) Continuation Act* 1934 No. 4259, and (8) the *Financial Emergency (Amendment) Act* 1935 No. 4304, which provided *inter alia* (a) for a partial restoration of the existing reduction in the salaries of responsible ministers, officers of the Public Service and certain other officers and persons. Under the new schedule, the rates of reduction which are to operate until 3rd October, 1936, are on a graduated scale and range from 6.0417 per centum on the salary group

" Exceeding £225 and not exceeding £260 " to 17.55 per centum on the salary group " Exceeding £3,000." The rate of pay of any person in the first-mentioned group shall not be reduced to less than £225 ; (b) for a new scale relating to the rates of reduction of certain non-contributory pensions, and (c) for election to increase the number of units for which certain officers are contributing under the provisions of those acts which relate to superannuation.

Earlier information relating to the rates of reductions in the salaries of public servants, etc., and in pensions, etc., appear in the *Year-Books* for 1930-31, 1931-32, 1932-33, and 1933-34 respectively.

TAXATION.

INCOME TAX.

**State
Income Tax.** An income tax was first imposed in Victoria in 1895, and, although originally fixed for a period of three years, it has, with certain amendments and alterations, been retained and continued from year to year until the present time. Incomes assessed for tax in any year are those earned, derived, or received in Victoria in the preceding year, and are divided into two classes, viz. :—(1) those derived from personal exertion, and (2) those derived from property. The former consist of salaries, wages, stipends, fees, commissions, bonuses, pensions, superannuation or retiring allowances earned in or derived from Victoria, and all incomes arising or accruing from any profession, trade, or business carried on in Victoria ; whilst the latter comprise incomes from all other sources. In computing the taxable income certain deductions are allowed from the assessable income, the principal of which are outgoings and losses incurred in the production of the income, life assurance premiums not exceeding £50, and calls or contributions actually paid into any mining company registered under Part II. of the *Companies Act* 1928, or to any company in liquidation.

A statement which contains particulars of Income Tax assessments on incomes earned during the years 1929-30 to 1933-34 inclusive, appears on page 288. The figures in the statement are not comparable unless the varying rates of tax imposed are taken into consideration. The rates for the years 1929-30 and 1930-31 are shown in the *Year-Book* for 1931-32, pages 237 and 238, those for 1931-32 in the *Year-Book* for 1932-33, page 237, and those for 1932-33 in the *Year-Book* for 1933-34, page 260.

Rates of Tax. The rates of tax on incomes earned during 1933-34, and information relating to deductions allowable, etc., are shown hereunder :—

| On Taxable Income— | Rate of Tax per £1 of Taxable Income—Ordinary Income Tax. | | |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------------|---|
| | Personal Exertion. | Pro- perty. | Companies. |
| Not exceeding £500 .. | <i>d.</i> 6 | <i>d.</i> 12 | Mutual Life Assurance Companies, 12 <i>d.</i> in the £1 in respect of the Mutual Life Assurance business, and 21 <i>d.</i> in the £1 on all other business. Other Companies, 21 <i>d.</i> in the £1 on the taxable amount of income plus 7½ per cent. of the amount of tax otherwise chargeable |
| Exceeding £500— | | | |
| (First £500) £1 to £500 .. | 7 | 14 | |
| (Next £500) £501 to £1,000 | 8 | 16 | |
| (Next £500) £1,001 to £1,500 | 9 | 18 | |
| Balance, excess over £1,500.. | 10 | 20 | |

The minimum income of individuals subject to tax was £201. A general deduction of £200 is allowed on incomes between £201 and £500 after which it diminishes at the rate of £4 for every £1 of income over £500, and finally disappears at £550. No general deduction is allowed to companies. The following further deductions were granted to taxpayers whose incomes did not exceed £800 per annum :—£50 for the maintenance of his wife provided she had not an income of her own exceeding £100 per annum ; £50 in respect of each child under 16 years of age ; certain expenses during illness ; life assurance premiums ; friendly society contributions ; superannuation payments ; funeral and burial expenses not exceeding £20 ; and land tax rebates.

Dividends from any source and interest from State Savings Bank securities are not taxable.

Additional Tax. An additional tax at the undermentioned rates was imposed in the case of any person (not being a company) where the income, whether from personal exertion or the produce of property, or both, exceeded £800, viz :—

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|----|--|---|---|
| On incomes from | £801 to £1,000 | .. | 10 | per cent. of amount of tax other- wise chargeable | | |
| „ | „ | £1,001 to £1,250 | .. | 12½ | „ | „ |
| „ | „ | £1,251 to £2,200 | .. | 15 | „ | „ |
| „ | „ | £2,201 to £5,000 | .. | 20 | „ | „ |
| „ | „ | exceeding £5,000 | .. | 25 | „ | „ |

Further additional tax. A further additional tax in the case of any person (including a company) of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the total amount of tax otherwise chargeable was also payable. Such further additional tax was not payable with respect to such income of a life assurance company as was subject to tax at the rate of 12d. in the £1.

Details of the complete assessments on incomes earned during each of the years 1929-30 to 1933-34 are given below :—

INCOME TAX ASSESSMENTS.

| Heading. | On Incomes earned during— | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 1929-30. | 1930-31. | 1931-32. | 1932-33. | 1933-34. |
| Number of Assessments : | | | | | |
| Individuals .. | 152,999 | 104,521 | 82,715 | 82,453 | 90,102 |
| Companies .. | 3,739 | 3,153 | 3,842 | 4,294 | 4,757 |
| Total, Distinct Taxpayers .. | 156,738 | 107,674 | 86,557 | 86,747 | 94,859 |
| Taxable Incomes : | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Individuals .. | 34,356,389 | 21,426,500 | 18,209,473 | 18,326,048 | 20,974,085 |
| Companies .. | 15,212,507 | 11,075,799 | 10,685,257 | 12,266,537 | 14,144,806 |
| Total .. | 49,568,896 | 32,502,299 | 28,894,730 | 30,592,585 | 35,118,891 |
| Tax payable : | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Individuals .. | 1,397,249 | 944,141 | 796,954 | 794,114 | 892,647 |
| Companies .. | 1,294,514 | 999,143 | 962,412 | 1,109,905 | 1,284,005 |
| Total* .. | 2,691,763 | 1,943,284 | 1,759,366 | 1,904,019 | 2,176,652 |
| Per taxpayer : | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| Individuals .. | 9 2 8 | 9 0 8 | 9 12 8 | 9 12 7 | 9 18 2† |
| Companies .. | 346 4 5 | 316 17 9 | 250 9 11 | 258 9 7 | 269 18 5 |
| Average tax payable in the £ on taxable incomes by— | d. | d. | d. | d. | d. |
| Individuals .. | 9·76 | 10·58 | 10·50 | 10·40 | 10·21 |
| Companies .. | 20·42 | 21·65 | 21·62 | 21·72 | 21·79 |

* For actual collections in the following financial year, see page 298.

† The average amount of tax payable per individual taxpayer with taxable income not exceeding £500 was £2 12s. 10d. ; in the case of those with taxable incomes exceeding £500 the average amount was £56 6s. 2d.

The total net incomes of taxpayers who were assessed to pay tax on account of incomes earned during 1933-34, amounted to £50,566,175, but, as 76,119 taxpayers were allowed the £200 exemption,

equalling £15,223,800, and 2,148 taxpayers on grades of income between £301 and £550 were allowed exemption to the amount of £223,484, the amount available for taxation was £35,118,891.

The total number of individuals and companies who were taxed on incomes earned during 1933-34 is detailed, under specified grades of taxable income, in the following table:—

TOTAL NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS (1933-34 INCOMES).

| Taxable Incomes. | Individuals. | | | | Companies. | Grand Total. |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|--------|------------|--------------|
| | Personal Exertion. | Property. | Combined Personal and Property. | Total. | | |
| £ | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| Not exceeding 100 | 48,705 | 3,873 | 258 | 52,836 | 1,514 | 54,350 |
| 101 to 200 | 13,790 | 1,748 | 419 | 15,957 | 539 | 16,496 |
| 201 - 350 | 6,437 | 944 | 424 | 7,805 | 489 | 8,294 |
| 351 - 500 | 940 | 184 | 180 | 1,304 | 332 | 1,636 |
| 501 - 700 | 1,717 | 604 | 1,802 | 4,123 | 242 | 4,365 |
| 701 - 1,000 | 1,295 | 513 | 1,566 | 3,374 | 262 | 3,636 |
| 1,001 - 1,200 | 582 | 179 | 684 | 1,445 | 131 | 1,576 |
| 1,201 - 1,500 | 431 | 155 | 546 | 1,132 | 148 | 1,280 |
| 1,501 - 2,000 | 349 | 119 | 475 | 943 | 170 | 1,113 |
| 2,001 - 2,400 | 142 | 45 | 190 | 377 | 117 | 494 |
| 2,401 - 3,000 | 113 | 34 | 200 | 347 | 119 | 466 |
| 3,001 - 4,000 | 72 | 24 | 136 | 232 | 161 | 393 |
| 4,001 - 5,000 | 28 | 8 | 55 | 91 | 92 | 183 |
| 5,001 - 6,000 | 14 | 3 | 33 | 50 | 77 | 127 |
| 6,001 - 7,400 | 11 | 3 | 20 | 34 | 65 | 99 |
| 7,401 and over .. | 17 | 5 | 30 | 52 | 299 | 351 |
| Total .. | 74,643 | 8,441 | 7,018 | 90,102 | 4,757 | 94,859 |

In the succeeding statement particulars of the sources of taxable incomes earned during 1933-34 are arranged in order of groups of taxable incomes:—

TAXABLE INCOMES (1933-34 INCOMES).

| Taxable Incomes. | Individuals. | | | | Companies. | Grand Total. |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| | Personal Exertion. | Property. | Combined Personal and Property. | Total. | | |
| Not exceeding £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 101 to 200 | 1,865,503 | 169,892 | 16,288 | 2,051,683 | 55,881 | 2,107,564 |
| 201 - 350 | 1,968,609 | 252,740 | 62,383 | 2,283,732 | 78,416 | 2,362,148 |
| 351 - 500 | 1,608,122 | 236,861 | 108,959 | 1,953,942 | 132,230 | 2,086,172 |
| 501 - 700 | 398,222 | 78,216 | 79,514 | 556,952 | 140,058 | 696,010 |
| 701 - 1,000 | 1,035,626 | 368,717 | 1,098,057 | 2,502,400 | 145,174 | 2,647,574 |
| 1,001 - 1,200 | 1,108,985 | 426,538 | 1,331,165 | 2,866,688 | 218,278 | 3,084,966 |
| 1,201 - 1,500 | 637,673 | 195,592 | 747,687 | 1,580,952 | 142,952 | 1,723,904 |
| 1,501 - 2,000 | 576,311 | 206,713 | 731,380 | 1,514,404 | 198,539 | 1,712,943 |
| 2,001 - 2,400 | 605,913 | 204,948 | 819,832 | 1,630,693 | 297,193 | 1,927,886 |
| 2,401 - 3,000 | 309,784 | 100,676 | 412,051 | 822,511 | 255,922 | 1,078,433 |
| 3,001 - 4,000 | 299,306 | 89,559 | 531,354 | 920,219 | 322,040 | 1,242,259 |
| 4,001 - 5,000 | 250,057 | 80,921 | 461,960 | 792,938 | 556,358 | 1,349,296 |
| 5,001 - 6,000 | 123,472 | 36,452 | 241,294 | 401,218 | 410,207 | 811,425 |
| 6,001 - 7,400 | 77,414 | 16,985 | 179,831 | 274,230 | 421,418 | 695,648 |
| 7,401 and over .. | 72,249 | 19,404 | 182,491 | 224,144 | 434,583 | 658,727 |
| | 202,402 | 51,422 | 344,555 | 598,379 | 10,335,557 | 10,933,936 |
| Total .. | 11,139,648 | 2,535,636 | 7,298,801 | 20,974,085 | 14,144,806 | 35,118,891 |

The complete figures relating to the tax payable on incomes earned during 1933-34 are set out hereunder:—

TAX PAYABLE ON 1933-34 INCOMES.

| Taxable Incomes. | Individuals. | | | | Companies. | Grand Total. |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|---------|------------|--------------|
| | Personal Exertion. | Property. | Combined Personal and Property. | Total. | | |
| Not exceeding £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 101 to 200 | 50,685 | 9,134 | 637 | 60,456 | 5,255 | 65,711 |
| 201 - 350 | 52,180 | 13,567 | 2,404 | 68,151 | 7,375 | 75,526 |
| 351 - 500 | 42,589 | 12,714 | 4,121 | 59,424 | 12,436 | 71,860 |
| 501 - 700 | 10,556 | 4,195 | 2,885 | 17,636 | 13,174 | 30,810 |
| 701 - 1,000 | 33,225 | 23,707 | 41,408 | 98,340 | 13,655 | 111,995 |
| 1,001 - 1,200 | 39,599 | 30,137 | 55,763 | 125,499 | 20,531 | 146,030 |
| 1,201 - 1,500 | 24,478 | 15,034 | 33,764 | 73,276 | 13,446 | 86,722 |
| 1,501 - 2,000 | 23,295 | 16,662 | 34,310 | 74,267 | 18,675 | 92,942 |
| 2,001 - 2,400 | 25,744 | 17,435 | 39,680 | 82,859 | 27,955 | 110,814 |
| 2,401 - 3,000 | 13,947 | 9,230 | 20,818 | 43,995 | 24,072 | 68,067 |
| 3,001 - 4,000 | 14,228 | 8,530 | 28,340 | 51,098 | 30,292 | 81,390 |
| 4,001 - 5,000 | 12,232 | 7,925 | 25,571 | 45,728 | 52,523 | 98,251 |
| 5,001 - 6,000 | 6,185 | 3,661 | 13,134 | 22,980 | 38,585 | 61,565 |
| 6,001 - 7,400 | 4,099 | 1,801 | 10,979 | 16,879 | 39,641 | 56,520 |
| 7,401 and over .. | 3,860 | 2,073 | 8,101 | 14,034 | 40,877 | 54,911 |
| | 11,046 | 5,590 | 21,389 | 38,025 | 925,513 | 963,538 |
| Total .. | 367,948 | 181,395 | 343,304 | 892,647 | 1,284,005 | 2,176,652 |

SPECIAL TAX.

Special Tax. Income earned by any person (other than a company) in 1933-34 was subject also to a Special Tax. The minimum taxable income was £101. The deductions allowable for Ordinary Income Tax which are shown on page 287 were not allowable in calculating the taxable income for this tax. Dividends from any source were subject to, but interest from State Savings Bank Securities was free from, tax. The rates of the Special Tax were as follows :—

| Where the Taxable Income— | | | | | | The Rate per £100 was— |
|---------------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|----|----|------------------------|
| | | | | | | <i>s. d.</i> |
| Exceeded | £100 | but did not exceed | £1,000 | .. | .. | 6 0 |
| .. | £1,000 | .. | £1,250 | .. | .. | 7 0 |
| .. | £1,250 | .. | £1,750 | .. | .. | 8 0 |
| .. | £1,750 | .. | £2,000 | .. | .. | 9 0 |
| .. | £2,000 | .. | £2,500 | .. | .. | 11 0 |
| .. | £2,500 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 12 6 |

The total amounts of Special Tax assessed on incomes earned during 1931-32, 1932-33 and 1933-34 respectively were £272,542, £284,916 and £312,367.

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF TAX.

During the year 1930 there was a serious increase in unemployment. In order to relieve the distress which arose therefrom legislation was passed by Parliament for the raising of moneys by special taxation for the purpose of providing employment on relief works and sustenance for unemployed workers and their dependants.

The first legislative provisions made for the relief of unemployment are embodied in the *Unemployment Relief Act 1930* (No. 3866) and the *Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1930* (No. 3868). As a result of the continuance of unemployment amending and continuing legislation to provide relief has been necessary. The principal provisions

of this legislation are contained in the *Unemployment Relief (Administration) Act 1932* (No. 4079), which consolidated and amended the existing law relating to the administration of unemployment relief, the *Unemployment Relief Tax (Assessment) Act 1933* (No. 4171), the *Unemployment Relief Tax (Rates) Act 1933* (No. 4172), and the *Unemployment Relief Tax (Rates) Act 1934* No. 4242. The above-mentioned legislation has been further continued by the enactment of the *Unemployment Relief Tax (Rates) Act 1935* (No. 4297).

A statement of the main provisions of the legislation at different periods relating to rates of taxation for unemployment relief are to be found in the *Year-Books* for 1929-30 and subsequent years.

The following table shows the rates of unemployment relief tax charged on incomes earned during 1932-33 and 1933-34. The minimum income subject to tax was £52, and the general exemption of £200 and concessional allowances (wife, children, medical expenses, life assurance, etc.) mentioned on page 287 are not deductible. In the case of a widower or widow with a child under 16 years of age the minimum taxable income is £105. Dividends from any source and interest on Victorian Government Loans (other than 3 per cent. stock) and State Savings Bank securities are subject to tax.

RATES OF UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF TAX.*

| Amount of Taxable Income. | Rate per £100 payable on the Taxable Income. |
|---|--|
| Not less than £52 but not amounting to £104 .. | <i>s. d.</i> 10 0 |
| " £104 " " " £208 .. | 27 0 |
| " £208 " " " exceeding £312 .. | 33 9 |
| Over £312 but not exceeding £350 .. | 34 6 |
| " £350 " " £400 .. | 35 3 |
| Thereafter for every increase of £50 in taxable income up to the group exceeding £900 but not exceeding £950. | The rate of tax increases by 1s. 3d. until it reaches 49 shillings. |
| Thereafter for every increase of £50 in taxable income up to the group exceeding £2,350 but not exceeding £2,400. | The rate of tax increases by 1s. 6d. until it reaches 92 shillings and sixpence. |
| Thereafter for every increase of £50 in taxable income up to the group exceeding £2,950, but not exceeding £3,000 | The rate of tax increases by 2s. until it reaches 116 shillings and sixpence |
| Over £3,000 | 118s. 6d. (the maximum rate of tax) |

* The tax payable is the amount calculated at these rates, but less 15 per cent. of the amount so calculated.

**ANALYSIS OF UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF TAX ASSESSMENTS
ON INCOMES EARNED DURING 1932-33 AND 1933-34
RESPECTIVELY.**

| Taxable Incomes. | 1932-33. | | | 1933-34. | | |
|-------------------|----------|-----------------|--------------|----------|-----------------|--------------|
| | Number. | Taxable Income. | Tax Payable. | Number. | Taxable Income. | Tax Payable. |
| | | £ | £ | | £ | £ |
| Not exceeding 100 | 95,728 | 7,347,420 | 31,384 | 96,014 | 7,368,183 | 31,412 |
| 101 to 200 | 182,267 | 27,129,691 | 306,039 | 189,525 | 28,094,890 | 316,253 |
| 201 " 350 | 123,154 | 31,113,126 | 439,041 | 131,042 | 33,019,415 | 465,609 |
| 351 " 500 | 23,944 | 9,834,158 | 150,494 | 25,888 | 10,640,760 | 163,904 |
| 501 " 700 | 9,875 | 5,743,674 | 99,045 | 10,975 | 6,379,583 | 110,017 |
| 701 " 1,000 | 4,947 | 4,069,736 | 80,729 | 5,676 | 4,671,404 | 92,604 |
| 1,001 " 1,200 | 1,421 | 1,548,129 | 35,556 | 1,708 | 1,866,961 | 42,932 |
| 1,201 " 1,500 | 1,336 | 1,783,599 | 46,629 | 1,487 | 1,983,200 | 51,786 |
| 1,501 " 2,000 | 1,023 | 1,760,197 | 54,712 | 1,202 | 2,073,043 | 64,549 |
| 2,001 " 2,400 | 429 | 934,963 | 34,358 | 560 | 1,223,523 | 44,999 |
| 2,401 " 3,000 | 359 | 962,816 | 43,114 | 448 | 1,194,203 | 52,952 |
| 3,001 " 4,000 | 278 | 964,143 | 48,274 | 349 | 1,193,427 | 59,812 |
| 4,001 " 5,000 | 194 | 589,112 | 29,667 | 189 | 834,091 | 41,972 |
| 5,001 " 6,000 | 49 | 263,149 | 13,278 | 106 | 585,529 | 29,475 |
| 6,001 " 7,400 | 38 | 252,895 | 12,736 | 57 | 376,668 | 18,997 |
| 7,401 and over .. | 107 | 1,334,944 | 67,230 | 114 | 1,460,627 | 73,546 |
| Total .. | 445,089 | 95,631,752 | 1,492,286 | 465,340 | 102,965,507 | 1,660,819 |

**UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF TAX ASSESSMENTS,
1929-30 TO 1933-34.***

| On Income Earned in Year. | Number. | Taxable Income. | Tax Payable. |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| 1929-30 | 268,619 | 85,320,993 | 1,272,558 |
| 1930-31 | 240,718 | 64,335,779 | 1,340,741 |
| 1931-32 | 433,292 | 92,535,275 | 1,514,642 |
| 1932-33 | 445,089 | 95,631,752 | 1,492,286 |
| 1933-34 | 465,340 | 102,965,507 | 1,660,819 |

* The tax on salaries and wages of not more than £6 per week was not collected by assessment for years 1929-30 and 1930-31, but by deduction from wages.

In comparing the annual particulars of assessments of Unemployment Relief Tax given in the above statement, it is necessary to take into account the rates of tax applicable during each year.

PAYMENT OF TAXES BY INSTALMENTS.

In November, 1932, there was established a system having for its object the assisting of taxpayers in the payment of their taxes. This is achieved by means of regular deductions from salary and wage earners who constitute the majority of taxpayers and are the classes most requiring assistance of this character.

Deductions are made by the employer upon the following scale :—

| Weekly Rate of Payment. | | | | Rate of Deduction. | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|----|------|--------------------|----|----|----------------------------------|
| £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. | |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | to 1 | 19 | 11 | | |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | „ | 5 | 0 | 0 | |
| 5 | 0 | 1 | „ | 8 | 0 | 0 | |
| 8 | 0 | 1 | „ | 12 | 0 | 0 | |
| Over | £12 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | |
| | | | | | | | 1d. per £1 or fraction over 10s. |
| | | | | | | | 4d. „ „ „ „ |
| | | | | | | | 6d. „ „ „ „ |
| | | | | | | | 9d. „ „ „ „ |
| | | | | | | | 1s. „ „ „ „ |

The employer upon making the deduction hands to the employee special Tax Instalment Stamps to the value of the deduction made. The employee must keep his stamps in a special booklet, and after he has received his assessment notice, which issues in the usual way, he produces his Tax Instalment Stamps, which are credited in payment or part payment of his taxes. If the value of the stamps is in excess of his taxes he receives an immediate cash refund, but if insufficient he is required to pay the difference in cash.

The general public, apart from salary and wage earners, may also participate in the system for they may at any time purchase Tax Instalment Stamps, which will be treated as cash when their taxes fall due for payment in the ordinary course.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX.

Commonwealth Income Tax. In addition to the State Income Tax there is a Commonwealth Income Tax, which was first imposed on incomes earned in the financial year 1914-15. The tax collected throughout Australia by the Commonwealth Government, in the years 1933-34 and 1934-35, amounted to £9,314,768 and £8,761,619 respectively.

LAND TAX.

State Land Tax. The State Land Tax Act of 1928 provides for a tax on the unimproved value of land and for the assessment of land and other purposes. Unimproved value for the purposes of this Act means the sum which might be expected to be realized at the time of valuation if the land were offered for sale on such terms as a seller might in ordinary circumstances be expected to require, and assuming that the improvements (if any) had not been made. The nature of the

taxation is a duty upon land for every pound sterling of the unimproved value thereof, as assessed under the Act, at a rate declared for each year by Act of Parliament. Previously to 1923 the rate of tax was one halfpenny on every pound sterling of the unimproved value of all land having an unimproved value exceeding £250, but since the year mentioned an increased amount has been payable—a super-tax of 5 per cent. having been added to the old rate. No tax is chargeable when the total unimproved value of all lands owned does not exceed £250. Where the assessed unimproved value exceeds the amount of exemption (£250) the exemption diminishes at the rate of £1 for every £1 of such excess, so as to leave no exemption when the unimproved value amounts to, or exceeds £500.

An analysis, in specified groups of estates, of the 1935 Land Tax assessments based on unimproved values as at 31st December, 1934, is given hereunder.

ANALYSIS OF LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS, 1935.

| Unimproved Values of Estates ranging between— | Number of Taxpayers. | Total Amount of Unimproved Values. | Tax Payable. |
|---|----------------------------|--|--------------|
| £ | No. | £ | £ |
| 1 and 500 .. | 63,775 | 22,770,064 | 30,751 |
| 501 and 600 .. | 12,583 | 6,968,370 | 15,023 |
| 601 and 750 .. | 12,923 | 8,727,210 | 18,730 |
| 751 and 1,000 .. | 14,629 | 12,725,424 | 27,238 |
| 1,001 and 1,250 .. | 9,370 | 10,521,099 | 22,495 |
| 1,251 and 1,500 .. | 7,016 | 9,629,598 | 20,645 |
| 1,501 and 2,000 .. | 9,645 | 16,763,079 | 36,072 |
| 2,001 and 3,500 .. | 13,910 | 36,579,327 | 78,857 |
| 3,501 and 5,000 .. | 5,884 | 24,436,268 | 52,911 |
| 5,001 and 6,000 .. | 1,923 | 10,494,809 | 22,743 |
| 6,001 and 7,000 .. | 1,187 | 7,673,967 | 16,586 |
| 7,001 and 8,000 .. | 812 | 6,069,836 | 13,137 |
| 8,001 and 9,000 .. | 502 | 4,252,526 | 9,211 |
| 9,001 and 10,000 .. | 386 | 3,661,110 | 7,902 |
| 10,001 and 15,000 .. | 1,030 | 12,429,378 | 26,957 |
| 15,001 and 20,000 .. | 412 | 7,117,356 | 15,341 |
| 20,001 and 25,000 .. | 209 | 4,646,593 | 10,000 |
| 25,001 and 30,000 .. | 133 | 3,628,252 | 7,937 |
| 30,001 and 35,000 .. | 100 | 3,252,432 | 7,051 |
| 35,001 and 40,000 .. | 72 | 2,703,849 | 5,760 |
| 40,001 and 50,000 .. | 119 | 5,264,439 | 11,422 |
| 50,001 and 75,000 .. | 94 | 5,636,029 | 12,049 |
| 75,001 and 100,000 .. | 52 | 4,487,862 | 9,790 |
| 100,001 and 150,000 .. | 36 | 4,407,936 | 8,859 |
| 150,001 and 200,000 .. | 5 | 872,003 | 1,908 |
| 200,001 and over .. | 20 | 5,523,449 | 12,066 |
| Total | 156,827 | 241,242,265 | 501,441 |

In the succeeding statement details are shown relating to the assessments made during the years 1931 to 1935.

LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS, 1931 TO 1935.

| Year. | Number of Taxpayers. | Total Tax Payable. | Average Tax Payable per Taxpayer. | Unimproved Value (approximate). |
|------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | No. | £ | £ s. d. | £ |
| 1931 | 158,692 | 548,285 | 3 9 1 | 262,731,902 |
| 1932 | 158,616 | 527,929 | 3 6 7 | 252,557,652 |
| 1933 | 159,076 | 513,959 | 3 4 7 | 246,787,493 |
| 1934 | 156,278 | 503,129 | 3 4 5 | 242,980,860 |
| 1935 | 156,827 | 501,441 | 3 3 11 | 241,242,265 |

Commonwealth Land Tax. In addition to the State Land Tax there is also a Commonwealth Land Tax—assented to on 17th November, 1910—levied on the lands of the State. Particulars of assessments, etc., for Victoria, given in the table hereunder, have been extracted from the report of the Federal Commissioner of Taxation. It should be noted that resident landowners whose property does not exceed the unimproved value of £5,000 are exempted from the payment of this tax.

| Year Ended 30th June— | Victorian Returns Assessed.* | Central Office Assessments.† | Unimproved Value Assessed by Department. | Tax Payable. |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--------------|
| | No. | No. | £ | £ |
| 1931 | 9,128 | 1,860 | 112,514,968 | 969,675 |
| 1932 | 8,358 | 1,795 | 98,719,383 | 800,646 |
| 1933 | 7,729 | 1,587 | 91,836,074 | 502,121 |
| 1934 | 7,231 | 1,611 | 86,710,216 | 349,890 |

* Including absentee returns on which tax was payable as follows:—1930-31, 312, £12,150; 1931-32, 294, £10,403; 1932-33, 290, £6,198; and 1933-34, 279, £4,680.

† Includes the Victorian interests of those who owned land in more than one State.

PROBATE DUTIES.

The rates of duty payable on estates of deceased persons are briefly summarized hereunder :—

Part 1.—Where bequests to persons other than widow, children, and grand-children do not exceed £200, no duty is payable, but duty becomes payable at a rate of $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on estates over £200 and not exceeding £300. The rate rises gradually thereafter until it reaches 10 per cent. on estates over £20,000.

Part 2.—There is no duty payable on bequests to widow, children, and grand-children where the estate is under £500. The rate of duty commences at 2 per cent. on estates of over £500 and not exceeding £1,000 and gradually increases until it reaches 10 per cent. on estates over £100,000. Under this Part half rates apply when the total net value of the estate is over £500 but does not exceed £2,000.

Part 3.—The rates of duty on settlements (a) on brother, sister and other relatives are the same as those applicable to Part 1—mentioned above; (b) on widow, widower, descendant or ancestor of settler—the same as mentioned in Part 2.

Duty on settlements on strangers in blood is rateable at 10 per cent.

Additional Duty.—On all statements filed on and after 23rd October, 1930, an additional amount of 21 per cent. on the duty otherwise chargeable, is payable.

The total amounts of probate duty assessed for the years 1933–34 and 1934–35 were £1,138,659 and £1,123,556 respectively.

COMMONWEALTH, STATE, AND MUNICIPAL TAXATION.

Commonwealth, State, and Municipal Taxation. The following table shows in detail, for each of the last five financial years, the amount of taxation collected in Victoria by the Commonwealth and State Governments, and by the Municipalities.

**TAXATION IN VICTORIA—COMMONWEALTH, STATE, AND
MUNICIPAL, 1930-31 TO 1934-35.**

| Heads of Taxation. | 1930-31. | 1931-32. | 1932-33. | 1933-34. | 1934-35. |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Total Commonwealth Taxation in Victoria* | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | 13,910,000 | 14,854,000 | 15,427,000 | 15,467,000 | 16,100,000 |
| State— | | | | | |
| Income Tax .. | 2,859,585 | 2,061,561 | 2,117,000 | 2,329,629 | 2,603,512 |
| Land Tax .. | 506,025 | 497,609 | 503,752 | 535,947 | 494,593 |
| Probate Duty .. | 1,131,603 | 1,014,669 | 1,164,200 | 1,143,330 | 1,124,933 |
| Unemployment Relief— | | | | | |
| Direct .. | 861,530 | 999,814 | 1,799,212 | 1,652,997 | 1,694,571 |
| Stamp Duty .. | 376,974 | 650,678 | 18,336 | .. | .. |
| Entertainments Tax | 160,066 | 159,719 | 194,621 | 201,792 | 228,195 |
| Racing Taxation | 160,011 | 212,375 | 293,933 | 313,364 | 319,389 |
| Other Stamp Duties | 704,958 | 649,578 | 725,834 | 733,054 | 826,056 |
| Motor Car and Motor Omnibus Acts † | 1,118,170 | 1,124,362 | 1,222,684 | 1,280,878 | 1,403,134 |
| Liquor Licences .. | 345,797 | 270,076 | 179,722 | 184,093 | 192,682 |
| Other Licences .. | 77,855 | 77,650 | 81,366 | 86,860 | 85,387 |
| Duties on Bank Notes .. | 1,655 | 1,603 | 534 | .. | .. |
| Other Taxation .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 21,266 |
| Total State Taxation .. | 8,104,229 | 7,719,694 | 8,301,194 | 8,461,944 | 8,993,718 |
| Municipal Taxation .. | 3,866,694 | 3,694,090 | 3,607,872 | 3,635,709 | ‡ |
| Total Taxation | 25,880,923 | 26,267,784 | 27,336,066 | 27,564,653 | ‡ |

* Estimated.

† See footnote on page 281.

‡ Not available.

The taxation in Victoria per head of population by the Commonwealth, the State, and Municipalities for each of the last five years was as follows:—

COMMONWEALTH, STATE, AND MUNICIPAL TAXATION
IN VICTORIA PER HEAD OF POPULATION,
1930-31 TO 1934-35

| Authority | Taxation per Head of Population in Victoria. | | | | |
|------------------|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | 1930-31. | 1931-32. | 1932-33. | 1933-34. | 1934-35. |
| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| Commonwealth* .. | 7 15 2 | 8 4 8 | 8 10 0 | 8 9 6 | 8 15 4 |
| State .. | 4 10 5 | 4 5 7 | 4 11 6 | 4 12 9 | 4 17 11 |
| Municipal .. | 2 3 2 | 2 0 11 | 1 19 9 | 1 19 10 | † |
| Total .. | 14 8 9 | 14 11 2 | 15 1 3 | 15 2 1 | † |

* Average taxation per head throughout the Commonwealth.

† Not available.

TAXATION COLLECTIONS—AUSTRALIAN STATES.

In the following table particulars of taxation collections in each of the Australian States are given for the last five years. The amounts shown are inclusive of all taxation whether paid into Consolidated Revenue or not.

STATE TAXATION COLLECTIONS—TOTAL AND PER HEAD
OF POPULATION, 1930-31 TO 1934-35.

| Year. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queens- land. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Total All States. |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| TOTAL COLLECTIONS. | | | | | | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1930-31 .. | 16,190,756 | 8,104,229 | 5,542,526 | 3,899,942 | 1,524,846 | 1,071,263 | 35,833,562 |
| 1931-32 .. | 14,855,306 | 7,719,684 | 4,761,880 | 3,076,374 | 1,459,559 | 905,715 | 32,755,528 |
| 1932-33 .. | 18,052,914 | 8,301,194 | 5,661,151 | 2,733,445 | 1,573,451 | 1,003,454 | 37,325,609 |
| 1933-34 .. | 14,198,982 | 8,461,944 | 5,846,301 | 2,925,106 | 1,835,829 | 1,132,889 | 34,401,001 |
| 1934-35 .. | 13,964,226 | 8,993,718 | 6,546,263 | 3,267,099 | 2,436,076 | 1,227,328 | 36,434,710 |
| PER HEAD OF POPULATION. | | | | | | | |
| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| 1930-31 .. | 6 7 3 | 4 10 5 | 6 0 9 | 5 18 5 | 3 10 9 | 4 16 2 | 5 10 6 |
| 1931-32 .. | 5 15 9 | 4 5 7 | 5 2 4 | 5 6 8 | 3 6 5 | 4 0 2 | 5 0 2 |
| 1932-33 .. | 6 19 4 | 4 11 6 | 6 0 4 | 4 14 4 | 3 12 0 | 4 8 0 | 5 13 3 |
| 1933-34 .. | 5 8 8 | 4 12 9 | 6 3 0 | 5 0 5 | 4 3 4 | 4 18 11 | 5 3 7 |
| 1934-35 .. | 5 6 0 | 4 17 11 | 6 16 3 | 5 11 11 | 5 9 11 | 5 7 1 | 5 8 11 |

TAXATION FOR FINANCIAL YEAR, 1935-36.

**Income Tax
for 1934-35.**

The *Income Tax Act* 1935 (No. 4309) fixed the rates of income tax on incomes earned during the year ended 30th June, 1935. These rates were the same as those applicable to 1930-31, 1931-32, 1932-33 and 1933-34 incomes. They appear on pages 287 and 288 of this issue.

**Special
Income Tax
for 1934-35.**

The above-mentioned Act made provision also for the continuation of the Special Tax. Details regarding this tax were the same as those relating to the previous year which are detailed on page 291 of this *Year-Book*.

**Unemployment
Relief
Taxation
for 1934-35.**

The *Unemployment Relief Tax (Rates) Act* 1935 (No. 4297) fixed the rates of unemployment relief taxation on incomes earned in the year ended 30th June, 1935. The tax payable is calculated in the same manner as that on incomes earned during 1932-33 and 1933-34. The rates of tax are shown in this issue on page 292.

PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES.

**Pension and
Superannua-
tion Schemes
in force.**

A statement of Pension and Superannuation schemes in force at 30th June, 1928, in the Public Services of Victoria, appears in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 98.

**Cost of
Pensions and
Gratuities.**

During the year 1934-35, the Government expended a sum of £968,015 on pensions, gratuities, etc. Of this amount, £274,487 was spent on pensions of a non-contributory nature. The remainder represents payments from State revenue to the Police Superannuation Fund, the Police Pensions Fund, and the Superannuation Fund. The following table gives details of the Government expenditure on pensions for each of the last five years.

**GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PENSIONS,
GRATUITIES, ETC., 1930-31 TO 1934-35.**

| Heading. | 1930-31. | 1931-32. | 1932-33. | 1933-34. | 1934-35. |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Non-contributory Pensions, &c.— | | | | | |
| Railways | 195,018 | 159,052 | 147,199 | 135,349 | 127,672 |
| Defences | 22 | .. | .. | .. | 744 |
| Lunacy | 1,434 | 1,221 | 1,104 | 898 | 1,250 |
| County Court Judges .. | 375 | 167 | .. | 313 | 11,559 |
| Civil Service | 19,179 | 14,602 | 13,422 | 12,361 | 117,157 |
| Public Service | 170,681 | 141,044 | 129,929 | 121,876 | |
| Education Department Officers transferred to Commonwealth Service | 22,000 | 17,500 | 23,500 | 20,000 | 14,000 |
| Various Allowances .. | 1,967 | 1,676 | 1,487 | 1,379 | 1,424 |
| Compensations and Gratuities | 1,133 | 107 | 91 | 659 | 681 |
| Total Non-contributory Pensions, Gratuities, &c. | 411,809 | 335,369 | 316,732 | 292,835 | 274,487 |
| Police Superannuation Fund— | | | | | |
| Government Subsidy .. | 82,400 | 78,759 | 65,590 | 65,026 | 75,050 |
| Transferred from Licen- sing Fund (Act No. 3717) | 23,000 | 23,000 | 23,000 | 23,000 | 23,000 |
| Fines | 9,548 | 10,342 | 13,158 | 11,239 | 9,637 |
| Police Pensions Fund .. | 59,800 | 82,800 | 84,600 | 87,600 | 90,900 |
| The Superannuation Fund— | | | | | |
| Railways | 230,278 | 265,848 | 270,773 | 290,035 | 323,293 |
| Other | 105,952 | 122,014 | 127,152 | 148,660 | 171,648 |
| Total | 336,230 | 387,862 | 397,925 | 438,695 | 494,941 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 922,787 | 918,132 | 901,005 | 918,395 | 968,015 |

This fund is maintained by an annual subsidy of £2,000 from the Consolidated Revenue; by a moiety of the fines inflicted by the Courts of Petty Sessions; by a deduction, not exceeding $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., from the pay of the members of the Police Force entitled to pensions; by transfers from the Licensing Fund under the provisions of Act No. 3717; and, should the foregoing sources prove insufficient, by a further grant in aid from the Consolidated Revenue.

During the year 1934-35 the total receipts of the fund amounted to £108,531, consisting of £107,687 from Government Revenue as shown in the preceding table, and £844 from members of the Force.

Payments out of the Fund amounted to £108,531 (£104,379 for pensions and £4,152 for gratuities).

Pensions are payable out of this fund only to those members of the Police Force who joined it prior to the 25th November, 1902.

This Act, which came into operation on 1st January, 1924, provides for pensions to those members of the Police Force who have joined it since 25th November, 1902, as well as to persons who may enter the Force in the future. Details of the principal provisions of the Act appear in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 100.

The receipts of the Police Pensions Fund (established under this Act) during 1934-35 amounted to £140,993 as follows:—Deductions from pay, £14,358; special appropriation, £90,900, and interest on investments, £35,735. During the year £4,632 was paid in pensions, and deductions of pay returned amounted to £755. There was a balance of £1,036,131 at 30th June, 1935, of which £1,025,624 was invested.

On 24th November, 1925, legislation was enacted by the State Parliament, making provision on a contributory basis for superannuation benefits for public servants and railway employees. The contributions of officers, the amounts received from the Government, and income from investments are paid into the Superannuation Fund and the benefits provided by the Act are paid therefrom. Act No. 3782 of 1928 consolidated previous legislation in this regard and several important amendments have been made subsequently. Under the *Superannuation Act* 1933 (No. 4816) provision was made for raising the rates of all contributors to the fund. Further brief particulars of the more important changes consequent on the amending legislation are given in previous issues of the *Year-Book*. The more recent legislation affecting the Superannuation Fund included (a) the *Superannuation Act* 1935 (No. 4351), which provided *inter alia* for (1) dates for the commencement and cessation of contributions by officers to the Superannuation Fund; (2) the date from which invalid pension shall be payable; and (3) the right of certain contributors to elect to increase units of pension; and (b) the *Financial Emergency (Amendment) Act* 1935 (No. 4304), which also included provision for election to increase the number of units of pension for which certain officers are contributing.

During the year 1934-35, the receipts of the Superannuation Fund amounted to £967,064, consisting of contributions from officers, £335,764; from Consolidated Revenue, £491,813; interest on investments, £135,370; and other receipts, £4,117. The total of the payments from the Fund during the year was £611,866. The amount paid in pensions was £572,545; in refund of contributions, £24,704; endowment assurances matured, £14,132; and in other expenditure, £485. The balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1935, was £3,528,570, of which £3,525,716 was invested.

In the year 1934-35, amounts of £3,214 and £3 were paid out of the Port Phillip Pilot Sick and Superannuation Fund in pensions and sick allowances respectively. This fund does not receive contributions from the Government. It is maintained by deductions from pilots' earnings and the annual income derived from investment of the moneys belonging to the fund.

EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION.

During the year 1934-35 the State expended on education generally the sum of £2,672,419. This amount includes expenditure from loan moneys and the cost of pensions and gratuities, but excludes the interest paid by the State on loans for educational purposes, particulars of which are not now obtainable. The expenditure on education in each of the last five years, as detailed in the report of the Minister of Public Instruction, was as follows:—

STATE EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION, 1930-31 TO 1934-35.

| Expenditure on— | 1930-31. | 1931-32. | 1932-33. | 1933-34. | 1934-35. |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Education— | | | | | |
| Primary (including Special Subjects) .. | 1,846,110 | 1,654,018 | 1,660,924 | 1,669,617 | 1,726,940 |
| Intermediate .. | 103,705 | 90,446 | 91,027 | 89,173 | 92,996 |
| Secondary .. | 240,224 | 203,603 | 196,834 | 191,466 | 194,055 |
| Training of Teachers .. | 55,924 | 40,927 | 27,319 | 20,375 | 18,681 |
| Administration .. | 79,208 | 66,804 | 65,695 | 65,250 | 66,176 |
| Buildings and Land (Schools) | 114,826 | 43,818 | 51,947 | 94,850 | 104,591 |
| Pensions .. | 168,482 | 151,900 | 146,724 | 148,538 | 154,006 |
| Technical Education— | | | | | |
| Junior and Senior Schools | 318,799 | 258,939 | 229,753 | 235,998 | 253,864 |
| Buildings .. | 14,120 | 1,925 | 1,888 | 3,602 | 2,251 |
| University— | | | | | |
| Special Appropriations, &c. .. | 73,136 | 59,280 | 59,240 | 52,320 | 50,800 |
| Buildings, Apparatus, &c. .. | 98 | .. | .. | .. | 7,944 |
| Miscellaneous .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 115 |
| Total* .. | 3,014,632 | 2,571,660 | 2,531,351 | 2,571,189 | 2,672,419 |
| Per head of population .. | £ s. d. 1 13 8 | £ s. d. 1 8 6 | £ s. d. 1 7 11 | £ s. d. 1 8 2 | £ s. d. 1 9 1 |

* In addition, fees, donations, &c., amounting to £40,710, in 1930-31; £37,273, in 1931-32; £37,753, in 1932-33; £45,272, in 1933-34; and £50,603, in 1934-35, were expended by the various technical school councils.

The foregoing statement deals with expenditure by the State on education generally, but in the two following tables an effort has been made to account for the expenditure incurred in connexion with primary and secondary education of the State Schools only (excluding amount expended on technical education). Owing to the difficulty in apportioning items of expenditure, such as training of teachers and administration, &c., these totals are slightly overstated.

EXPENDITURE IN CONNEXION WITH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION OF STATE SCHOOLS (EXCLUDING TECHNICAL SCHOOLS), 1930-31 TO 1934-35.

| Expenditure on— | 1930-31. | 1931-32. | 1932-33. | 1933-34. | 1934-35. |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Education:— | | | | | |
| Primary— | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Day Schools, including Central Schools .. | 1,807,759 | 1,620,559 | 1,627,581 | 1,635,807 | 1,689,352 |
| Schools for Deaf Mutes and Blind and Feeble-minded Children .. | 8,009 | 6,932 | 7,134 | 7,587 | 8,224 |
| Subsidized Schools .. | 103 | 174 | 183 | 251 | 287 |
| Free Kindergarten Union .. | 2,250 | 2,250 | 2,250 | 2,250 | 2,250 |
| Special Subjects— | | | | | |
| Physical Training .. | 1,491 | 1,037 | 932 | 2,312 | 3,773 |
| Medical Inspection .. | 16,604 | 13,996 | 13,995 | 13,661 | 13,738 |
| Dressmaking and Needlework .. | 5,786 | 5,996 | 5,993 | 4,927 | 6,410 |
| School Gardening and Plantations .. | 2,873 | 2,351 | 2,120 | 2,088 | 2,062 |
| Singing .. | 1,235 | 723 | 736 | 739 | 844 |
| Total Primary .. | 1,846,110 | 1,654,018 | 1,660,924 | 1,669,617 | 1,726,940 |
| Intermediate— | | | | | |
| Higher Elementary Schools .. | 58,396 | 50,721 | 50,744 | 48,650 | 49,620 |
| Evening Continuation Classes .. | 117 | 49 | 31 | 23 | 65 |
| Schools of Domestic Arts .. | 45,192 | 39,676 | 40,252 | 40,500 | 43,311 |
| Total Intermediate .. | 103,705 | 90,446 | 91,027 | 89,173 | 92,996 |
| Secondary*— | | | | | |
| High Schools .. | 231,350 | 196,414 | 191,370 | 186,600† | 190,193† |
| Scholarships .. | 8,874 | 7,189 | 5,464 | 4,866 | 3,977 |
| Total Secondary .. | 240,224 | 203,603 | 196,834 | 191,466 | 194,170 |
| Training of Teachers .. | 55,924 | 40,927 | 27,319 | 20,375 | 18,681 |
| Administration .. | 79,208 | 66,804 | 65,695 | 65,250 | 66,176 |
| Buildings— | | | | | |
| Primary Schools .. | 93,708 | 33,022 | 41,442 | 84,068 | 89,397 |
| Primary Schools (expended by School Committees) .. | 9,075 | 4,820 | 4,320 | 5,027 | 5,095 |
| Rents .. | 3,491 | 3,184 | 2,939 | 3,054 | 3,040 |
| Higher Elementary Schools .. | 340 | 59 | 109 | 274 | 14 |
| Domestic Arts Schools, etc. .. | 101 | 21 | 24 | 37 | 38 |
| High Schools .. | 8,111 | 2,712 | 3,113 | 2,390 | 7,007 |
| Total Buildings .. | 114,826 | 43,818 | 51,947 | 94,850 | 104,591 |
| Pensions .. | 168,482 | 151,900 | 146,724 | 148,538 | 154,006 |
| Total .. | 2,608,479 | 2,251,516 | 2,240,470 | 2,279,269 | 2,357,560 |

* Including Manual Training.

† Including £57 Refund of Tuition Fees in 1933-34 and £115 in 1934-35.

The following return summarizes the expenditure and revenue connected with primary and secondary education of the Victorian State Schools (excluding technical schools), and shows the cost per scholar in average attendance for each of the last five years :—

COST OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION OF VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS (EXCLUDING TECHNICAL SCHOOLS), 1930-31 TO 1934-35.

| Year. | Expenditure by the State.* | Revenue of the Education Department. | Net Expenditure. | Number of Scholars—Average Attendance † | Cost per Scholar to the State |
|------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | No. | £ s. d. |
| 1930-31 .. | 2,608,479 | 47,792 | 2,560,687 | 207,005 | 12 7 5 |
| 1931-32 .. | 2,251,516 | 62,126 | 2,189,390 | 209,968 | 10 8 7 |
| 1932-33 .. | 2,240,470 | 88,765 | 2,151,705 | 211,034 | 10 3 11 |
| 1933-34 .. | 2,279,269 | 85,733 | 2,193,536 | 210,454 | 10 8 5 |
| 1934-35 .. | 2,357,560. | 89,857 | 2,267,703 | 204,315 | 11 2 0 |

* Excluding interest paid by the State on loans for educational purposes, particulars of which are not obtainable.

† Excluding Junior and Senior Technical Schools.

STATE AND LOCAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

State and Local Finance.

In the following statements ordinary revenue and expenditure and loan expenditure of the State Government, the Municipalities and certain other Local Bodies in Victoria have been combined for each of the five years 1929-30 to 1933-34. Amounts received by one body from another have been excluded from the statement.

STATE AND LOCAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1930 TO 1934.

| Heading. | Financial Year ended in— | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 1930. | 1931. | 1932. | 1933. | 1934. |
| <i>Revenue.</i> | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| State Government .. | 27,070,168 | 25,374,866 | 24,356,465 | 24,686,678 | 24,550,058 |
| Municipal .. | 6,858,927 | 6,198,906 | 5,920,695 | 5,974,276 | 6,224,199 |
| Other Local Authorities— | | | | | |
| Harbor Trusts .. | 706,152 | 476,311 | 563,431 | 632,257 | 696,105 |
| Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works | 1,706,372 | 1,767,186 | 1,733,952 | 1,703,700 | 1,677,075 |
| Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board | 2,349,154 | 2,060,498 | 1,916,071 | 1,929,739 | 1,959,547 |
| Fire Brigades Boards .. | 131,594 | 118,948 | 99,802 | 97,298 | 98,180 |
| Other* .. | 247,931 | 241,482 | 242,793 | 254,091 | 435,215 |
| Total .. | 39,070,298 | 36,238,197 | 34,833,209 | 35,278,039 | 35,640,379 |

* See footnote on next page.

STATE AND LOCAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1930 TO 1934

—continued.

| Heading. | Financial Year ended in— | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 1930 | 1931. | 1932. | 1933. | 1934. |
| <i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i> | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| State Government .. | 28,243,040 | 27,829,064 | 25,964,788 | 25,528,179 | 25,319,298 |
| Municipal .. | 7,094,179 | 6,188,195 | 5,607,803 | 5,800,601 | 6,073,579 |
| Other Local Authorities— | | | | | |
| Harbor Trusts .. | 668,446 | 587,240 | 561,124 | 622,435 | 684,475 |
| Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works | 1,774,150 | 1,835,907 | 1,796,961 | 1,788,838 | 1,771,124 |
| Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board | 2,519,093 | 2,265,126 | 2,064,241 | 2,014,957 | 2,022,755 |
| Fire Brigades Boards .. | 102,642 | 113,051 | 97,285 | 96,108 | 94,188 |
| Other* .. | 250,264 | 247,815 | 244,267 | 244,074 | 487,916 |
| Total .. | 40,651,814 | 39,066,398 | 36,336,469 | 36,095,192 | 36,453,335 |
| <i>Loan Expenditure.</i> | | | | | |
| State Government .. | 6,467,067 | 3,552,767 | 2,042,043 | 2,852,556 | 2,808,738 |
| Municipal .. | 1,432,639 | 791,796 | 251,937 | 170,763 | 362,990 |
| Other Local Authorities— | | | | | |
| Harbor Trusts .. | 521,537 | 330,408 | 140,175 | 113,240 | 143,963 |
| Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works | 1,747,174 | 881,992 | 189,401 | 201,784 | 318,435 |
| Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board | 689,199 | 336,157 | 97,672 | 98,625 | 130,078 |
| Fire Brigades Boards .. | 27,300 | 18,260 | 3,950 | 511 | 8,378 |
| Other* .. | 132,776 | 55,755 | 36,713 | 91,348 | 283,551 |
| Total .. | 11,017,692 | 5,967,135 | 2,761,891 | 3,528,827 | 4,056,133 |
| <i>Expenditure—Grand Total ..</i> | 51,669,506 | 45,033,533 | 39,098,360 | 39,624,019 | 40,509,468 |
| Per Head of Population— | | | | | |
| Revenue .. | £ s. d. 21 19 3 | £ s. d. 20 4 3 | £ s. d. 19 6 2 | £ s. d. 19 8 9 | £ s. d. 19 8 8 |
| Ordinary Expenditure .. | 22 17 1 | 21 15 10 | 20 2 10 | 19 17 9 | 19 19 6 |
| Loan Expenditure | 6 3 11 | 3 6 7 | 1 10 7 | 1 18 11 | 2 4 6 |

* Ballarat Water Commission and Sewerage Authority; Bendigo Sewerage Authority; Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust and the First Mildura Irrigation Trust. The Mildura Sewerage Authority and Colac Waterworks Trust and Sewerage Authority added in 1933, and the following added in 1934:—Echuca Sewerage Authority, Horsham Sewerage Authority, Kerang Sewerage Authority, Mildura Urban Water Trust, Swan Hill Sewerage Authority, Wangaratta Sewerage Authority, Warrnambool Sewerage Authority, and 104 Waterworks Trusts (*Water Act 1928*).

PUBLIC DEBT.

The following statement shows the result of loan transactions, including Treasury Bonds in aid of revenue, to 30th June, 1935.

LOANS RAISED AND REDEEMED TO 30th JUNE, 1935.

| | £ |
|--|-------------|
| Cash received | 661,325,447 |
| Discount and expenses, after deducting premiums | 5,514,414 |
| Securities issued | 666,839,861 |
| Add liability to Commonwealth for Treasury Bills issued for revenue purposes | 4,520,000 |
| „ liability to Commonwealth on account of flotation in course | 1,508,020 |
| | 672,867,881 |
| Loans redeemed by— | £ |
| Renewal Loans | 466,808,444 |
| National Debt Sinking Fund | 5,591,497 |
| Other Funds | 24,062,803 |
| Discount (securities purchased under par) | 83,514 |
| Liability transferred to Commonwealth Government Act No. 4246 | 2,160,960 |
| | 498,707,218 |
| Loans outstanding as at 30th June, 1935 | 174,160,663 |

It will be seen that, upon the transactions to 30th June, 1935 (excluding the advances, &c., referred to above), securities representing £666,839,861 were issued, and that the amount of cash received was £661,325,447. The State thus received £99 3s. 6d. in cash for every £100 bond given.

The following table gives particulars relating to the loans raised in London, New York, and Melbourne, and shows the amounts which were outstanding at 30th June, 1935:—

LOANS FLOATED TO 30th JUNE, 1935.

| Heading. | Nominal Amount Raised (Amount for which Securities have been Issued). | Loans Paid Off (including Renewal Loans). | Debt Outstanding at 30th June, 1935. | | | |
|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | | | Inscribed Stock. | Debentures. | Total Payable in— | |
| | | | | | London. | Australia. |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| London Register | 233,121,872* | 165,483,494 | 35,841,812 | 32,292,897 | 67,638,378 | 496,331† |
| Melbourne Register | 433,717,989 | 333,223,724 | 99,466,601 | 531,333 | .. | 99,997,934 |
| Total | 666,839,861 | 498,707,218 | 135,308,413 | 32,824,230 | | |
| Add Liability to Commonwealth for Treasury Bills issued for revenue purposes | | | | | .. | 4,520,000 |
| „ Liability to the Commonwealth on account of flotation in course | | | | | .. | 1,508,020 |
| Total Public Debt at 30th June, 1935 | | | | | 67,638,378‡ | 106,522,285 |

* Including loans raised in New York through the Commonwealth Government amounting to £5,095,366.

† This amount represents the outstanding amount of Inscribed Stock which had been transferred from the London to the Melbourne Register.

‡ Including £4,569,473 raised in New York through the Commonwealth Government.

The Public Debt of Victoria, after allowing for the transfer of a liability of £2,160,960 to the Commonwealth Government during 1934-35 has increased by £42,991,098 or nearly 33 per cent., during the last ten years. The chief works and services for which the additional liabilities were incurred are shown below :—

PUBLIC DEBT—INCREASE IN TEN YEARS.

| Work or Service for which raised. | Loans outstanding at 30th June— | | Increase. |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| | 1925. | 1935. | |
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Railways.. .. . | 67,007,065 | 73,266,789 | 6,259,724 |
| Waterworks—Country | 15,207,628 | 24,902,804 | 9,695,176 |
| Discharged Soldiers' Settlement | 21,188,534 | 22,949,131 | 1,760,597 |
| Closer Settlement | 5,974,114 | 10,642,368 | 4,668,254 |
| Electricity Supply | 7,823,426 | 17,634,022 | 9,810,596 |
| Roads—Main | 5,914,083 | 4,145,270 | 3,804,567 |
| Developmental | | 5,573,380 | |
| State Forests | .. | 583,956 | 583,956 |
| Unemployment Relief | .. | 4,045,748 | 4,045,748 |
| All other Works and Services | 7,276,429 | 5,827,559* | 1,448,870† |
| In Aid of Revenue | 778,286 | 4,589,636 | 3,811,350 |
| Total | 131,169,565 | 174,160,663 | 42,991,098 |

* Includes £765,500 advanced from State Loans Repayment Fund not yet allocated to any particular work and £1,508,020 portion of liability on account of flotation in course.

† Decrease.

Particulars concerning the due dates of loans outstanding at 30th June, 1935, are given in the following table. Where the Government had the option of redemption during a specified period the loans have been classified according to the latest date of maturity.

Due Dates
of Loans.

DUE DATES OF VICTORIAN LOANS AT 30TH JUNE, 1935.

| Due Date. (Financial Year.) | Payable in London. | Payable in Australia. | Total. |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| 1935-36 | 5,953,925 | 2,926,250 | 8,880,175 |
| 1936-37 | .. | 8,017,380 | 8,017,380 |
| 1937-38 | .. | 1,941,605 | 1,941,605 |
| 1938-39 | .. | 18,199,056 | 18,199,056 |
| 1939-40 | .. | 8,529,812 | 8,529,812 |
| 1940-41 | .. | 1,340,000 | 1,340,000 |
| 1941-42 | .. | 11,733,377 | 11,733,377 |
| 1942-43 | .. | 2,686,905 | 2,686,905 |
| 1943-44 | .. | 2,158,040 | 2,158,040 |
| 1944-45 | .. | 6,211,137 | 6,211,137 |
| 1945-46 | 1,049,868 | 15,400 | 1,065,268 |
| 1947-48 | .. | 4,615,025 | 4,615,025 |
| 1948-49 | 12,061,795 | 3,392,170 | 15,453,965 |
| 1949-50 | 6,082,195 | 111,563 | 6,193,758 |
| 1950-51 | .. | 4,336,658 | 4,336,658 |
| 1953-54 | .. | 4,247,798 | 4,247,798 |
| 1955-56 | 2,680,212* | 4,105,863 | 6,786,075 |
| 1957-58 | 1,889,261* | 4,023,138 | 5,912,399 |
| 1958-59 | 13,693,800 | .. | 13,693,800 |
| 1959-60 | 2,962,116 | 4,045,746 | 7,007,862 |
| 1960-61 | 6,806,075 | .. | 6,806,075 |
| 1961-62 | .. | 4,012,278 | 4,012,278 |
| 1975-76 | 14,459,131 | .. | 14,459,131 |
| Not yet fixed | .. | 3,845,064 | 3,845,064 |
| Liability to Commonwealth for Treasury Bills issued for revenue purposes | .. | 4,520,000 | 4,520,000 |
| Liability to Commonwealth on account of flotation in course | .. | 1,508,020 | 1,508,020 |
| Total | 67,638,378 | 106,522,285 | 174,160,663 |

* Raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government, but repayable by State Treasurer to Agent-General in London.

Loans and
Interest
payable in
London and
Australia.

Information relating to the loans outstanding and interest payable thereon, in London and Australia respectively, for the years indicated, is given in the succeeding table. The amount of loans payable in London in each of the five last-mentioned years includes those raised

in New York by the Commonwealth Government for Victoria, but which are repayable to the Agent-General in London by the State Treasurer.

PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE THEREON IN LONDON AND AUSTRALIA, 1900 TO 1935.

| At 30th June— | Amount of Loans Payable in— | | Annual Interest Payable in— | |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| | London.* | Australia. | London. | Australia. |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1900 .. | 44,655,579 | 4,670,306 | 1,735,307 | 152,096 |
| 1910 .. | 39,012,436 | 16,564,289 | 1,419,579 | 560,520 |
| 1915 .. | 41,333,738 | 31,750,189 | 1,520,762 | 1,131,811 |
| 1920 .. | 42,406,040 | 45,241,699 | 1,637,615 | 1,902,108 |
| 1925 .. | 51,869,204 | 79,300,361 | 2,319,486 | 3,999,635 |
| 1929 .. | 68,056,026 | 91,496,627 | 3,166,399 | 4,708,873 |
| 1930 .. | 68,750,235 | 93,538,759 | 3,225,754 | 4,831,371 |
| 1931 .. | 68,976,946 | 98,039,650 | 3,157,330 | 5,088,867 |
| 1932 .. | 68,707,872 | 101,126,092 | 3,144,480 | 3,990,364 |
| 1933 .. | 68,059,626 | 103,339,405 | 3,010,355 | 3,978,515 |
| 1934 .. | 67,843,364 | 107,289,385 | 2,677,474 | 4,080,640 |
| 1935 .. | 67,638,378 | 106,522,285 | 2,651,050 | 3,930,414 |

* Including outstanding loans raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government, amounting to £4,658,461 at end of 1928-29, 1929-30, and 1930-31, £4,648,084 at end of 1931-32, £4,615,021 at end of 1932-33, £4,592,459 at end of 1933-34, and £4,569,473 at end of 1934-35.

Rates of
Interest on
Public Debt.

During 1931-32 the conversion of Victoria's portion of the internal debt of the Commonwealth and States was effected as provided for by the Debt Conversion Agreement Acts (Nos. 1 and 2) of 1931. The conversion was based on a reduction of 22½ per cent. per annum of the interest rates payable on existing securities. The appended table shows the rates of

interest which were payable on the public debt at 30th June, 1935, and the portions of the debt at each rate in London and Australia respectively:—

**RATES OF INTEREST ON PUBLIC DEBT AT
30TH JUNE, 1935.**

| Rate of Interest. | Amount Payable in— | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | London. | Australia. | Total. |
| | £ | £ | £ |
| 5 % | 18,285,768* | .. | 18,285,768 |
| 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ % | 5,999,000 | .. | 5,999,000 |
| 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % | 801,050† | .. | 801,050 |
| £4 9s. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. | .. | 1,130,950 | 1,130,950 |
| £4 5s. 3d. | .. | 193,200 | 193,200 |
| £4 1s. 4d. | .. | 6,720 | 6,720 |
| 4 % | 2,962,116 | 57,037,973 | 60,000,089 |
| 3 $\frac{7}{8}$ % | .. | 6,384,356 | 6,384,356 |
| 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % | 6,887,649 | 14,554,265 | 21,441,914 |
| 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ % | .. | 877,000 | 877,000 |
| 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % | 19,775,995 | 3,018,395 | 22,794,390 |
| £3 9s. 9d. | .. | 500 | 500 |
| 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ % | 807,075 | 8,367,855 | 9,174,930 |
| 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ % | .. | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| £3 2s. | .. | 691,019 | 691,049 |
| £3 0s. 5d. | .. | 2,482,000 | 2,482,000 |
| 3 % | 5,174,146 | 3,924,074 | 9,098,220 |
| £2 18s. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. | .. | 220,000 | 220,000 |
| £2 14s. 3d. | .. | 446,845 | 446,845 |
| 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % | 5,953,925 | .. | 5,953,925 |
| £2 6s. 6d. | .. | 778,083 | 778,083 |
| 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ % | 991,654 | .. | 991,654 |
| Various | .. | 380,000 | 380,000 |
| Not fixed | .. | 6,028,020 | 6,028,020 |
| Total | 67,638,378 | 106,522,285 | 174,160,663 |
| Average Rate of Interest | % 3·92 | % 3·69 | % 3·78 |

* Including £3,768,423 raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government.

† Raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government.

**Growth of
Public Debt.**

The public debt of Victoria increased each year until it reached the amount of £175,132,749 at 30th June, 1934. The most noticeable feature of this growth was the rather pronounced increase which occurred between the years 1918–19 and 1927–28. During 1928–29 the amount at credit of the State Redemption and Sinking Funds was applied to the liquidation of £5,540,369 of the debt. In the year 1934–35 a liability amounting to £2,160,960 was transferred

from the State to the Commonwealth Government under Act No. 4246. As a result of this transfer the public debt of Victoria decreased to £174,160,663 at the 30th June, 1935.

The amount of the public debt per head of population increased by nearly 21 per cent. during the ten year period ended on the last-mentioned date.

The annual amount of interest payable on the Public Debt per head of population increased by over 20 per cent. between 30th June, 1925, and 30th June, 1931, but decreased by 22 per cent. between the latter date and 30th June, 1935. Over the decennial period ended on 30th June, 1935, the decrease approximated 6 per cent.

In the following statement is shown the growth of the public debt and of the interest payable thereon since the date of the establishment of responsible government in 1855 :—

GROWTH OF PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST, 1855 TO 1934-35.

| Financial Year ending in— | Loans Outstanding. | | | Amount per Head of Population. | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Amount. | Annual Interest Payable. | | Debt. | Annual Interest Payable. |
| | | Total. | Average Rate per cent. | | |
| | £ | £ | % | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| 1855* .. | 1,180,000 | 70,800 | 6·00 | 3 4 9 | 0 3 11 |
| 1860* .. | 5,643,100 | 337,905 | 5·99 | 10 9 10 | 0 12 7 |
| 1870* .. | 12,099,800 | 699,240 | 5·78 | 16 13 1 | 0 19 3 |
| 1880 .. | 20,567,700 | 1,029,991 | 5·01 | 24 9 4 | 1 4 6 |
| 1890 .. | 41,377,693 | 1,649,465 | 3·99 | 36 19 11 | 1 9 6 |
| 1900 .. | 49,325,885 | 1,887,403 | 3·83 | 41 6 8 | 1 11 8 |
| 1910 .. | 55,576,725 | 1,980,099 | 3·56 | 43 6 8 | 1 10 10 |
| 1920 .. | 87,647,739 | 3,539,723 | 4·04 | 57 19 1 | 2 6 10 |
| 1925 .. | 131,169,565 | 6,319,121 | 4·82 | 78 9 11 | 3 16 3 |
| 1929 .. | 159,552,653 | 7,875,272 | 4·94 | 90 4 3 | 4 9 5 |
| 1930 .. | 162,288,994 | 8,057,125 | 4·96 | 90 18 7 | 4 10 7 |
| 1931 .. | 167,016,596 | 8,246,197 | 4·94 | 92 16 2 | 4 12 0 |
| 1932 .. | 169,833,964 | 7,134,844 | 4·20 | 93 18 9 | 3 19 1 |
| 1933 .. | 171,399,031 | 6,988,870 | 4·08 | 94 3 2 | 3 17 0 |
| 1934 .. | 175,132,749 | 6,758,114 | 3·86 | 95 16 6 | 3 14 1 |
| 1935 .. | 174,160,663 | 6,581,464 | 3·78 | 94 15 2 | 3 11 8 |

* Including outstanding liabilities of the Melbourne and Geelong Corporations Guarantee Loans.

In addition to the ordinary expenditure from revenue, certain sums are disbursed annually for various purposes from Loans and on account of Loan Funds. The figures in the following table include all such expenditure, whether the loans have been repaid or are still in existence. The table shows the details for each of the last four years and the total to date :—

EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS.*

| Expenditure on— | Expenditure during the Year— | | | | Total to 30th June, 1935. |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| | 1931-32. | 1932-33. | 1933-34. | 1934-35. | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Railways | 163,402 | 156,728 | 194,770 | 218,419 | 74,499,177 |
| Water Supply— | | | | | |
| Country | 351,119 | 488,072 | 315,870 | 260,736 | 25,681,399 |
| Metropolitan .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3,142,577 |
| Closer Settlement .. | 313,657 | 372,410 | 373,296 | 265,650 | 13,010,240 |
| Discharged Soldiers' Settlement .. | 215,810 | 216,437 | 266,012 | 209,737 | 27,797,953 |
| Country Roads .. | 85,582 | 118,119 | 143,037 | 129,006 | 11,245,432 |
| Electricity Supply .. | 586,337 | .. | .. | .. | 17,839,227 |
| State Schools, Technical Schools, and University .. | 2,354 | Cr. 1,000 | .. | .. | 5,057,996 |
| State Coal Mine .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 249,399 |
| Seed and Fodder Advances to Farmers | 248,300 | 204,676 | 146,047 | 78,965 | 2,005,631 |
| Cool Storage—Advances to Companies, &c. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 578,299 |
| Municipalities—Loans, Advances, and Grants | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,129,414 |
| Primary Products—Advances to Companies, &c. .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 331,101 |
| Wire Netting .. | 24,070 | 52,352 | 37,228 | 18,384 | 792,748 |
| Parliament Houses, Law Courts, &c. .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 853,708 |
| State Forests .. | 22,791 | 26,288 | 33,784 | 44,542 | 595,658 |
| Unemployment Relief | .. | 1,205,833 | 1,292,236 | 1,312,955 | 3,811,024 |
| All other works and services | 28,621 | 12,641 | 6,458 | 127 | 5,400,206 |
| In aid of Revenue .. | .. | .. | .. | 150,000 | 4,025,682 |
| Total | 2,042,043 | 2,852,556 | 2,808,738 | 2,688,521 | 198,046,871 |

* The totals shown in this table are "Net." Discounts and flotation expenses for each of the periods mentioned were as follows :—1931-32, £534,398; 1932-33, £8,954; 1933-34, £526,093; 1934-35, £60,572; and aggregate to 30th June, 1935, £5,514,414.

Of the proceeds of loans and temporary advances outstanding at 30th June, 1935, sums not yet expended amounted in the aggregate to £1,831,623, of which £60,061 was for Public Works, Buildings, &c.;

£132,859 for Country Water Supply; £74,749 for Closer Settlement; £44,058 for Discharged Soldiers' Settlement; and £247,956 for Unemployment Relief. There was also an amount of £1,230,000 cash in the Loan Proceeds Suspense Account.

The amount of interest and expenses paid on the Public Debt of Victoria during each of the last five financial years is shown in the next table:—

INTEREST AND EXPENSES OF PUBLIC DEBT.

| Year Ended 30th June. | Interest Paid on Loans in— | | Interest Paid on Temporary Loans. | Commission on Payment of Interest in London, Expenses of Conversion Loans, etc. | Exchange on Payment of Interest in London. | Total. |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|------------|
| | London. | Melbourne. | | | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1931 .. | 3,126,788 | 4,998,952 | 27,426 | 19,388 | 419,772 | 8,592,326* |
| 1932 .. | 3,152,867 | 4,423,402 | 9,390 | 31,424 | 1,003,250 | 8,620,333* |
| 1933 .. | 3,073,944 | 3,871,987 | 14,161 | 22,266 | 889,504 | 7,871,862* |
| 1934 .. | 3,096,949 | 3,848,691 | 12,177 | 22,352 | 789,721 | 7,769,890* |
| 1935 .. | 2,665,308 | 3,868,945 | 10,164 | 85,518 | 665,963 | 7,295,898* |

* Of this amount £2,127,159 was contributed by the Commonwealth in accordance with the provisions of the "Financial Agreement."

NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND.

Under the provisions of the *Commonwealth and States Financial Agreement Act 1927* (No. 3554) the National Debt Sinking Fund was established. The following table gives particulars of the receipts and disbursements during 1934-35:—

| | |
|---|-----------|
| | £ |
| Balance at credit of the State at 30th June, 1934 | 46,085 |
| Contributions during 1934-35— | £ |
| By Commonwealth under Financial Agreement .. | 273,715 |
| " " under Federal Aid Roads Act .. | 8,948 |
| " " State under Financial Agreement .. | 688,407 |
| | 971,070 |
| Interest received | 5,436 |
| | 1,022,591 |
| Cancellation of securities to the value of £812,726 | 898,716 |
| | 123,875 |
| Balance at credit of the State at 30th June, 1935 | 123,875 |
| Face value of securities cancelled to 30th June, 1935 | 5,591,497 |
| | 5,715,372 |
| The net credit to Victoria at 30th June, 1935 | 5,715,372 |

TRUST FUNDS.

The liability of the Treasurer on account of moneys lodged for investment and for securities and other lodgements amounted to £7,802,130 at 30th June, 1935. Of this sum, £3,703,370 was invested in Australian Consolidated Inscribed Stock and other securities, and cash advances amounted to £4,031,958, thus leaving a debit balance of £66,802.

PUBLIC DEBTS OF AUSTRALIAN STATES.

The following is a statement of the public debts of the Australian States at 30th June, 1935, showing the amounts and the amounts per head of population. Sinking Funds have not been deducted. Treasury Bills covering Revenue Deficits are included. Revenue Deficits which are not covered by Treasury Bills, overdrafts on Loan Account, and advances from Trust Funds are excluded.

PUBLIC DEBTS OF AUSTRALIAN STATES AT
30TH JUNE, 1935.

| Heading. | Victoria.* | New South Wales. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Public Debt | £ 174,160,663 | £ 337,101,269 | £ 118,846,753 | £ 105,349,536 | £ 88,590,176 | £ 23,915,354 |
| Debt per head of population at 30th June, 1935 | £ s. d. 94 15 2 | £ s. d. 127 9 2 | £ s. d. 122 15 8 | £ s. d. 180 0 3 | £ s. d. 198 15 5 | £ s. d. 104 11 2 |

* Including liability to Commonwealth for Treasury Bills issued for Revenue purposes, £4,520,000: and liability to Commonwealth on account of flotation in course, £1,508,020.

The gross public debt of the six States at 30th June, 1935, was £847,963,751. Excluding loans raised on behalf of the States, but including the debts on account of the Port Augusta-Oodnadatta Railway and of the Northern Territory, the gross public debt of the Commonwealth was £394,151,070. Therefore the liability of the Australian public (£1,242,114,821) at 30th June, 1935, was equal to an average sum of £184 14s. 5d. per head of population.

The gross indebtedness of the State Government, Municipalities, and certain other Local Bodies of Victoria for the year 1934 is shown in detail hereunder. The amounts of loans received by all the local governing bodies from the State Government have been excluded. Amounts relating to Sewerage Authorities include indebtedness on account of house connexions.

STATE AND LOCAL DEBTS, 1934.

| Heading. | Loans Outstanding— | | |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| | Payable in London. | Payable in Australia. | Total. |
| State Public Debt— | £ | £ | £ |
| Securities issued | 67,843,364* | 100,433,335 | 175,132,749 |
| Liability to Commonwealth for Treasury Bills issued for Revenue purposes | .. | 4,430,000 | |
| Liability to Commonwealth on account of flotation in course | .. | 2,426,050 | |
| Municipal Debt | .. | 11,975,632† | 11,975,632 |
| Other Local Governing Bodies— | | | |
| Melbourne Harbor Trust | 1,082,100 | 3,378,916 | 4,461,016 |
| Geelong Harbor Trust‡ | .. | 255,300 | 255,300 |
| Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works | 3,724,404 | 21,220,580 | 24,944,984 |
| Bendigo Sewerage Authority | .. | 343,081 | 343,081 |
| Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust | .. | 1,301,038 | 1,301,038 |
| Ballarat Water Commission and Sewerage Authority‡ | .. | 427,072 | 427,072 |
| Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board | 1,000,000 | 4,165,821 | 5,165,821 |
| Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board | .. | 204,917 | 204,917 |
| Country Fire Brigades Board | .. | 42,979 | 42,979 |
| Other‡§ | .. | 121,877 | 121,877 |
| Grand Total | 73,649,868 | 150,726,598 | 224,376,466 |

* Including £4,592,459 raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government.

† Including £77,700 payable in New Zealand.

‡ Excluding outstanding loans received from State Government as follows:—Municipalities, £2,796,211; Geelong Harbor Trust, £357,102; Warrnambool Harbor Board, £4,668; Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, £100,000; Ballarat Water Commission and Sewerage Authority, £295,060; Other Authorities, £445,575.

§ For Authorities included, see footnote page 306.

The total loan liability in respect of the Authorities mentioned above—£224,376,466—represents a debt of £122 12s. 8d. per head of population at 30th June, 1934.