

PART IX.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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

The Local Government Act No. 5203 of 1946 consolidated the law relating to Local Government in Victoria. Section 10 (1) of the Local Government Act No. 5443 of 1949 increased the maximum general rate which may be levied by municipalities from three shillings to four shillings in the pound of the net annual value of property and increased the minimum amount of rate payable from two shillings and sixpence to five shillings.

For purposes of local government, the State of Victoria consists of 198 Municipalities and the Yallourn Works Area which was constituted under the *State Electricity (Yallourn Area) Act* No. 5219 of 1947. Information relating to the formation of the Yallourn Works Area was published on page 492 of the *Year-Book*, 1947-48.

During the year ended 31st December, 1950, the State Parliament passed several Acts affecting local government, and details of their principal provisions are given in Part I. of this *Year-Book*. The numbers and the titles of the principal Acts are as follow:—

- No. 5465.—*Legislative Council Reform Act 1950.*
- No. 5471.—*Weights and Measures Act 1950.*
- No. 5473.—*Drainage Areas Act 1950.*
- No. 5479.—*Building Operations and Building Materials Control (Amendment) Act 1950.*
- No. 5481.—*Public Works Loan and Application Act 1950.*
- No. 5482.—*Grain Elevators Act 1950.*
- No. 5484.—*Imported Materials Loan and Application (Amendment) Act 1950.*
- No. 5485.—*Water Supply Loan and Application Act 1950.*
- No. 5487.—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Contracts) Act 1950.*
- No. 5488.—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Borrowing Powers) Act 1950.*
- No. 5492.—*Water Act 1950.*
- No. 5494.—*Country Roads Board Act 1950.*

- No. 5505.—*Local Government (Imported Houses) Act 1950.*
 No. 5512.—*Municipalities and Other Authorities Finances Act 1950.*
 No. 5515.—*Public Works Loan and Application Act 1950 (No. 2).*
 No. 5522.—*Workers' Compensation (Amendment) Act 1950.*
 No. 5526.—*Local Government (Shire of Braybrook) Act 1950.*

Municipalities in Victoria. Of the 198 municipalities in the State at 30th September, 1950, 41 ranked as cities, 4 as towns, 16 as boroughs, and 137 as shires. The only unincorporated areas of the State are French Island, in Westernport Bay, containing about 42,000 acres; Julia Percy Island, off Port Fairy, containing 650 acres; and Tower Hill, adjacent to the Borough of Koroit, containing approximately 1,350 acres.

Changes in names of municipalities during the year are as follows :—

- On 1st October, 1949, the Town of Newtown and Chilwell was proclaimed a City.
 On 22nd November, 1949, the Town of Hamilton was proclaimed a City.
 On 30th January, 1950, the Borough of Castlemaine was proclaimed a Town.
 On 24th May, 1950, the Town of Ararat was proclaimed a City; the Borough of St. Arnaud was proclaimed a Town.
 On 31st May, 1950, the Town of Sale was proclaimed a City.

Municipal Elections. Municipal elections of councillors are held in August in every year. Under Section 149 of the *Local Government Act 1946*, the Governor in Council may, on the petition of the council of any municipality, make orders providing for compulsory voting and voting by post. At 30th September, 1950, voting was compulsory in the following 26 municipalities :—

Metropolitan Area.

Cities .. Brunswick, Coburg, Collingwood, Essendon, Fitzroy, Footscray, Heidelberg, Kew, Northcote, Nunawading, Port Melbourne, Preston, South Melbourne, Williamstown.

Outside Metropolitan Area.

Cities .. Ararat, Ballaarat, Bendigo, Mildura.
 Town .. Hamilton.
 Boroughs .. Castlemaine, Echuca, Maryborough, Wonthaggi.
 Shires .. Buln Buln, Eltham, Warragul.

Properties
rated and
number of
dwellings.

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 during the years ended 30th September, 1947 to 1950.

As the metropolitan area was redefined in 1947, information relating to municipalities in Greater Melbourne and municipalities outside Greater Melbourne is not comparable with that for previous years.

It is not practicable to present all types of statistics for a part of a municipality. Consequently, where only portion of a municipality comes within the Metropolitan Area, the statistics published, unless otherwise stated, relate to the municipality as a whole.

VICTORIA—PROPERTIES RATED AND NUMBER OF DWELLINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1946-47 TO 1949-50.

Year Ended 30th September.	Number of Distinct Rate- payers.	Number of Pro- perties Rated.	Value of Rateable Property.		Estimated Number of Dwellings.†		Esti- mated Number of Dwel- lings Erected During the Year.
			Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Occupied.	Unoc- cupied.	
MUNICIPALITIES IN GREATER MELBOURNE.*							
			£	£			
1947.. ..	401,964	458,592	24,199,694	464,910,600	307,576	35	5,859
1948.. ..	413,521	466,751	25,275,859	486,266,050	315,663	15	6,742
1949.. ..	420,187	477,076	26,304,411	506,771,020	324,985	3	9,348
1950.. ..	427,447	484,770	27,837,365	540,306,930	338,220	6	13,278§
MUNICIPALITIES OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
1947.. ..	288,760	403,604	16,011,188	319,573,460	222,642	489	3,422
1948.. ..	295,423	409,580	17,443,926	348,302,030	219,651‡	423	4,978
1949.. ..	306,504	422,643	18,883,774	377,166,860	226,565‡	149	6,653
1950.. ..	318,563	435,677	20,448,273	407,871,050	236,407‡	101	9,898§
TOTAL.							
1947.. ..	690,724	862,196	40,210,882	784,484,060	530,218	524	9,281
1948.. ..	708,944	876,331	42,719,785	834,568,080	535,314	438	11,720
1949.. ..	726,691	899,719	45,188,185	883,937,880	551,550	152	16,001
1950.. ..	746,010	920,447	48,285,658	948,177,980	574,627	107	23,176§

* Including the whole of the City of Heidelberg, the Borough of Ringwood, and the whole of the Shires of Braybrook, Broadmeadows, and Kellor.

† Particulars of occupied and unoccupied dwellings are based on returns furnished by municipalities. These figures refer to the number of *units* in all habitable buildings and differ from the basis on which the 1947 Census returns were compiled.

‡ Including occupied dwellings in areas not within any municipality, viz., the Yallourn Works Area, and the Unincorporated areas.

§ These figures cover the period 1st October, 1949, to 31st December, 1950 (15 months). Dwellings erected in the Yallourn Works Area are included in the total figures shown for Outside Greater Melbourne during each year 1948 to 1950.

In 1949-50 the estimated capital improved value of rateable property reached its highest point (£948,177,980).

The following table shows, for each municipality in Victoria, the general rate levied in the £1, the estimated value of rateable property, the amount of loans outstanding at 30th September, 1950, the General Account receipts, and the estimated number of dwellings:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1949-50.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1950.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.*	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
MUNICIPALITIES IN GREATER MELBOURNE.	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
<i>Cities.</i>							
Box Hill ..	0 5½a	473,784	9,099,960	247,413c	73,733	7,333	..
Brighton ..	2 6	950,553	19,011,060	130,490	145,548	10,761	..
Brunswick ..	0 9 a	781,192	12,057,800	141,061	204,350	13,827	..
Camberwell ..	0 5½a	1,810,886	34,773,180	150,255	266,228	22,678	..
Caulfield ..	0 4½a	1,566,689	30,194,660	132,236	201,333	21,096	..
Chelsea ..	0 6½a	149,212	2,348,580	40,554d	47,606	3,789	..
Coburg ..	0 6½a	742,095	13,274,500	354,020	171,496	13,730	..
Collingwood ..	3 0	534,652	10,693,040	50,738	96,272	7,106	..
Essendon ..	0 7½a	861,185	14,096,510	320,917	192,748	14,250	..
Fitzroy ..	3 0	529,744	10,594,880	91,838	101,000	7,504	..
Footscray ..	2 9	885,442	17,708,840	283,905	200,982	13,710	..
Hawthorn ..	2 10	754,271	15,085,420	75,349	132,468	10,584	..
Heidelberg ..	3 0	666,193	13,323,860	446,840	159,551	11,548	..
Kew ..	0a 5½/10	639,595	11,802,310	134,675	107,071 ^e	7,843	..
Malvern ..	2 6	1,168,719	23,374,380	130,892	172,313	13,214	..
Melbourne ..	2 2	5,584,635	111,692,700	4,346,000	1,145,983	24,081	5
Moorabbin ..	0 4 ab	692,719	13,286,710	190,843e	142,352	11,891	..
Mordialloc ..	0 6½a	269,634	5,781,950	134,771f	58,988	4,242	..
Northcote ..	0 6 a	571,938	10,018,360	218,401	185,614	11,634	..
Nunawading ..	3 0	258,358	5,167,160	23,207g	53,547	3,549	..
Oakleigh ..	0 5½a	313,514	5,574,510	54,952	55,334	4,855	..
Port Melbourne ..	2 6	373,784	7,475,680	5,299	73,210	3,523	..
Prahran ..	1 11	1,510,619	30,212,380	103,744	185,822	16,933	..
Preston ..	0 6½a	678,271	12,513,190	313,790	155,454	12,763	..
Richmond ..	3 0	634,955	12,699,100	115,043	114,186	9,617	..
Sandringham ..	0 6 a	550,719	10,765,670	215,936h	96,723	7,747	..
South Melbourne ..	3 3	984,155	19,683,100	198,757	198,430	11,425	..
St. Kilda ..	2 6	1,356,841	27,136,820	208,092	196,904	17,133	..
Williamstown ..	2 9	368,054	7,361,080	104,110	133,952	6,704	..
<i>Borough.</i>							
Ringwood ..	3 0	134,307	2,686,140	20,799i	39,370	1,948	..

* See footnote § on page 395.

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £1,546 due by City of Nunawading.

d Excluding £628 due to Shire of Dandenong.

e Excluding £1,636 due to City of Sandringham.

f Excluding £1,636 due to City of Sandringham.

g Excluding £1,546 due to City of Box Hill.

h Including £3,272 due by Cities of Moorabbin and Mordialloc.

i Excluding £69 due to Shire of Lillydale.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1949-50—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1950.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.*	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
Braybrook ..	2 3	550,525	1,010,500	22,988	97,010	5,152	..
Broadmeadows ..	3 0	225,130	4,502,600	22,713	61,380	3,315	..
Keilor ..	2 6	108,033	2,160,660	14,258	20,120	1,006	1
Mulgrave ..	2 6	156,982	3,139,640	15,304	28,342	1,729	..
Total Municipalities in Greater Melbourne ..	...	27,837,385	540,306,930	9,060,190	5,315,420	338,220	6
OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>							
Ararat ..	2 9	74,923	1,498,460	118,083	36,260	1,504	..
Ballaarat ..	3 0	551,184	11,023,680	70,751	132,443	10,438	4
Bendigo ..	3 0	388,567	7,771,340	69,443	95,709	7,355	..
Geelong ..	3 0	382,055	7,641,100	99,783	81,128	4,888	..
Geelong West ..	3 0	201,995	4,039,900	42,434 ^b	42,654	4,207	..
Hamilton ..	0 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^a	103,089	2,061,780	24,540	32,940	1,874	..
Horsham ..	3 0	113,658	2,273,160	145,308	36,632	1,773	..
Mildura ..	2 10	198,322	3,966,440 ^c	338,663	42,760	2,313	..
Newtown and Chilwell ..	0 6 ^a	158,932	3,158,400	18,741	27,474	2,618	..
Sale ..	3 0	97,043	1,940,860	14,314	27,164	1,340	..
Shepparton ..	2 8	183,180	3,663,600	66,059	46,190	2,342	..
Warrnambool ..	3 0	168,723	3,374,460	53,510	44,974	2,551	..
<i>Towns.</i>							
Castlemaine ..	3 0	80,729	1,614,580	25,830	22,532	1,579	..
Colac ..	2 4	151,966	3,039,320	10,903 ^c	25,261	1,775	1
Portland ..	0 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^a	67,790	1,150,000	42,259	17,322	1,137	..
St. Arnaud ..	3 0	35,845	716,940	31,657	16,372	804	..
<i>Boroughs.</i>							
Benalla ..	3 0	84,426	1,688,520	6,362	16,470	1,311	..
Clunes ..	3 0	12,246	244,920	2,897	3,756	295	1
Daylesford ..	3 0	36,812	726,240	9,506	10,663	920	..
Eaglehawk ..	3 0	32,083	641,660	..	9,696	1,154	..
Echuca ..	0 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^a	68,087	1,310,270	24,295	23,222	1,299	..
Inglewood ..	2 6	10,380	207,600	10,116	4,273	273	..
Koroit ..	2 8	22,176	443,520	734	5,682	363	..
Maryborough ..	3 0	88,694	1,773,880	9,569	24,650	1,773	..
Port Fairy ..	3 0	35,329	706,580	4,340	10,245	533	..
Queenscliff ..	2 9	42,334	846,680	10,582	10,477	820	..
Sebastopol ..	2 11	20,399	417,980	..	5,009	573	..
Stawell ..	3 0	58,082	1,161,640	77,278	26,440	1,434	..
Swan Hill ..	3 0	79,641	1,592,820	56,680 ^d	19,965	1,111	..
Wangaratta ..	3 0	133,551	2,671,020	58,079	42,174	2,061	..
Wonthaggi ..	3 4	46,946	938,920	2,335	14,649	1,259	..

* See footnote § on page 395.

^a Levied on unimproved value of land.^b Excluding £3,722 due to Shire of Corio.^c Excluding £3,110 due to Shire of Colac.^d Excluding £18,395 due to Shire of Swan Hill.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1949-50—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1950.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.*	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
Alberton ..	3 0	149,926	2,998,520	10,783	29,942	1,445	..
Alexandra ..	2 9	96,577	1,931,540	4,740	35,132	929	..
Arapiles ..	3 0	73,201	1,464,020	6,873	17,521	534	..
Ararat ..	2 9	283,057	5,661,140	..	47,953	1,175	..
Avoca ..	3 0	44,797	895,940	5,834	11,631	744	..
Avon ..	2 6	87,207	1,744,140	6,700	14,468	640	..
Bacchus Marsh ..	1 9 b	81,938	1,638,760	..	16,750	932	..
Bairnsdale ..	2 6 b	203,100	4,062,000	35,403	44,963	2,341	..
Ballan ..	2 0 b	72,038	1,440,760	1,375	11,758	854	..
Ballarat ..	2 9	99,001	1,980,020	5,602	23,050	848	..
Bannockburn ..	2 0	66,557	1,331,140	..	9,563	589	6
Barrabool ..	2 3	74,391	1,487,820	3,801	18,266	605	..
Bass ..	2 9	105,108	2,102,160	3,698c	22,225	1,100	..
Beechworth ..	2 9	47,846	956,920	14,111	10,968	972	1
Belfast ..	2 9	85,540	1,710,800	10,968	17,747	498	..
Bellarine ..	2 3	82,243	1,644,860	2,947	22,357	1,377	1
Benalla ..	2 0 b	174,190	3,483,800	19,845	29,143	980	4
Berwick ..	2 6 b	246,388	4,297,760	..	48,866	3,225	..
Bet Bet ..	3 0	49,865	997,300	43,087	10,558	790	..
Birchip ..	3 3	49,529	990,580	13,902	15,236	387	3
Bright ..	3 0	60,779	1,215,580	15,211	21,188	1,848	..
Broadford ..	2 6 b	32,666	653,320	7,833	6,972	478	..
Bulla ..	2 6	48,456	969,120	4,622	8,255	401	..
Buln Buln ..	3 0	150,321	3,006,420	15,107	42,747	1,953	6
Bungaree ..	2 0	42,220	844,400	779	6,176	466	..
Buninyong ..	2 3 b	69,842	1,396,840	588	17,355	1,016	..
Charlton ..	3 0	92,467	1,849,340	13,267	25,237	594	3
Chiltern ..	2 3 b	42,688	853,760	1,610	7,638	493	..
Cohuna ..	3 0	71,530	1,430,600	10,913	18,238	920	..
Colac ..	2 6	231,929	4,638,580	6,220d	39,086	1,754	..
Corio ..	3 0	194,443	3,888,860	52,543e	45,549	1,279	..
Cranbourne ..	2 9 b	169,507	3,390,140	5,720	37,452	2,103	..
Creswick ..	2 3 b	81,981	1,639,620	8,189	18,776	1,056	..
Dandenong ..	0 7 1/2f	311,387	6,097,770	79,618f	92,565	4,420	..
Deakin ..	2 6	115,874	2,317,480	2,894	23,690	1,083	..
Dimboola ..	3 0	178,995	3,579,900	32,386g	33,153	1,654	..
Donald ..	2 9	88,465	1,769,300	8,896	17,582	741	..
Doncaster and Templestowe ..	2 10	95,778	1,915,560	11,528	20,310	1,276	..
Dundas ..	3 0	180,984	3,619,680	..	32,000	907	..
Dunmunkle ..	2 9	157,594	3,151,880	4,428	41,576	1,099	..
East Loddon ..	2 6	66,913	1,238,260	4,085	11,220	378	4
Eltham ..	2 6 b	132,167	2,643,340	13,047	30,650	2,506	..
Euroa ..	2 7 b	129,370	2,587,400	24,357	29,990	1,106	..
Fern Tree Gully ..	3 0	276,192	5,523,840	57,073	71,928	6,439	..
Flinders ..	2 9	231,290	4,625,800	32,896	50,203	3,850	..

* See footnote § on page 395.

- a Levied on unimproved value of land.
b Differential general rates levied.
c Including £1,308 due by Shire of Phillip Island.
d Including £3,110 due by Town of Colac.
e Including £3,722 due by City of Geelong West.
f Including £628 due by City of Chelsea.
g Excluding £131 due to Shire of Karkaroc.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1949-50—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1950.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.*	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Frankston and							
Hastings	0 4 <i>ab</i>	306,270	6,125,400	72,763	79,475	3,988	..
Gisborne	1 9 <i>b</i>	56,892	1,137,840	2,062	9,931	708	..
Glenelg	3 0	198,326	3,966,520	34,053	40,420	1,481	2
Glenlyon	2 6	54,842	1,096,840	6,179	11,398	834	..
Gordon	2 6 <i>b</i>	121,818	2,436,360	6,232	21,712	792	..
Goulburn	1 9 <i>b</i>	81,168	1,623,360	3,938	10,402	404	..
Grenville	2 0 <i>b</i>	54,647	1,092,940	841	11,176	590	..
Hampton	2 9	417,840	8,356,800	73	80,374	3,023	..
Healesville	3 0	73,896	1,477,920	10,942	22,661	1,274	..
Heytesbury	3 0	191,759	3,835,180	13,942	42,672	1,493	..
Huntly	2 9	55,609	1,112,180	7,060	11,080	668	..
Kaniva	2 4	124,172	2,483,440	6,815	18,373	584	2
Kara Kara	3 0	107,201	2,144,020	1,101	20,923	494	..
Karkaroc	2 9	134,921	2,698,420	7,761	29,208	1,122	..
Kerang	2 6 <i>b</i>	202,539	4,050,780	71,423	44,396	2,003	..
Kilmore	3 0	29,836	586,720	10,546	8,750	417	..
Korong	2 6	97,101	1,942,020	24,981	15,729	956	..
Korumburra	2 0 <i>b</i>	176,188	3,523,760	9,416	40,195	1,753	..
Kowree	3 0	142,216	2,844,320	9,896	40,011	1,214	..
Kyneton	2 3 <i>b</i>	128,057	2,561,140	9,726	26,939	1,834	8
Leigh	2 0	73,731	1,474,620		9,416	297	4
Lexton	3 0	46,609	932,180		10,778	372	..
Lillydale	2 6 <i>b</i>	294,402	5,888,040	41,854 ^d	56,217	5,316	..
Lowan	3 0	146,921	2,938,420	21,471	27,052	1,075	..
Maffra	3 0	169,367	3,387,340	32,522	41,397	1,633	..
Maldon	3 0	36,113	722,260	907	8,133	643	..
Mansfield	3 0	123,954	2,479,080	17,006	28,293	1,112	..
Marong	2 6	115,231	2,304,620	1,532	21,150	1,255	..
Melton	2 0	48,502	970,040	1,926	5,825	363	2
Metcalfe	2 6	54,414	1,088,280		8,136	723	..
Mildura	2 0	371,283	7,425,660	74,987	96,143	3,991	..
Minhamite	2 3	139,391	2,787,820	1,197	22,905	530	1
Mirroo	2 6	48,627	972,540	5,227	14,435	441	..
Mornington	2 6	128,949	2,578,980	20,912	24,995	1,460	..
Mortlake	2 9	188,707	3,774,140		31,510	876	..
Morwell	2 6	174,696	3,493,920	13,537	34,542	2,536	..
Mount Rouse	3 0	135,027	2,700,540	4,964	23,403	642	..
McIvor	2 6 <i>b</i>	67,349	1,346,980	12,565	17,110	635	..
Narracan	3 0	197,591	3,951,820	25,476	51,306	3,582	..
Newham and							
Woodend	3 0	37,903	758,060	8,100	7,437	575	1
Newstead	2 6	33,013	660,260		8,433	635	..
Numurkah	3 0	183,998	3,679,960	15,099	38,366	1,574	..
Omco	3 0	72,823	1,456,460	6,953	16,600	580	10
Orbost	3 0	92,450	1,849,000	26,423	22,362	1,241	..
Otway	3 0	75,050	1,501,000	16,569	24,606	1,107	2
Oxley	2 6 <i>b</i>	94,545	1,890,900	10,872	19,895	1,050	..
Phillip Island	4 0	30,285	605,700	15,069 ^e	9,770	376	..
Portland	2 6 <i>b</i>	197,723	3,954,460	27,147	46,994	1,765	..

* See footnote § on page 395.

a Levied on unimproved value of land.*b* Differential general rates levied.*c* Including £131 due by Shire of Dimboola.*d* Including £69 due by Borough of Ringwood.*e* Excluding £1,308 due to Shire of Bass.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1949-50—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1950.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.*	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Pyalong ..	2 6	27,571	551,420	4,610	4,763	159	..
Ripon ..	3 0	102,114	2,042,280	9,010	31,189	864	..
Rochester ..	2 6 b	188,675	3,773,500	595	30,092	1,548	..
Rodney ..	2 9	261,206	5,224,120	32,249	51,196	2,653	..
Romsey ..	3 0	97,753	1,955,060	9,667	18,820	819	1
Rosedale ..	0 3½a	187,547	3,719,890	13,465	29,199	1,015	..
Rutherglen ..	2 3	73,987	1,479,740	6,992	15,231	813	4
Seymour ..	2 6 b	88,893	1,777,860	11,940	31,094	1,200	..
Shepparton ..	2 6 b	151,101	3,022,020	9,096	36,402	1,201	..
South Barwon ..	2 6 b	120,876	2,417,520	43,322	27,698	2,036	..
South Gippsland ..	3 0	100,271	2,005,420	9,350	22,050	1,137	..
Stawell ..	2 6	121,554	2,431,080	2,736	25,111	747	..
Strathfieldsaye ..	2 6	57,900	1,158,000	..	11,231	1,042	2
Swan Hill ..	2 6	193,882	3,877,640	77,965c	51,119	2,573	..
Talbot ..	2 6	28,489	569,780	..	5,832	296	3
Tambo ..	3 0	94,972	1,899,440	5,981	21,406	1,090	..
Towong ..	3 0	99,207	1,984,140	..	19,965	1,075	..
Traralgon ..	2 9 b	142,401	2,848,020	65,947	39,887	1,923	..
Tullaroop ..	3 0	42,080	841,640	1,651	10,027	448	..
Tungamah ..	2 6	199,976	3,999,520	15,920	37,468	1,492	..
Upper Murray ..	2 6	71,925	1,438,500	8,812	13,333	603	..
Upper Yarra ..	3 5	61,999	1,239,980	6,054	22,340	1,839	20
Violet Town ..	2 9	58,741	1,174,820	3,480	11,782	407	..
Walpeup ..	2 4 b	113,867	2,277,340	68,557	18,082	1,213	..
Wangaratta ..	2 9	73,648	1,472,960	4,000	9,945	575	..
Wannon ..	3 0	135,221	2,704,420	..	32,162	945	..
Warranga ..	2 9 b	108,867	2,177,340	7,758	30,070	1,210	5
Warracknabeal ..	2 9 b	199,895	3,997,900	28,116	41,093	1,288	..
Warragul ..	3 0	191,640	3,832,800	43,055	48,370	1,882	..
Warrnambool ..	1 11 b	446,563	8,931,260	..	57,441	1,993	..
Werribee ..	3 0	197,617	3,952,340	68,366	45,584	2,559	..
Whittlesea ..	3 0	80,569	1,611,380	..	19,932	1,116	..
Wimmera ..	2 9 b	139,188	2,783,760	7,895	32,578	920	..
Winchelsea ..	2 6 b	160,212	3,204,240	16,451	32,761	1,166	..
Wodonga ..	2 6	64,276	1,285,520	19,941	21,324	1,093	..
Woorayl ..	2 3	245,530	4,910,600	25,201	40,704	1,751	..
Wycheproof ..	2 6	146,604	2,932,080	46,285d	35,112	1,124	..
Yackandandah ..	2 0	85,462	1,709,240	..	14,162	746	..
Yarrawonga ..	2 6 b	85,964	1,719,280	28,669	18,006	876	..
Yea ..	0 6 a	110,554	2,195,120	12,223	24,318	740	..
Total Municipalities outside Greater Melbourne ..	..	20,448,273	407,871,050	3,475,954	4,564,732	234,696	101
Total—Municipalities ..	..	48,285,658	948,177,980	12,536,144	9,880,152	572,916	107
Yallourn Works Area ..						1,673	..
Unincorporated Areas ..						38	..
Total Victoria ..						574,627	107

* See footnote § on page 395.

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £444 due by Shire of Wycheproof and £18,395 due by Borough of Swan Hill.

d Excluding £444 due to Shire of Swan Hill.

Rating on
unimproved
values.

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

There were at 30th September, 1950, twenty-two municipalities which levied the general rate on the unimproved value. The following table gives for those municipalities particulars of the capital value of land (improved and unimproved), the net annual value, the rating, &c., for the year 1949-50 :—

VICTORIA—RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES, 1949-50.

Municipality.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Unimproved Capital Value.	Net Annual Value (excluding Special Rateable Properties).	Amount of Rate in the £ of Unimproved Capital Value.	Equivalent Rate on Net Annual Value.	Amount Collectable in 1949-50 on Unimproved Capital Value.	Unimproved Capital Value to Capital Improved Value.
IN GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>	£	£	£	d.	s. d.	£	%
Box Hill ..	9,099,960	2,657,520	471,303	5½	2 7	60,901	29.20
Brunswick ..	12,057,800	3,268,740	772,205	9	3 2	122,578	27.11
Camberwell ..	34,773,180	9,662,100	1,806,448	5½	2 5	221,423	27.79
Caulfield ..	30,194,660	9,405,910	1,560,689	4½	2 3	176,361	31.15
Chelsea ..	2,348,580	826,890	148,298	6½	3 2	23,256	35.21
Coburg ..	13,274,500	4,060,770	736,978	6½	3 0	112,094	30.59
Essendon ..	14,096,510	4,102,270	858,234	7½	2 11	126,059	29.10
Kew ..	11,802,310	3,909,790	634,911	5¾ ₁₀	2 9	86,341	33.13
Moorabbin ..	13,286,710	5,118,970	683,636	4*	2 6	85,316	38.53
Mordialloc ..	5,781,950	1,503,530	269,634	6½	2 11	39,154	26.00
Northcote† ..	10,018,360	3,321,700	568,135	6	2 11	83,043	33.15
Oakleigh ..	5,574,510	1,927,410	311,191	5½	2 10	44,170	34.58
Preston ..	12,513,190	3,426,060	664,120	6½	2 11	98,142	27.38
Sandringham ..	10,765,670	3,203,640	548,087	6	2 11	80,091	29.76
OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
Hamilton City ..	2,061,780	655,580	102,838	7½	3 11	19,975	31.80
Newtown and Chilwell City ..	3,158,400	819,510	158,512	6	2 7	20,488	25.95
Portland Town ..	1,150,000	343,560	67,245	7½	3 2	10,736	29.87
Echuca Borough ..	1,310,270	419,290	62,515	5½	3 3	10,045	32.00
Dandenong Shire ..	6,097,770	1,913,340	309,917	7½	3 10	59,792	31.38
Frankston and Hastings Shire ..	6,125,400	2,420,990	305,750	4*	2 8	40,350	39.52
Rosedale Shire ..	3,719,890	1,492,260	187,417	3½	2 4	21,762	40.12
Yea Shire ..	2,195,120	598,240	110,554	6	2 9	14,956	27.25

* Differential general rates levied.

† A proposal that "the adoption of rating on unimproved values be rescinded" was carried at a poll of ratepayers on 26th August, 1950.

Municipal revenue and expenditure. The following table summarizes for the year ended 30th September, 1950, the revenue and expenditure of municipalities in Victoria under the headings of General Account and Business Undertakings. The transactions of the General Account are presented on a cash basis and those of Business Undertakings generally on a revenue basis. Particulars relating to Loan Accounts, Private Streets Accounts, and Special Improvement Charge Accounts are excluded from this statement.

VICTORIA—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF MUNICIPALITIES, 1949-50.

Heading.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.			City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Account	1,145,983	4,169,437	4,564,732	9,880,152	1,152,894	4,357,657	4,633,346	10,143,897
Business undertakings—								
Electric Light	1,434,495	1,970,102	511,562	3,916,159	1,403,371	1,977,267	486,780	3,867,418
Gasworks ..	..	70,238	102,233	172,471	..	73,194	106,669	179,863
Waterworks ..	..	574	93,714	94,288	..	790	90,788	91,578
Abattoirs ..	150,774	48,927	39,315	239,016	169,328	43,044	38,945	251,317
Quarries ..	..	16,483	52,140	68,623	..	18,183	53,310	71,493
Hydraulic Power ..	20,207	..	..	20,207	20,566	..	..	20,566
Railway ..	..	..	9,992	9,992	..	..	11,893	11,893
Total ..	2,751,459	6,275,761	5,373,688	14,400,908	2,746,159	6,470,135	5,421,731	14,638,025

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

Details of the principal items of receipts during the year ended 30th September, 1950, are given below :—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS, 1949-50.

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Rates—				
General and Extra	605,012	2,983,010	2,847,130	6,435,152
Other .. ..	..	..	2,324	2,324
Interest on overdue rates ..	176	9,685	12,119	21,980
Licences and Registration Fees—				
Dog	652	18,042	26,496	45,190
Health, Dairy, Slaughtering, and Noxious Trades	1,343	2,212	5,011	8,566
Hackney Carriages	538	1,399	386	2,323
Petrol Pump	168	4,737	4,532	9,437
Other	42	50	764	856
Total Taxation	607,931	3,019,135	2,898,762	6,525,828
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Sanitary and Garbage	15,512	114,414	243,170	373,096
Infectious Diseases recoups ..	..	..	6,419	6,419
Other	1,400	19,802	15,226	36,428
Council Properties—				
Markets	163,618	18,371	58,435	240,424
Halls	17,156	48,843	45,126	111,125
Libraries .. ..	..	1,434	4,026	5,460
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	31,975	58,901	55,806	146,682
Weighbridges	7,611	442	16,348	24,401
Sale of Materials	1,091	42,020	62,051	105,162
Plant Hire .. ..	..	25,983	387,010	412,993
Grazing Fees .. ..	..	925	7,316	8,241
Pounds	88	1,071	6,971	8,130
Other	82,164	57,543	83,824	223,531
Contributions for Road and Pavement Works	17,340	145,389	108,723	271,452
Other Services—				
Car Parking	43,641	4,832	58	48,531
Sheep Dipping .. ..	..	..	3,336	3,336
Building Fees	1,116	39,100	23,714	63,930
Other .. ..	..	1,385	2,058	3,443
Total Public Works and Services	382,712	580,455	1,129,617	2,092,784

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS,
1949-50—*continued*.

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Transfers from Business Undertakings (excluding Loan Recoups and Administration Refunds)	50,000	209,083	10,701	269,784
Government Grants—				
Roads	9,588	52,679	71,000	133,267
Libraries .. .. .	..	19,598	21,935	41,533
Parks, Gardens, &c. .. ..	..	1,256	52,314	53,570
River Works .. .. .	..	65	5,985	6,050
Infant Welfare Centres	1,918	21,546	37,376	60,840
Licences Equivalent	8,716	13,613	36,634	58,963
Vermin Destruction .. .. .	..	..	6,420	6,420
Other .. .. .	..	10,023	9,487	19,510
Total Government Grants	20,222	118,780	241,151	380,153
Miscellaneous—				
Police Court Fines	14,113	8,749	6,307	29,169
Interest on Investments	3,403	17,299	4,297	24,999
Supervision of Private Streets ..	..	35,652	4,746	40,398
Other	4,670	27,932	59,038	91,640
Total Miscellaneous ..	22,186	89,632	74,388	186,206
Trust Receipts—				
Refunds of Advances	42,538	18,420	54,935	115,893
Contractors' Deposits	8,084	25,655	35,563	69,302
Other	12,310	108,277	119,615	240,202
Total Trust Receipts ..	62,932	152,352	210,113	425,397
Grand Total	1,145,983	4,169,437	4,564,732	9,880,152

Of the total General Account receipts (excluding trust items) during 1949-50, 69·0 per cent. was derived from taxation (68·3 per cent. from rates and 0·7 per cent. from licences and registration fees); 22·1 per cent. from public works and services; 2·9 per cent. from transfers from business undertakings; 4·0 per cent. from Government

grants; and 2·0 per cent. from other sources. The total amount collected from taxation (£6,525,828) was equivalent to £2 19s. 8d. per head of population or to £8 14s. 11d. per distinct ratepayer.

Details of the principal items of expenditure from the General Account during the year ended 30th September, 1950, are set out hereunder:—

**VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENDITURE,
1949-50.**

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
General Administration (including Pay-Roll Tax)*	140,238	547,423	685,377	1,373,038
Debt Services—				
Redemption of Loans .. ..	..	328,271	180,086	508,357
Sinking Fund Instalments	49,630	640	1,962	52,232
Interest on Loans	117,645	146,941	81,148	345,734
Interest on Overdrafts	3,637	7,784	22,064	33,485
Payments to Municipalities on account of severance adjustments .. ..	..	913	4,008	4,921
Other	175	80	362	617
Total Debt Services	171,087	484,629	289,630	945,346
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Administration	14,711	39,260	45,873	99,844
Sanitary and Garbage	79,715	384,776	265,556	730,047
Statutory Contributions to				
Fairfield Hospital	8,820	33,341	3,114	45,275
Infant Welfare Centres	7,305	72,873	74,928	155,106
Pre-school (Creche, &c.)	6,885	10,442	1,782	19,109
Infectious Diseases Treatment .. ..	..	9	11,898	11,907
Other	5,487	26,762	15,530	47,779
Council Properties—				
Markets	89,151	10,446	50,569	150,166
Halls	46,755	94,028	49,117	189,900
Libraries	2,550	43,948	32,713	79,211
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	182,369	419,908	230,293	832,570
Weighbridges	3,284	499	7,326	11,109
Grazing Expenses .. ..	..	562	5,369	5,931
Pounds	378	3,556	9,150	13,084
Other Council Properties	13,682	100,227	92,338	206,247

* For details see page 407.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENDITURE,
1949-50—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	4,294	140,008	434,244	578,546
Roads, Streets, Footpaths, and Bridges—				
Construction, Maintenance, Cleaning, and Watering	171,930	1,352,364	1,680,709	3,205,003
Lighting	1,339	130,252	65,084	196,675
Other Works and Services—				
Car Parking	44,775	2,830	..	47,605
Sheep Dipping .. ..	..	..	3,568	3,568
River Works .. ..	..	..	7,432	7,432
Vermin Destruction .. ..	..	..	15,381	15,381
Other .. ..	..	6,773	3,398	10,171
Total Public Works and Services	683,430	2,872,864	3,105,372	6,661,666
Grants and Contributions—				
Country Roads Board .. ..	..	12,985	177,319	190,304
Fire Brigades	33,058	123,163	46,422	202,643
Hospitals and other Charities	7,775	25,654	25,768	59,197
Other	48,318	127,633	78,350	254,301
Total Grants and Contributions	89,151	289,435	327,859	706,445
Miscellaneous	6,006	22,753	22,000	50,759
Trust Expenditure—				
Advances	56,296	19,396	57,640	133,332
Contractors' deposits refunded	6,686	20,047	25,343	52,076
Other .. ..	..	101,110	120,125	221,235
Total Trust Expenditure	62,982	140,553	203,108	406,643
Grand Total	1,152,894	4,357,657	4,633,346	10,143,897

Of the total General Account expenditure (excluding trust items in 1949-50, 14.1 per cent. was for administration; 9.7 per cent for debt services; 11.4 per cent. for health services; 8.6 per cent. for parks, gardens, &c.; 34.9 per cent. for roads, streets, &c.; 13.5 per cent. for other public works and services; 7.3 per cent. for grants and contributions; and 0.5 per cent. for miscellaneous items.

Particulars of the principal items of expenditure during the year ended 30th September, 1950, in respect of general municipal administration are given in the appended statement. In considering the cost of administration, it must be borne in mind that the municipalities are not recouped for any administrative cost incurred in the supervision of work on main roads, &c., for the Country Roads Board.

VICTORIA—COST OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, 1949-50.

Heading.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.*	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Salaries†	110,779	343,544	457,787	912,110
Mayoral and Presidential Allowances	4,000	16,895	18,624	39,519
Audit Expenses	1,250	3,804	7,522	12,576
Dog Registration Expenses	1,620	7,727	13,823	23,170
Election Expenses	400	8,602	3,270	12,272
Insurances	4,861	35,297	39,855	80,013
Legal Expenses	1,740	6,678	5,502	13,920
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Postage, Telephone	7,351	60,766	86,914	155,031
Pay-Roll Tax	7,640	45,728	39,377	92,745
Other	597	18,382	12,703	31,682
Total	140,238	547,423	685,377	1,373,038

* Information in respect of Salaries and Insurances relates to expenditure by the Finance and Public Works Committees only.

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

In Victoria, in 1949-50, 43 electric light undertakings were operated by 37 municipalities, and there were also eight municipally-owned gasworks. The revenue and expenditure of such undertakings in 1949-50 amounted to £4,088,630 and £4,047,281 respectively.

The council of any municipality may be constituted a "local governing body" under the provisions of the *Water Act* 1928 with such water supply district as is defined by the Governor in Council. At 30th September, 1950, fifteen

municipalities had been so constituted. In six other municipalities the water supply services were being administered in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1946*. An analysis of the authorities controlling water supply in Victoria is given on page 420 of this *Year-Book*.

During 1949-50 the receipts and expenditure of the abovementioned municipal waterworks amounted to £94,288 and £91,578 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 1949-50, the total revenue on account of these undertakings was £337,838 and the total expenditure amounted to £355,269. In those cases in which the finances of quarries and abattoirs were operated through the General Account, particulars of the amounts have been included in the statement of that Account under the heading of "Other Council Properties".

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

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 metropolitan municipalities and in municipalities outside the metropolitan area at the end of each of the five years, 1945-46 to 1949-50:—

**VICTORIA—ARREARS OF GENERAL AND EXTRA RATES,
1945-46 TO 1949-50.**

Year Ended 30th September—	Arrears of General and Extra Rates—			Arrears per Distinct Ratepayer—		
	Metro- politan Muni- cipalities.	Muni- cipalities outside Metro- politan Area.	All Muni- cipalities.	Metro- politan Muni- cipalities.	Muni- cipalities outside Metro- politan Area.	All Muni- cipalities.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1946	61,676	210,566	272,242	0 3 5	0 13 6	0 8 1
1947	66,592	154,849	221,441	0 3 6	0 10 9	0 6 5
1948	62,281	128,284	190,565	0 3 0	0 8 8	0 5 4
1949	60,352	117,132	177,484	0 2 11	0 7 8	0 4 10
1950	59,536	125,238	184,774	0 2 9	0 7 10	0 4 11

Number of councillors. In the municipalities throughout the State, there were, at 30th September, 1950, 2,145 councillors, viz., 426 in the 34 municipalities in Greater Melbourne and 1,719 in the 164 municipalities outside Greater Melbourne.

**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, 1945-46 to 1949-50. Particulars of loans raised for works in private streets are also excluded:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN RECEIPTS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50
(*Excluding Conversion Loans.*)

Year Ended 30th September—	Gross Proceeds of Loans—		Other Receipts.*	Total.
	From Government.	From Other Sources.		
	£	£	£	£
1946	4,917	297,489	253,396	555,802
1947	19,467	952,258	681,509	1,653,234
1948	4,647	805,524	215,522	1,025,693
1949	7,091	1,456,208	205,814	1,669,113
1950 .. .. .	..	1,363,091	237,367	1,600,458

* Other Receipts consist mainly of transfers from other accounts of one municipality, viz., the City of Melbourne. During 1949-50 these amounted to £208,856.

**Municipal
loan
expenditure.**

In the following statement details are given of the loan expenditure, exclusive of expenditure on private streets, by municipalities for each of the five years, 1945-46 to 1949-50.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN EXPENDITURE, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th September—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Drains ..	57,122	159,286	205,564	321,211	431,454
Waterworks ..	4,917	19,467	4,647	7,091	..
Electric Light Undertakings ..	189,153	165,689	385,789	607,062	608,061
Gasworks ..	20,814	21,969	15,660	20,493	34,072
Halls ..	49	1,325	7,278	6,655	5,848
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities ..	7,651	12,789	92,635	50,798	52,522
Plant ..	17,096	67,378	144,833	198,096	257,173
Abattoirs ..	3,981	21,138	12,090	19,973	38,348
Markets ..	5,209	4,345	3,461	4,188	17,188
Infant Welfare Centres ..	2,367	5,745	21,671	13,262	39,840
Other Council Properties ..	4,946	30,274	34,434	112,953	101,298
Other Purposes ..	16,881	4,993	12,567	5,215	19,307
Transfer to General Revenue Fund ..	..	255,340	..	..	..
Total ..	330,186	769,738	940,629	1,366,997	1,605,111

At 30th September, 1950, there was a credit balance in loan accounts amounting to £3,637,005.

Municipal loan liability. The loan liability of the municipalities in Victoria at the end of each of the five years 1945-46 to 1949-50 is given hereunder:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN LIABILITY, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

At 30th September—	Due to—		Gross Loan Liability.	Accumulated Sinking Funds.	Net Loan Liability.	
	Government.*	Public.			Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.
1946 ..	256,310	10,044,263	10,300,573	1,563,941	8,736,632	4 6 5
1947 ..	254,570	10,473,798	10,728,368	1,264,794	9,463,574	4 11 10
1948 ..	260,171	10,736,698	10,996,869	1,375,590	9,621,279	4 12 7
1949 ..	262,516	11,587,120	11,849,636	1,488,905	10,360,731	4 17 7
1950 ..	236,029	12,300,115	12,536,144	1,505,538	11,030,606	5 0 11

* Excluding liability to Country Roads Board.

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 which is set out on land of the Crown or any public body in such manner as to form means of back access to or drainage from property adjacent to such street, road, &c., where such street, road, &c., 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 409.

Details of the receipts and expenditure of Private Streets Accounts during the year ended 30th September, 1950, are shown below:—

VICTORIA—PRIVATE STREETS ACCOUNTS—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1949-50.

Receipts.	Expenditure.
£	£
Proceeds of Loans— From Government From Other Sources .. 18,433 Owners' Contributions .. 639,117 Advance from Other Funds .. 23,135 Contribution from General Account 10,635 Other 3,212	Works 822,935 Debt Charges— Redemption of Loans .. 19,613 Interest on Loans .. 3,061 Interest on Overdraft .. 2,865 Repayment of Advance .. 146 Other 9,839
Total Receipts .. 695,332	Total Expenditure .. 858,459
Cash in hand or in Bank at 1st October, 1949 .. 132,786 Bank Overdraft at 30th September, 1950 .. 261,807 1,089,925	Bank Overdraft at 1st October, 1949 123,763 Cash in hand or in Bank at 30th September, 1950 .. 107,703 1,089,925

At 30th September, 1950, loans outstanding on account of private street construction amounted to £63,559.

Details of receipts and expenditure of Private Streets Accounts during each of the years 1947-48 to 1949-50 are shown in the following table. Collection of this information was suspended during the War but was resumed in respect of the year 1947-48.

VICTORIA—PRIVATE STREETS ACCOUNTS.

	Year Ended 30th September—		
	1948.	1949.	1950.
<i>Receipts.</i>	£	£	£
Proceeds of Loans—			
From Government .. .. .	..	..	..
From Other Sources	8,000	11,560	18,433
Owners' contributions	307,982	440,828	639,117
Advance from other funds.. .. .	8,979	8,096	23,935
Contribution from General Account .. .. .	..	4,800	10,635
Other	7,041	10,635	3,212
Total	332,002	475,919	695,332
<i>Expenditure.</i>			
Works	275,504	483,406	822,935
Debt Charges—			
Redemption of Loans	38,192	24,226	19,613
Interest on Loans	4,517	3,504	3,061
Interest on Overdraft	1,683	2,111	2,865
Repayment of Advance .. .. .	..	3,559	146
Transfer to General Account .. .. .	..	10,000	..
Other	2,147	5,603	9,839
Total	322,043	532,409	858,459

**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.

The particulars of the receipts and expenditure of the Special Improvement Charge Accounts during the year ended 30th September, 1950, are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT CHARGE ACCOUNTS— RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1949-50.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£		£
Special Improvement Charges	1,217	Works	10,457
Proceeds of Loans	4,000	Debt Charges—	
Government Grant	6,705	Redemption of Loans ..	4,403
		Interest on Loans ..	315
		Other	459
Total ..	11,922	Total	15,634
Cash in hand or in Bank at 1st October, 1949	9,352	Bank Overdraft at 1st October, 1949	114
Bank Overdraft at 30th September, 1950	100	Cash in hand or in Bank at 30th September, 1950	5,626
	21,374		21,374

At 30th September, 1950, loans outstanding on account of special improvement charges amounted to £8,275.

The following table shows the estimated length of all roads and streets in the State in the year 1948. 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. This statistical table is compiled triennially.

VICTORIA—LENGTH OF ALL ROADS AND STREETS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1948.

Type of Road or Street.	Roads and Streets (excluding State Highways).	State Highways.	Total.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Wood or stone	62	..	62
Portland cement concrete	149	1	150
Asphaltic concrete and sheet asphalt	190	12	202
Tar or bitumen surface seal over tar or bitumen penetrated or water-bound pavements ..	7,598	2,643	10,241
Waterbound macadam, gravel, sand, and hard loam pavements	27,228	1,190	28,418
Formed, but not otherwise paved	23,901	..	23,901
Surveyed roads not formed which are used for general traffic	38,437	..	38,437
Total	97,565*	3,846	101,411*

* Figures revised since 1945.

**Licensing
Fund.**

During the year 1949-50 a sum of £58,963 was paid out of this Fund to municipalities, as provided by Section 311 of the *Licensing Act 1928*. The payments to cities amounted to £31,880; to towns, £1,415; to boroughs, £4,355; and to shires, £21,313. A statement of the receipts and expenditure of this Fund appears in part "Law, Crime, &c.", of this issue.

**Municipal
Officers'
Fidelity
Guarantee
Fund.**

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

The premium revenue for the year ended 30th September, 1950, was £1,531, for guarantees amounting to £456,001. The claims paid from January, 1908, the date of the inception of the Fund, to 30th September, 1950, amounted to £7,014. The amount to the credit of the Fund at 30th September, 1950, was £39,513.

**Municipalities
Assistance
Fund.**

This fund, which was set up under the provisions of the *Municipalities and Other Authorities Finances Act 1950*, came into operation on 1st January, 1951. It has two functions—to provide subsidies towards the cost of approved works by municipalities and other bodies, and to relieve certain municipalities of their obligation to contribute towards the operating cost of the Country Fire Authority. A limit of £100,000 is placed upon the amount which may be approved for works in any one year.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES SUPERANNUATION BOARD.

The Local Authorities Superannuation Board was constituted by the *Local Authorities Superannuation Act 1947* (No. 5216) for the administration of the provisions of the Act.

The Act provides for the payment of a lump sum retiring allowance to permanent employees of Municipal Councils, Water and Sewerage Authorities, Weights and Measures Unions, Cemetery Trusts, any Harbor Board constituted under the *Harbor Boards Act 1928*, the First Mildura Irrigation Trust, and any other body declared by the Governor in Council to be an authority for the purposes of the Act.

The retiring allowance is provided in the case of employees under 55 years of age at the time of their entry into the scheme, and who are medically acceptable for life insurance, by the taking out of an endowment life insurance policy, maturing at age 65 years or prior death, in respect of each employee.

Employees over 55 years of age who at the time of their entry into the scheme, and employees under 55 years of age who are unacceptable for insurance, are catered for by a Provident Fund.

Females of any age may elect to be brought under the Provident Fund in preference to life insurance.

The amount of cover, for which life insurance is provided is that which can be purchased by payment of a premium equal to 7 per cent. of the annual salary or wage of the employee.

In the case of employees who are under the Provident Fund provisions, an amount equal to 7 per cent. of their salary is paid into the Fund annually to the credit of the employee, and this amount accumulates with interest until the employee leaves the service or reaches retiring age.

In each case the 7 per cent. premium or the 7 per cent. contribution to the Provident Fund is paid in advance by the employer at the beginning of each premium or contribution year, and half of the amount or $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. is refunded to the employer by the employee by means of equal instalments from salary or wage payments throughout the year.

The Act is administered by a Board of three members, constituted of persons nominated by the Municipal Association of Victoria, the Municipal Officers' Association (Victorian Branch), and the Federated Municipal and Shire Council Employees' Union (Victorian Branch).

For the year ended 30th June, 1951, the revenue amounted to £338,953 for premiums on policies and contributions to the Provident Fund. The total amount of the Provident Fund at that date was £172,317.

The number of employees participating in the Fund was 2,395, showing an average of £72 per employee. The total insurance cover in respect of 5,360 employees subject to the insurance provisions of the Act was £4,465,405, being an average of £833 per employee.

The Board receives commission from the life insurance offices with which the insurance is placed, from which it meets the cost of administration and builds up a reserve fund out of which it replenishes a Contingent Fund. Commissions received for the year ended 30th June, 1951, amounted to £27,969. Management expenses for the same period were £5,901.

The Contingent Fund is applied at the discretion of the Board to pay funeral allowances to dependants of the deceased permanent employees, the premium or contributions of employees during sickness when not in receipt of wages, and weekly allowances and payment of medical expenses when deemed advisable in the case of employees absent from work on account of illness and not receiving wages.

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 *Country Roads Act 1928* provides that all fees 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, together with repayments by municipalities on account of main road works. From 1930-31 the annual payment into the Fund of an amount from Consolidated Revenue has been suspended.

The *Municipalities and Other Authorities Finance Act 1950* provided that from the 1st January, 1951, the driver's licence fee shall be increased from 5s. to 10s., and that only half the amount of all such fees, less the cost of collection, be paid to the Country Roads Board Fund.

Money available to the Board is derived from revenue received under the Motor Car Acts, payment from the Commonwealth Government of portion of the duties on motor spirit, the above-mentioned repayment by municipalities, and loan funds made available to the Board by the Government of Victoria.

Receipts and expenditure covering the operation of the Board for the years 1946-47 to 1950-51 were as follows:—

VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE—1946-47 TO 1950-51.

	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.
Receipts.	£	£	£	£	£
Fees and Fines—Motor Car Act (less cost of collection)	1,762,795	1,963,555	2,133,717	2,687,490	3,159,111
Municipalities' Repayments—Permanent Works—					
Outer Metropolitan Roads ..	4,603			1,899	
Maintenance—Main Roads ..	128,541	159,595	203,263	187,889	187,109
Moneys provided by—					
<i>Federal Aid Roads and Works Act 1937</i> ..	822,903	Dr. 31,668	3,729	..	..
<i>Commonwealth Aid Roads and Works Act 1947</i> ..	..	799,677	1,059,642	1,370,528	77,087
<i>Commonwealth Aid Roads Act 1950</i> ..	..	..	..	..	1,911,575
Receipts from State Loan Funds ..	9,979	15,178	437,768	391,867	715,956
Other Receipts—Fees, Fines, &c.	477	860	603	10,929	3,521
Total	2,729,298	2,907,197	3,838,722	4,650,602	6,054,359
Expenditure.					
Construction and Maintenance of					
Roads and Bridges	1,986,207	3,127,804	2,639,086	3,185,035	5,362,022
Traffic Line Marking	7,893	11,835	9,869	8,918	12,497
Plant Purchases	238,547	150,078	145,340	211,661	578,273
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments	502,480	503,005	512,144	521,184	526,845
Payment to Tourists' Resorts Fund	9,080	10,968	12,540	27,781	37,879
General Expenditure	133,083	322,024	343,612	368,878	671,183
Total	2,877,200	4,125,714	3,662,591	4,323,457	7,188,699

NOTE.—As changes have been made to some of the classified items in the above table, statistical details for the years 1947 to 1950 inclusive are substituted for corresponding information published in previous issues of the *Year-Book*.

The following is a summary of the total expenditure by the Country Roads Board on road construction during each of the five years, 1946-47 to 1950-51 :—

**VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD—EXPENDITURE
ON ROADS, 1946-47 TO 1950-51.**

	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.
	£	£	£	£	£
State Highways—					
Construction			324,540	290,704	756,000
Maintenance and reconditioning	597,180	1,181,382	570,060	1,049,884	1,321,175
Main Roads—					
Permanent Works	9,979	15,178	37,769	41,867	34,956
Construction and restoration ..	1,000,512	1,359,362	12,304	5,801	..
Maintenance and reconditioning	..	..	1,087,120	1,217,829	2,024,119
Unclassified Roads—					
Construction and maintenance	233,918	411,654	439,035	365,004	923,629
Roads for isolated settlers ..	19,028	24,813	19,438	13,175	14,063
Tourists Roads—					
Construction	498	..	44,137	11,155	126
Maintenance	95,804	98,662	73,340	138,686	212,272
Forest Roads—					
Construction .. .. .	..	560	857	227	11,538
Maintenance	19,770	28,782	21,293	43,947	51,795
Murray River Bridges and Punts—					
Maintenance	4,630	4,004	5,946	6,021	11,641
Roads adjoining Commonwealth Properties	4,888	3,407	3,247	735	709
Total	1,986,207	3,127,804	2,639,086	3,185,035	5,362,023

NOTE.—As changes have been made to some of the classified items in the above table, statistical details for the years 1947 to 1950 inclusive are substituted for corresponding information published in previous issues of the *Year-Book*.

HARBOR TRUSTS.

The Port of Melbourne is under the control of this 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 1947 to 1951. The loan indebtedness as at the end of each of the five years is also shown.

Melbourne
Harbor Trust.

MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1947 TO 1951.

Heading.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.
	£	£	£	£	£
REVENUE.					
Wharfage and Tonnage Rates ..	819,425	961,925	1,118,058	1,293,923	1,493,422
Rents	57,760	57,505	60,570	64,072	67,129
Interest	7,773	10,301	11,467	4,872	655
Other Revenue	228,498	284,082	281,126	408,407	568,226
	1,113,456	1,313,813	1,471,221	1,771,074	2,129,432
Less Statutory Payments to—					
Consolidated Revenue ..	167,851	196,420	227,612	260,383	305,119
Geelong Harbor Trust ..	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Total	930,605	1,102,393	1,228,609	1,495,691	1,809,313
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
General Management and Expenses	66,732	91,216	81,214	79,419	99,868
Flotation and Redemption of Loans					
Expenses	2,918	1,526	293		1,291
Operating Expenses	144,830	164,818	193,028	293,411	447,004
Maintenance—					
Dredging	96,657	99,367	64,192	128,854	215,895
Harbor	7,557	7,257	7,022	11,096	13,119
Wharves	69,387	72,260	74,305	100,493	148,205
Approaches	5,906	8,063	7,057	5,592	8,444
Railways	4,372	4,635	6,957	5,243	10,382
Cranes		11,358	16,460	40,246	69,136
Other Properties	4,201	12,065	10,720	11,486	16,390
Interest on Loans and Exchange..	175,675	158,131	136,638	127,933	162,705
Depreciation, Renewals, and Insurance Account	123,940	134,230	121,798	162,882	182,371
Sinking Fund	59,491	60,806	53,125	59,649	73,176
Total	761,666	825,732	772,809	1,026,304	1,447,986
Surplus on Revenue Account ..	168,939	276,661	455,800	469,387	361,327
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.					
Land and Property	12,791	3,720	40,403	23,230	39,242
Deepening Waterways	90,098	101,619	189,613	656,719	611,621
Wharves Construction	51,998	120,698	176,431	345,134	633,534
Approaches Construction ..	7,267	28,909	9,836	10,260	50,427
Other Harbor Improvements ..	31,878	22,886	24,649	72,343	47,731
Floating and General Plant ..	181,672	115,408	191,464	481,706	676,366
Total	375,704	393,240	623,396	1,589,392	2,058,921
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness	3,937,709*	3,820,203*	3,766,678*	3,972,029*	5,883,853
Sinking Fund	298,016				
Net Indebtedness	3,639,693	3,820,203	3,766,678	3,972,029	5,883,853

* Excluding bank overdraft as follows :—£143,066 in 1947; £80,662 in 1948; £209,194 in 1949; and £517,355 in 1950.

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 1947 to 1951. Capital expenditure during, and loan indebtedness at end of, each of the five years are also shown :—

GEELONG HARBOR TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1947 TO 1951.

Heading.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.
	£	£	£	£	£
REVENUE.					
Wharfage, Tonnage, and Special Berth Rates	64,647	77,333	93,109	124,518	103,874
Rents, Fees, and Licences	6,095	5,872	5,671	5,763	7,537
Freezing Works and Abattoirs	18,259	18,030	18,030	20,458	26,330
Contribution by Melbourne Harbor Trust	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Other Revenue	12,632	16,375	20,687	28,130	31,959
Total	116,633	132,610	152,497	193,869	184,700
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
Management Expenses	24,089	31,176	38,144	43,122	59,265
Maintenance—					
Wharves and Approaches	3,458	3,838	9,286	12,683	7,351
Harbor	3,020	4,055	11,543	12,491	14,318
Floating Plant	2,485	2,629	2,858	1,872	3,713
Other	3,314	3,885	7,677	2,943	2,609
Interest on Loans	14,033	13,886	13,776	13,641	14,266
Sinking Fund	3,844	3,800	3,799	3,755	3,900
Freezing Works and Abattoirs	8,996	14,607	10,041	26,321	20,787
Depreciation Reserve Account	19,567	22,002	24,769	28,918	31,508
Miscellaneous	4,809	7,925	16,550	16,457	20,170
Total	87,615	112,503	138,443	162,203	177,887
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (NET).					
Floating Plant	32,677	15,596	32,961	10,604	1,732
Land and Property	5,708	13,930	5,196	7,214	10,880
Deepening Waterways	9,631	32,198	43,124	58,818	87,543
Wharves and Approaches	3,373	4,258	10,143	34,796	160,754
Other	2,302	18,754	11,954	9,924	3,294
Total	53,691	84,736	103,378	121,356	264,203
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness	525,403	517,414	514,896	508,459	567,019
Sinking Fund	69,613	75,889	82,368	88,869	95,730
Net Indebtedness	455,790	441,525	432,528	419,590	471,289

The *Portland Harbor Trust Act*, No. 5425 of 1949, provided for the constitution of the **Portland Harbor Trust**. Trust and the appointment of three commissioners. A statement relating to the powers of the commissioners was published in the *Year-Book* for 1948-49, page 32. Further reference was made on page 323 of the same *Year-Book*. The amount which may be raised by loan shall not at any time exceed the sum of one million pounds. From 28th March, 1950, to 30th June, 1951, the revenue was £1,739 and the expenditure £5,235. An advance of £5,000 for administration and establishment expenses was made by the State Treasury.

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITIES.

The authorities controlling water supply for domestic purposes in Victoria at 31st December, 1950, are listed in the following statement. It is estimated that about 84 per cent. of the population of this State are so supplied by these authorities.

Authorities.	Administered under the Provisions of—
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission ..	} Water Acts
Waterworks Trusts	
Local Governing Bodies—	
Ballarat Water Commissioners	
Municipal Councils—	
Arapiles Shire	
Ararat City	
Beechworth Shire	
Bet Bet Shire	
Clunes Borough	
Creswick Shire	
Inglewood Borough	
Korong Shire	
Ripon Shire	
Stawell Borough	
Talbot Shire	
Walpeup Shire	
Warrnambool City	
Werribee Shire	
Wimmera Shire	

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITIES—*continued*.

Authorities.	Administered under the Provisions of—
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works ..	Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust ..	Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act
Mildura Urban Water Trust	Mildura Irrigation Trusts Acts
Heidelberg City Council (Diamond Creek and Greensborough supplies)	} Local Government Acts
Sale City Council	
Eltham Shire Council (Eltham, Montmorency, and Yarra Glen supplies)	
Grenville Shire Council (Linton supply) ..	
Huntly Shire Council (Goornong supply) ..	
Leigh Shire Council (Rokewood and Corindhap supplies)	

The revenue and expenditure of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission form part of Consolidated Revenue. Information relating to the activities of the Commission is shown in Part "Production" of this *Year-Book*.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.

Creation and Constitution of Board. The Board was established by Act of Parliament on 20th December, 1890, and entered upon its duties on 18th March, 1891. It consists of 48 members, including the chairman, who is elected every four years by the other members, and is eligible for re-election. The other forty-seven members, who are called commissioners, are from time to time elected by the councils of the municipal districts wholly or partly within the metropolis.

Functions of the Board. The principal functions of the Board are to control and manage the metropolitan water supply system, including watersheds, reservoirs, weirs, aqueducts, pipes, &c.; to provide the metropolis with an efficient system of main and general sewerage; to deal with main drains and main drainage works; to control and manage the rivers, creeks, and watercourses within the metropolis; and to collect and dispose of night-soil from

unsewered premises within the area under its control. By virtue of the *Town and Country Planning (Metropolitan Area) Act* (No. 5404 of 1949) the Board has also been made the responsible authority for the purpose of preparing and submitting for approval, within a period of three years or such longer period as the Minister of Public Works may authorize, a planning scheme for Greater Melbourne.

Area under Board's control at 30th June, 1950.

The metropolis for water supply, sewerage and drainage within 13 miles of the post office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth streets, Melbourne, and the remaining portions of the Cities of Moorabbin, Mordialloc, and Nunawading and the Shire of Mulgrave and certain portions of the remainder of the Shires of Eltham, Doncaster and Templestowe, and Dandenong, but excludes portion of the Shire of Werribee within such 13 miles. This territory has an area of 450 square miles within which are situated 28 cities and 1 shire and the parts of 1 other city and 9 other shires.

Town Planning.

The metropolitan area for the purpose of town planning is all that area within a radius of 15 miles of the post office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth streets, Melbourne, together with the remaining portions of the Cities of Heidelberg and Mordialloc, the Borough of Ringwood, and the Shires of Keilor, Mulgrave, Dandenong, and Doncaster and Templestowe, the whole of the City of Chelsea, and that portion of the Shire of Frankston and Hastings within a radius of 26 miles of the said post office but excluding any portion of the Shire of Fern Tree Gully.

Board's borrowing powers and liability on loans.

The Board is empowered to borrow £34,750,000, 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 £32,642,985 on 30th June, 1951. The Board was at that date empowered to borrow £4,496,949 before reaching the limit of its borrowing powers.

Revenue and expenditure.

The following is a statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Board during each of the five years, 1946-47 to 1950-51 :—

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS— REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1946-47 TO 1950-51.

Heads of Revenue and Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.
	£	£	£	£	£
REVENUE.					
Water Supply— Water Rates and Charges (including Revenue from water supplied by measure)	1,086,847	1,167,610	1,294,558	1,323,236	1,580,933
Sewerage— Sewerage Rates	1,113,423	1,158,591	1,202,252	1,243,520	1,299,916
Trade Waste Charges				131,084	140,495
Sanitary Charges	24,972	28,137	27,431	30,775	30,787
Metropolitan Farm— Grazing Fees, Rents, Pastures, &c. Balance, Live Stock Account ..	1,168 60,464	2,700 61,439	5,496 72,194	3,363 75,803	1,971 102,583
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers— Drainage and River Improvement Rate	97,257	101,515	105,791	110,380	116,771
River Water Charges	5,816	5,571	6,204	6,168	5,185
Total	2,389,947	2,525,563	2,713,926	2,924,329	3,278,641
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
Water Supply— Management and Incidental Ex- penses	122,672	145,366	182,151	202,565	269,428
Maintenance	392,799	451,606	504,150	589,178	477,180
Sewerage— Management and Incidental Ex- penses	134,099	161,385	186,173	206,646	261,201
Maintenance	130,116	143,124	169,497	202,213	239,477
Metropolitan Farm— Administrative Expenses	4,156	6,158	7,578	13,748	20,409
Maintenance	122,208	129,918	146,640	152,355	193,227
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers— Management and Incidental Ex- penses	6,507	6,958	8,740	10,016	14,289
Maintenance	22,971	15,828	17,061	16,880	23,055
Pensions and Allowances	25,923	12,900	18,033	21,410	36,353
Loan Flotation Expenses	1,598	3,791	796	2,035	21,032
Interest (including exchange on interest payments in London)	1,236,098	1,239,372	1,259,743	1,315,342	1,413,196
Contributions to— Sinking Fund	65,090	67,340	69,840	73,785	81,607
Renewals Fund	192,063	153,414	162,928	163,095	167,502
Superannuation Accounts	16,877	20,187	21,616	29,373	39,259
Exchange Reserve	51,000	..	..	..	..
Depreciation .. ..	..	..	..	..	12,506
Contributions to Municipalities ..	7,290	7,290	7,364	7,389	7,438
Exchange— Redemption, London Loan, 1948	..	..	9,000	9,000	9,000
Total	2,531,482	2,564,637	2,771,310	3,015,030	3,286,159

Cost of Capital Works.

The total cost of all capital works of the Board to 30th June, 1951, was £38,835,999, viz., £18,551,156 on water supply, £17,934,763 on sewerage, and £2,350,080 on drainage and river improvement works. For details of expenditure on water supply see below, and for expenditure on sewerage, page 426.

Water supply assessments and rates.

The rate to be paid in respect of any lands and houses for the supply of water for domestic purposes, otherwise than by measure, is limited to an amount not exceeding 8d. in the pound of the annual value of the lands and houses served. The water rate levied in the year 1950-51 was 7d. in the £1 on the annual value of the property served. Properties with an annual value of £17 and under are charged a minimum rate of 10s. per annum. The charge for water supplied by measure in excess of the quantity which at 1s. per thousand gallons would produce an amount equal to the water rate payable is 1s. 3d. per 1,000 gallons. For shipping at Melbourne wharves the charge is 3s. per 1,000 gallons.

Cost of waterworks system.

The cost of capital works in respect of the water supply system under the control of the Board is shown in the following table for each of the last four years, together with the total expenditure to 30th June, 1951:—

	During Year Ended 30th June—				Total Cost to 30th June, 1951.
	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Yan Yean System ..	757	1,022	3,946	4,782	674,845
Maroondah System ..	790	4,732	667	3,128	1,717,785
O'Shannassy - Upper					
Yarra System ..	459,827	688,307	1,076,367	1,387,956	7,191,943
Service reservoirs ..	736	3,787	7,358	3,807	639,360
Large mains ..	8,143	4,928	26,145	111,321	3,284,577
Reticulation ..	216,485	216,808	249,861	296,863	4,842,278
Afforestation ..	14,290	19,911	19,426	8,308	190,095
Investigations, future works ..	97	748	90	517	10,273
Total ..	701,125	940,243	1,383,860	1,816,682	18,551,156

The Melbourne and Metropolitan waterworks.

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

Storage and service reservoirs.

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

Output of
water.

The total output of water from the various sources of supply in 1949-50 and 1950-51 was as follows :—

	Year ended 30th June—	
	1950.	1951.
	'000 gals.	'000 gals.
Yan Yean Reservoir	2,619,000	6,339,300
Maroondah Reservoir	14,282,800	13,318,500
O'Shannassy River and Silvan No. 1	16,536,100	17,579,500
Total Output	33,437,900	37,237,300

Consumption
of water in
Melbourne and
suburbs.

The total consumption of water amounted to 33,458 million gallons in 1949-50 and 37,225 million gallons in 1950-51, and the average consumption per day was 91·66 million gallons in 1949-50 and 101·99 million gallons in 1950-51. During the year ended 30th June, 1951, the maximum consumption on any one day was 213·3 million gallons on 30th January, and the minimum consumption was 57·3 million gallons on 13th August. The maximum daily consumption of 213·3 million gallons on 30th January, 1951, is the highest ever recorded.

The following table shows for each of the five years, 1947 to 1951, the daily average consumption of water, and the daily average per head :—

DAILY AVERAGE QUANTITY OF WATER CONSUMED IN MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS, 1946-47 TO 1950-51.

(MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS AREA.)

Year.	Properties Supplied with Water at 30th June.	Number of Properties for which Sewers were Provided at 30th June.	Daily Average of Annual Consumption of Water.	Daily Consumption of Water per Head of Population Served.
			Million Gallons.	Gallons.
1946-47	312,735	294,343	87·92	70·82
1947-48	320,798	302,433	91·94	72·11
1948-49	328,843	308,772	93·92	71·86
1949-50	342,742	320,006	91·66	67·25
1950-51	354,415	321,548	101·99	72·38

These figures show that additional properties to the number of 11,673 were supplied with water during the year ended 30th June, 1951.

Sewerage assessments, rates, and receipts.

The Board is empowered to levy a general sewerage rate not exceeding 1s. 2d. in the £1 of the net annual value of properties in sewered areas. The sewerage rate for the year 1950-51 was 1s. in the £1. The total annual value of property in the Board's area in 1950-51 was £27,520,695, of which £25,610,572 was liable to the sewerage rate, the balance being the value of property in unsewered districts. The receipts from general sewerage rates and charges in 1950-51 amounted to £1,330,703.

Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan sewerage system.

The cost of sewerage works during each of the last four years and the total cost to 30th June, 1951, is shown in the following table :—

	During Year Ended 30th June—				Total Cost to 30th June, 1951.
	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Farm purchase and preparation ..	98,413	113,335	153,361	195,433	2,080,664
Treatment works ..	10,329	3,325	1,455	1,883	213,785
Outfall sewers and rising mains ..	..	Cr. 5,297	1,047	1,466	533,691
Pumping stations, buildings, and plant ..	4,161	1,925	1,652	8,488	321,993
Main and branch sewers	21,742	17,244	19,319	88,611	3,454,217
Reticulation sewers ..	362,216	396,837	470,248	524,258	10,582,919
Cost of house connexions chargeable to capital ..	..	..	..	..	670,569
Sanitary depots ..	2,105	Cr. 961	89	5	45,335
Investigations ..	3,756	5,088	7,540	8,032	31,590
Cost of sewerage system ..	502,722	531,496	654,711	828,176	17,934,763

Main and subsidiary sewerage systems.

The sewerage system of the metropolis at 30th June, 1951, consisted of the main system and three subsidiary systems :—

The Main system (serving an area of 68,112 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 941 acres in the City of Sunshine), the sewage from which is pumped to the main outfall sewer.

The Kew system (serving an area of 103 acres in Kew), the sewage from which drains to a local treatment plant.

The South-Eastern system (serving an area of 2,292 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, 1951, the number of buildings for which sewers were provided was 321,548, and the estimated population served by the system was 1,278,000. During 1950-51, 13,118 new houses were erected in the Board's area.

The following statement shows the number of sewer connexions at 30th June, 1951:—

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—
SEWER CONNEXIONS AT 30TH JUNE, 1951.

Municipality.	Number of Buildings for which Sewers were provided at 30th June, 1951.
Cities—	
Box Hill	6,760
Brighton	11,000
Brunswick	14,682
Camberwell	23,371
Caulfield	22,065
Coburg	12,127
Collingwood	8,193
Essendon	13,981
Fitzroy	8,000
Footscray	13,632
Hawthorn	10,620
Heidelberg (part)	10,668
Kew	7,878
Malvern	13,872
Melbourne	23,083
Moorabbin	9,401
Mordialloc	3,955
Northcote	12,155
Nunawading	2,303
Oakleigh	4,519
Port Melbourne	3,845
Prahran	16,697
Preston	12,341
Richmond	10,524
Sandringham	7,505
South Melbourne	9,920
St. Kilda	15,553
Sunshine	4,229
Williamstown	7,047
Shires—	
Broadmeadows (part)	848
Keilor (part)	474
Mulgrave	7
Werribee (part)	293
Total	321,548

Pumping stations. At 30th June, 1951, pumping stations had been established at Spotswood, Preston, Sunshine, Box Hill, Black Rock, Braybrook (2), Mordialloc, Port Melbourne, Prahran, Fawkner, and Kew.

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

Statistical data for the year ended 30th June, 1951, are as under:—

Total area of farm	26,057 acres
Area used for sewage disposal	15,198 acres
Rainfall at farm for year	24·29 inches
Average rainfall over 55 years	18·34 inches
Net cost of sewage purification for year per head of population served	2s. 10·6d.
Profit on cattle for year	£102,583

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

For the year 1950-51 the working expenses were £19,619 and interest £1,812, making a total of £21,431. The revenue was £4,072, leaving a deficiency of £17,359.

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 1950-51 was £27,408,224.

Cost of drainage and river improvement works. The total cost of drainage and river improvement works to 30th June, 1951, was £2,350,080.

Length of main drains. The classification and length of all main drains under the control of the Board at 30th June, 1951, were as follows :—

Type of Drain.	Miles.
Underground drains.. .. .	108
Constructed open drains	11
Natural watercourses and unlined open drains	8
Total	127

BALLARAT WATER COMMISSIONERS.

The local governing body by the name of "The Ballarat Water Commissioners" was constituted on the 1st July, 1880, by the *Waterworks Act* 1880 (No. 656.)

Water supply. The water supply district of the Ballarat Water Commissioners embraces an area of approximately 65 square miles, including the City of Ballarat, the Borough of Sebastopol and portions of the Shires of Ballarat, Buninyong, Bungaree, and Grenville. The estimated population in this area is 50,000. The works comprise six reservoirs, which have a total storage capacity of 2,331,600,000 gallons. Another reservoir, with a storage capacity of 3,000 million gallons, is at present under construction. The catchment area is 17,545 acres. The Commissioners supplied water to 14,131 properties, of which 9,591 were connected to the sewers.

To 31st December, 1950, the capital cost of construction was £1,689,230, and the loans outstanding (due to the Government) were £976,700. During 1950 receipts amounted to £495,380 and expenditure to £492,898.

Water rate. The water rate is 1s. 3d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all rateable properties, with a minimum of 15s. per annum for land on which there is a building or water supply.

BALLARAT SEWERAGE AUTHORITY.

The Ballarat Sewerage Authority was constituted under the provisions of the *Sewerage Districts Act* 1915 by Order in Council dated 30th November, 1920, which provides that the members of the Water Commissioners shall be the Sewerage Authority.

Sewerage. The Ballarat sewerage district embraces the City of Ballarat and portion of the Shire of Ballarat. Work was commenced in December, 1922, and to date the Authority has constructed a disposal works, 1 mile of outfall sewer, 2·1 miles of main sewer, 14·7 miles of sub-mains, and 90 miles of reticulation. An ejector station is under construction. The whole of the works so far completed are gravitational. The plant treats an average

maximum daily flow of approximately 2,000,000 gallons and comprises screening, grit removal, primary sedimentation, trickling filter, secondary sedimentation, and sludge digestion.

To 31st December, 1950, the capital cost of construction, including side lines, was £605,690, and the loans outstanding at that date were £461,700. The amount outstanding by property owners for sewerage installations was £3,325. During 1950 General Fund revenue amounted to £41,440 and expenditure to £41,902.

**Sewerage
Rate.**

The general sewerage rate is 1s. 5d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all properties within the drainage area which are now or may hereafter become sewered during the period for which such rate is made.

GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE TRUST.

This Trust was constituted as the Geelong Municipal Waterworks Trust on 25th January, 1908. It was reconstituted as a Water and Sewerage Authority under the *Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act 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, 1951, was water supply, £888,167; sewerage, £674,242; and sewerage installation, £258,344, of which £515 is outstanding. The revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1951, was £93,227 on account of waterworks and £59,926 on account of sewerage. Since 1913 the Trust has appropriated and set apart sums out of revenues for the creation of a sinking fund to redeem loans. At 30th June, 1951, the amounts so appropriated were: Sewerage, £108,507, and water supply, £122,727. Of such amounts £180,252 had been used to redeem loans which have matured from time to time.

The population supplied is estimated by the Trust at 60,400. The number of buildings within the "Drainage Area" is 14,998; the number within the "Sewered Areas" 14,060, and the number connected with the sewers 14,058.

Water Supply.—The catchment areas of the Moorabool watersheds is about 16,000 acres. There are five storage reservoirs and nine service basins. The total storage capacity of the reservoirs and service basins is 2,745,864,000 gallons.

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

Sewerage.—The sewerage system consists of a main outfall sewer, 4 ft. by 3 ft. 3 in. to the ocean at Black Rock, a distance of about 9 miles from Geelong, and 152 miles of main and reticulation sewers. The sewerage area is 9,638 acres and includes the City of

Geelong, the City of Geelong West, the City of Newtown and Chilwell, and the suburban areas in the Shires of Corio, South Barwon, and Bellarine.

Water Rates.—The water rate is 1s. 4d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all rateable properties with a minimum of £1 per annum for land on which there is a building and a minimum of 5s. per annum for land on which there is no building.

Sewerage Rate.—The general sewerage rate is 1s. 3d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all rateable properties.

WATERWORKS TRUSTS.

During 1949–50 there were functioning in Victoria 125 Waterworks Trusts constituted under the provisions of the *Water Act* 1928. The receipts and expenditure of these Trusts for the year 1940 are shown in the *Year-Book* for 1941–42, page 361. Similar particulars are not available for subsequent years.

MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST.

This Trust, which was constituted under the provisions of the *Mildura Irrigation and Water Trusts Act* 1928, supplies water for domestic use in the City of Mildura and the township of Irymple in the Shire of Mildura. The revenue and expenditure of this authority for the years ended 30th June, 1950 and 1951, were as follows:—

MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

						Year ended 30th June—	
						1950.	1951.
						£	£
<i>Revenue.</i>							
Water Rates	..	..	..	..	..	8,171	9,452
Water Charges	..	..	..	..	..	5,256	8,000
Interest on overdue rates	..	..	..	..	..	34	28
Other	..	..	..	..	..	578	751
Total	..	..	..	..	..	14,039	18,231
<i>Expenditure.</i>							
Administrative Expenses	..	..	..	..	..	1,271	1,559
Meter Maintenance	..	..	..	..	..	581	352
Maintenance Pumping	..	..	..	..	..	5,688	7,090
Maintenance Distribution	..	..	..	..	..	1,835	2,161
Interest on Loans	..	..	..	..	..	459	461
Interest on Overdraft	..	..	..	..	..	74	102
Depreciation	..	..	..	..	..	2,524	2,675
Other	..	..	..	..	..	514	906
Total	..	..	..	..	..	12,946	15,306

At 30th June, 1951 the net loan liability of the Trust amounted to £25,137 (£11,147), of which £24,211 (£9,147) was due to the Government. Figures in parentheses relate to the year ended 30th June, 1950.

SEWERAGE AUTHORITIES.

In districts outside the areas under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust (which bodies are constituted under special Acts), sewerage authorities may be constituted in Victoria under the provisions of the Sewerage Districts Acts. At 31st December, 1950, 54 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 1950 :—

SEWERAGE SYSTEMS IN OPERATION IN VICTORIA AT 31st DECEMBER, 1950.

Authority.	Number of Properties Connected to Sewers.	Sewerage Rate Levied in £ of Net Annual Municipal Value.	Authority.	Number of Properties Connected to Sewers.	Sewerage Rate Levied in £ of Net Annual Municipal Value.
		<i>s. d.</i>			<i>s. d.</i>
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	322,380	1 0	Kyabram	285	2 0
Ararat	1,320	1 6	Kyneton	900	1 6
Bairnsdale	1,200	1 6	Maffra	167	1 9
Ballarat	9,591	1 5	Mildura	1,906	1 4
Benalla	1,356	1 7	Mornington	372	1 9
Bendigo	6,958	1 3	Morwell	1,200	1 6
Castlemaine	1,150	1 9	Murtoa	292	2 0
Colac	1,720	1 0	Nhill	600	2 0
Dandenong	1,610	1 4	Portland	444	1 6
Dimboola	319	2 6	Shepparton	2,030	1 10
Echuca	1,200	1 9	Swan Hill	1,084	1 8
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust	13,849	1 3	Wangaratta	1,776	2 0
Hamilton	1,560	2 0	Warracknabeal	775	2 0
Horsham	1,580	1 7	Warragul	800	2 2
Kerang	678	2 6	Warrnambool	2,308	1 0
			Yarrawonga	522	2 0
			Total	381,932*	..

* Serving a total population of 1,525,400. This figure is based on estimates by the authorities concerned.

In addition to those enumerated in the foregoing table, sewerage authorities had been constituted in the following districts :—

Year 1936	..	Sale.
„ 1938	..	Lorne.
„ 1939	..	Beechworth, Euroa, Leongatha, Traralgon, Werribee, Wodonga, Yarram.
„ 1945	..	Maryborough.
„ 1946	..	Charlton.
„ 1947	..	Moe, Mooroopna, Queenscliffe, Tatura, Yea.
„ 1948	..	St. Arnaud, Stawell, Springvale and Noble Park.
„ 1949	..	Bacchus Marsh, Donald, Jeparit.
„ 1950	..	Camperdown, Port Fairy, Terang.

The above authorities were not in operation at 31st December, 1950.

**Yallourn
Sewerage.**

Under the provisions of the State Electricity Commission Acts, a scheme of sewerage for Yallourn was adopted after approval by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission and the Public Health Department. The erection of the treatment plant, pump house, and pipe-testing depot was completed in 1941. To June, 1950, approximately 90 per cent. of the gravity reticulation system had been completed. The sewage treatment plant was put into service in January, 1948, and by June, 1950, 230 houses and 23 public buildings had been fully connected. The use of septic tanks in the town has been discontinued.

To June, 1950, about 2,000 persons were served by the system which will ultimately serve 8,000 persons when completed.

FIRE BRIGADES.

**Metropolitan
Fire Brigades
Board.**

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

The Board on 30th June, 1951, had under its control the following :—
42 stations, 550 members of permanent staff, 71 members of special service staff, 25 members of clerical staff, 63 men engaged in the workshops, 9 employees engaged in the tailoring department, and 22 partially-paid firemen.

During 1950-51 the cost of maintenance of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade was £465,985, one-third being contributed by each of the contributing bodies, viz., Government of Victoria, municipalities within the Metropolitan Fire District, and the 153 fire insurance companies carrying on business in that district. The municipalities' contribution was equal to 1·360 pence in the £1 on the annual value

of £27,415,803 of property within the Fire District, and that of the insurance companies to £6 11s. 1·6d. for every £100 of premiums on insured property. The premiums received in the Metropolitan Fire District in 1949 amounted to £2,368,419.

Particulars of receipts and expenditure of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for the five years, 1947 to 1951, are as follows:—

**VICTORIA—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE
METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADES BOARD, 1947 TO 1951.**

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.
<i>Ordinary Receipts.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Contributions—Government, Municipal, and Insurance Companies	242,687	269,769	279,764	470,179	465,985
Receipts for Services	53,867	61,388	68,350	66,419	68,076
Interest and Sundries	29,204	30,946	35,588	47,269	63,888
Total	325,758	362,103	383,702	583,867	597,949
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries	163,597	169,875	187,100	282,134	385,275
Administrative Charges, &c. ..	46,327	53,926	58,875	102,088	141,527
Partially-paid Firemen and Special Service Staff Allowances	46,020	45,260	46,905	54,347	49,225
Plant—Purchase and Repairs ..	32,525	32,846	36,469	36,931	44,840
Interest	7,416	6,987	6,571	6,146	5,870
Repayment of Loans	8,860	9,333	9,833	10,360	10,916
Superannuation Fund	8,684	8,795	9,314	13,240	17,720
Motor Replacement Reserve ..	6,492	6,738	7,092	7,436	7,673
Pay-Roll Tax	6,486	6,356	6,857	9,391	11,873
Miscellaneous	1,414	2,644	4,510	3,881	2,458
Total	327,821	342,760	373,526	525,954	677,377
At 30th June—					
Loan Indebtedness	163,778	154,445	144,612	134,252	123,337

The Country Fire Authority, which was constituted in 1944, comprises ten members appointed by the Executive Council selected from panels of names submitted by the Minister of Forests (2 representatives), the Urban Municipalities (1), the Rural Municipalities (1), the Fire Insurance Companies (2), the Rural Fire Brigades (2), and the Urban Fire Brigades (2).

The Authority is responsible for the prevention and suppression of fires in the "country area of Victoria", which embraces the whole of the State outside the metropolitan fire district, excluding State Forests and certain Crown lands. The country area has been divided into 24 Fire Control Regions, three of which (Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong) are wholly urban, the remaining 21 mixed urban and rural. Seventeen permanent Regional Fire Officers supervise fire prevention and extinction in the rural sections of one or more fire control regions.

At 30th June, 1951, there were 194 urban fire brigades and 960 rural fire brigades. The effective registered strength of the brigades at the close of the financial year was 76,237 members. Under the provisions of the *Municipalities and Other Authorities Finances Act* (No. 5512) of 1950, which came into operation on 1st January, 1951, two-thirds of the revenue of the Authority is contributed by the Government and Fire Insurance companies in the proportion of two to one, the third share, formerly contributed by the municipalities now being provided from the Municipalities Assistance Fund. There are 141 insurance companies included in the operation of the Act. The premiums received by these insurance companies outside the Metropolitan Fire District amounted to £2,156,165.

The following statement shows the receipts and expenditure of the Country Fire Authority during the years ended 30th June, 1950 and 1951 :—

	Year Ended 30th June—	
	1950.	1951.
<i>Ordinary Receipts.</i>	£	£
Contributions from Government, municipalities, and insurance companies	131,977	156,702
Sundries	3,983	6,046
Total	135,960	162,748
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>		
Administrative (including salaries)	15,905	21,048
Brigade salaries	19,794	37,136
Regional officers—salaries, transport, maintenance ..	14,855	17,373
Fires and practices allowances	4,840	5,183
New stations, repairs, and rentals	5,572	5,476
Rolling stock and plant, purchases and maintenance	30,108	38,472
Hose and appliances	2,462	3,599
Uniforms, telephones, and fuel	4,402	7,324
Repayment of loans	6,369	6,869
Interest on loans	3,522	4,050
Motor Replacement Fund	11,748	12,608
Compensation Fund, accidents	6,880	6,880
Local Government rates	1,367	1,446
Pay-Roll Tax	751	1,252
Sundries	6,922	8,541
Total	135,497	177,257
Loan Expenditure	54,142	21,598
Loan indebtedness at 30th June	102,951	121,582

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENT BODIES.

In the following statement particulars are given of the new money loan raisings during each of the years 1938-39 and 1946-47 to 1949-50 by Local Government and Semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies in Victoria. Collection of this information was suspended during the war but was resumed in respect of the year 1946-47 :—

VICTORIA—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—NEW MONEY LOAN RAISINGS, 1938-39 AND 1946-47 TO 1949-50.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
LOCAL GOVERNMENT.					
Due to Government	£ 13,737	£ 24,795	£ 18,435	£ 25,615	£ 12,247
Due to Public Creditor	795,211	648,472	943,684	1,182,649	1,621,030
Total Local Government ..	808,948	673,267	962,119	1,208,264	1,633,277
SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL, &c.					
Due to Government	405,529	4,216,127*	5,302,206*	5,600,494*	6,752,596*
Due to Public Creditor	1,478,840†	2,611,000	4,956,000	8,144,046	20,002,525
Total Semi-Governmental, &c.	1,884,369	6,827,127	10,258,206	13,744,540	26,755,121
ALL AUTHORITIES.					
Due to Government	419,266	4,240,922*	5,320,641*	5,626,109	6,764,843
Due to Public Creditor	2,274,051	3,259,472	5,899,684	9,320,695	21,623,555
Grand Total	2,693,317	7,500,394	11,220,325	14,952,804	28,388,398

* Including the following advances by the Commonwealth Government under the Commonwealth and State Housing Agreement :—£4,000,000 in 1946-47, £5,000,000 in 1947-48, £5,200,000 in 1948-49, and £6,300,000 in 1949-50.

† Including £100,000 borrowed to repay loans from Government.

‡ Figures subject to revision.

HOUSING.

The Council of any municipality may, under existing statutory power, erect or purchase dwelling-houses for eligible persons at a cost not exceeding £1,250, including the cost of the land, if the dwelling be of wood, or £1,500 if it be of brick, stone, or concrete. An eligible person, within the meaning of the *Local Government Act* 1946, 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.

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

Housing and
reclamation
by
municipalities.

Erection of
dwelling
houses by
State Savings
Bank
Commissioners.

**War Service
Homes in
Victoria.**

Provision of homes is made by the Commonwealth Government for Australian soldiers who served during the 1914-1918 War and during the war which commenced in 1939 and also for the female dependants of Australian soldiers and other classes of eligible persons as defined in the *War Service Homes Act* 1918-1951.

Activities associated with such Act are shown in the following table. The information is furnished by the War Service Homes Division of the Department of Social Services :—

VICTORIA—WAR SERVICE HOMES.

Period.	Applications Approved.	Homes Built and Assisted to Build.	Homes Purchased.	Mortgages Discharged.	Transfers and Resales.
From inception to— 30th June, 1938 ..	10,524	5,009	3,777	461	1,276
Year ended— 30th June, 1939 ..	61	5	4	5	45
“ “ 1940 ..	30	2	..	..	30
“ “ 1941 ..	21	1	3	1	17
“ “ 1942 ..	24	..	1	3	20
“ “ 1943 ..	26	..	2	7	17
“ “ 1944 ..	37	..	4	5	28
“ “ 1945 ..	70	..	7	8	23
“ “ 1946 ..	247	28	38	29	12
“ “ 1947 ..	938	45	483	174	37
“ “ 1948 ..	1,649	119	676	326	28
“ “ 1949 ..	2,641	414	1,030	546	36
“ “ 1950 ..	4,932	453	2,660	1,010	38
“ “ 1951 ..	5,687	925	3,438	1,617	129

To 30th June, 1951, the sums paid as instalments of principal and interest amounted to £11,087,155, whilst the arrears of instalments totalled £69,543, the percentage of arrears to the total amount due being 0·68.

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.

To 30th June, 1951, contracts were let for the erection of 17,717 dwelling units in Victoria; 11,388 in municipalities within the metropolitan area, and 6,329 in municipalities outside the metropolitan area. Contracts on account of dwellings for the Commonwealth War Worker's Housing Trust are excluded from these figures. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

**Housing
Commission of
Victoria.**

Particulars are given in the appended table of the type of dwelling units for which contracts have been let (including work performed by day labour) by the Commission.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLING UNITS TO 30TH JUNE, 1951; TYPE OF DWELLING.

Municipality.	Type.						Total Dwelling Units—Contracts Let, &c.
	Brick.	Brick Veneer.	Concrete.	Timber, &c.	Prefabricated Timber.	Steel.	
METROPOLITAN.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Cities—							
Box Hill		30	513	9	..	..	552
Brighton	130	..	..	..	..	..	130
Brunswick	22	..	96	5	..	..	123
Camberwell	412	74	485	..	..	..	971
Coburg	637	..	..	133	..	..	770
Essendon	1,016	..	47	34	..	..	1,097
Footscray	10	..	1	95	4	..	110
Heidelberg	811	829	458	216	8	..	2,322
Melbourne	48	..	12	..	..	..	60
Moorabbin	218	338	220	3	17	1	797
Northcote	42	..	16	..	..	..	58
Oakleigh .. .. .	..	..	99	1	..	..	100
Port Melbourne	388	..	70	..	..	..	458
Preston	806	18	239	18	..	..	1,081
Richmond	138	..	..	..	..	..	138
Sandringham	731	13	70	..	6	..	820
Sunshine*	1	6	833	96	24	20	980
Williamstown	56	..	69	49	..	..	174
Shires—							
Broadmeadows .. .. .	..	..	113	..	..	..	113
Mulgrave .. .. .	..	104	430	..	..	..	534
Total Metropolitan ..	5,466	1,412	3,771	659	59	21	11,388
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA.							
Cities—							
Ararat .. .. .	..	..	..	100	105	..	205
Ballaarat	23	17	..	34	..	..	74
Bendigo	30	..	..	..	..	..	30
Geelong .. .. .	..	57	..	353	3	..	413
Geelong West .. .. .	..	37	..	..	..	..	37
Hamilton .. .. .	..	..	..	44	..	..	44
Horsham .. .. .	..	..	..	97	15	..	112
Mildura .. .. .	..	10	..	83	..	..	93
Newtown and Chilwell .. .. .	..	54	..	..	..	..	54
Sale .. .. .	..	..	..	48	..	..	48
Shepparton .. .. .	..	81	..	116	15	..	212
Warrnambool	17	40	..	50	..	..	107
Towns—							
Castlemaine .. .. .	..	13	..	12	..	..	25
Colac .. .. .	..	13	..	125	2	..	140
Portland .. .. .	..	..	..	30	..	..	30
St. Arnaud .. .. .	..	3	..	9	..	..	12
Boroughs—							
Benalla .. .. .	..	..	..	72	6	..	78
Daylesford .. .. .	..	..	..	..	7	..	7
Eaglehawk	5	..	..	..	..	..	5
Echuca .. .. .	..	16	..	33	..	..	49
Inglewood .. .. .	..	6	..	6	..	..	6
Maryborough .. .. .	..	20	..	23	5	..	48

* The area of the Shire of Braybrook was redefined by portion of the Western Riding being annexed to the Shire of Melton as from 1st February, 1951. The Shire of Braybrook (as re-defined) was declared the City of Sunshine on 16th May, 1951.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF
VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLING UNITS, YEAR
JUNE, 1951; TYPE OF DWELLING—*continued.*

Municipality.	Type.						Total Dwelling Units— Contracts Let, &c.
	Brick.	Brick Veneer.	Concrete.	Timber, &c.	Prefabricated Timber.	Steel.	
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA— <i>continued.</i>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Boroughs— <i>continued.</i>							
Port Fairy	10	..	..	10
Sebastopol	13	10	..	23
Stawell	20	..	..	..	..	20
Swan Hill	51	..	..	51
Wangaratta	76	..	249	21	1	347
Wonthaggi	80	..	..	80
Shires—							
Alberton	24	..	..	24
Avon	6	..	..	6
Bacchus Marsh	36	5	..	41
Bairnsdale	34	..	..	34
Ballarat	20	58	..	78
Beechworth	20	..	..	20
Bet Bet	4	..	4
Bright	26	..	..	26
Broadford	8	..	..	8
Buln Buln	41	..	41
Charlton	8	..	8
Cohuna	16	..	..	16
Corio	162	66	125	..	353
Cranbourne	12	3	..	15
Dandenong	146	..	1	..	147
Dimboola	26	..	..	26
Dunmunkle	10	..	..	10
Euroa	6	..	..	6
Frankston and Hastings	7	..	17	..	..	24
Glenelg	5	..	..	5
Gisborne	12	..	..	12
Hampden	66	..	..	66
Heytesbury	12	..	..	12
Kerang	18	10	..	28
Korumburra	34	..	..	34
Kyneton	20	..	..	20
Maffra	37	..	..	37
Mansfield	25	..	..	25
Marong	27	..	27
Mildura	117	..	..	117
Mirboo	8	..	..	8
Morwell	525	285	..	810
Narracan	675	224	..	899
Numurkah	44	7	..	51
Orbost	22	..	..	22
Rochester	12	..	..	12
Rodney	53	19	..	72
Rutherglen	10	..	..	10
Seymour	102	..	..	102
Strathfieldsaye	20	..	..	..	..	..	20
Swan Hill	6	..	..	6
Traralgon	258	..	..	258
Tullaroop	1	..	1
Tungamah	9	11	..	20
Warracknabeal	22	8	..	30
Warragul	236	23	..	259
Winchelsea	18	..	18
Wodonga	53	..	..	53
Woorayl	16	..	..	16
Yarrawonga	32	..	..	32
Total Outside Metropolitan Area ..	95	464	308	4,394	1,067	1	6,329
Grand Total ..	5,561	1,876	4,079	5,053	1,126	22	17,717

DWELLING UNITS ERECTED BY THE VICTORIAN HOUSING COMMISSION TO 30TH JUNE, 1951.

Municipality.	Completed to 30th June, 1948.	Completed during Year ended 30th June—			Units Completed to 30th June, 1951.
		1949.	1950.	1951.	
METROPOLITAN.					
Cities—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Rox Hill .. .. .	..	87	176	201	464
Brighton	122	8	..	..	130
Brunswick	123	..	..	..	123
Camberwell	261	284	328	92	965
Coburg	577	76	61	7	721
Essendon	179	117	88	104	488
Footscray	110	..	..	..	110
Heidelberg	727	336	393	309	1,765
Melbourne	8	8	..	16	32
Moorabbin	342	289	128	38	797
Northcote	42	..	..	..	42
Oakleigh	100	..	..	..	100
Port Melbourne	458*	..	..	..	458
Preston	742	..	2	123	867
Richmond	138	..	..	..	138
Sandringham	738	61	8	..	807
Sunshine†	129	187	239	180	735
Williamstown	174	..	..	..	174
Shires—	..	..	..	..	..
Broadmeadows .. .. .	..	..	46	62	108
Mulgrave .. .. .	..	..	10	233	243
Total Metropolitan ..	4,970	1,453	1,479	1,365	9,267
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA.					
Cities—	..	..	..	..	..
Ararat	36	43	49	37	165
Ballaarat	57	7	9	1	74
Bendigo	31	..	..	..	31
Geelong	161	56	85	70	372
Geelong West	37	..	..	..	37
Horsham	39	39	19	..	97
Hamilton	30	14	..	..	44
Mildura	50	..	..	..	50
Newtown and Chilwell ..	54	..	..	..	54
Sale	21	17	7	..	45
Shepparton	79	38	54	39	210
Warrnambool	57	16	15	8	96
Towns—	..	..	..	..	..
Castlemaine	13	..	12	..	25
Colac	69	2	19	6	96
Portland	21	2	..	..	23
St. Arnaud	8	4	..	..	12
Boroughs—	..	..	..	..	..
Benalla	20	10	..	10	40
Daylesford .. .. .	..	..	4	3	7
Eaglehawk	7	..	..	..	7
Echuca	7	15	..	..	22
Inglewood .. .. .	..	4	2	..	6
Maryborough	25	4	14	5	48
Port Fairy .. .. .	..	..	1	9	10
Sebastopol .. .. .	..	..	8	15	23
Stawell	15	4	1	..	20
Swan Hill	31	5	8	3	47
Wangaratta	163	55	68	30	316
Wonthaggi	46	20	14	..	80

* Includes 44 dwellings erected in 1936 by the Public Works Department and taken over subsequently by the Housing Commission.

† See footnote on page 438.

DWELLING UNITS ERECTED BY THE VICTORIAN HOUSING COMMISSION
TO 30TH JUNE, 1951—*continued.*

Municipality.	Completed to 30th June, 1948.	Completed during Year ended 30th June—			Units Completed to 30th June, 1951.
		1949.	1950.	1951.	
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA— <i>continued.</i>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Shires—					
Alberton .. .. .	..	..	11	1	12
Avon .. .. .	..	..	..	4	4
Bacchus Marsh .. .. .	..	17	12	4	33
Bairnsdale .. .. .	..	5	15	14	34
Ballarat .. .. .	..	..	..	22	22
Bet Bet .. .. .	..	..	..	4	4
Beechworth .. .. .	..	10	5	..	15
Bright .. .. .	..	..	8	9	17
Broadford .. .. .	..	..	8	..	8
Buln Buln	41	..	..	..	41
Cohuna	12	..	..	4	16
Corio .. .. .	..	10	46	157	213
Cranbourne	9	..	6	..	15
Dandenong .. .. .	..	..	26	47	73
Dimboola	25	1	..	..	26
Dunmunkle .. .. .	..	..	..	1	1
Euroa	6	..	..	..	6
Frankston and Hastings	..	24	..	..	24
Gisborne .. .. .	..	12	..	..	12
Glenelg .. .. .	..	..	3	2	5
Hampden	4	30	26	3	63
Heytesbury .. .. .	..	12	..	..	12
Kerang	11	9	8	..	28
Korumburra	20	..	..	2	22
Kyneton .. .. .	..	1	11	3	15
Maffra	18	4	..	..	22
Mansfield .. .. .	..	..	4	21	25
Mildura	36	23	13	13	85
Mirboo .. .. .	..	4	4	..	8
Morwell	32	50	110	413	605
Narracan	193	154	132	260	739
Numurkah	10	5	2	19	36
Orbost .. .. .	..	10	..	2	12
Rochester .. .. .	..	11	1	..	12
Rodney	28	18	..	19	65
Rutherglen	9	1	..	..	10
Seymour	20	14	26	8	68
Strathfieldsaye	16	3	..	..	19
Swan Hill .. .. .	..	..	6	..	6
Traralgon	115	59	33	22	229
Tungamah .. .. .	..	..	..	20	20
Tullaroop .. .. .	..	..	1	..	1
Warracknabeal	13	9	..	..	22
Warragul	79	40	39	9	167
Winchelsea .. .. .	..	..	8	10	18
Wodonga	25	13	..	1	39
Woorayl	16	..	..	..	16
Yarrawonga .. .. .	..	..	22	4	26
Total outside Metropolitan Area	1,815	904	975	1,334	5,028
Grand Total	6,785	2,357	2,454	2,699	14,295*

* The above statement is exclusive of 268 dwellings which were erected by the Housing Commission for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust, viz., 234 in the Shire of Braybrook and 34 in the City of Coburg.

State Building Control. The *Building Operations and Building Materials Control Act*, No. 5116 of 1946, brought under State administration the control of building operations and materials formerly administered by the Commonwealth under the National Security Regulations. The principal provisions of this Act and of amending Act No. 5271 of 1948 were published in the *Year Book* for 1946-47, pages 510 and 511.

Amending Act No. 5347 of 1948, which expired on 31st December, 1949, contained provisions in regard to the use of materials and building operations beyond a radius of 60 miles from the General Post Office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth streets, Melbourne.

Act No. 5445 of 1949 amended certain provisions in previous Acts relating to the description of building operations which may be undertaken without the consent of the Minister. In addition to imposing penalties, courts were empowered to order any structure erected or altered in contravention of the Act to be pulled down. This Act expired on 31st December, 1950.

Amending Act No. 5479 of 1950, which expires on 31st December, 1951, contains provisions relating to a garage and out-buildings which are included in a dwelling house, villa pair, block of flats or other multiple dwelling, or any building consisting of a shop and dwelling the area of which (including a garage) does not exceed 1,400 square feet, such garage not to exceed 200 square feet in area.

The *Building Operations and Building Materials Control Act* 1946 together with amending Acts Nos. 5259, 5271, 5288, 5347, 5445, and 5479 were reprinted under the authority of Act No. 5479, section 1 (2) on a certificate of the Attorney-General dated 31st January, 1951, and cited as the Building Operations and Building Materials Control Acts.

Building permits. Information relating to the value of buildings for which permits were issued by municipal councils gives a reliable indication, in normal circumstances, of the effect of varying economic conditions on the building industry. The particulars

represent the values recorded, but, owing to the variation in building costs during the periods under review, a complete comparison cannot be made. The statements include War Service Home dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

The following statements show the value of buildings for which permits were issued by the municipalities in the metropolitan area during the periods indicated in respect of dwellings, other new buildings, and alterations and additions to existing buildings.

The information is not comparable with statements of building permits issued appearing in the Year-Books prior to 1945-46.

GREATER MELBOURNE—VALUE OF BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE ISSUED, 1938 AND 1943 TO 1951.

NEW SERIES.

Year Ended 31st December—	Value of Buildings Approved.				Index to Total Value=100 in 1938.
	Dwellings (including Flats, &c.).	Other New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	
1938	5,318,295	1,640,634	1,445,613	8,404,542	100·00
1943	43,141	513,148	549,550	1,105,839	13·16
1944	177,261	126,210	894,913	1,198,384	14·26
1945	2,059,065	442,719	1,046,643	3,548,427	42·22
1946	9,875,132	1,314,446	1,519,549	12,709,127	151·22
1947	13,685,211	2,156,292	2,057,154	17,898,657	212·96
1948	14,837,267	1,659,443	2,217,297	18,714,007	222·67
1949	20,391,319	1,845,120	2,142,362	24,378,801	290·06
1950	26,342,305	3,044,451	3,186,312	32,573,068	387·56
1951	29,462,521	4,706,556	5,638,532	39,807,609	473·64

The following tables give detailed information relating to the number and value of buildings for which permits were issued by the municipalities in Greater Melbourne during the years specified:—

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN GREATER MELBOURNE DURING THE YEARS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1950 AND 1951.

Class of Permit.	Year ended 31st December—			
	1950.		1951.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
		£		£
New Buildings—				
Buildings for Habitation—				
Private Dwellings—				
Brick and concrete	1,398	4,559,436	1,243	5,031,060
Brick veneer	3,114	7,235,202	2,379	6,733,412
Wood, steel, fibro-cement, &c.	7,681	13,578,417	7,408	15,731,024
Flats	68*	692,250	75†	1,835,025
Other	7	277,000	5	132,000
Total, Buildings for Habitation	12,268	26,342,305	11,110	29,462,521
Commercial Buildings—				
With Residence—				
Shops	212	630,676	213	749,920
Garages	1	4,500	..	..
Factories	2	31,567	4	28,000
Other	5	26,500	3	19,290
Without Residence—				
Shops	17	28,130	5	7,200
Garages	7	48,250	10	34,450
Factories	196	1,838,610	271	2,447,725
Other	10	199,663	27	104,835
Public Buildings—				
Hospitals	2	102,977	2	986,000
Churches	2	11,890	16	40,117
Schools	8	88,041	22	242,350
Other	5	33,647	20	46,669
Total, Commercial and Public Buildings	467	3,044,451	593	4,706,556
Alterations and Additions—				
Private Dwellings	9,341	1,481,128	16,285	2,678,967
Flats	19	21,590	30	33,085
Other Buildings for Habitation ..	127	56,879	78	153,909
Shops	163	74,803	170	75,929
Garages (Commercial)	30	24,626	34	23,685
Factories	420	1,111,878	550	1,868,305
Other Business Premises	184	158,221	198	313,706
Public Buildings	84	257,187	105	490,946
Total, Alterations, and Additions	10,368	3,186,312	17,450	5,638,532
Grand Total, Building Permits	23,103	32,573,068‡	29,153	39,807,609‡

* 273 self-contained units.

† 548 self-contained units.

‡ See page 426 for details of value in each municipality.

NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW PRIVATE DWELLINGS (INCLUDING FLATS, HOTELS, ETC.) IN GREATER MELBOURNE, 1938 AND 1943 TO 1951.

NEW SERIES.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—									
	1938.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.
CITIES.										
Box Hill ..	152	2	9	135	524	665	490	609	685	563
Brighton ..	360	..	..	60	231	210	214	207	212	183
Brunswick ..	149	..	3	20	58	53	45	34	61	49
Camberwell ..	882	1	5	188	829	821	764	752	876	711
Canfield ..	386	..	..	42	217	255	183	176	127	103
Chelsea ..	56	4	14	84	172	231	219	270	285	240
Coburg ..	304	7	10	131	375	550	579	633	805	716
Collingwood ..	20	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	2	3
Essendon ..	238	1	3	53	178	185	171	177	223	202
Fitzroy ..	13	..	..	1	1	2	1	1	..	..
Footscray ..	322	1	6	123	197	275	293	326	386	447
Hawthorn ..	139	..	3	17	41	23	13	24	48	29
Heidelberg (Part) (a)	205	4	16	97	346	525	439	618	587	534
Kew ..	131	..	1	33	148	127	92	108	136	123
Malvern ..	137	1	2	40	100	99	121	117	179	158
Melbourne ..	62	..	1	3	9	8	10	3	11	7
Moorabbin ..	239	5	20	177	938	1,200	1,171	1,712	1,773	1,372
Mordialloc ..	93	..	16	81	353	362	314	445	399	313
Northcote ..	120	..	2	32	106	171	175	199	163	125
Nunawading ..	76	4	15	114	389	412	489	643	735	787
Oakleigh ..	86	..	7	65	278	273	217	409	536	439
Port Melbourne ..	20	..	..	5	15	10	2	6	4	2
Prahran ..	160	..	..	1	3	14	22	24	42	43
Preston ..	298	4	13	114	531	650	667	770	816	720
Richmond ..	37	..	..	..	1	3	2	2	5	3
Sandringham ..	164	2	30	86	229	237	203	232	264	238
South Melbourne ..	18	..	..	3	2	2	2	..	1	3
St. Kilda ..	96	..	..	4	17	13	9	11	14	5
Sunshine* (Part) (b)	101	..	4	62	207	261	337	438	507	465
Williamstown ..	98	..	3	18	69	85	103	279	259	174
BOROUGH.										
Ringwood ..	37	28	58	52	228	279	321	375	449	482
SHIRES.										
Broadmeadows (Part) (c)	73	4	5	64	275	394	402	493	841	760
Keilor (Part) (d)	46	..	..	17	49	74	112	180	236	263
Mulgrave ..	15	12	17	21	176	318	349	493	601	848
Total ..	5,333	80	263	1,944	7,292	8,787	8,531	10,768	12,268	11,110

(a) Excluding Greensborough Ward.

(b) Excluding Western Ward.

(c) Broadmeadows Riding and Campbellfield Riding only.

(d) Dounta Galla Riding only.

* The area of the Shire of Braybrook was redefined by portion of the Western Riding being annexed to the Shire of Melton as from 1st February, 1951. The Shire of Braybrook (as redefined) was declared the City of Sunshine on 16th May, 1951.

NOTE.—Excluding contracts let by the Housing Commission for the erection of dwellings see pages 438 and 439.

VALUE OF ALL BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE
ISSUED IN GREATER MELBOURNE DURING THE
YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1950 AND 1951.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	
	1950.	1951.
CITIES.	£	£
Box Hill	1,777,001	1,778,281
Brighton	831,513	1,154,563
Brunswick	241,210	197,306
Camberwell	2,803,250	3,109,448
Caulfield	584,412	710,490
Chelsea	540,961	598,828
Coburg	1,571,636	1,659,215
Collingwood	112,614	310,569
Essendon	546,048	745,119
Fitzroy	84,529	108,142
Footscray	915,598	1,283,762
Hawthorn	510,904	508,835
Heidelberg (a)	1,745,093	1,798,865
Kew	614,069	784,608
Malvern	789,901	788,817
Melbourne	851,142	841,163
Moorabbin	4,059,304	4,619,469
Mordialloc	1,035,886	1,004,296
Northcote	445,895	503,873
Nunawading	1,571,949	2,112,615
Oakleigh	1,143,121	1,317,964
Port Melbourne.. .. .	489,511	512,433
Prahran	404,695	1,152,099
Preston	1,921,444	2,923,133
Richmond	137,368	132,679
Sandringham	848,429	956,396
South Melbourne	170,197	157,356
St. Kilda	247,862	467,152
Sunshine* (Part) (b)	1,030,923	1,320,309
Williamstown	473,298	461,226
BOROUGH.		
Ringwood	824,780	1,127,532
SHIRES.		
Broadmeadows (c)	1,503,521	1,686,671
Keilor (d)	418,650	572,494
Mulgrave	1,326,314	2,401,901
Total	32,573,068	39,807,609

(a) Excluding Greensborough Ward.

(b) Excluding Western Ward.

(c) Broadmeadows and Campbellfield Ridings only.

(d) Dousta Galla Riding only.

NOTE.—The above statement is not comparable with statements of building permits appearing in issues of the *Year-Book* prior to 1945-46.

* See footnote page 438.

With a view to gauging the relative activity of the building industry during recent years in centres outside Greater Melbourne, particulars relating to building permits issued by certain municipalities during each of the five years, 1947 to 1951 are given below:—

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE ISSUED BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1947 TO 1951.

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other. Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Ballarat City ..	1947	158	192,122	13	15,321	259	53,402	430	260,845
	1948	144	215,269	7	352,250	158	81,421	309	648,940
	1949	200	340,850	9	36,320	184	55,762	393	432,932
	1950	252	474,689	4	6,135	196	73,236	452	554,060
	1951	185	412,797	9	20,800	170	90,393	364	523,990
Bendigo City ..	1947	108	141,757	6	8,155	192	23,637	306	173,549
	1948	123	197,737	2	8,600	190	20,120	315	226,457
	1949	128	220,681	6	165,200	267	41,087	401	426,968
	1950	165	320,685	2	17,000	249	130,540	416	468,225
	1951	149	300,941	8	15,950	260	47,832	417	364,723
Geelong City ..	1947	41	65,575	7	45,850	119	12,375	167	123,800
	1948	42	67,776	5	38,300	104	18,553	151	124,629
	1949	35	68,880	7	107,663	122	43,539	164	220,082
	1950	44	96,680	5	20,983	148	35,144	197	152,807
	1951	36	89,950	13	342,950	215	36,667	264	469,567
Geelong West City ..	1947	93	127,630	1	3,000	63	7,655	157	138,285
	1948	98	158,222	1	2,000	77	8,960	176	169,182
	1949	128	213,118	..	..	63	10,739	191	223,857
	1950	161	322,712	1	3,750	31	6,200	193	332,662
	1951	139	353,994	4	16,500	51	10,681	194	381,175

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE
ISSUED BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1947 TO
1951—*continued.*

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.					
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
			£		£		£		£
Horsham City ..	1947	71	69,309	4	8,725	64	8,929	139	86,963
	1948	54	64,131	3	1,400	45	4,050	102	69,581
	1949	59	85,307	2	2,760	105	14,111	166	102,178
	1950	81	134,225	1	550	50	4,420	132	139,195
	1951	86	181,810	2	2,800	102	20,012	190	204,622
Mildura City ..	1947	87	96,832	4	3,812	50	4,394	141	105,038
	1948	102	133,332	6	9,590	43	9,179	151	152,101
	1949	142	203,648	4	154,500	72	8,896	218	367,044
	1950	163	285,375	13	17,500	60	11,237	226	314,112
	1951	110	245,925	4	40,850	109	22,778	242	309,553
Newtown and Chilwell City ..	1947	77	108,355	2	730	56	10,940	135	120,025
	1948	69	121,394	3	1,005	68	13,417	140	135,816
	1949	85	164,678	..	..	52	35,968	137	200,646
	1950	89	196,539	2	325	101	28,797	192	225,661
	1951	68	204,280	3	15,500	141	33,049	212	252,829
Sale City* ..	1947	35	37,215	4	1,940	39	5,027	78	44,182
	1948	50	68,768	3	1,100	53	64,449	106	134,317
	1949	61	90,605	2	1,350	64	11,501	127	103,456
	1950	105	179,265	4	6,930	58	9,811	167	195,506
	1951	83	170,440	2	110,700	43	17,718	128	298,858

* Declared a City from 31st May, 1950.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE
ISSUED BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1947 TO
1951—*continued*.

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Shepparton City ..	1947	103	131,378	5	10,650	32	11,088	140	153,116
	1948	74	109,837	3	28,500	29	14,854	106	153,191
	1949	142	278,140	8	23,500	127	38,091	277	339,731
	1950	149	289,893	2	30,150	174	118,054	325	438,097
	1951	125	309,287	2	2,000	159	62,205	286	373,492
Warrnambool City ..	1947	46	61,956	1	350	63	24,216	110	86,522
	1948	44	66,719	..	..	65	15,626	109	82,345
	1949	80	126,051	3	93,797	93	15,803	176	235,651
	1950	71	145,188	5	15,390	105	12,623	181	173,201
	1951	82	199,016	3	4,350	119	20,875	204	224,241