

## PART V.

## FINANCE.

State  
Finance.

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

A concise statement of the chief special funds kept at the Treasury is shown in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, pages 76 to 80. Amongst the funds since established are the Unemployment Relief Fund, the Unemployment Relief Loan (1935-36) Trust Fund, the Winter Relief Fund, the Milk Board Fund, the Farmers' Debts Adjustment Fund, the Federal Aid Roads and Works Accounts 1937, the Railways Repayment Account, the Railway Renewals and Replacement Fund, the Public Trustee Fund, the Decentralization Fund, and the Transport Regulation Fund.

Under Act No. 4597 of 1938 the Closer Settlement, the Discharged Soldiers Settlement and the Discharged Soldiers Concession Funds were abolished. From 28th February, 1939, the finances of these Funds were brought into the Consolidated Revenue system.

Commonwealth  
and State  
Financial  
Relations.

The original Financial Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States was made on 12th December, 1927. It was subsequently affected by the Debt Conversion Agreement of 21st July, 1931, the Debt Conversion

Agreement (No. 2) of 22nd October, 1931, and the Agreement relating to Soldier Settlement Loans of 3rd July, 1934. A brief outline of the principal provisions of the original agreement is given in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 75.

A summary of the transactions for the year ended 30th June, 1949, in the Consolidated Revenue Fund and in certain special funds gives the following result:—

|                            | £          |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Public Revenue .. .. .     | 48,968,397 |
| Public Expenditure .. .. . | 50,351,178 |
| Deficit .. .. .            | 1,382,781  |

The differences between the amounts of revenue and expenditure shown above and those given in the Treasurer's Finance Statement arise from the use, for statistical purposes, of a different method of classification. The Public Revenue of certain special funds is added to the Consolidated Revenue—an equivalent amount being entered as expenditure. The particulars for 1948-49 are as follows:—

| Items.  | Public Revenue. | Public Expenditure. |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|
|   | £               | £                   |
| Total—Treasurer's Finance Statement .. ..   | 46,841,881      | 48,224,662          |
| <i>Add public revenue of the following funds—</i>   |                 |                     |
| Country Roads Board Fund* .. ..   | 1,699,567       | 1,699,567           |
| Licensing Fund† .. ..   | 111,219         | 111,219             |
| Police Superannuation Fund .. ..  | 26,038          | 26,038              |
| Assurance Fund .. ..  | 3,981           | 3,981               |
| Cattle Compensation Fund .. ..  | 64,961          | 64,961              |
| Swine Compensation Fund .. ..   | 19,706          | 19,706              |
| Metropolitan Roads Fund .. ..   | 50,174          | 50,174              |
| Mallee Land Account .. ..   | 53,382          | 53,382              |
| Transport Regulation Fund .. ..   | 78,249          | 78,249              |
| Other Funds .. ..   | 34,239          | 34,239              |
|   | 48,983,397      | 50,366,178          |
| <i>Deduct—</i>  |                 |                     |
| Loss of Revenue on account of reduction in certain periodical Railway fares to outer suburbs .. | 15,000          | 15,000              |
| Total .. ..   | 48,968,397      | 50,351,178          |

\* Excluding £608,749 recouped to Revenue under Acts Nos. 3944 and 4140.

† In addition to this amount £516,930 was transferred to Revenue under Section 312 of Act No. 3717 as amended by Act No. 5089.

The revenue and expenditure of the State for each of the years 1944-45 to 1948-49, after taking into account the circumstances mentioned above, are shown in the next statement.

# VICTORIA—STATE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1945 TO 1949.

| Year ended 30th June— | Public Revenue. | Public Expenditure. | Surplus (+)<br>or<br>Deficit (—) | Accumulated<br>Deficiency to<br>end of each<br>Year (i.e.,<br>30th June). |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---|
|                       | £               | £                   | £                                | £   |
| 1945 .. .. .          | 36,235,902      | 35,886,778          | (+) 349,124                      | 7,945,926   |
| 1946 .. .. .          | 36,415,207      | 36,409,473          | (+) 5,734                        | 7,945,803   |
| 1947 .. .. .          | 38,912,209      | 38,907,176          | (+) 5,033                        | 7,940,069   |
| 1948 .. .. .          | 43,611,349      | 44,165,053          | (—) 553,704                      | 8,488,740   |
| 1949 .. .. .          | 48,968,397      | 50,351,178          | (—) 1,382,781                    | 9,871,521*  |

\* Of this amount, £5,796,704 was provided from the proceeds of Treasury Bonds and £4,074,817 from the Public Account.

The surplus in respect of each of the years 1944–45 to 1946–47 was transferred to the Surplus Revenue Account under Section 13 of Act No. 3341, which provides that any surplus shall be applied to the reduction of the Consolidated Revenue deficit unless otherwise directed by Parliament. The surplus for each of the years 1944–45 to 1946–47 was applied as follows:—

| Year ended 30th June— | Surplus. | Towards<br>Reduction of<br>Accumulated<br>Deficiency. | To Expenditure on Public Works.* |                      |
|-----------------------|----------|---|----------------------------------|----------------------|
|                       |          |   | Amount<br>Authorized.            | Statutory Authority. |
|                       | £        | £   | £                                |                      |
| 1945 .. .. .          | 349,124  | 124   | 349,000                          | Act No 5093 of 1945  |
| 1946 .. .. .          | 5,734    | 5,734   | ..                               | ..                   |
| 1947 .. .. .          | 5,033    | 5,033   | ..                               | ..                   |

\* For details of expenditure from Surplus Revenue, see page 236.

Details of the sources of revenue for each of the financial years 1944–45 to 1948–49 are given in the following statement:—

## VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF STATE REVENUE, 1945 TO 1949.

| Heads of Revenue.                          | Year ended 30th June— |           |           |           |            |
|--|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|  | 1945.                 | 1946.     | 1947.     | 1948.     | 1949.      |
|  | £                     | £         | £         | £         | £          |
| Taxation—                                  |                       |           |           |           |            |
| Income Tax .. .. .                         | 63,250                | 64,444    | 69,744    | 66,740    | 51,072     |
| Income and Entertainments Tax—Commonwealth |                       |           |           |           |            |
| Reimbursement .. .. .                      | 6,796,023             | 6,803,905 | 8,770,774 | 9,881,821 | 12,027,220 |
| Land Tax .. .. .                           | 357,603               | 321,299   | 382,599   | 373,766   | 370,547    |

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF STATE REVENUE, 1945 TO 1949—  
*continued.*

| Heads of Revenue.                                  | Year ended 30th June—    |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | 1945.                    | 1946.                    | 1947.                    | 1948.                    | 1949.                    |
|  | £                        | £                        | £                        | £                        | £                        |
| <b>Taxation—<i>continued</i>—</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Probate Duty .. ..                                 | 1,853,991                | 1,825,180                | 2,460,655                | 2,095,866                | 2,573,166                |
| Unemployment Relief ..                             | 30,986                   | 21,909                   | 19,482                   | 19,138                   | 20,187                   |
| Entertainments Tax* ..                             | 646,117                  | 877,770                  | 969,401                  | 1,251,897                | 1,402,394                |
| Other Stamp Duties ..                              | 886,718                  | 1,070,841                | 1,335,406                | 1,482,628                | 1,655,893                |
| Motor Taxation .. ..                               | 1,655,159                | 1,846,937                | 2,093,747                | 2,388,718                | 2,647,318                |
| <b>Licences—</b>                                   |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Liquor .. ..                                       | 381,600                  | 388,607                  | 483,968                  | 550,889                  | 606,711                  |
| Other .. ..  | 88,345                   | 90,360                   | 104,565                  | 112,629                  | 114,060                  |
| Other Taxation .. ..                               | 19,043                   | 19,790                   | 22,796                   | 22,461                   | 21,848                   |
| <b>Total Taxation ..</b>                           | <b>12,778,835</b>        | <b>13,331,042</b>        | <b>16,713,137</b>        | <b>18,246,353</b>        | <b>21,490,416</b>        |
| <b>Commonwealth Payment to State—Act No. 3554—</b> |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Financial Agreement ..                             | 2,127,159                | 2,127,159                | 2,127,159                | 2,127,159                | 2,127,159                |
| <b>Public Works and Services—</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Railways .. ..                                     | 15,415,687               | 14,725,689               | 13,747,827               | 16,290,532               | 17,268,058               |
| Water Supply .. ..                                 | 839,488                  | 809,791                  | 1,021,919                | 1,056,006                | 1,311,014                |
| State Coal Mine .. ..                              | 397,739                  | 344,979                  | 283,333                  | 300,322                  | 350,136                  |
| State Electricity Commission                       |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Interest, &c. .. ..                                | 856,090                  | 847,712                  | 815,552                  | 817,828                  | 815,096                  |
| Country Roads Board† ..                            | Dr. 143,668              | Dr. 143,668              | Dr. 143,333              | Dr. 143,310              | Dr. 133,207              |
| Maffra Beet Sugar Factory                          | 26,869                   | 6,448                    | 18,632                   | 38,913                   | 6,102                    |
| Victoria Dock Cool Stores                          | 87,380                   | 77,066                   | 88,001                   | 87,691                   | 101,457                  |
| Wharfage Rates, &c. ..                             | 36,263                   | 45,587                   | 65,679                   | 75,331                   | 90,406                   |
| Other .. ..  | 228,314                  | 159,623                  | 132,405                  | 133,533                  | 151,487                  |
| <b>Land—</b>                                       |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Land Sales, Rents, Penalties, &c. .. ..            | 546,166                  | 611,557                  | 650,482                  | 736,788                  | 803,039                  |
| Interest on Loans—                                 |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Land Settlement .. ..                              | 406,206                  | 416,736                  | 417,147                  | 395,434                  | 340,432                  |
| Soldier Settlement .. ..                           | .. ..                    | .. ..                    | 11,314                   | 58,103                   | 182,339                  |
| Fees, Fines, &c. .. ..                             | 306,587                  | 360,849                  | 436,491                  | 479,906                  | 507,648                  |
| Tramways Act No. 3732 (Sec. 77) .. ..              | 129,348                  | 126,728                  | 120,641                  | 137,424                  | 150,270                  |
| Government Printer .. ..                           | 208,489                  | 227,358                  | 234,124                  | 310,760                  | 361,040                  |
| Harbor Trust Contributions ..                      | 135,280                  | 142,916                  | 149,675                  | 182,532                  | 205,032                  |
| Royal Mint .. ..                                   | 104,574                  | 95,058                   | 218,473                  | 127,558                  | 145,156                  |
| Interest and Recoups, N.E.I.                       | 678,942                  | 1,076,588                | 780,041                  | 913,426                  | 1,057,760                |
| Department of Agriculture‡                         | 55,393                   | 82,837                   | 86,827                   | 108,941                  | 120,364                  |
| Miscellaneous .. ..                                | 1,014,761                | 943,152                  | 936,683                  | 1,130,119                | 1,517,193                |
| <b>Total Revenue ..</b>                            | <b>36,235,902</b>        | <b>36,415,207</b>        | <b>38,912,209</b>        | <b>43,611,349</b>        | <b>48,968,397</b>        |
| <b>Per Head of Population ..</b>                   | <b>£ s. d.</b><br>18 1 4 | <b>£ s. d.</b><br>18 1 4 | <b>£ s. d.</b><br>19 1 6 | <b>£ s. d.</b><br>21 1 6 | <b>£ s. d.</b><br>23 3 5 |

\* Mainly Horse-Racing.

† Represents the difference between the interest received by Consolidated Revenue on account of Country Roads and the recoups to Consolidated Revenue as shown in the Country Roads Board Fund. See remarks in page 230 with reference to the statistical method of arriving at total public revenue.

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

**Heads of  
State  
Expenditure.**

A summary of expenditure from State Revenue classified according to functions for each of the years 1944-45 to 1948-49 is shown in the following table.

Interest on the public debt, pensions and gratuities, and the contribution to the National Debt Sinking Fund have not been allotted to the respective heads of expenditure. They are shown separately under the sub-heading "Financial Administration".

### VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE REVENUE, 1945 TO 1949.

| Heads of Expenditure.  | Year ended 30th June— |            |            |            |            |
|--|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|  | 1945.                 | 1946.      | 1947.      | 1948.      | 1949.      |
|  | £                     | £          | £          | £          | £          |
| <i>Legislature and General Administration.</i>                     |                       |            |            |            |            |
| Legislature—   |                       |            |            |            |            |
| Governor .. .. .   | 11,988                | 14,412     | 14,808     | 16,364     | 36,631     |
| Parliament .. .. .   | 113,468               | 121,825    | 124,776    | 142,799    | 240,165    |
| Electoral .. .. .  | 6,653                 | 52,854     | 15,713     | 44,151     | 25,938     |
| Financial Administration—  |                       |            |            |            |            |
| Public Debt Charges—   |                       |            |            |            |            |
| Interest—  |                       |            |            |            |            |
| Funded Debt .. .. .  | 6,285,214             | 6,214,200  | 6,054,532  | 6,165,743  | 6,324,875  |
| Temporary Loan .. .. .   | 93,138                | 80,307     | 74,407     | 60,500     | 48,899     |
| Exchange on Interest .. .. .                                       | 687,029               | 644,789    | 585,301    | 587,549    | 541,766    |
| Expenses of Paying Interest, Redemptions, Conversions, &c. .. .. . | 39,395                | 56,327     | 27,246     | 23,674     | 65,021     |
| National Debt Sinking Fund .. .. .                                 | 1,327,108             | 1,406,924  | 1,474,089  | 1,554,945  | 1,715,318  |
| Pensions and Superannuation Contributions* .. .. .                 | 1,005,864             | 996,826    | 1,021,060  | 1,165,412  | 1,332,431  |
| Departmental—  |                       |            |            |            |            |
| Treasury (including Taxation, Stamps, &c.) .. .. .                 | 110,720               | 117,962    | 135,525    | 152,845    | 193,671    |
| Pay-roll Tax .. .. .   | 374,720               | 384,477    | 427,365    | 505,609    | 580,632    |
| Superannuation Board and Pensions Office—Administration .. .. .    | 7,842                 | 8,587      | 9,049      | 12,718     | 11,436     |
| Auditor-General .. .. .  | 30,448                | 33,291     | 37,091     | 39,907     | 46,465     |
| Royal Commissions, Boards of Inquiry, &c. .. .. .                  | 1,256                 | 412        | 1,431      | 3,175      | 217        |
| Administration, N.E.I.—  |                       |            |            |            |            |
| Government Printer .. .. .   | 208,304               | 202,014    | 235,739    | 316,720    | 379,721    |
| Mint Subsidy .. .. .   | 55,000                | 52,000     | 102,000    | 84,000     | 100,000    |
| Other .. .. .  | 315,642               | 437,131    | 579,093    | 651,253    | 796,065    |
|  | 10,673,789            | 10,824,338 | 10,919,225 | 11,527,364 | 12,439,251 |
| <i>Law, Order, and Public Safety.</i>                              |                       |            |            |            |            |
| Salaries of Judiciary .. .. .                                      | 15,500                | 17,738     | 19,042     | 24,694     | 29,875     |
| Attorney-General, Solicitor-General, &c. .. .. .                   | 295,005               | 330,200    | 394,350    | 467,335    | 527,145    |
| Police .. .. .   | 1,094,933             | 1,122,045  | 1,286,854  | 1,454,539  | 1,651,996  |
| Prisons .. .. .  | 161,400               | 170,470    | 173,374    | 194,622    | 220,174    |
| Prevention of Fire and Flood .. .. .                               | 138,142               | 112,324    | 152,118    | 132,708    | 143,828    |
| National Security Act (Public Safety) .. .. .                      | 83,822                | 13,843     | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| Other .. .. .  | 2,622                 | 4,749      | 5,511      | 6,248      | 153,253†   |
|  | 1,791,424             | 1,771,369  | 2,031,249  | 2,280,146  | 2,726,271  |

\* For details, see page 246.

† Including control of Prices, Rent and Land Sales, £146,161.

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE REVENUE,  
1945 TO 1949—*continued*.

| Heads of Expenditure.  | Year ended 30th June— |           |           |           |           |
|--|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  | 1945.                 | 1946.     | 1947.     | 1948.     | 1949.     |
|  | £                     | £         | £         | £         | £         |
| <i>Regulation of Trade and Industry.</i>   |                       |           |           |           |           |
| Factories and Shops Legislation } ..   | 41,984                | 46,604    | 57,638    | 76,070    | 88,336    |
| Labour Legislation } ..  | 26,203                | 28,888    | 41,981    | 63,445    | 78,249    |
| Transport Regulation Board ..  | 24,137                | 21,568    | 23,393    | 25,213    | 29,235    |
| Liquor Licence Control (Adminis-<br>tration, including Compensation)   | 100,000               | ..        | 50,000    | 50,000    | 100,000   |
| Decentralization Fund and conces-<br>sion for establishment of industries<br>in country .. .. .                          | 13,929                | 43,543    | 24,885    | 38,774    | 33,978    |
| Other .. .. .  | 206,253               | 140,603   | 197,897   | 253,502   | 329,798   |
| <i>Education.*</i>   |                       |           |           |           |           |
| Primary, Intermediate, Secondary,<br>Technical — Administration,<br>Salaries of Teaching Staffs, &c.                     | 3,495,534             | 3,777,793 | 4,505,460 | 5,353,526 | 6,124,127 |
| Technical N.E.I., including Main-<br>tenance Grant .. .. .   | 225,781               | 276,788   | 350,241   | 388,783   | 465,462   |
| University† .. .. .  | 112,200               | 116,240   | 132,740   | 216,840   | 276,640   |
| Adult Education-Grant .. .. .  | ..                    | ..        | ..        | 25,000    | 25,000    |
| Agricultural Education—<br>Colleges, Experimental Farms,<br>University Grants, &c. ..                                    | 66,754                | 106,670   | 125,337   | 137,762   | 178,891   |
| Other Activities .. .. .   | 4,782                 | 5,951     | 8,938     | 9,263     | 10,664    |
| Other .. .. .  | 2,168                 | 2,990     | 4,258     | 3,635     | 5,107     |
|  | 3,907,279             | 4,286,432 | 5,126,974 | 6,134,809 | 7,085,891 |
| <i>Encouragement of Science, Art,<br/>and Research.</i>  |                       |           |           |           |           |
| Public Libraries, Museums, and<br>Art Galleries .. .. .  | 68,603                | 75,571    | 88,612    | 108,594   | 146,190   |
| Other .. .. .  | 164                   | 175       | 175       | 175       | 175       |
|  | 68,767                | 75,746    | 88,787    | 108,769   | 146,365   |
| <i>Promotion of Public Health<br/>and Recreation.</i>  |                       |           |           |           |           |
| Care of Sick and Mentally Afflicted—<br>Hospital and Charities Fund<br>(including Totalizator Contribu-<br>tion) .. .. . | 953,837               | 1,092,444 | 1,503,730 | 1,626,856 | 1,617,521 |
| Various Hospitals, &c. .. ..   | 152,443               | 220,695   | 246,614   | 276,706   | 330,090   |
| Mental Hospitals .. .. .   | 677,177               | 711,951   | 782,328   | 893,761   | 1,077,014 |
| Mental Defectives .. .. .  | 37,291                | 39,631    | 46,377    | 58,258    | 65,426    |
| Health of Mothers and Children—<br>Infant Welfare and Clinics ..   | 54,577                | 97,834    | 122,056   | 141,103   | 170,076   |
| Medical and Dental Examination<br>of School Children .. .. .   | 7,777                 | 4,453     | 4,601     | 4,156     | 4,353     |
| Preservation of Public Health—<br>Health Department—Administra-<br>tion .. .. .  | 75,813                | 63,776    | 77,368    | 109,018   | 134,937   |
| Other .. .. .  | 138,522               | 127,506   | 166,508   | 222,992   | 307,224   |
| Parks, Gardens, and Recreation<br>Reserves .. .. .   | 22,066                | 24,972    | 29,878    | 35,257    | 51,570    |
|  | 2,119,503             | 2,383,262 | 2,979,460 | 3,368,107 | 3,758,211 |

\* Detailed information regarding expenditure on education will be found in Part "Social Condition" of this Year-Book.

† Additional items of expenditure on University are included under functions to which they relate.

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE REVENUE,  
1945 to 1949—continued.

| Heads of Expenditure.   | Year ended 30th June— |            |            |            |            |
|---|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|   | 1945.                 | 1946.      | 1947.      | 1948.      | 1949.      |
|   | £                     | £          | £          | £          | £          |
| <i>Social Amelioration.</i>   |                       |            |            |            |            |
| Relief of Destitute, Aged, &c. . .  | 16,989                | 15,600     | 6,966      | 7,336      | 7,536      |
| Children's Welfare Department . .   | 215,851               | 204,833    | 220,965    | 226,005    | 234,224    |
| Miners' Phthisis Allowances . . .   | 19,712                | 18,232     | 18,732     | 18,241     | 26,500     |
| Care of Aborigines . . . . .  | 7,260                 | 7,555      | 6,393      | 7,340      | 8,024      |
| Unemployment Relief Fund* . . .   | 430,986               | 271,909    | 19,482     | 19,838     | 20,187     |
| Bush Fire Relief . . . . .  | 1,094                 | 26         | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| Housing Commission—Advance . .  | 23,000                | 14,000     | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| Commonwealth—State Housing Agreement—Interest . . . . .                                 | ..                    | ..         | 165,714    | 336,666    | 524,604    |
| State Relief Committee . . . . .  | 6,000                 | 6,000      | 7,000      | 7,000      | 7,000      |
| Other . . . . .   | ..                    | 6,675      | 45,376     | 40,675     | 37,581     |
|   | 720,892               | 544,830    | 490,628    | 663,101    | 865,656    |
| <i>War Obligations.</i>   |                       |            |            |            |            |
| Passes to Soldiers, Superannuation, &c. . . . .   | 61,799                | 41,262     | 19,652     | 20,663     | 20,099     |
| <i>Local Government.</i>  |                       |            |            |            |            |
| Licensing Fund Payment to Municipalities . . . . .                                      | 58,988                | 58,984     | 58,984     | 58,984     | 58,984     |
| Other . . . . .   | 41,007                | 60,102     | 56,943     | 132,427    | 128,555    |
|   | 99,995                | 119,086    | 115,927    | 191,411    | 187,539    |
| <i>Development and Maintenance of State Resources other than Business Undertakings—</i> |                       |            |            |            |            |
| Land Settlement and Survey . . .  | 248,443               | 291,594    | 397,652    | 457,408    | 464,148    |
| Immigration . . . . .   | ..                    | ..         | ..         | 5,485      | 13,789     |
| Mining (excluding State Coal Mine) .  | 57,251                | 50,563     | 56,815     | 63,354     | 109,583    |
| Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying†  | 408,405               | 416,054    | 486,087    | 544,524    | 668,133    |
| Forestry‡ . . . . .   | 786,009               | 602,097    | 610,530    | 538,616    | 683,771    |
| Fisheries and Game . . . . .  | 10,205                | 13,508     | 24,484     | 31,434     | 36,291     |
| Roads and Bridges—  |                       |            |            |            |            |
| Country Roads Board§ . . . . .  | 858,797               | 1,032,540  | 1,277,726  | 1,500,613  | 1,699,567  |
| Metropolitan Roads Fund . . . .   | 37,026                | 38,627     | 38,759     | 43,235     | 50,174     |
| Other . . . . .   | 2,496                 | 280        | 1,753      | ..         | ..         |
| Tourist Activities . . . . .  | 142                   | 322        | 733        | 669        | 3,020      |
|   | 2,408,774             | 2,445,585  | 2,894,539  | 3,185,338  | 3,728,476  |
| <i>Business Undertakings.</i>   |                       |            |            |            |            |
| Railways . . . . .  | 12,252,418            | 11,977,076 | 12,335,835 | 14,541,706 | 17,009,103 |
| Harbours, Rivers, and Lights . . .  | 79,844                | 116,886    | 127,805    | 115,654    | 142,908    |
| Water Supply, Irrigation, &c. . . .   | 816,962               | 1,069,645  | 1,027,686  | 1,160,754  | 1,272,156  |
| State Coal Mine . . . . .   | 446,479               | 397,530    | 366,398    | 407,740    | 441,092    |
| Maffra Beet Sugar Factory . . . .   | 32,478                | 8,684      | 38,648     | 45,640     | 22,157     |
| Victoria Dock Cool Stores . . . .   | 51,215                | 47,842     | 52,041     | 56,287     | 67,907     |
| Seasoning Works (Newport) . . . .   | 41,844                | 43,693     | 53,201     | 57,603     | 60,675     |
| Forest Tramway . . . . .  | 9,197                 | 9,977      | 9,327      | 10,962     | 10,168     |
| Distillation of Eucalyptus Oil . . .  | 76                    | 35         | 1,073      | 29         | ..         |
| Wire Netting Manufacture . . . .  | 3,456                 | 3,374      | 2,991      | 20,199     | 21,945     |
| State Saw Mill . . . . .  | 20,662                | 20,666     | 19,078     | 15,243     | 15,510     |
| Maffra Dehydration Plant . . . .  | 60,507                | 79,802     | 8,729      | 26         | ..         |

\* Details of actual expenditure on Unemployment Relief are shown in part "Social Condition" of this Year-Book.

† Excluding Maffra Beet Sugar Factory, Victoria Dock Cool Stores, and Maffra Dehydration Plant (see Business Undertakings).

‡ Excluding Newport Seasoning Works, Forest Tramway, Eucalyptus Distillation, State Saw Mill, and Charcoal Production (see Business Undertakings).

§ Represents difference between Public Revenue of Country Roads Board and recoups to revenue made by the Board. Details of Country Roads Board Fund expenditure are shown in part "Local Government" of this Year-Book.

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE REVENUE,  
1945 TO 1949—*continued.*

| Heads of Expenditure.                   | Year ended 30th June— |            |            |            |            |
|---|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|   | 1945.                 | 1946.      | 1947.      | 1948.      | 1949.      |
| <i>Business Undertakings—continued—</i> | £                     | £          | £          | £          | £          |
| Charcoal Production .. ..               | 13,165                | 1,750      | 26         | ..         | ..         |
|   | 13,828,303            | 13,776,960 | 14,042,838 | 16,431,843 | 19,063,621 |
| Total Expenditure ..                    | 35,886,778            | 36,409,473 | 38,907,176 | 44,165,053 | 50,351,178 |
|   | £ s. d.               | £ s. d.    | £ s. d.    | £ s. d.    | £ s. d.    |
| Per Head of Population ..               | 17 17 10              | 18 1 3     | 19 1 6     | 21 6 11    | 23 16 6    |

The following table shows the Government expenditure from Surplus Revenue during each of the years 1947 to 1949 and total to 30th June, 1949, exclusive of the amounts applied towards the reduction of the Consolidated Revenue deficit.

VICTORIA—SURPLUS REVENUE EXPENDITURE, 1947 TO  
1949, AND TOTAL TO 30TH JUNE, 1949.

| Service.  | Year ended 30th June— |           |        | Total to<br>30th June,<br>1949. |
|---|-----------------------|-----------|--------|---------------------------------|
|   | 1947.                 | 1948.     | 1949.  |                                 |
|   | £                     | £         | £      | £                               |
| Capital Services—   |                       |           |        |                                 |
| Railways .. ..  | ..                    | ..        | ..     | 250,696                         |
| Other .. ..   | ..                    | ..        | ..     | 64,170                          |
| Revenue Services—   |                       |           |        |                                 |
| Social Services—  |                       |           |        |                                 |
| Education—  |                       |           |        |                                 |
| State Schools and Technical Schools ..                      | 69,908                | Cr. 48    | ..     | 716,992                         |
| University .. ..  | ..                    | ..        | ..     | 27,066                          |
| Other .. ..   | 1,086                 | ..        | 233    | 23,898                          |
| Health—   |                       |           |        |                                 |
| Hospitals—  |                       |           |        |                                 |
| Mental Hygiene .. ..  | 29,308                | 41,640    | 55,733 | 246,142                         |
| Other (including Sanatoria) .. ..                           | 185,235               | 45,998    | 35,266 | 1,426,463                       |
| Other Health .. ..  | 3,830                 | 1,763     | 417    | 54,966                          |
| Law, Order, and Public Safety—                              |                       |           |        |                                 |
| Penal Establishments and Gaols .. ..                        | ..                    | 190       | 432    | 29,495                          |
| Other .. ..   | 14,826                | 621       | ..     | 44,446                          |
| Public Works—   |                       |           |        |                                 |
| Crown Lands (including reclamation,<br>drainage, &c.) .. .. | ..                    | ..        | ..     | 149,480                         |
| Harbours, Rivers, and Lights .. ..                          | ..                    | ..        | ..     | 117,293                         |
| Mining Development .. ..                                    | ..                    | ..        | ..     | 85,000                          |
| Railways .. ..  | ..                    | ..        | ..     | 631,740                         |
| Roads and Bridges .. ..                                     | ..                    | ..        | ..     | 114,812                         |
| Water Supply, &c. .. ..                                     | 20,446                | Cr. 3,216 | 726    | 109,976                         |
| Other .. ..   | ..                    | ..        | ..     | 62,826                          |
| Other Purposes—   |                       |           |        |                                 |
| Developmental Railways Account .. ..                        | ..                    | ..        | ..     | 129,148                         |
| Drought Relief Fund .. ..                                   | 4,027                 | ..        | ..     | 123,803                         |
| Redemption of Treasury Bonds and<br>Unfunded Debt .. ..     | ..                    | ..        | ..     | 503,802                         |
| Victorian Inland Meat Authority .. ..                       | ..                    | ..        | ..     | 100,000                         |
| Other .. ..   | ..                    | ..        | ..     | 82,731                          |
| Total .. ..   | 328,666               | 86,948    | 92,807 | 5,094,945                       |



To 30th June, 1949, the total amount authorized for expenditure on public works was £5,593,307, of which £498,362 was unexpended at that date.

### TAXATION.

A brief summary of the history of income tax in Victoria was published in the 1941-42 *Year-Book*, page 292. Details of the rates of tax, assessments, &c., on income earned during 1940-41 (the last year in which the State imposed income tax) are also shown.

Uniformity in the taxation of incomes and entertainments throughout Australia was adopted in 1942, and the Commonwealth became the sole authority levying these taxes. Formerly the Commonwealth and each of the States levied separate taxes on incomes, and each of the States (except Queensland) taxed entertainments. Initially, the plans were devised as temporary war-time measures, but, in 1946, the Commonwealth Government passed legislation continuing the uniform income tax indefinitely, and the uniform entertainments tax has been continued in practice. The Social Services Contribution was introduced as from 1st January, 1946.

The States are reimbursed for vacating these fields of taxation by annual grants from the Commonwealth. Payment of these grants is conditional upon a State refraining from levying tax on incomes. A similar restraint upon State taxation of entertainments was suspended as from 1st July, 1946. Reimbursements to the States under this agreement for the year 1948-49 were:—New South Wales £21,878,947, Victoria £12,027,220, Queensland £8,812,744, South Australia £4,622,447, Western Australia £4,481,684, and Tasmania £1,664,750.

At the present time two taxes on incomes of individuals are imposed by the Commonwealth—Income Tax and Social Services Contribution. Both taxes are based upon the same definition of assessable income and both are assessed and collected concurrently. Several taxes are however imposed on the income of companies for which assessable income is defined in a similar manner to that of individuals.

Certain types of income are exempt from tax in Australia. The most important of these are (1) income from gold mining, (2) some tax-free interest on Commonwealth Government securities, (3) profits from sale of a property if such property was not purchased with a view to resale at a profit, (4) no amount is calculated as assessable

income on account of a house occupied by its owner. War, invalid, old age and widows' pensions, child endowment, and unemployment and sickness benefits are also exempt.

Expenses incurred in earning income and losses incurred in previous years are allowable deductions.

Two income taxes, namely Social Services Contribution and Income Tax are levied on individuals. Social Services Contribution is payable by all persons without dependants whose contributable income exceeds £104 per annum and Income Tax is payable by all persons whose income exceeds £350 per annum. Rebates of tax are allowed to taxpayers on account of dependants, certain medical and dental expenses, life insurance premiums, superannuation and Friendly Society payments, &c.

No actual deductions from taxable income are made for dependants but rebates of tax are allowed against income tax assessed. Dependants include spouse, parent, children under sixteen years of age, student child under nineteen years of age, invalid child, brother, or sister over sixteen years of age, housekeeper or daughter-housekeeper for widow or widower having care of taxpayer's children under sixteen years of age.

The effect of these rebates for dependants is to exempt taxpayers up to the incomes stated below during the income year 1948-49:—

| Taxpayer with—                  | Income Tax. | Social Services Contribution. |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
|                                 | £           | £                             |
| No Dependants .. .. .           | 350         | 104                           |
| Wife .. .. .                    | 501         | 200                           |
| Wife and one child .. .. .      | 613         | 283                           |
| Wife and two children .. .. .   | 669         | 317                           |
| Wife and three children .. .. . | 726         | 350                           |
| Wife and four children .. .. .  | 783         | 400                           |

The following table shows the rates of Income Tax for individuals in respect of the income year 1948-49.

#### INDIVIDUALS—RATES OF INCOME TAX.

| Taxable Income.       | Pence in £.         |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| £1 to £500—           |                     |
| Personal Exertion—    |                     |
| On first £350 .. .. . | Nil                 |
| On excess .. .. .     | 21 + (-03 × excess) |
| Property—             |                     |
| On first £350 .. .. . | Nil                 |
| On excess .. .. .     | 30 + (-06 × excess) |

INDIVIDUALS—RATES OF INCOME TAX—*continued.*

| Taxable Income.          | Pence in £.                                |
|--------------------------|--|
| <b>£501 to £1,000—</b>   |  |
| Personal Exertion—       |  |
| On first £350 .. .. .    | Nil  |
| On excess .. .. .        | 21 + ( $\cdot 03 \times \text{excess}$ )   |
| Property—                |  |
| On first £500 .. .. .    | 11·7                                       |
| On excess .. .. .        | 48 + ( $\cdot 03 \times \text{excess}$ )   |
| <b>£1,001 to £2,000—</b> |  |
| Personal Exertion—       |  |
| On first £1,000 .. .. .  | 26·325                                     |
| On excess .. .. .        | 60 + ( $\cdot 02 \times \text{excess}$ )   |
| Property—                |  |
| On first £1,000 .. .. .  | 37·35                                      |
| On excess .. .. .        | 78 + ( $\cdot 021 \times \text{excess}$ )  |
| <b>£2,001 to £5,000—</b> |  |
| Personal Exertion—       |  |
| On first £2,000 .. .. .  | 53·1625                                    |
| On excess .. .. .        | 100 + ( $\cdot 009 \times \text{excess}$ ) |
| Property—                |  |
| On first £2,000 .. .. .  | 68·175                                     |
| On excess .. .. .        | 120 + ( $\cdot 007 \times \text{excess}$ ) |
| <b>£5,001 to £9,000—</b> |  |
| Personal Exertion—       |  |
| On first £5,000 .. .. .  | 97·465                                     |
| On excess .. .. .        | 154 + ( $\cdot 001 \times \text{excess}$ ) |
| Property—                |  |
| On first £5,000 .. .. .  | 111·87                                     |
| On excess .. .. .        | 162  |
| <b>Exceeding £9,000—</b> |  |
| Personal Exertion—       |  |
| On first £9,000 .. .. .  | 124·3694                                   |
| On excess .. .. .        | 162  |
| Property—                |  |
| On first £5,000 .. .. .  | 111·87                                     |
| On excess .. .. .        | 162  |

**Social  
Services  
Contribution  
Rates.**

In respect of the income year 1948–49, the basic rate for Social Services Contribution was 3d. in the £1 plus three-fiftieths of 1d. for every £1 by which the contributable income exceeds £100 with a maximum basic rate of 18d. in the £1 which is reached at an income of £350. If the contributable income does not exceed the sum of the concessional allowances by more than £350 a concessional rate is applied.

No Social Services Contribution is payable if the contributable income is less than £105, and if the contributable income is less than £113 the contribution payable shall not exceed half the excess of the contributable income over £104. The minimum amount payable is ten shillings and amounts payable and rebates are calculated to the nearest shilling.

**Special  
Deduction  
for Members  
of the  
Defence  
Forces.**

The provisions of the Income Tax Act relating to income received by taxpayers as members of Defence Forces, merchant seamen, and accredited persons, were modified with effect from 1st July, 1947. The special deduction is now available only to members of the Defence Forces who serve at an "overseas locality". Where the service at an "overseas locality" aggregates more than one-half of the year of income, the special deduction is £120 and a proportionate deduction is allowed if the service is of a duration of less than one-half of the year. The "overseas localities" are specified and it is not sufficient merely to serve outside Australia.

**Payment of  
Taxation by  
Instalments.**

A system is in operation to assist the majority of taxpayers in the payment of their taxes by means of regular deductions from salaries or wages. The amounts deducted are regulated so that the employee will have paid the approximate amount of his taxation by the end of the income year.

**Income Tax  
and Social  
Services  
Contributions  
paid  
1947-48.**

The following table shows the number of taxpayers, actual income received, and Social Services Contributions and Income Tax assessed during the year 1947-48 (based on incomes received during 1946-47). The particulars are classified according to grades of actual incomes and relate only to individuals who are resident in Victoria :—

**VICTORIA—INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
CONTRIBUTIONS, 1947-48.**

| Grade of<br>Actual Income. |    | Tax-<br>payers. | Actual Income.        |            |  |             | Social<br>Services<br>Contributions. | Income<br>Tax. |
|----------------------------|----|-----------------|-----------------------|------------|--|-------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
|                            |    |                 | Taxable Income.       |            | Deductions<br>and<br>Exempt<br>Income. | Total.      |                                      |                |
|                            |    |                 | Personal<br>Exertion. | Property.  |  |             |                                      |                |
| £                          | £  | No.             | £                     | £          | £                                      | £           | £                                    | £              |
| 105- 150                   |    | 62,249          | 7,231,159             | 738,602    | 7,098                                  | 7,976,859   | 209,476                              | 1,031          |
| 151- 200                   |    | 80,693          | 13,092,241            | 1,089,150  | 17,776                                 | 14,199,167  | 666,771                              | 1,091          |
| 201- 250                   |    | 80,477          | 16,959,443            | 1,093,567  | 33,339                                 | 18,086,349  | 1,158,753                            | 202,656        |
| 251- 300                   |    | 85,401          | 22,134,558            | 1,037,936  | 479,860                                | 23,652,354  | 1,435,281                            | 573,309        |
| 301- 350                   |    | 110,455         | 34,660,028            | 967,041    | 344,301                                | 35,971,370  | 2,306,091                            | 1,144,449      |
| 351- 400                   |    | 92,033          | 33,308,641            | 912,934    | 188,609                                | 34,410,184  | 2,343,047                            | 1,222,126      |
| 401- 500                   |    | 89,714          | 37,952,879            | 1,551,318  | 195,723                                | 39,699,920  | 2,866,487                            | 1,862,442      |
| 501- 600                   |    | 37,446          | 19,081,969            | 1,200,815  | 100,663                                | 20,383,447  | 1,503,514                            | 1,370,114      |
| 601- 800                   |    | 28,948          | 17,927,936            | 1,734,630  | 137,962                                | 19,800,528  | 1,460,713                            | 1,849,813      |
| 801- 1,000                 |    | 12,075          | 9,454,347             | 1,159,648  | 109,183                                | 10,723,178  | 791,192                              | 1,310,728      |
| 1,001- 1,250               |    | 7,887           | 7,534,013             | 1,097,924  | 127,487                                | 8,759,424   | 645,798                              | 1,316,020      |
| 1,251- 1,500               |    | 4,467           | 5,167,553             | 825,401    | 104,995                                | 6,097,949   | 448,817                              | 1,091,456      |
| 1,501- 2,000               |    | 4,603           | 6,627,641             | 1,080,943  | 161,578                                | 7,870,162   | 576,857                              | 1,692,006      |
| 2,001- 3,000               |    | 3,329           | 6,484,720             | 1,258,733  | 247,961                                | 7,991,414   | 579,388                              | 2,249,799      |
| 3,001- 4,000               |    | 997             | 2,704,195             | 557,239    | 142,563                                | 3,403,997   | 244,101                              | 1,234,582      |
| 4,001- 5,000               |    | 388             | 1,294,153             | 326,198    | 108,131                                | 1,728,482   | 121,418                              | 709,722        |
| 5,001-10,000               |    | 464             | 2,085,079             | 695,515    | 246,240                                | 3,026,834   | 207,167                              | 1,393,554      |
| 10,001-15,000              |    | 63              | 476,074               | 144,792    | 124,373                                | 745,239     | 46,417                               | 345,466        |
| 15,001 and over            |    | 32              | 445,241               | 157,202    | 88,768                                 | 691,211     | 45,184                               | 379,424        |
| Total                      | .. | 701,721         | 244,621,870           | 17,629,588 | 2,966,610                              | 265,218,068 | 17,656,472                           | 19,949,788     |

**Company  
Tax.**

(a) The rates of tax for the income year 1948-49 payable by a company, other than a life assurance company, is 60d. for every £1 of the taxable income not exceeding £5,000, and 72d. for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income; on the income of a life assurance company with respect of its mutual life assurance business only, 48d. for every £1 of the mutual income not exceeding £5,000 and 60d. for every £1 of the remainder of the mutual income; on incomes from other business, 60d. for every £1 of the taxable income not exceeding £5,000 and 72d. for every £1 of the remainder.

(b) In the case of companies, other than private companies, for every £1 of that portion of the taxable income which has not been distributed as dividends and on which the company is liable under Part III.A of the Assessment Act to pay further tax, the rate of tax is 24d.

(c) In addition to the taxes payable under (a) and (b) above, there is payable, upon the taxable income in excess of £5,000, a super tax at the rate of 12d. for every £1 by which the taxable income exceeds £5,000. This super tax does not apply to private companies, co-operative companies, wholly mutual life assurance companies and certain companies whose profits arise from commissions, fees, and charges for services rendered.

(d) In addition to (a), the undistributed income of private companies is subject to additional tax calculated by reference to the aggregate amount of tax and contribution which would have been payable by shareholders had the undistributed amount been actually distributed.

**LAND TAX.****State  
Land Tax.**

The State Land Tax Act of 1928 provides for a tax on the unimproved value of land and for the assessment of land and for other purposes. For the purposes of this Act, unimproved value means the sum which might be expected to be realized at the time of valuation, if the land were offered for sale on such terms as a seller might in ordinary circumstances be expected to require, and assuming that the improvements (if any) had not been made. The nature of the taxation is a duty upon land for every £1 of the unimproved value thereof, as assessed under the Act, at a rate declared for each year by Act of Parliament. The rate of tax for the year ended 31st December, 1948, was one halfpenny on every £1 of the unimproved value exceeding £250 of land (other than land used for primary production) and £3,000 in respect of land used for primary production. Where the assessed unimproved value exceeded the amount of exemption, the exemption diminished at the rate of £1 for every £1 of such excess, so as to leave no exemption when the unimproved value amounted to, or exceeded £6,000 in the case of land used for primary production and £500 in the case of other land.

An analysis, in specified groups of unimproved values of holdings of the 1948 Land Tax assessments is given in the following table.

### VICTORIA—ANALYSIS OF STATE LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS, 1949.

(Based on unimproved values as at 31st December, 1948.)

| Unimproved Values of Holdings Ranging Between— |         |    |    | Number of Taxpayers. | Total Amount of Unimproved Values. | Tax Payable. |
|--|---------|----|----|----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| £  | £       |    |    |                      | £                                  | £            |
| 1 and  | 500     | .. | .. | 74,204               | 26,216,367                         | 32,083       |
| 501  | 600     | .. | .. | 11,665               | 6,460,276                          | 12,724       |
| 601  | 750     | .. | .. | 10,920               | 7,352,300                          | 14,132       |
| 751  | 1000    | .. | .. | 11,518               | 10,039,138                         | 18,655       |
| 1,001  | 1,500   | .. | .. | 11,242               | 13,764,110                         | 24,244       |
| 1,501  | 2,000   | .. | .. | 5,711                | 9,845,743                          | 16,163       |
| 2,001  | 3,000   | .. | .. | 5,765                | 14,158,842                         | 21,119       |
| 3,001  | 4,000   | .. | .. | 6,375                | 22,097,763                         | 23,238       |
| 4,001  | 5,000   | .. | .. | 3,631                | 16,135,373                         | 24,065       |
| 5,001  | 6,000   | .. | .. | 2,065                | 11,268,978                         | 20,520       |
| 6,001  | 7,000   | .. | .. | 1,257                | 8,112,978                          | 16,026       |
| 7,001  | 8,000   | .. | .. | 859                  | 6,411,852                          | 12,690       |
| 8,001  | 9,000   | .. | .. | 587                  | 4,982,719                          | 9,779        |
| 9,001  | 10,000  | .. | .. | 412                  | 3,912,643                          | 7,844        |
| 10,001   | 15,000  | .. | .. | 1,057                | 12,716,711                         | 25,354       |
| 15,001   | 20,000  | .. | .. | 445                  | 7,660,708                          | 15,178       |
| 20,001   | 25,000  | .. | .. | 227                  | 5,132,479                          | 10,001       |
| 25,001   | 30,000  | .. | .. | 144                  | 3,940,236                          | 7,693        |
| 30,001   | 35,000  | .. | .. | 93                   | 2,992,900                          | 6,213        |
| 35,001   | 40,000  | .. | .. | 65                   | 2,431,005                          | 5,007        |
| 40,001   | 50,000  | .. | .. | 106                  | 4,651,493                          | 9,339        |
| 50,001   | 75,000  | .. | .. | 103                  | 6,114,032                          | 12,717       |
| 75,001   | 100,000 | .. | .. | 49                   | 4,207,135                          | 8,599        |
| 100,001  | 150,000 | .. | .. | 32                   | 3,711,201                          | 7,601        |
| 150,001  | 200,000 | .. | .. | 16                   | 2,657,784                          | 5,321        |
| 200,001  | over    | .. | .. | 25                   | 8,574,827                          | 17,739       |
| Total .. .. .                                  |         |    |    | 148,573              | 225,549,593                        | 384,044      |

In the succeeding statement details are shown relating to the assessments made during the years 1945 to 1949.

### VICTORIA—STATE LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS, 1945 TO 1949.

| Year.        | Number of Taxpayers. | Total Tax Payable. | Average Tax Payable per Taxpayer. | Unimproved Value. |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
|              |                      | £                  | £ s. d.                           | £                 |
| 1945 .. .. . | 129,899              | 360,880            | 2 15 7                            | 190,125,475       |
| 1946 .. .. . | 132,287              | 364,782            | 2 15 2                            | 181,372,180       |
| 1947 .. .. . | 135,017              | 368,266            | 2 14 7                            | 191,778,433       |
| 1948 .. .. . | 142,419              | 377,789            | 2 13 1                            | 196,858,366       |
| 1949 .. .. . | 148,573              | 384,044            | 2 11 8                            | 225,549,593       |

Common-  
wealth Land  
Tax.

The Commonwealth Government also levies land tax on the lands of the States. Particulars of assessments, &c., for Victoria, shown in previous issues of the *Year-Book*, were extracted from the report of the Federal Commissioner of Taxation. During the period of operation of the National Security (Values of Land Tax) Regulations, however, the compilation of statistics was discontinued and details subsequent to the year 1941-42 are, therefore, not available.

### PROBATE DUTIES.

Probate Duties,  
Victoria.

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

Part 1.—Where estates bequeathed to persons other than widow, children, and grand-children do not exceed £200, no duty is payable but, on estates over £200 and not exceeding £300, duty becomes payable at a rate of 1·815 per cent. The rate rises gradually thereafter until, on estates over £20,000, it reaches 12·1 per cent.

Part 2.—Where the estate is under £500, there is no duty payable on bequests to widow, children, and grand-children. On estates of over £500 in value, the rate of duty commences at 2·42 per cent. and gradually increases until it reaches 12·1 per cent. on estates over £100,000. Under this Part, when the total net value of the estate is over £500 but does not exceed £2,000, half rates apply.

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

Duty on settlements on strangers in blood is rateable at 12·1 per cent.

Exemption.—£5,000 exemption for members of the forces killed on active service and members of the merchant service who died as the result of service in a theatre of war, providing the estate is left to father or mother, widow or widower, lineal descendant or lineal ancestor.

The total amounts of probate duty assessed (excluding amounts collected by the Public Trustee) for the years 1944-45, 1945-46, 1946-47, 1947-48, and 1948-49 were £1,898,840, £1,878,182, £2,459,430, £2,071,111, and £2,659,672 respectively. Actual collections of probate duty for the years mentioned are shown in the table on page 232.

The Commonwealth Government also levies probate and succession duties. The amount of duty collected throughout Australia in each of the years 1944-45, 1945-46, 1946-47, 1947-48, and 1948-49 was £3,090,200, £3,880,041, £4,018,620, £4,555,004, and £4,740,362 respectively.

### COMMONWEALTH, STATE, AND MUNICIPAL TAXATION.

Taxation in Victoria per head of population levied by the Commonwealth, the State, and the Municipalities for each of the years 1944-45 to 1948-49 was as follows:—

#### COMMONWEALTH, STATE, AND MUNICIPAL TAXATION IN VICTORIA PER HEAD OF POPULATION, 1944-45 TO 1948-49.

| Authority.                        | 1944-45. | 1945-46. | 1946-47. | 1947-48. | 1948-49. |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                                   | £ s. d.  | £ s. d.  | £ s. d.  | £ s. d.  | £ s. d.  |
| Commonwealth* ..                  | 45 19 10 | 47 10 9  | 51 5 7   | 55 5 9   | 62 18 8  |
| State† ..                         | 2 19 11  | 3 4 9    | 3 17 10  | 4 0 10   | 4 9 7    |
| Total (Commonwealth and State) .. | 48 19 9  | 50 15 6  | 55 3 5   | 59 6 7   | 67 8 3   |
| Municipal ..                      | 2 2 0    | 2 2 11   | 2 5 7    | 2 9 6    | 2 14 2   |
| Grand Total ..                    | 51 1 9   | 52 18 5  | 57 9 0   | 61 16 1  | 70 2 5   |

\* Average taxation per head collected throughout Australia by the Commonwealth Government on account of taxation derived from the following sources:—Customs, Excise, Estate and Gift Duties; Income, Land, Sales, Entertainment, War-time Company, Gold, Pay-roll Taxes, and Social Services Contributions.

† Excluding payments by the Commonwealth under the Income Tax and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts of 1942 and the States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act of 1946.

### TAXATION COLLECTIONS—AUSTRALIAN STATES.

The following statement gives particulars of the total taxation collections (irrespective of whether such moneys had been paid into Consolidated Revenue or not) by each of the Australian States during the years 1944-45 to 1948-49. The information has been dissected



with a view to showing separately the actual collections by each State and the amounts received by each State from the Commonwealth under the provisions of the Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts of 1942 and the States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act of 1946 :—

### STATE TAXATION COLLECTIONS—TOTAL AND PER HEAD OF POPULATION, 1945 TO 1949.

| Year ended<br>30th June— | New South<br>Wales. | Victoria. | Queens-<br>land. | South<br>Australia. | Western<br>Australia. | Tasmania. | Total<br>All States. |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| TOTAL COLLECTIONS.       |                     |           |                  |                     |                       |           |                      |
|                          | £'000               | £'000     | £'000            | £'000               | £'000                 | £'000     | £'000                |
| 1945                     | (a) 8,453           | 5,983     | 3,194            | 2,021               | 1,313                 | 1,147     | 22,111               |
|                          | (b) 14,991          | 6,796     | 5,734            | 2,409               | 2,586                 | 916       | 33,432               |
| 1946                     | (a) 9,764           | 6,527     | 3,662            | 2,208               | 1,452                 | 1,381     | 24,994               |
|                          | (b) 15,045          | 6,804     | 5,756            | 2,405               | 2,594                 | 917       | 33,521               |
| 1947                     | (a) 10,979          | 7,943     | 4,075            | 2,294               | 1,573                 | 1,562     | 28,426               |
|                          | (b) 16,128          | 8,770     | 6,564            | 3,436               | 3,352                 | 1,214     | 39,464               |
| 1948                     | (a) 13,003          | 8,364     | 4,663            | 2,437               | 1,933                 | 1,732     | 32,132               |
|                          | (b) 18,302          | 9,882     | 7,357            | 3,884               | 3,793                 | 1,370     | 44,588               |
| 1949                     | (a) 14,412          | 9,463     | 5,373            | 3,038               | 2,099                 | 2,005     | 36,390               |
|                          | (b) 21,878          | 12,027    | 8,813            | 4,623               | 4,482                 | 1,665     | 53,488               |

### PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

|      |            |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|------|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|      | £ s. d.    | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| 1945 | (a) 2 18 7 | 2 19 11 | 2 19 8  | 3 4 9   | 2 13 9  | 4 13 1  | 3 0 5   |
|      | (b) 5 3 11 | 3 7 9   | 5 7 0   | 3 17 0  | 5 6 0   | 3 14 3  | 4 11 4  |
| 1946 | (a) 3 7 0  | 3 4 9   | 3 7 5   | 3 9 10  | 2 19 0  | 5 10 9  | 3 7 7   |
|      | (b) 5 3 4  | 3 7 6   | 5 6 0   | 3 16 0  | 5 5 6   | 3 13 6  | 4 10 8  |
| 1947 | (a) 3 14 1 | 3 17 10 | 3 12 11 | 3 11 8  | 3 3 4   | 6 2 8   | 3 15 8  |
|      | (b) 5 8 10 | 4 6 0   | 5 19 8  | 5 7 3   | 6 14 9  | 4 15 6  | 5 5 4   |
| 1948 | (a) 4 6 6  | 4 0 10  | 4 3 10  | 3 14 9  | 3 16 0  | 6 12 4  | 4 4 5   |
|      | (b) 6 1 9  | 4 15 6  | 6 12 3  | 5 19 1  | 7 9 1   | 5 4 8   | 5 17 2  |
| 1949 | (a) 4 14 1 | 4 9 7   | 4 14 8  | 4 11 4  | 4 0 5   | 7 9 6   | 4 13 8  |
|      | (b) 7 2 10 | 5 13 10 | 7 15 4  | 6 19 0  | 8 11 8  | 6 4 1   | 6 17 9  |

(a) State Taxation collections.

(b) Payments by the Commonwealth to the States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts of 1942 and the States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act of 1946.

The total taxation collected by the Commonwealth and all States for each of the years 1944-45 to 1948-49 is shown hereunder :—

### COMMONWEALTH AND ALL STATES—TAXATION COLLECTIONS, 1945 TO 1949.

| Year ended<br>30th June— | Taxation by<br>Commonwealth<br>Government. | Taxation<br>by all State<br>Governments.* | Total Taxation. |                            |
|--------------------------|--|---|-----------------|----------------------------|
|                          |  |   | Amount.         | Per Head of<br>Population. |
|                          | £'000                                      | £'000                                     | £'000           | £ s. d.                    |
| 1945                     | 337,995                                    | 22,111                                    | 360,106         | 49 0 0                     |
| 1946                     | 353,211                                    | 25,060                                    | 378,271         | 50 18 3                    |
| 1947                     | 385,616                                    | 28,426                                    | 414,042         | 55 1 3                     |
| 1948                     | 422,413                                    | 32,132                                    | 454,545         | 59 9 11                    |
| 1949                     | 490,813                                    | 36,390                                    | 527,203         | 67 12 0                    |

\* Excluding payments by the Commonwealth to the States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts of 1942 and the States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act of 1946.

## PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES.

Pension and  
Superannuation  
Schemes in  
Force.

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

During the year 1948-49, the State Government expended a sum of £1,332,431 on pensions, gratuities, &c. Of this amount, £74,964 was spent on pensions of a non-contributory nature. The remainder represents payments from State revenue to the Police Superannuation Fund, the Police Pensions Fund, the Superannuation Fund, and the Coal Mine Workers' Pensions Fund. The following table gives details of the State Government expenditure on pensions for each of the years 1944-45 to 1948-49:—

VICTORIA—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PENSIONS, GRATUITIES, ETC., 1945 TO 1949.

| Heading.                         | Year ended 30th June— |         |           |           |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                  | 1945.                 | 1946.   | 1947.     | 1948.     | 1949.     |
|                                  | £                     | £       | £         | £         | £         |
| Non-contributory Pensions, &c.—  |                       |         |           |           |           |
| Railways .. .. .                 | 57,035                | 48,590  | 40,301    | 35,511    | 40,629    |
| Lunacy .. .. .                   | 104                   | 81      | 3         | ..        | ..        |
| Judges .. .. .                   | 2,250                 | 2,250   | 3,375     | 2,395     | 2,250     |
| Civil Service .. .. .            | 1,765                 | 1,088   | 869       | 376       | 298       |
| Public Service .. .. .           | 45,189                | 38,869  | 33,775    | 27,396    | 28,472    |
| Education Department             |                       |         |           |           |           |
| Officers transferred to Common-  |                       |         |           |           |           |
| wealth Service .. .. .           | 4,617                 | 3,100   | 3,312     | 2,700     | 2,300     |
| Various Allowances, &c. ..       | 951                   | 917     | 925       | 925       | 1,015     |
| Total Non-contributory Pen-      |                       |         |           |           |           |
| sions, Gratuities, &c. ..        | 111,911               | 94,895  | 82,560    | 69,303    | 74,964    |
| Contributory Pensions—           |                       |         |           |           |           |
| Police Superannuation Fund—      |                       |         |           |           |           |
| Government Subsidy .. ..         | 29,982                | 25,785  | 16,962    | 6,868     | 3,035     |
| Transferred from Licensing       |                       |         |           |           |           |
| Fund (Act No. 3717) .. ..        | 23,000                | 23,000  | 23,000    | 23,000    | 23,000    |
| Fines .. .. .                    | 20,669                | 19,692  | 21,378    | 25,233    | 26,038    |
| Total .. .. .                    | 73,651                | 68,477  | 61,340    | 55,101    | 52,073    |
| Police Pensions Fund .. ..       | 125,000               | 126,000 | 151,800   | 161,800   | 175,800   |
| The Superannuation Fund—         |                       |         |           |           |           |
| Railways .. .. .                 | 403,041               | 412,308 | 426,425   | 513,098   | 602,823   |
| Other .. .. .                    | 267,856               | 274,196 | 280,071   | 333,657   | 394,668   |
| Total .. .. .                    | 670,897               | 686,504 | 706,496   | 846,755   | 997,491   |
| Coal Mine Workers' Pensions Fund | 24,405                | 20,950  | 18,864    | 28,872    | 32,103    |
| Parliamentary Contributory Re-   |                       |         |           |           |           |
| tirement Fund .. .. .            | ..                    | ..      | ..        | 3,581     | ..        |
| Total Contributory Pensions      | 893,953               | 901,931 | 938,500   | 1,096,109 | 1,257,467 |
| GRAND TOTAL .. .. .              | 1,005,864             | 996,826 | 1,021,060 | 1,165,412 | 1,332,431 |

**Police Superannuation Fund.** This Fund is maintained by an annual subsidy of £2,000 from the Consolidated Revenue; by a moiety of the fines inflicted by the Courts of Petty Sessions; by transfers from the Licensing Fund under the provisions of Act No. 3717; and, should the foregoing sources prove insufficient, by a further grant in aid from the Consolidated Revenue.

During the year 1948-49 the total receipts of the fund from Government Revenue amounted to £52,073, all of which was expended on pensions.

Pensions are payable out of this fund only to those who joined the Police Force prior to the 25th November, 1902. There are now no members of the Police Force contributing to the fund.

**Police Pensions Fund.** Under Act No. 3750, which came into operation on 1st January, 1924, pensions are provided for those members of the Police Force who have joined since 25th November, 1902, as well as to persons who may enter the Force in the future. The main provisions of the principal Act were published in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 100. The Police Regulation Act, No. 4592 of 1938, made several amendments regarding pensions and allowances, a summary of which was published in the *Year-Book* for 1937-38 and subsequent issues. Recent amending legislation is contained in the Police Regulation (Amendment) Act, No. 5359, of 1948. This Act provided *inter alia* for increases of up to 25 per cent. in pensions payable to ex-members of the Force with a proviso that the total pension payable shall not exceed £390 per annum. It also provided for increases in pensions payable to widows. The increased rates were payable on and after 2nd January, 1948.

The receipts of the Police Pensions Fund (established under Act No. 3750) during 1948-49 amounted to £343,504, comprising:—Deductions from pay, £49,737; special appropriation, £175,800; interests on investments, £117,967. During the year £114,107 was paid in pensions and £4,654 represented deductions of pay returned. There was a balance of £3,543,036 in the Fund at 30th June, 1949, of which £3,508,795 was invested.

**The Super-  
annuation  
Fund.**

On 24th November, 1925, legislation was enacted by the State Parliament making provision on a contributory basis for superannuation benefits for public servants and railway employees. Contributions of officers, amounts received from the Government, and income from investments are paid into the Superannuation Fund and benefits provided by the Act are paid therefrom. Act No. 3782 of 1928 consolidated existing legislation regarding the Fund. Brief references to the more important amendments to that Act have been made in the *Year-Books* of 1928-29 and subsequent issues. Further amending legislation relating to the Fund is contained in the *Superannuation Act* 1947 (No. 5255) which amended the principal Act and provided *inter alia* for the following:— (a) The unit of pension was increased from £26 to £32 10s. Od., the Consolidated Revenue or the Railway Revenue (as the case may be) bearing the additional charge; (b) All existing pensions granted under the Superannuation Act (other than to children) were increased by 25 per cent; (c) The maximum number of units for which officers may contribute was increased from twelve to twenty-six, regulated according to rate of salary; (d) The Government guarantees the interest earnings of the Fund at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.

The number of contributors to the Fund at 30th June, 1949, was 31,370—males 27,648 and females 3,722.

During the year 1948-49, the receipts of the Superannuation Fund amounted to £2,162,715, consisting of contributions from officers, £782,989; from Consolidated Revenue, £1,032,109\*; under Act No. 4085, £2; interest on investments, £343,017; and other receipts, £4,598. The total payments from the fund during the year were £1,411,598, and comprised pensions, £1,332,909; refund of contributions, £73,432; and other expenditure, £5,257. The balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1949, was £10,277,662, all of which was invested.

This fund does not receive contributions from the Government but is maintained by deductions from pilots' earnings and annual income derived from investment of moneys belonging to the Fund which, in 1948-49 amounted to £9,413 and £5,809 respectively. During the same period, £8,880 was expended on pensions and £137 on sick allowances.

**Port Phillip  
Pilot Sick and  
Superannua-  
tion Fund.**

\* This figure does not agree with that shown on page 246, which includes Consolidated Revenue's share of pensions accrued to 30th June.

**Coal Mine  
Workers'  
Pensions Fund.**

This fund was established under Act No. 4932 of 1942 which provided for the payment of retiring pensions to mine workers (who before retirement have qualified for such pensions by reason of the length of service in the coal mining industry) in one of the several ways specified in the Act and for the payment of disablement pensions to such qualified mine workers who are totally or partially incapacitated by injury. Provision is also made for the payment of additional amounts in respect of dependants.

Amendments to the principal Act are contained in Acts No. 5223 of 1947, No. 5313 of 1948, and No. 5436 of 1949. Each of these Acts provided, *inter alia*, for progressive increases in the original rates of pension payable to a miner or his dependants.

During 1948-49 the Treasurer contributed £12,207 to the fund and the State Coal Mines (as owners) £19,896.

**Parlia-  
mentary  
Contrib-  
utory  
Retirement  
Fund Act.**

This fund was established under authority of the Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund Act, No. 5185, of 24th December, 1946, to provide pensions for ex-members of the Victorian Parliament. The Act provided that members contribute to the fund at the rate of one pound per fortnight and that any additional amounts required to pay pensions under the Act shall be paid from the Consolidated Revenue.

Amending legislation which became operative from 1st July, 1948, provided for an increase in members' contributions to £2 per fortnight, and fixed the amounts of lump sum payments to be made.

Every person who has ceased to be a member and has served as a member for at least fifteen years, or for three consecutive Parliaments, is entitled to be paid out of the fund, a pension fortnightly at the rate of the basic wage payable in Melbourne.

Provision is also made for payments of certain sums to ex-members who do not fulfill the conditions necessary for a pension and the payment of a pension to the widow of a deceased member or ex-member at a rate equivalent to two-thirds of the amount that would have been paid or was being paid to the deceased.

All payments out of the fund are subject to the approval of trustees appointed to administer the fund.

**STATE GOVERNMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SEMI-  
GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—  
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.**

In the following statements ordinary revenue and expenditure of the State Government, Local Government, and certain semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies in Victoria have been combined for each of the five years 1944 to 1948. Where a grant has been made by one authority to another, such grant has been excluded from both the revenue and expenditure of the recipient:—

**VICTORIA—STATE GOVERNMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT,  
SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—  
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1944 TO 1948.**

| Heading.                                   | Financial Year ended in— |                   |                   |                   |                   |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|  | 1944.                    | 1945.             | 1946.             | 1947.             | 1948.             |
| <i>Revenue.</i>                            | £                        | £                 | £                 | £                 | £                 |
| State Government .. ..                     | 36,160,551               | 35,971,274        | 36,145,563        | 38,641,893        | 43,291,393        |
| Local Government .. ..                     | 8,041,246                | 8,345,060         | 8,651,614         | 9,380,827         | 10,640,088        |
| Semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies— |                          |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Water Supply and Sewerage ..               | 3,090,600                | 3,026,944         | 2,983,686         | 3,080,749         | 3,247,777         |
| Irrigation .. ..                           | 86,100                   | 91,887            | 78,779            | 78,061            | 92,386            |
| Harbors .. ..                              | 960,948                  | 1,001,189         | 1,062,735         | 1,215,154         | 1,477,273         |
| Tramways .. ..                             | 3,956,828                | 4,006,035         | 4,020,940         | 3,869,651         | 3,856,553         |
| Electricity Supply .. ..                   | 5,628,780                | 5,799,161         | 6,160,185         | 6,399,510         | 7,147,490         |
| Fire Brigades .. ..                        | 173,860                  | 172,010           | 191,930           | 195,391           | 220,791           |
| Housing Commission .. ..                   | 76,741                   | 96,240            | 169,039           | 281,310           | 450,658           |
| Grain Elevators Board .. ..                | 181,913                  | 195,237           | 190,384           | 227,687           | 235,665           |
| Western Metropolitan Market Trust .. ..    | 3,234                    | 3,080             | 4,626             | 3,300             | 3,659             |
| <b>Total .. ..</b>                         | <b>58,360,801</b>        | <b>58,708,117</b> | <b>59,659,481</b> | <b>63,373,533</b> | <b>70,663,733</b> |
| <i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>               |                          |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| State Government .. ..                     | 35,540,240               | 35,622,150        | 36,139,829        | 38,636,860        | 43,845,097        |
| Local Government .. ..                     | 7,492,738                | 7,930,764         | 8,936,867         | 9,766,885         | 11,175,041        |
| Semi-Governmental and Other Public Bodies— |                          |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Water Supply and Sewerage ..               | 3,059,482                | 2,975,365         | 2,993,088         | 3,191,344         | 3,297,770         |
| Irrigation .. ..                           | 89,929                   | 93,404            | 73,095            | 67,336            | 90,643            |
| Harbors .. ..                              | 983,605                  | 950,304           | 1,088,279         | 1,074,786         | 1,230,022         |
| Tramways .. ..                             | 3,928,064                | 3,956,530         | 3,986,361         | 3,890,645         | 4,035,010         |
| Electricity Supply .. ..                   | 5,503,908                | 5,739,953         | 6,096,722         | 6,310,110         | 7,360,561         |
| Fire Brigades .. ..                        | 162,521                  | 163,476           | 157,708           | 188,406           | 187,602           |
| Housing Commission .. ..                   | 95,357                   | 102,473           | 149,755           | 265,719           | 419,190           |
| Grain Elevators Board .. ..                | 177,208                  | 191,004           | 187,666           | 223,503           | 231,560           |
| Western Metropolitan Market Trust .. ..    | 3,559                    | 3,519             | 3,396             | 3,339             | 3,648             |
| <b>Total .. ..</b>                         | <b>57,036,611</b>        | <b>57,728,942</b> | <b>59,812,766</b> | <b>63,618,933</b> | <b>71,876,144</b> |

## PUBLIC DEBT.

Loans Raised  
and  
Redeemed.

The following statement shows the result of loan transactions, including Treasury Bonds in aid of revenue, to 30th June, 1949:—

## LOANS RAISED AND REDEEMED TO 30TH JUNE, 1949.

|   | £                    |
|---|----------------------|
| Cash received .. .. .   | 1,168,941,952        |
| Discount and expenses after deducting premiums .. ..                | 8,288,637            |
| Securities issued .. .. .   | 1,177,230,589        |
| Add liability to Commonwealth on account of flotation in course ..  | 6,389,000            |
|   | <u>1,183,619,589</u> |
| Loans redeemed by—  | £                    |
| Renewal Loans .. .. .   | 928,908,060          |
| National Debt Sinking Fund .. ..                                    | 25,558,353           |
| Other Funds .. .. .   | 24,062,803           |
| Discount (securities purchased under par) ..                        | 83,739               |
| Liability transferred to Commonwealth Government Act No. 4246 .. .. | 2,160,960            |
| Premium (securities redeemed above par) ..                          | Cr. 37,491           |
|   | <u>980,736,424</u>   |
| Loans outstanding on 30th June, 1949 .. .. .                        | <u>202,883,165</u>   |

It will be seen that, upon the transactions to 30th June, 1949, securities representing £1,177,230,589 were issued, and that the amount of cash received was £1,168,941,952. The State thus received £99 5s. 11d. in cash for every £100 bond given.

The following table gives particulars relating to the loans raised in London, New York, and Melbourne, and shows the amounts which were outstanding at 30th June, 1949:—

## VICTORIA—LOANS FLOATED TO 30TH JUNE, 1949.

| Heading.  | Nominal Amount Raised (Amount for which Securities have been Issued). | Loans Paid off (including Renewal Loans). | Debt Outstanding at 30th June, 1949. |                 |                    |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|   |   |   | Inscribed Stock.                     | Debentures, &c. | Total.             |
|   | £   | £   | £                                    | £               | £                  |
| London Register ..  | *577,467,431  | 521,237,219                               | 7,919,029                            | 48,311,183      | †56,230,212        |
| Melbourne Register ..   | 599,763,158   | 459,499,205                               | 135,630,955                          | 4,632,998       | 140,263,953        |
| Total ..  | 1,177,230,589   | 980,736,424                               | 143,549,984                          | 52,944,181      | 196,494,165        |
| Add liability to Commonwealth on account of flotation in Course .. .. |   |   |                                      |                 | 6,389,000          |
| Total Public Debt at 30th June, 1949 .. .. .                          |   |   |                                      |                 | <u>202,883,165</u> |

\* Including loans raised in New York through the Commonwealth Government amounting to £7,070,913.

† Including £4,548,370 raised in New York through the Commonwealth Government.

Particulars concerning the due dates of loans outstanding at 30th June, 1949, are given in the following table. Where the Government had the option of redemption during a specified period, the loans have been classified according to the latest date of maturity :—

## DUE DATES OF VICTORIAN LOANS AT 30TH JUNE, 1949.

| Due Date<br>(Financial Year). |    |    |    | Repayable in<br>London. | Repayable in<br>Australia. | Total       |
|-------------------------------|----|----|----|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
|                               |    |    |    | £                       | £                          | £           |
| 1949-50                       | .. | .. | .. | 11,861,070              | 4,508,062                  | 16,369,132  |
| 1950-51                       | .. | .. | .. | ..                      | 5,317,888                  | 5,317,888   |
| 1951-52                       | .. | .. | .. | ..                      | 6,701,270                  | 6,701,270   |
| 1953-54                       | .. | .. | .. | ..                      | 4,039,194                  | 4,039,194   |
| 1954-55                       | .. | .. | .. | ..                      | 8,923,710                  | 8,923,710   |
| 1955-56                       | .. | .. | .. | 1,863,483*              | 8,808,268                  | 10,671,751  |
| 1956-57                       | .. | .. | .. | 968,663*                | 3,283,790                  | 4,252,453   |
| 1957-58                       | .. | .. | .. | ..                      | 14,078,874                 | 14,078,874  |
| 1958-59                       | .. | .. | .. | 13,553,800              | 9,271,555                  | 22,825,355  |
| 1959-60                       | .. | .. | .. | ..                      | 23,788,796                 | 23,788,796  |
| 1960-61                       | .. | .. | .. | 650,075                 | 16,728,220                 | 17,378,295  |
| 1961-62                       | .. | .. | .. | 745,711*                | 13,299,008                 | 14,044,719  |
| 1962-63                       | .. | .. | .. | ..                      | 14,522,212                 | 14,522,212  |
| 1963-64                       | .. | .. | .. | ..                      | 6,205,920                  | 6,205,920   |
| 1965-66                       | .. | .. | .. | 1,989,400               | ..                         | 1,989,400   |
| 1966-67                       | .. | .. | .. | 6,873,713†              | ..                         | 6,873,713   |
| 1967-68                       | .. | .. | .. | 8,485,100               | ..                         | 8,485,100   |
| 1969-70                       | .. | .. | .. | 9,239,197               | ..                         | 9,239,197   |
| 1982-83                       | .. | .. | .. | ..                      | 3,776,445                  | 3,776,445   |
| Not yet fixed                 | .. | .. | .. | ..                      | 3,399,741                  | 3,399,741   |
| Total .. ..                   |    |    |    | 56,230,212              | 146,652,953                | 202,883,165 |

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

† Including £970,513 raised in New York.

In the succeeding statement of the Public Debt of Victoria at various dates, loans repayable outside Australia and the annual interest payable thereon are shown separately. Particulars relating to New York loans are included as indicated in the note to the statement.

In the subsequent statements "interest payable" does not include the cost of paying interest overseas. Particulars of exchange paid in each of the years 1944-45 to 1948-49 are shown on page 259.



All tables in the *Year-Book* relating to the Public Debt, show the Oversea Debt of Victoria in Australian currency, but at the time of repayment it will entail the use of sterling or dollars as the case may be.

During 1931-32, the conversion of Victoria's portion of the internal debt of the Commonwealth and States of Australia was effected as provided for by the Debt Conversion Agreement Acts (Nos. 1 and 2) of 1931. The conversion was based on a reduction of  $22\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. of the interest rates payable on the then existing securities.

VICTORIA—PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE  
THEREON IN LONDON AND AUSTRALIA, 1900 TO 1949.

| At 30th June— | Amount of Loans Repayable in— |             | Annual Interest Payable in— |            |
|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|------------|
|               | London.*                      | Australia.  | London.                     | Australia. |
|               | £                             | £           | £                           | £          |
| 1900 .. ..    | 44,655,579                    | 4,670,306   | 1,735,307                   | 152,096    |
| 1910 .. ..    | 39,012,436                    | 16,564,289  | 1,419,579                   | 560,520    |
| 1915 .. ..    | 41,333,738                    | 31,750,189  | 1,520,762                   | 1,131,811  |
| 1920 .. ..    | 42,406,040                    | 45,241,699  | 1,637,615                   | 1,902,108  |
| 1925 .. ..    | 51,869,204                    | 79,300,361  | 2,319,486                   | 3,999,635  |
| 1930 .. ..    | 68,750,235                    | 93,538,759  | 3,225,754                   | 4,831,371  |
| 1935 .. ..    | 67,638,378                    | 106,522,285 | 2,651,050                   | 3,930,414  |
| 1940 .. ..    | 66,963,733                    | 113,586,235 | 2,623,176                   | 4,274,672  |
| 1945 .. ..    | 65,834,565                    | 113,570,626 | 2,515,982                   | 3,840,676  |
| 1946 .. ..    | 60,657,630                    | 119,069,642 | 2,095,152                   | 4,021,732  |
| 1947 .. ..    | 60,659,355                    | 122,436,898 | 2,086,649                   | 4,153,388  |
| 1948 .. ..    | 60,702,314                    | 128,243,203 | 2,057,644                   | 4,304,689  |
| 1949 .. ..    | 56,230,212                    | 146,652,953 | 1,842,991                   | 4,861,516  |

\* Loans raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government are included as follows:—  
(At 30th June) 1930 and 1931, £4,658,461; 1932, £4,648,084; 1933, £4,615,021; 1934, £4,592,459;  
1935, £4,569,473; 1936, £4,547,877; 1937, £4,530,842; 1938, £4,517,207; 1939 to 1946,  
£4,498,878; 1947, £4,500,603; 1948, £4,570,562; 1949, £4,548,370.

**Rates of Interest on Public Debt.** The appended table shows the rates of interest which were payable on the public debt at 30th June, 1949, and the portions of the debt at each rate in London and Australia respectively :—

**VICTORIA—RATES OF INTEREST ON PUBLIC DEBT AT  
30TH JUNE, 1949.**

| Rate of Interest.             |    |    |    |    | Amount Repayable in— |             |             |
|-------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                               |    |    |    |    | London.              | Australia.  | Total.      |
| Per cent.                     |    |    |    |    | £                    | £           | £           |
| 5                             | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,863,483*           | ..          | 1,863,483   |
| 4                             | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..                   | 23,432,028  | 23,432,028  |
| 3 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..                   | 13,935,377  | 13,935,377  |
| 3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..                   | 6,516,310   | 6,516,310   |
| 3 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub> | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..                   | 908,550     | 908,550     |
| 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> | .. | .. | .. | .. | 26,483,058†          | 254,650     | 26,737,708  |
| £3 9s. 9d.                    | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..                   | 500         | 500         |
| 3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> | .. | .. | .. | .. | 745,711*             | 1,465,260   | 2,210,971   |
| 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> | .. | .. | .. | .. | 10,857,935‡          | 48,305,971  | 59,163,906  |
| 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..                   | 40,241,922  | 40,241,922  |
| £3 2s.                        | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..                   | 314,890     | 314,890     |
| 3                             | .. | .. | .. | .. | 10,474,500           | 1,354,975   | 11,829,475  |
| £2 14s. 3d.                   | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..                   | 223,545     | 223,545     |
| 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..                   | 1,207,305   | 1,207,305   |
| £2 6s. 6d.                    | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..                   | 716,645     | 716,645     |
| 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5,805,525            | ..          | 5,805,525   |
| 2                             | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..                   | 3,998,580   | 3,998,580   |
| 1                             | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..                   | 3,776,445   | 3,776,445   |
| Total .. ..                   |    |    |    |    | 56,230,212           | 146,652,953 | 202,883,165 |
| Average rate of interest ..   |    |    |    |    | %<br>3·28            | %<br>3·31   | %<br>3·30   |

\* Raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government.

† Including £970,513 raised in New York.

‡ Including £968,663 raised in New York.

**Growth of Public Debt.** The growth of the public debt of Victoria since the establishment of responsible government in 1855 is illustrated in the following statement :—

During 1928-29, the amount at credit of the State Redemption and Sinking Funds—£5,540,369—was applied to the liquidation of the public debt, and in 1934-35, the debt was decreased by the transfer

of a liability amounting to £2,160,960 from the State to the Commonwealth Government under Act No. 4246. From £174,160,663 at 30th June, 1935—the first occasion on which the debt was less than that of the immediately preceding year—the public debt increased steadily until it reached the amount of £181,219,188 at 30th June, 1941. Although the Public Debt decreased during each of the years 1941–42 to 1943–44, it increased during each of the years 1944–45 to 1948–49 and at 30th June, 1949, amounted to £202,883,165.

The tables in this *Year-Book* relating to the Public Debt do not include an amount of £17,300,000 advanced to Victoria by the Commonwealth under the provisions of the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement. The State Housing Commission is required to repay this amount by equal instalments of principal and interest over a period of 53 years from the date the advance was made. Up to 30th June, 1949, repayments of the principal amounted to £179,678.

### VICTORIA—GROWTH OF PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST, 1855 TO 1948–49.

| Financial<br>Year ending<br>in— | Loans Outstanding. |                          |        | Amount per Head of<br>Population. |         |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|---------|
|                                 | Amount.            | Annual Interest Payable. |        |                                   |         |
|                                 |                    |                          | Total. | Ave age<br>Rate per<br>cent.      | Debt.   |
|                                 | £                  | £                        | %      | £ s. d.                           | £ s. d. |
| 1855* ..                        | 1,180,000          | 70,800                   | 6·00   | 3 4 9                             | 0 3 11  |
| 1860 ..                         | 5,643,100          | 337,905                  | 5·99   | 10 9 10                           | 0 12 7  |
| 1870* ..                        | 12,099,800         | 699,240                  | 5·78   | 16 13 1                           | 0 19 3  |
| 1880 ..                         | 20,567,700         | 1,029,991                | 5·01   | 24 9 4                            | 1 4 6   |
| 1890 ..                         | 41,377,693         | 1,649,465                | 3·99   | 36 19 11                          | 1 9 6   |
| 1900 ..                         | 49,325,885         | 1,887,403                | 3·83   | 41 6 8                            | 1 11 8  |
| 1910 ..                         | 55,576,725         | 1,980,099                | 3·56   | 43 6 8                            | 1 10 10 |
| 1920 ..                         | 87,647,739         | 3,539,723                | 4·04   | 57 19 1                           | 2 6 10  |
| 1925 ..                         | 131,169,565        | 6,319,121                | 4·82   | 78 9 11                           | 3 16 3  |
| 1930 ..                         | 162,288,994        | 8,057,125                | 4·96   | 90 18 7                           | 4 10 7  |
| 1935 ..                         | 174,160,663        | 6,581,464                | 3·78   | 94 15 2                           | 3 11 8  |
| 1940 ..                         | 180,549,968        | 6,897,848                | 3·82   | 94 17 2                           | 3 12 5  |
| 1945 ..                         | 179,405,191        | 6,356,658                | 3·54   | 89 2 0                            | 3 3 2   |
| 1946 ..                         | 179,727,272        | 6,116,884                | 3·40   | 88 9 11                           | 3 0 3   |
| 1947 ..                         | 183,096,253        | 6,240,037                | 3·41   | 89 1 9                            | 3 0 9   |
| 1948 ..                         | 188,945,517        | 6,362,333                | 3·37   | 90 7 6                            | 3 0 11  |
| 1949 ..                         | 202,883,165        | 6,704,507                | 3·30   | 94 16 11                          | 3 2 8   |

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

The following table shows the capital liability of the Capital Liability, &c., State at 30th June, 1949, in respect of its public works of the State. and services. The apportionment of the State's equity in the National Debt Sinking Fund is also shown :—

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF CAPITAL LIABILITY UNDER THE VARIOUS WORKS AND SERVICES, TOGETHER WITH THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE STATE'S EQUITY IN THE NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND AT 30TH JUNE, 1949.

| Works or Services.              | Liability.  | Deduction on Account of National Debt Sinking Fund. | Net Liability. |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---|----------------|
|                                 | £           | £   | £              |
| Railways*—                      |             |   |                |
| As reduced .. ..                | 53,851,821  | 6,381,252   | 47,470,569     |
| Transferred .. ..               | 30,457,440  | 3,908,410   | 26,549,030     |
| Country Waterworks .. ..        | 35,546,232  | 3,747,902   | 31,798,330     |
| Electricity Supply .. ..        | 18,448,114  | 2,422,138   | 16,025,976     |
| Land Settlement .. ..           | 26,761,648  | 4,405,270   | 22,356,378     |
| Soldier Settlement .. ..        | 11,460,203  | 67,441  | 11,392,762     |
| Grain Elevators Board .. ..     | 661,612     | 46,876  | 614,736        |
| Housing Commission .. ..        | 952,194     | 67,525  | 884,669        |
| Country Roads .. ..             | 10,512,949  | 1,569,646   | 8,943,303      |
| Public Works, Buildings, &c. .. | 13,292,081  | 834,429   | 12,457,652     |
| Forests .. ..                   | 5,516,228   | 161,986   | 5,354,242      |
| Unemployment Relief .. ..       | 12,100,561  | 1,060,709   | 11,039,852     |
| In Aid of Revenue .. ..         | 5,798,783   | 1,014,154   | 4,784,629      |
| Unapportioned .. ..             | 2,452,296   | ..  | 2,452,296      |
| Total .. ..                     | 227,812,162 | 25,687,738  | 202,124,424    |

\* The *Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act* No. 4429 provided for the reduction of railway loan liability by the sum of £30,000,000 on 1st July, 1937, and for the transfer of that amount to the "Reduction of Railway Loan Liability Account".

A reconciliation between the Public Debt at 30th June, 1949, and the net liability shown above is given hereunder :—

|   |            |             |
|---|------------|-------------|
| Public Debt at 30th June, 1949 .. ..                      | £          | 202,883,165 |
|   | £          |             |
| Deduct Cash at Credit of National Debt Sinking Fund .. .. | 129,385    |             |
| Deduct Repayments to State Loans Repayment Fund .. ..     | 22,278,327 |             |
|   |            | 22,407,712  |
|   |            | 180,475,453 |
| Add Expenditure from the State Loans Repayment Fund .. .. |            | 21,648,971  |
| Net Liability for Works .. ..                             |            | 202,124,424 |

In addition to the ordinary expenditure from revenue, certain sums are disbursed annually for various purposes from Loans and on account of Loan Funds. The figures in the following table include all such expenditure, whether the loans have been repaid or are still in existence. The table shows the details for each of the years 1945-46 to 1948-49 and the total to 30th June, 1949:—

**VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS, 1945-46 TO 1948-49.**

| Expenditure on—                          | During the Year Ended 30th June— |           |           |           | Total to<br>30th June,<br>1949. |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------|
|  | 1946.                            | 1947.     | 1948.     | 1949.     |                                 |
|  | £                                | £         | £         | £         | £                               |
| Public Works—                            |                                  |           |           |           |                                 |
| Railways*—                               |                                  |           |           |           |                                 |
| As reduced ..                            | 389,434                          | 488,050   | 479,275   | 1,344,265 | 53,325,542                      |
| Transferred ..                           | ..                               | ..        | ..        | ..        | 29,134,658                      |
| Country Roads ..                         | 1,899                            | 25,042    | 25,847    | 392,277   | 12,647,584                      |
| Bridges ..                               | 9,220                            | 13,824    | 792       | 49        | 476,766                         |
| Harbors and Rivers ..                    | 8,215                            | 30,415    | 87,890    | 172,068   | 1,706,893                       |
| Water Supply—                            |                                  |           |           |           |                                 |
| Country ..                               | 432,906                          | 1,466,122 | 1,893,165 | 2,251,873 | 35,015,088                      |
| Metropolitan ..                          | ..                               | ..        | ..        | ..        | 3,142,577                       |
| Sewerage ..                              | 2,669                            | ..        | 2,095     | 13,936    | 236,484                         |
| Electricity Supply ..                    | ..                               | ..        | ..        | ..        | 17,839,227                      |
| Public Buildings—                        |                                  |           |           |           |                                 |
| Schools ..                               | 177,107                          | 539,436   | 609,867   | 1,023,202 | 8,616,007                       |
| Hospitals ..                             | 118,020                          | 176,230   | 213,343   | 357,497   | 2,261,473                       |
| Other ..                                 | 66,890                           | 81,950    | 180,268   | 228,380   | 2,060,835                       |
| Other Public Works ..                    | 6,552                            | 61,838    | 131,339   | 133,597   | 1,036,315                       |
| Immigration ..                           | ..                               | ..        | 10,038    | 16,343    | 46,381                          |
| Municipal Endowment ..                   | ..                               | ..        | ..        | ..        | 698,250                         |
| Municipalities, Loans,<br>Grants, &c. .. | ..                               | 33,616    | 80,944    | 74,156    | 1,116,843                       |
| Housing ..                               | 25,285                           | 528,562   | 469,743   | 193,676   | 3,157,266                       |
| Unemployment Relief ..                   | 433                              | ..        | ..        | ..        | 13,147,158                      |
| Primary Production—                      |                                  |           |           |           |                                 |
| Land Settlement† ..                      | ..                               | ..        | ..        | ..        | 41,570,934                      |
| Soldier Settlement ..                    | 69,378                           | 2,226,665 | 5,408,434 | 4,181,682 | 11,886,159                      |
| Wire Netting Advances ..                 | 5,878                            | ..        | 16,004    | 16,019    | 917,752                         |
| Agriculture ..                           | ..                               | ..        | ..        | ..        | 150,682                         |

\* Reduced under the authority of Act No. 4429 of 1936.

† Land Settlement—Closer Settlement and Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Fund abolished during 1938-39 and Soldier Settlement re-established in 1945-46.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF  
LOANS—*continued.*

| Expenditure on—                                | During the Year Ended 30th June— |           |            |            | Total to<br>30th June,<br>1949. |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|---------------------------------|
|  | 1946.                            | 1947.     | 1948.      | 1949.      |                                 |
|  | £                                | £         | £          | £          | £                               |
| Settlers Advances—                             |                                  |           |            |            |                                 |
| Cultivation ..                                 | 88,310                           | 7,130     | 28,258     | 500        | 2,620,711                       |
| Other ..                                       | 5,848                            | 3,713     | 6,870      | 9,644      | 112,669                         |
| Bulk Handling of Wheat ..                      | ..                               | ..        | ..         | ..         | 1,000,000                       |
| Forestry ..                                    | 657,029                          | 1,329,450 | 1,112,650  | 1,331,021  | 6,872,241                       |
| Mining, N.E.I. ..                              | ..                               | ..        | ..         | 26,840     | 297,862                         |
| Mining—State Coal Mine ..                      | 499                              | 197       | 223        | 13,718     | 335,005                         |
| Primary Products—Ad-<br>vances to Companies .. | ..                               | ..        | ..         | ..         | 331,101                         |
| Cool Stores—Advances<br>to Companies ..        | 9,562                            | 10,230    | 493        | 523        | 634,152                         |
| Drought Relief ..                              | 129,000                          | 88,410    | 182,001    | ..         | 1,024,411                       |
| Other Primary Produc-<br>tion ..               | ..                               | ..        | 15,000     | ..         | 167,862                         |
| Other Purposes ..                              | ..                               | ..        | 58,112     | 945,883    | 1,454,945                       |
| Total Works Expenditure                        | 2,204,134                        | 7,110,880 | 11,012,651 | 12,727,149 | 255,041,833                     |
| In Aid of Revenue ..                           | ..                               | ..        | ..         | 553,704    | 9,672,386                       |
| Grand Total ..                                 | 2,204,134                        | 7,110,880 | 11,012,651 | 13,280,853 | 264,714,219                     |

The figures in the foregoing table are “Net” in as much as they exclude discounts and flotation expenses, particulars of which are as follow:—1945-46, £1,313,647; 1946-47, £6,203; 1947-48, £134,492; and 1948-49, £940,330. The aggregate to 30th June, 1949, was £8,288,637.

Of the proceeds of loans and temporary advances outstanding at 30th June, 1949, sums not yet expended amounted in the aggregate to £1,257,307, of which £91,870 was for Railways, £402,698 for Water Supply, £3,485 for Land Settlement, £419,091 for Soldier Settlement, £59,972 for Country Roads, £87,457 for Public Works, Buildings, &c., and £192,734 for State Forests.

The amounts of interest and expenses paid on the Public Debt of Victoria during each of the financial years 1944-45 to 1948-49 are shown in the next table:—

Interest paid  
on Loans.

# VICTORIA—INTEREST AND EXPENSES OF PUBLIC DEBT, 1945 TO 1949.

| Year<br>Ended<br>30th June. | Interest Paid on<br>Loans in— |            | Interest<br>Paid on<br>Temporary<br>Loans. | Commission<br>on Payment<br>of Interest<br>in London<br>Expenses of<br>Conversion<br>Loans, &c. | Exchange on<br>Payment of<br>Interest in<br>London.† | Total.‡   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|--|---|--|-----------|
|                             | London.*                      | Melbourne. |  |   |  |           |
|                             | £                             | £          | £  | £   | £  | £         |
| 1945 ..                     | 2,525,489                     | 3,759,725  | 93,138                                     | 39,395  | 687,029  | 7,104,776 |
| 1946 ..                     | 2,330,636                     | 3,883,564  | 80,307                                     | 56,327  | 644,789  | 6,995,623 |
| 1947 ..                     | 2,095,151                     | 3,959,381  | 74,407                                     | 27,246  | 585,301  | 6,741,486 |
| 1948 ..                     | 2,100,256                     | 4,065,487  | 60,500                                     | 23,674  | 587,549  | 6,837,466 |
| 1949 ..                     | 1,962,942                     | 4,361,932  | 48,899                                     | 65,021  | 541,766  | 6,980,560 |

\* Including £221,140 on account of interest paid on loans in New York in respect of each of the years 1944-45 to 1946-47, £225,492 in 1947-48, and £184,608 in 1948-49.

† Includes Exchange paid in respect of Loans raised in New York: £113,461 for 1944-45, £113,845 for 1945-46, £114,100 for 1946-47, £116,247 for 1947-48, and £94,955 for 1948-49.

‡ Includes £2,127,159 contributed each year by the Commonwealth in accordance with the provisions of the "Financial Agreement".

## NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND.

The National Debt Sinking Fund was established under the provisions of the *Commonwealth and States Financial Agreement Act 1927* (No. 3554). Under the Federal Aid Roads Agreement, the Commonwealth Government agreed to pay Sinking Fund contributions on loan moneys provided by the States for certain roads. The agreement was terminated on 30th June, 1947, and from 1st December, these payments became a State liability. The following table gives particulars of the receipts and disbursements during 1948-49:—

|  | £          |
|--|------------|
| Balance at credit of Victoria at 30th June, 1948 ..                        | 404,502    |
| Contributions during 1948-49—  |            |
| By Commonwealth under Financial Agreement                                  | 361,430    |
| „ State under Financial Agreement  | 1,709,017  |
| „ „ Roads .. .. .  | 6,301      |
| Interest received .. .. .  | 2,076,748  |
|  | 6,760      |
|  | 2,488,010  |
| Cancellation of securities to the value of £2,125,567 at a cost of .. .. . | 2,358,625  |
| Balance at credit of the State at 30th June, 1949 ..                       | 129,385    |
| Face value of securities cancelled to 30th June, 1949 ..                   | 25,558,353 |
| Net credit to Victoria at 30th June, 1949 .. .. .                          | 25,687,738 |

**TRUST FUNDS.**

At 30th June, 1949, the liability of the Treasurer on account of moneys lodged for investment and for securities and other lodgments amounted to £19,405,295. Investments in Australian Consolidated Inscribed Stock and other securities amounted to £8,160,119, and cash advances totalled £5,042,985. The balance—£6,202,191—was at the credit of the Public Account.

**PUBLIC DEBT OF AUSTRALIA.**

The public debts of the six Australian States aggregated £1,010,565,431 at 30th June, 1949. Details of the indebtedness in respect of each State are shown in the following table. Sinking Funds have not been deducted. Treasury Bills covering Revenue Deficits are included. Revenue Deficits which are not covered by Treasury Bills overdrafts on Loan Account and advances from Trust Funds are excluded:—

**PUBLIC DEBTS OF AUSTRALIAN STATES AT 30TH JUNE, 1949.**

| Heading.                                       | Victoria.           | New South Wales.    | Queensland.         | South Australia.   | Western Australia.  | Tasmania.          |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|  | £                   | £                   | £                   | £                  | £                   | £                  |
| Public Debt                                    | 202,883,165         | 397,947,571         | 143,580,628         | 124,719,766        | 103,687,716         | 37,746,585         |
| Debt per head of population at 30th June, 1949 | £ s. d.<br>94 16 11 | £ s. d.<br>127 16 2 | £ s. d.<br>124 15 5 | £ s. d.<br>185 6 0 | £ s. d.<br>194 13 2 | £ s. d.<br>140 2 5 |

The public debt of the Commonwealth exclusive of loans raised on behalf of the States but including debts on account of the Port Augusta-Oodnadatta Railway and the Northern Territory amounted to £1,897,193,055 at 30th June, 1949.

The total public debt of Australia—Commonwealth and States—at the above date was £2,907,758,486, of which £2,399,082,892 was payable in Australia, £468,213,660 in London, and £40,461,934 in New York. The loan liability of the Australian public at 30th June, 1949, averaged £367 10s. 5d. per head of population.