

Victorian Year-Book 1954-58

PART VII.

PUBLIC 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 of 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 for services such as Interest on the Funded Debt, Exchange on Overseas Interest, contributions to the National Debt Sinking Fund, the salaries of the Governor, members of Parliament, the Judges, and certain other officials, expenditure on State pensions, payment of interest, &c., under the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement, contributions to the Hospitals and Charities Fund (including Totalizator Revenue and Tattersall Duty), and the Railway Renewals and Replacements Fund.

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 principal funds since established are the Unemployment Relief Fund, the Milk Board Fund, the Railways Repayment Account, the Railway Renewals and Replacements Fund, the Decentralization Fund, the

Transport Regulation Fund, the Rural Rehabilitation Fund (replacing the Farmers' Debts Adjustment Fund), the Municipalities Assistance Fund, the Hospitals and Charities Fund, the Hospital Benefits Fund, the Commonwealth-State Housing Trust Account, the State Motor Car Insurance Fund, the Level Crossings Fund, the Mental Hospitals Fund, the Commonwealth-State Flood Protection and Restoration Account, the Home Builders Account, the Commonwealth Aid Roads and Works (Special Assistance) Account, the Commonwealth-State Grants Mental Institutions Trust Fund, the Tourist Fund (replacing the Tourist Resorts Fund) and the Uniform Railway Gauge Trust Account.

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 Agreement. 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, the agreement relating to Soldier Settlement Loans of 3rd July, 1934, and the Financial Agreement of 15th November, 1944. A brief outline of the principal provisions of the original agreement is given in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 75.

State Financial Transactions. A summary of the transactions for the years ended 30th June, 1957 and 1958 in the Consolidated Revenue Fund and in certain special funds gives the following results :—

	1956-57	1957-58
	£	£
Public Revenue	142,160,716	153,391,287
Public Expenditure	146,472,182	156,603,943
Deficit	4,311,466	3,212,656

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 1956-57 and 1957-58 are as follows:—

Items.	1956-57.		1957-58.	
	Public Revenue.	Public Expenditure.	Public Revenue.	Public Expenditure.
	£	£	£	£
Total—Treasurer's Finance Statement	133,253,823	137,565,289	142,336,624	145,549,280
<i>Add—</i>				
Public Revenue of the following funds:—				
Country Roads Board Fund *..	7,566,945	7,566,945	9,614,570	9,614,570
Licensing Fund †	179,480	179,480	201,899	201,899
Police Superannuation Fund ..	53,640	53,640	61,019	61,019
Assurance Fund	4,380	4,380	4,230	4,230
Cattle Compensation Fund ..	125,493	125,493	129,729	129,729
Swine Compensation Fund ..	64,158	64,158	57,658	57,658
Mallee Land Account	43,683	43,683	45,707	45,707
Transport Regulation Fund ..	561,852	561,852	590,364	590,364
Municipalities Assistance Fund	207,892	207,892	219,342	219,342
Rivers and Streams Fund ..	27,329	27,329	29,508	29,508
Level Crossing Fund	225,397	225,397	255,997	255,997
	142,314,072	146,625,538	153,546,647	156,759,303
<i>Deduct—</i>				
Recoups by Treasury to Railways Department on account of—				
(a) Concessions in certain country freight charges..	143,000	143,000	143,000	143,000
(b) Kerang-Koondrook Tramway Act	10,356	10,356	12,360	12,360
	153,356	153,356	155,360	155,360
Total	142,160,716	146,472,182	153,391,287	156,603,943

* Excluding £828,391 in 1956-57 and £859,974 in 1957-58 recouped to Revenue under Acts Nos. 3944 and 4140.

† In addition amounts of £2,367,641 in 1956-57 and £2,648,273 in 1957-58 were transferred to Revenue under Section 312 of Act No. 3717 as amended by Act No. 5089 and in accordance with Act No. 5892.

The revenue and expenditure of the State for each of the years 1953-54 to 1957-58, after taking into account the circumstances mentioned on the preceding page, are shown in the next statement:—

VICTORIA—STATE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE,
1954 TO 1958.

Year Ended 30th June—	Public Revenue.	Public Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).	Accumulated Deficit to End of Each Year (i.e., 30th June).
	£	£	£	£
1954	111,275,734	110,564,605	(+) 711,129	13,245,524
1955	122,836,929	121,500,206	(+)1,336,723	13,245,395
1956	129,665,092	132,910,592	(-)3,245,500	16,490,895
1957	142,160,716	146,472,182	(-)4,311,466	20,802,360
1958	153,391,287	156,603,943	(-)3,212,656	24,015,016*

* Of this amount, £19,139,984 was provided from the proceeds of Treasury Bonds and £4,875,032 from the Public Account.

Heads of State Revenue.

Details of the sources of revenue for each of the financial years 1953-54 to 1957-58 are given in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF STATE REVENUE,
1954 TO 1958.

Heads of Revenue.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.
	£	£	£	£	£
Taxation—					
Income Tax	20,075	16,772	19,242	5,854	2,932
Commonwealth Tax Reimbursement ..	29,351,601	32,397,126	36,043,922	40,228,170	43,996,294
Land Tax	2,015,898	2,624,857	3,249,674	4,169,746	4,606,928
Probate Duty	5,387,080	6,304,802	7,102,168	7,005,493	8,065,270
Tattersall Duty .. .. .	..	2,598,354	2,792,940	2,978,801	2,834,692
Unemployment Relief	6,521	4,959	5,427	2,722	717
Entertainment Tax* ..	3,106,982	3,095,646	3,120,675	3,585,274	3,909,901
Other Stamp Duties ..	3,685,522	4,171,741	4,380,572	5,249,064	6,253,424
Motor Taxation	5,883,348	6,329,802	6,777,592	9,190,152	11,367,280
Licences—					
Liquor	1,962,927	2,107,579	2,310,502	2,515,126	2,817,595
Other	232,023	242,647	244,845	257,706	252,718
Total Taxation ..	51,651,977	59,894,285	66,047,559	75,188,108	84,107,751

* Includes Racing Taxation.

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF STATE REVENUE, 1954 TO 1958—
continued.

Heads of Revenue.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.
	£	£	£	£	£
Commonwealth Payment to State—					
Financial Agreement ..	2,127,159	2,127,159	2,127,159	2,127,159	2,127,159
States Grants (Special Assistance) Act ..	5,621,802	4,959,341	3,398,704	5,825,738	7,466,769
Public Works and Services—					
Railways ..	35,697,636	37,521,890	37,146,900	37,309,961	35,792,450
Water Supply ..	2,083,339	2,763,042	3,085,584	3,213,446	3,922,138
State Coal Mine ..	753,230	654,075	684,215	499,798	476,313
State Electricity Commission					
Interest, &c. ..	1,683,372	1,946,338	2,102,722	2,216,110	2,431,257
Country Roads Board * ..	Dr. 86,790	Dr. 79,096	Dr. 71,809	Dr. 66,430	Dr. 61,219
Victoria Dock Cool Stores ..	129,219	181,750	196,184	197,214	170,672
Wharfage Rates, &c. ..	89,691	107,252	109,392	98,147	103,123
State Saw Mill ..	24,114	27,583	63,105	66,858	80,519
Other ..	217,127	256,177	220,415	279,152	259,089
Land—					
Land Sales, Rents, Penalties, &c. ..	2,153,834	2,252,787	2,143,575	2,415,268	2,450,271
Interest on Loans—					
Land Settlement ..	146,376	135,043	134,933	127,378	123,492
Soldier Settlement ..	351,952	456,444	497,314	526,801	592,300
Fees, Fines, &c. ..	886,900	1,128,946	1,220,358	1,562,490	1,878,955
Tramways Act No. 3732 (Sec. 77) ..	70,777	17,198			
Government Printer ..	662,046	842,298	920,037	1,005,743	1,065,486
Harbor Trust Contributions ..	344,047	393,877	408,758	371,717	398,701
Health Department (including Commonwealth recoup for Tuberculosis) ..	1,203,269	1,128,305	1,143,412	865,976	1,329,220
Royal Mint ..	161,049	139,403	143,415	176,138	189,605
Housing Commission—					
Interest ..	1,730,048	2,035,848	2,316,431	2,591,581	2,891,861
Recoups ..	2,400	2,427	2,509	2,874	2,923
Interest and Recoups, <i>n.e.t.</i> ..	250,734	368,515	455,345	748,511	695,976
Department of Agriculture † ..	246,509	253,467	245,283	275,888	261,642
Appropriation of Surplus (1954-55) ..			1,336,723		
Miscellaneous ..	3,073,917	1,985,852	3,586,869	4,535,090	4,634,834
Total Revenue	111,275,734	121,500,206	129,665,092	142,160,716	153,391,287
Per Head of Population ..	£ s. d. 45 18 7	£ s. d. 48 16 8	£ s. d. 50 11 4	£ s. d. 53 16 11	£ s. d. 56 13 3

* 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 272 with reference to the statistical method of arriving at total public revenue.

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

A summary of expenditure from State revenue classified according to functions for each of the years 1953-54 to 1957-58 is shown in the next table.

Interest on the public debt, pensions and gratuities, and the contributions 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, 1954 TO 1958.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Legislature and General Administration.</i>					
Legislature—					
Governor	57,151	44,729	52,365	58,414	62,066
Parliament	323,638	376,335	441,927	490,962	472,951
Electoral	27,222	97,527	84,012	31,379	95,220
Financial Administration—					
Public Debt Charges—					
Interest—					
Funded Debt	10,760,039	12,971,822	15,124,800	16,789,456	19,156,944
Temporary Loan	25,271	19,300	15,813	13,712	20,834
Exchange on Interest	558,507	532,900	492,212	479,643	491,779
Expenses of Paying Interest, Redemption, Conversion, &c. National Debt Sinking Fund	55,490	71,227	52,196	111,161	79,369
Pensions and Superannuation Contributions*	2,927,980	3,186,777	3,474,542	3,686,377	4,169,526
Departmental—	2,650,164	2,826,888	3,541,959	3,678,169	3,906,510
Treasury (including Taxation, Stamps, &c.)	403,328	434,025	450,893	506,423	508,179
Pay-roll Tax	1,188,915	1,299,231	1,430,394	1,539,395	1,633,327
Superannuation Board and Pensions Office—Administration	26,487	28,894	33,756	33,456	46,677
Auditor-General	96,302	106,254	130,903	150,429	143,720
Royal Commissions, Boards of Inquiry, &c.	243	670	10,946	8,260	3,999
Administration, <i>n.e.i.</i> —					
Government Printer	869,812	902,108	994,711	1,087,907	1,049,156
Mint Subsidy	161,000	137,000	148,000	173,000	182,000
Other	2,469,821	1,970,523	2,285,967	2,945,568	3,215,055
	22,601,370	25,006,210	28,765,396	31,783,711	35,237,312
<i>Law, Order, and Public Safety.</i>					
Salaries of Judiciary	37,522	42,697	50,231	61,517	66,750
Attorney-General, Solicitor-General, &c.	1,052,293	1,190,934	1,381,213	1,637,106	1,830,098
Police	4,073,497	4,463,502	5,101,882	5,898,928	6,425,649
Prisons	540,602	628,434	680,996	831,181	906,933
Prevention of Fire and Flood	89,125	41,849	40,058	36,787	37,455
Other	9,459	14,025	11,975	13,537	12,615
	5,802,498	6,381,441	7,266,355	8,479,056	9,279,500
<i>Regulation of Trade and Industry.</i>					
Factories and Shops Legislation }	188,808	217,793	231,346	243,559	250,850
Labour Legislation					
Transport Regulation Board	410,752	394,169	605,718	561,852	590,364
Liquor Licence Control (Administration, including Compensation)	55,844	71,762	89,094	98,236	120,783
Gas Regulation		3,866	9,978	9,654	10,263
Prices &c., Control	206,012	131,618	44,332	40,975	36,986
Other	68,645	71,696	77,316	89,346	92,973
	930,061	890,904	1,057,784	1,043,622	1,102,219

* For details see page 292.

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE REVENUE,
1954 TO 1958—continued.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.
<i>Education*</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Primary, Intermediate, Secondary, Technical — Administration, Salaries of Teaching Staffs, &c.	14,806,616	16,469,791	19,756,816	22,334,128	24,821,547
Technical, <i>n.e.i.</i> including Main- tenance Grant	1,173,109	1,316,713	1,708,021	1,670,158	1,708,133
University†	544,330	671,290	773,260	873,970	939,170
Adult Education Grant	46,500	51,238	52,000	56,500	52,000
Agricultural Education—					
Colleges, Experimental Farms, University Grants, &c. .. .	373,082	417,963	450,357	485,609	510,722
Other	18,253	27,703	30,093	35,834	39,666
	16,961,890	18,954,698	22,770,547	25,456,199	28,071,238
<i>Encouragement of Science, Art, and Research.</i>					
Public Libraries, Museums, and Art Galleries	353,541	391,076	423,795	475,062	532,423
Cultural Development (including Symphony Orchestra)	74,089	75,884	76,208	75,230	74,838
Other	1,000	1,000	4,940	1,000	1,000
	428,630	467,960	504,943	551,292	608,261

* 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,
1954 TO 1958—*continued.*

Heads of Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.
<i>Promotion of Public Health and Recreation.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Care of Sick and Mentally Afflicted— Hospital and Charities Fund (including Totalizator and Tattersall Contributions)	6,544,763	8,990,056	9,395,006	10,600,663	11,046,608
Various Hospitals, &c.	951,414	1,011,273	1,007,925	1,032,950	1,054,846
Mental Hospitals	3,441,809	3,885,015	4,362,623	4,767,303	5,474,319
Health of Mothers and Children— Infant Welfare and Clinics	550,813	648,342	722,267	824,626	925,715
Medical and Dental Examination of School Children	61,293	45,306	67,428	68,755	67,550
Preservation of Public Health— Health Department— Administration	210,493	233,277	253,296	274,786	275,424
Other	1,074,683	1,059,061	1,067,893	1,124,169	1,213,396
Parks, Gardens, and Recreation Reserves	79,067	83,260	90,339	106,052	101,168
	12,913,735	15,955,590	16,966,777	18,799,304	20,159,026
<i>Social Amelioration.</i>					
Commonwealth—State Housing Agreement— Interest on Advance	1,700,063	2,004,845	2,279,900	2,549,747	2,846,789
Repayment of Advance	456,447	564,979	648,629	738,102	802,975
Home Builders' Account— Interest on Advance .. ..	..	..	..	20,515	127,068
Repayment of Advance .. ..	..	..	..	..	11,438
Housing Commission Advance	172,108	248,983	246,159	..	..
Emergency Housing	12,034	9,007	13,725	13,377	..
Child Welfare— Administration &c.	442,161	532,742	643,287	753,373	964,306
Medical, Dental, &c. .. ..	..	..	..	4,169	5,999
Relief of Destitute, Aged, &c.	2,881	2,793	25,858	58,099	59,223
Miners' Phthisis— Allowances	34,022	55,430	63,055	59,720	57,256
Fares, Freight, &c.	16,204	13,078	15,785	19,837	16,489
Care of Aborigines	12,792	15,073	13,003	13,556	25,618
Bush Fire and Flood Relief .. ..	..	41,659	..	40,000	718
State Relief Committee	11,500	11,500	15,000	15,000	15,000
Other	6,521	53,632*	8,344	11,734	10,721
	2,866,733	3,558,721	3,972,745	4,302,229	4,943,600

* Includes £47,048 compensation for damage to military camps used for housing.

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE REVENUE,
1954 TO 1958—continued.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.
<i>War Obligations.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Passes to Soldiers, &c.	69,612	72,194	56,835	72,593	85,054
<i>Local Government.</i>					
Licensing Fund Payment to Municipalities	58,900	58,736	58,616	58,244	58,116
Municipalities Assistance Fund	578,885	181,728	199,852	207,892	219,342
Other	234,080	85,551	67,221	82,210	98,554
	871,865	326,015	325,689	348,346	376,012
<i>Development and Maintenance of State Resources other than Business Undertakings.</i>					
Land Settlement and Survey	926,265	952,848	1,016,907	1,195,988	1,296,133
Immigration	22,364	27,058	37,312	32,225	34,393
Mining (excluding State Coal Mine)	158,806	204,957	261,378	320,038	369,680
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying*	1,786,306	1,867,733	2,172,288	2,440,532	2,239,837
Forestry†	1,848,039	1,906,040	1,914,624	2,012,672	1,968,938
Fisheries and Game	90,109	108,628	126,085	149,175	178,282
Roads and Bridges—					
Country Roads Board‡	3,684,213	5,201,218	5,388,666	7,792,342	9,870,567
Other	48	79,734	55,980	108,062	217,299
Tourist Activities	7,883	8,738	7,997	9,672	17,877
	8,524,033	10,356,954	10,981,237	14,060,706	16,193,006
<i>Business Undertakings.</i>					
Railways	34,464,521	35,445,145	36,046,194	37,000,942	35,776,608
Harbours, Rivers, and Lights	421,814	441,053	442,148	494,123	567,909
Water Supply, Irrigation, &c.	2,602,519	2,645,499	2,807,486	3,043,775	3,298,272
State Coal Mines	844,366	775,246	707,858	752,968	723,988
Victoria Dock Cool Stores	110,438	108,776	120,677	123,295	98,979
Seasoning Works (Newport)	103,611	64,633	60,087	76,710	15,344
Forest Tramways		1,497	1,111	475	
State Saw Mill	46,909	47,671	56,723	82,836	67,615
	38,594,178	39,529,520	40,242,284	41,575,124	40,548,715
Total Expenditure	110,564,605	121,500,207	132,910,592	146,472,182	156,603,943
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Per Head of Population	45 12 8	48 16 8	51 16 5	55 0 7	57 17 0

* Excluding Victoria Dock Cool Stores (see Business Undertakings).

† Excluding Newport Seasoning Works, Forest Tramways, and State Saw Mill (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.

Up to 30th June, 1958, the total amount of Surplus Revenue authorized for expenditure on Public Works, &c., was £7,641,031, of which £16,560 was unexpended at that date.

The following table shows the expenditure during each of the years 1954 to 1958 and total to 30th June, 1958 exclusive of the amounts applied towards the reduction of the Consolidated Revenue deficit :—

VICTORIA—SURPLUS REVENUE EXPENDITURE, 1955 TO 1958, AND TOTAL TO 30TH JUNE, 1958.

Service.	Year Ended 30th June—				Total to 30th June, 1958.
	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Capital Services—					
Railways					250,696
Other					64,170
Revenue Services—					
Social Services—					
Education—					
State Schools and Technical Schools ..	459,273	1,727			1,188,925
University					27,066
Other					92,580
Health—					
Hospitals—					
Mental Hygiene					340,999
Other (including Sanatoria)	22,400	518	532		1,644,132
Other Health	3,649	7,652	286	3,062	95,890
Law, Order, and Public Safety—					
Penal Establishments and Gaols					74,448
Other					44,741
Public Works—					
Crown Lands (including Reclamation, Drainage, &c.)					149,480
Harbors, Rivers, and Lights					117,293
Mining Development					85,000
Railways					631,740
Roads and Bridges	250,000*				364,812
Water Supply, &c.					113,180
Other					62,827
Other Purposes—					
Developmental Railways Account					129,148
Drought Relief Fund					123,803
Redemption of Treasury Bonds and Unfunded Debt					503,802
Victorian Inland Meat Authority					100,000
Other					83,016
Appropriated to State Revenue		1,336,723			1,336,723
Total	735,322	1,346,620	818	3,062	7,624,471

* Paid to Level Crossings Fund.

TAXATION.

State Income Tax. 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.

Commonwealth Income Tax and Social Services Contribution. 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 was continued until 1st October, 1953, when it was abolished. The Social Services Contribution was introduced as from 1st January, 1946.

Under the provisions of the *Entertainments Tax Act* 1953 No. 5693, the Victorian Government reimposed a tax upon payments for admission to entertainments.

The States are reimbursed for vacating the income tax field 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 each of the years 1953-54 to 1957-58 are shown in the following table:—

TAX REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES, 1953-54 TO 1957-58.

State.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.
	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales	47,732,911	50,697,089	54,209,017	58,342,295	61,721,349
Victoria	29,351,601	32,397,126	36,043,922	40,228,170	43,996,294
Queensland	19,257,017	20,897,300	22,518,181	24,367,186	25,918,695
South Australia	10,384,255	11,413,921	12,681,193	14,048,234	15,258,398
Western Australia	9,623,017	10,238,101	11,251,429	12,250,928	13,061,264
Tasmania	4,066,344	4,402,696	4,874,300	5,385,136	5,863,830
Total	120,415,145	130,046,233	141,578,042	154,621,949	165,819,830

With the introduction of the Social Services Contribution, the levy of taxation on the incomes of individuals was divided into two separate taxes—Income Tax and Social Services Contribution. Both taxes were based upon the same definitions of assessable income and both were assessed and collected concurrently. Company income was not subject to Social Services Contribution except with regard to the

undistributed income of private companies. The two taxes have since been merged into a single levy known as "Income Tax and Social Services Contribution", which title now relates to the tax imposed on the incomes of both individuals and companies. It first applied to the tax imposed on incomes derived by individuals during the year ended 30th June, 1951, and by companies during the year ended 30th June, 1950.

Certain types of income are exempt from tax in Australia. These include income from gold-mining, uranium-mining, war, invalid, old-age, and widows' pensions, child endowment, and unemployment and sickness benefits.

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

For the income year 1957-58, Income Tax and Social Services Contribution is payable on the incomes of individuals commencing at a taxable income of £105. However certain limitations apply to the tax payable by aged persons, over 65 years of age in the case of a male and 60 years in the case of a female. Concessional deductions are allowed to taxpayers on account of dependants, certain medical and dental expenses, life insurance premiums, superannuation, friendly society payments, education expenses, &c., and are deductible from income to calculate taxable income. Dependants include spouse, parents, parents-in-law, children under sixteen years of age, student children under twenty-one years of age, invalid child, brother, or sister over sixteen years of age, or daughter-housekeeper for widow or widower. A concessional deduction is also allowed in respect of a housekeeper having the care of children under sixteen years of age or of an invalid relative where the taxpayer is not entitled to a deduction for spouse or daughter-housekeeper. The amount of a concessional deduction allowable in respect of each type of dependant and housekeeper is:—

	£
Spouse	143
Parent or parent-in-law	143
Child under sixteen years of age—	
One child	91
Other children	65 each dependant
Student child under twenty-one years of age	91 each dependant
Invalid relative not less than sixteen years of age	91 each dependant
Housekeeper or daughter-housekeeper	143

The following table shows the rates of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution for individuals in respect of the income year 1957-58 :—

**INDIVIDUALS—RATES OF INCOME TAX AND
SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION.**

The rates of tax and contribution payable, as set out in the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Act 1957* are as follows :—

BASIC RATE OF TAX AND CONTRIBUTION.

The rate of income tax and social services contribution for every £1 of each part of the taxable income specified in the first column of the following table is the rate set out in the second column of that table opposite to the reference to that part of the taxable income :—

First Column.						Second Column.
Parts of Taxable Income.						Rates.
						Pence in £
The part of the taxable income which—						
Does not exceed £100						1
	£			£		
Exceeds	100	but does not exceed		150		3
"	150	" " " "		200		7
"	200	" " " "		250		11
"	250	" " " "		300		15
"	300	" " " "		400		20
"	400	" " " "		500		26
"	500	" " " "		600		30
"	600	" " " "		700		34
"	700	" " " "		800		38
"	800	" " " "		900		42
"	900	" " " "		1,000		46
"	1,000	" " " "		1,200		52
"	1,200	" " " "		1,400		59
"	1,400	" " " "		1,600		65
"	1,600	" " " "		1,800		71
"	1,800	" " " "		2,000		77
"	2,000	" " " "		2,400		85
"	2,400	" " " "		2,800		92
"	2,800	" " " "		3,200		99
"	3,200	" " " "		3,600		105
"	3,600	" " " "		4,000		111
"	4,000	" " " "		4,400		117
"	4,400	" " " "		5,000		124
"	5,000	" " " "		6,000		132
"	6,000	" " " "		8,000		139
"	8,000	" " " "		10,000		145
"	10,000	" " " "		16,000		152
"	16,000	" " " "				160

Basic Tax and Contribution is payable on the whole of a person's taxable income if that taxable income exceeds £104.

Deduction for Residents of Isolated Areas. A deduction is available to individuals who reside in certain remote areas of the Commonwealth or its Territories. The areas are divided into two Zones—A and B. A resident of Zone A is allowed a deduction of £180 while a resident of Zone B is allowed £30. "Resident" for this purpose means a person who resides, whether continuously or not, in the relevant area for more than one half of the year of income.

Deduction for Members of Forces. A deduction of £180 is allowable to members of the Defence Forces who serve in certain specified overseas localities for a period of more than half of the year of income. A proportionate deduction is allowed if the service is of less duration than one half of the year.

Payment of Income Tax 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 Contribution Paid. The following table shows the number of taxpayers, taxable and contributable income received, and Income Tax and Social Services Contribution assessed during 1956-57 (based on incomes received during 1955-56). The particulars are classified according to grades of taxable and contributable income and relate only to individuals resident in Victoria:—

VICTORIA—INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION, 1956-57 *.

Grade of Income.	Tax-payers.	Taxable and Contributable Income.			Net Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessed.	
		Salaries and Wages.	Other.	Total.		
£	£	No.	£	£	£	
105- 199 ..		47,867	6,078,804	1,020,933	7,099,737	61,838
200- 299 ..		57,634	11,350,148	2,272,609	13,622,757	259,328
300- 399 ..		71,516	19,493,465	3,709,266	23,202,731	739,378
400- 499 ..		78,396	26,328,163	5,686,974	32,015,137	1,402,507
500- 599 ..		91,877	38,071,339	7,158,418	45,229,757	2,492,563
600- 699 ..		88,145	41,333,497	8,375,006	49,708,503	3,183,799
700- 799 ..		99,825	52,453,976	9,736,860	62,190,836	4,409,809
800- 899 ..		112,250	66,513,611	10,336,126	76,849,737	5,964,270
900- 999 ..		108,463	71,107,683	10,578,781	81,686,464	6,937,503
1,000-1,099 ..		89,542	63,791,517	10,275,897	74,067,414	6,825,013
1,100-1,199 ..		63,270	47,285,908	9,596,237	56,882,145	5,629,290
1,200-1,299 ..		45,354	35,123,082	9,001,456	44,124,538	4,663,013
1,300-1,399 ..		32,221	25,491,487	8,356,805	33,848,292	3,817,734
1,400-1,499 ..		22,316	17,750,749	7,737,771	25,488,520	3,070,161
1,500-1,999 ..		53,236	41,632,380	30,593,336	72,225,716	10,132,393
2,000-2,999 ..		28,040	20,498,232	35,760,259	56,258,491	10,532,971
3,000-3,999 ..		9,129	7,377,960	20,103,898	27,481,858	6,755,051
4,000-4,999 ..		4,250	4,102,574	12,811,679	16,914,253	4,928,420
5,000-9,999 ..		4,890	6,797,985	22,934,730	29,732,715	11,236,106
10,000-14,999 ..		672	1,595,710	5,819,129	7,414,839	3,541,104
15,000 and over		344	1,599,730	5,329,187	6,928,917	3,845,157
Total ..		1,109,237	605,778,000	237,195,357	842,973,357	100,427,408

* Excludes 5,872 Victorian Taxpayers who derived income tax from more than one State.

Company Tax. Rates of tax and contribution payable by a company other than a company in the capacity of Trustee, on incomes derived during the year ended 30th June, 1958 are as follows :—

1. In the case of a company (not being a private company, a co-operative company, a non-profit company or a life assurance company) which is a resident, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are :—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Six shillings and sixpence ; and
- (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—Seven shillings and sixpence.

2. In the case of a company (not being a private company, a co-operative company, a non-profit company or a life assurance company) which is a non-resident, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are :—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income consisting of dividends as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Five shillings and sixpence ;
- (b) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income not consisting of dividends as does not exceed the amount (if any) by which the taxable income consisting of dividends is less than Five thousand pounds—Six shillings and sixpence ; and
- (c) for every £1 of the part of the taxable income to which neither of the preceding sub-paragraphs of this paragraph applies—Seven shillings and sixpence.

3. In the case of a company which is a private company, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are :—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Four shillings and sixpence ;
- (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—Six shillings and sixpence ; and
- (c) for every £1 of the undistributed amount in respect of which the company is liable under section one hundred and four of the Assessment Act to pay additional tax—Ten shillings.

4. In the case of a company (not being a private company or a life assurance company) which is a co-operative company or a non-profit company, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are :—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Five shillings and sixpence ; and
- (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—Seven shillings and sixpence.

5. In the case of a non-profit company which is a friendly society dispensary, the rate of income tax and social services contribution is Five shillings and sixpence for every £1 of the taxable income.

6. In the case of a company (not being a private company) which is a mutual life assurance company, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are :—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Four shillings and sixpence ; and
- (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—Six shillings and sixpence.

7. In the case of a company (not being a private company) which is a life assurance company other than a mutual life assurance company, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are :—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the mutual income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Four shillings and sixpence ;
- (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the mutual income—Six shillings and sixpence.
- (c) if the company is a non-resident, for every £1 of so much of the taxable income, other than the mutual income, consisting of dividends as does not exceed the amount (if any) by which the mutual income is less than Five thousand pounds—Five shillings and sixpence.
- (d) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income, other than the amounts of income to which the preceding sub-paragraphs of this paragraph apply, as does not exceed the amount (if any) by which the total of those amounts is less than Five thousand pounds—Six shillings and sixpence ; and

- (e) for every £1 of the part of the taxable income to which none of the preceding sub-paragraphs of this paragraph applies—
Seven shillings and sixpence.

8. For every £1 of interest in respect of which a company is liable, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section one hundred and twenty-five of the Assessment Act, to pay income tax and social services contribution, the rate of income tax and social services contribution is Seven shillings and sixpence.

LAND TAX

State Land Tax. The *State Land Tax Act* 1928 provided for a tax on the unimproved value of land. For the purpose of this Act unimproved value is the estimated selling value of the land assuming that improvements, if any, had not been made. Thus tax is levied on land even if built on or otherwise improved, at a rate for every £1 of unimproved value declared for each year by Act of Parliament.

Rates of Tax. The *Land Tax (Exemptions and Rates) Act* 1953 No. 5764 provided for a rate of tax of one penny in the pound on the unimproved value of land not exceeding £8,750 and for a graduated increase in the rate on unimproved values in excess of £8,750. This rate has remained unaltered since 1953.

Exemptions. Under the provisions of the *Land Tax (Exemptions and Rates) Act* 1955 No. 5878, land not used primarily for primary production was exempted for land tax if the unimproved value of such land was not more than £1,000 and a partial exemption was allowed up to £1,200. The *Land Tax (Exemptions and Rates) Act* 1958 extended the exemption to £1,250 and the partial exemption to £1,500. On land used primarily for primary production the exemption is £3,000 with partial exemption up to £6,000.

The following table shows particulars, in specified groups of unimproved values of holdings, of Land Tax assessments for 1957 :—

VICTORIA—ANALYSIS OF STATE LAND TAX
ASSESSMENTS, 1957.

(Based on unimproved values as at 31st December, 1956.)

Unimproved Values of Holdings Ranging between—		Number of Taxpayers.	Total Amount of Unimproved Values.	Tax Payable.
£	£		£	£
1,001 to	1,500	29,917	36,211,718	119,189
1,501 "	2,000	13,836	22,495,774	92,792
2,001 "	3,000	12,376	30,170,496	109,366
3,001 "	4,000	11,354	37,525,147	92,737
4,001 "	5,000	8,073	32,550,271	118,760
5,001 "	6,000	5,484	28,390,083	115,123
6,001 "	7,000	3,922	24,755,591	98,533
7,001 "	8,000	2,704	19,593,116	86,016
8,001 "	9,000	1,861	15,573,132	63,117
9,001 "	10,000	1,504	14,289,655	60,077
10,001 "	15,000	3,924	46,872,933	264,102
15,001 "	20,000	1,429	24,385,407	148,784
20,001 "	25,000	767	15,109,787	119,775
25,001 "	30,000	382	10,374,802	80,035
30,001 "	35,000	265	8,782,398	77,582
35,001 "	40,000	97	3,610,716	33,605
40,001 "	50,000	219	9,699,137	102,170
50,001 "	75,000	297	18,005,371	233,119
75,001 "	100,000	130	10,967,112	191,087
100,001 "	150,000	105	12,380,737	254,109
150,001 "	200,000	43	6,882,841	178,681
200,001 and over	.. .. .	119	50,170,987	1,304,821
Total	.. .. .	98,808	478,797,211	3,943,580

In the following statement details are shown of the assessments made during each of the years 1953 to 1957 :—

VICTORIA—STATE LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS, 1953 TO 1957.

Year Ended 31st December—	Number of Taxpayers.	Total Tax Payable.	Average Tax Payable per Taxpayer.	Unimproved Value.
		£	£ s. d.	£'000
1953	225,988	1,520,824	6 14 7	409,541
1954	116,307	2,632,549	22 12 8	392,573
1955	137,077	3,249,321	23 14 1	463,459
1956	89,816	3,432,594	38 4 4	438,324
1957	98,808	3,943,580	39 18 3	478,797

Common-wealth Land Tax.

Up to and including the year 1951-52, the Commonwealth Government also levied land tax on the lands of the States. The *Land Tax Abolition Act* 1953 terminated the imposition of land tax from 1st July, 1952. However, when the legislation relating to land tax was repealed, provision was made for its continued operation in so far as it concerned assessments of land tax for 1951-52 and prior financial years.

PROBATE DUTIES.

Probate Duties. The *Administration and Probate Acts* Nos. 6191 and 6478 of 1958 fixed the rates of duty payable on the estates of deceased persons leaving property, whether real or personal, in the State of Victoria, and personal property wherever situated if the deceased was domiciled in Victoria at the date of death. The Acts provide for discriminatory rates of duty in favour of estates passing to close relatives. Categories of beneficiaries are:—

- (A) Widow, widower, children under 21 years of age, wholly dependent adult children, or wholly dependent widowed mother.
- (B) Children over the age of 21 years not being wholly dependent, or grandchildren.
- (C) Brothers, sisters, parents.
- (D) Other beneficiaries.

Probate Rates. The following is a brief summary of the rates applicable to estates passing to beneficiaries in the various categories. The rates are effective as from 1st December, 1958. For rates prior to that date see previous issues of *Victorian Year-Book*.

On that part of the final balance which—				The rate of duty per £1 shall be where the final balance passes to—			
				A.	B.	C.	D.
	£	Does not exceed	£	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Exceeds	600	but does not exceed	600	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
"	1,500	" " " "	1,500	Nil	Nil	12	18
"	5,000	" " " "	5,000	Nil	Nil	24	24
"	6,500	" " " "	6,500	18	24	36	42
"	10,000	" " " "	10,000	30	36	36	48
"	15,000	" " " "	15,000	18	24	30	42
"	25,000	" " " "	25,000	24	30	42	48
"	30,000	" " " "	30,000	30	36	48	48
"	35,000	" " " "	35,000	42	48	48	48
"	45,000	" " " "	45,000	48	54	60	60
"	55,000	" " " "	55,000	54	66	72	90
"	60,000	" " " "	60,000	60	72	72	90
"	65,000	" " " "	65,000	72	72	78	90
"	75,000	" " " "	75,000	84	84	90	90
"	85,000	" " " "	85,000	90	90	96	102
"	85,000	" " " "	94,667 (a)	90	..	..	..
"	85,000	" " " "	97,166 (b)	..	96	..	..
"	85,000	" " " "	113,840 (c)	..	..	102	..
"	85,000	" " " "	116,625 (d)	..	..	..	108
When the final balance exceeds (a.), (b.), (c.) or (d.) then the whole of the final balance is subject to a duty of				£22 10s. per £100	£25 per £100	£30 per £100	£33 per £100

Commonwealth Estate Duty. The Commonwealth Government also levies probate and succession duties. The amount of duty collected throughout Australia in each of the years 1953-54, 1954-55, 1955-56, 1956-57, and 1957-58 was £9,824,605, £9,613,948, £10,119,760, £12,712,152, and £13,773,826 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 1953-54 to 1957-58 was as follows:—

COMMONWEALTH, STATE, AND MUNICIPAL TAXATION IN VICTORIA PER HEAD OF POPULATION, 1953-54 TO 1957-58.

Authority.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.	1956-57.	1957-58.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Commonwealth * ..	101 3 5	103 2 11	107 15 0	115 4 8	119 3 8
State † ..	9 4 1	11 1 1	11 14 0	13 4 10	14 16 4
Total (Commonwealth and State) ..	110 7 6	114 4 0	119 9 0	128 9 6	134 0 0
Municipal ..	5 3 11	5 10 1	6 0 7	6 12 3	6 18 9
Grand Total ..	115 11 5	119 14 1	125 9 7	135 1 9	140 18 9

* 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, and Pay-roll Taxes, Social Services Contributions, Wool, Wheat, Tobacco and other charges on Primary Products, and Stevedoring Industry charge.

† Excluding payments by the Commonwealth under the *States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act* of 1946-48.

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 1953-54 to 1957-58. The information has been dissected in order to show separately the actual collections by each State and the amounts received by each State from the Commonwealth under the provisions of the *States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act* 1946-1948.

**STATE TAXATION COLLECTIONS—TOTAL AND PER HEAD
OF POPULATION, 1954 TO 1958.**

Year Ended 30th June—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total All States.
TOTAL COLLECTIONS.							
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1954	{ (a) 29,749	22,300	12,817	6,911	4,682	3,758	80,217
	{ (b) 47,733	29,352	19,257	10,384	9,023	4,066	120,415
1955	{ (a) 32,079	27,497	13,644	7,920	5,210	3,136	89,486
	{ (b) 50,697	32,397	20,898	11,414	10,238	4,403	130,047
1956	{ (a) 34,931	30,004	14,724	8,497	5,670	4,175	98,001
	{ (b) 54,209	36,044	22,518	12,681	11,252	4,874	141,578
1957	{ (a) 43,195	34,960	15,666	9,734	6,493	4,487	114,535
	{ (b) 58,342	40,228	24,367	14,049	12,251	5,385	154,622
1958	{ (a) 48,552	40,111	17,371	10,173	7,761	4,086	128,054
	{ (b) 61,721	43,996	25,919	15,259	13,061	5,864	165,820
PER HEAD OF POPULATION.							
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1954	{ (a) 8 14 9	9 4 1	9 17 1	8 15 10	7 8 5	12 2 11	9 0 3
	{ (b) 14 0 4	12 2 4	14 16 2	13 4 3	15 5 2	13 2 10	13 10 7
1955	{ (a) 9 5 5	11 1 1	10 5 11	9 16 2	8 0 7	10 0 4	9 17 11
	{ (b) 14 13 1	13 0 5	15 15 5	14 2 8	15 15 6	14 1 4	14 6 2
1956	{ (a) 9 18 3	11 14 0	10 17 8	10 3 7	8 9 6	13 1 7	10 11 7
	{ (b) 15 7 8	14 1 1	16 13 0	15 3 11	16 16 5	15 5 5	15 4 0
1957	{ (a) 12 0 9	13 4 10	11 7 0	11 6 0	9 9 9	13 15 2	12 0 3
	{ (b) 16 5 3	15 4 9	17 13 0	16 6 3	17 18 0	16 10 3	16 4 5
1958	{ (a) 13 5 5	14 16 4	12 7 7	11 9 8	11 2 3	12 4 7	13 2 9
	{ (b) 16 17 5	16 5 0	18 9 5	17 4 6	18 14 0	17 11 0	17 0 4

(a) State Taxation collections.

(b) Payments by the Commonwealth to the States under the *States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act of 1946-1948.*

The total taxation collected by the Commonwealth and all States for each of the years 1953-54 to 1957-58 is shown below :—

**COMMONWEALTH AND ALL STATES—TAXATION
COLLECTIONS, 1954 TO 1958.**

Year Ended 30th June—	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.	Taxation by all State Governments.*	Total Taxation.	
			Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1954	900,450	80,400	980,850	110 4 1
1955	937,613	89,486	1,027,099	112 19 10
1956	1,003,780	97,900	1,101,680	118 5 3
1957	1,098,736	114,535	1,213,271	127 4 11
1958	1,161,533	128,054	1,289,587	132 6 6

* Excluding payments by the Commonwealth to the States under the *States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act* of 1946-1948.

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.

Cost of Pensions and Gratuities. During the year 1957-58, the State Government expended a sum of £3,906,510 on pensions, gratuities, &c. Of this amount £10,962 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, the Coal Mine Workers' Pensions Fund, the Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund, and the Married Women Teachers' Pension Fund.

Act No. 5911 of 1955 (now incorporated in the *Superannuation Act* 1958 No. 6386) provided, amongst other things, for increases in the rates of non-contributory pensions. Payments were increased by one-seventh on pensions of not more than seven pounds per fortnight, while twenty six pounds per annum was added to pensions ranging between seven and fourteen pounds per fortnight. Where the fortnightly rate exceeded fourteen pounds but was less than fifteen pounds, the amount of pension was increased to fifteen pounds.

The following table gives details of the State Government expenditure on pensions for each of the years 1953-54 to 1957-58 :—

VICTORIA—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PENSIONS, GRATUITIES, ETC., 1954 TO 1958.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.
Non-Contributory Pensions, &c.—	£	£	£	£	£
Railways	15,955	11,449	7,643	6,224	3,511
Judges	3,250	3,863	2,574	2,981	4,276
Civil Service	380	380	128	..	..
Public Service	11,638	8,356	6,706	4,296	2,470
Education Department Officers Transferred to Common- wealth Service	540	540	521	194	..
Various Allowances, &c. ..	682	669	613	571	705
Total Non-contributory Pen- sions, Gratuities, &c. ..	32,445	25,257	18,185	14,266	10,962
Contributory Pensions—					
Police Superannuation Fund— Government Subsidy Transferred from Licensing Fund (Act No. 3717) ..	10,256	9,373	6,045	2,000	2,000
Fines	39,943	48,832	52,694	53,640	61,019
Total	73,199	81,205	81,739	78,640	86,019
Police Pensions Fund	552,230	619,378	722,675	758,700	782,000
The Superannuation Fund—					
Railways	1,135,563	1,204,077	1,571,488	1,614,730	1,709,112
Other	767,209	818,941	1,069,957	1,126,412	1,222,712
Total	1,902,772	2,023,018	2,641,445	2,741,142	2,931,824
Coal Mine Workers' Pensions Fund	82,780	69,839	62,329	67,625	66,640
Parliamentary Contributory Re- tirement Fund	6,738	8,191	15,586	17,796	18,632
Teaching Service (Married Women)	..	..	..	..	10,433
Total Contributory Pensions	2,617,719	2,801,631	3,523,774	3,663,903	3,895,548
GRAND TOTAL	2,650,164	2,826,888	3,541,959	3,678,169	3,906,510

This Fund is maintained by an annual subsidy of £2,000 from the Consolidated Revenue; by a moiety of the fines inflicted by the Court 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 1957-58, the total receipts of the fund from Government Revenue amounted to £86,019, while pension payments totalled £37,456. There was a balance of £177,508 in the fund at 30th June, 1958.

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.

The *Police Regulation Act* 1928 No. 3750 came into operation on 1st January, 1924, and provided *inter alia* for the establishment of the Police Pensions Fund to provide pensions for those members who joined the police force subsequent to 25th November, 1902. The principal provisions of the 1928 Act were published in the Year Book for 1928-29, page 100. The *Police Regulation Act* 1958, No. 6338 consolidated and amended the law dealing with the police force in Victoria and all amending legislation relating to the Police Pensions Fund is contained in this Act.

The receipts of the Police Pensions Fund during 1957-58 amounted to £1,263,772, comprising:—deductions from pay, £174,081; special appropriation, £782,000; interest on investments, £307,082, and other receipts, £609. During the year £480,859 was paid in pensions; £11,661 in gratuities; and £11,590 represented deductions from pay returned. There was a balance of £8,496,586 in the Fund at 30th June, 1958, of which £8,412,795 was invested.

The Superannuation 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 from it. Brief references to the more important amendments to that Act have been made in the *Year-Book* of 1928-29 and subsequent issues. Several important amendments affecting the fund are contained in Act No. 5911 of 1955. Under the provisions of this Act, the fortnightly rate of pension was increased by one-seventh where the amount payable did not exceed seven pounds per fortnight. Relative increases were also granted to pensions of £7 but not exceeding £16 per fortnight and the pension payable to the widow of a deceased pensioner was increased by twenty-five per cent. The *Superannuation Act* 1958 No. 6386 consolidated existing legislation relating to the fund.

The number of contributors to the fund at 30th June, 1958, was 41,902—36,013 males and 5,889 females.

During the year 1957-58, the receipts of the Superannuation Fund amounted to £6,652,299 consisting of contributions from officers, £2,600,265; from consolidated Revenue, £2,917,843*; interest on investments, £1,123,091; and other receipts, £11,100. The total payments from the fund during the year were £3,892,898, and comprised pensions, £3,729,175*; refund of contributions, £160,448; and other expenditure, £3,275. The balance in the fund at 30th June, 1958, was £26,777,299 of which £26,776,841 was invested.

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

This fund does not receive contributions from the Government, but is maintained by deduction from pilotage earnings and annual income derived from investment of moneys belonging to the Fund which, in 1957-58, amounted to £21,114 and £11,491 respectively. During the same period, £14,330 was expended on pensions and other expenditure amounted to £75.

**Coal Mine
Workers
Pensions Fund.**

This fund which was established under Act No. 4932 of 1942, provides 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.

All legislation affecting the Coal Mine Workers Pensions Fund up to 1st September, 1958 is contained in the *Coal Mines Act* 1958 No. 6221. This Act consolidated the law relating to coal mines and coal mine workers.

The Treasurer of Victoria is required to make an annual contribution to the fund equivalent to three-sevenths of the estimated amount necessary for the payment of pensions and other charges. The mine workers contribute one-fourth and the mine owners three-fourths of the balance.

During 1957-58 the Treasurer contributed £36,429 to the fund and the State Coal Mines (as owners), £30,211.

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

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. Under the provisions of the original Act members were obliged to contribute to the Fund at the rate of one pound per fortnight but amending Acts increased the fortnightly contribution to two pounds in 1948, three pounds ten shillings in 1951, four pounds in 1952, and six pounds as from 6th October, 1954. Since that date the rate of contribution has remained unchanged.

* This figure does not agree with that shown on page 293, which includes Consolidated Revenue's share of pensions accrued to 30th June.

Current legislation affecting the Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund is embodied in the *Constitution Act Amendment Act 1958 No. 6224*. This Act is included in the Consolidated Statute Law of Victoria.

When funds available are insufficient to pay pensions, &c., the additional amount required is paid from Consolidated Revenue.

Every person who has ceased to be a member and has served as a member for at least fifteen years, or for at least three 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 fulfil 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 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.

During the year ended 30th June, 1958, receipts of the fund amounted to £34,100, made up of contributions from members, £15,468, and Special Appropriations from Consolidated Revenue, £18,632. Pensions and lump sum payments from the fund amounted to £34,100.

Married Women Teachers' Pension Fund. This fund was established under the provisions of the *Teaching Service (Married Women) Act 1956 No. 6030* and came into full operation on 1st July, 1957. The fund is to provide retirement benefits for married women who are permanently employed in the teaching service. Receipts for 1957-58 amounted to £20,932, consisting of teachers' contributions, £10,433; contribution from Consolidated Revenue, £10,433; and interest on investments, £66. No payments were made from the fund during 1957-58.

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 1953 to 1957. 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, 1953 TO 1957.

Particulars.	Financial Year Ended in—				
	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.
<i>Revenue.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
State Government	100,894,076	110,860,910	122,425,854	129,256,334	141,788,999
Local Government	23,040,167	25,116,032	27,393,467	32,608,480	35,940,185
Semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies—					
Water Supply and Sewerage	4,935,638	5,927,137	6,516,640	7,466,776	8,670,652
Irrigation	170,523	167,324	152,060	122,781	145,971
Harbors	2,231,455	2,279,368	3,161,574	3,792,081	3,649,575
Tramways	6,728,204	6,679,570	6,535,514	7,244,150	7,709,672
Electricity Supply	20,736,565	23,680,979	26,781,826	31,101,979	36,641,800
Fire Brigades	797,708	956,719	1,728,068	1,090,420	1,482,075
Housing Commission	2,716,675	3,294,618	3,893,471	5,331,969	6,043,255
Grain Elevators Board	493,870	515,358	557,052	720,381	803,796
Western Metropolitan Mar- ket Trust	4,199	4,702	5,789	7,177	6,450
Gas and Fuel Corporation	7,964,651	8,161,501	8,418,413	8,724,599	9,181,439
Rural Finance Corporation	111,641	147,022	188,556	252,219	289,452
Total	170,825,377	187,791,240	207,755,284	227,719,346	252,353,321
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
State Government	101,259,300	110,149,781	121,089,131	132,501,834	146,100,465
Local Government	22,745,040	24,539,478	27,248,209	31,709,396	35,405,569
Semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies—					
Water Supply and Sewerage	5,046,458	5,487,273	6,163,431	7,443,358	8,505,958
Irrigation	180,902	166,530	112,062	83,901	156,913
Harbors	2,148,172	2,240,208	2,908,538	3,365,004	3,182,014
Tramways	6,879,618	6,960,206	7,039,066	7,994,489	8,790,924
Electricity Supply	18,823,770	21,821,484	25,641,436	28,989,515	33,757,192
Fire Brigades	735,136	890,732	1,106,064	1,136,118	1,349,354
Housing Commission	2,825,633	3,497,638	4,084,462	4,822,769	5,651,475
Grain Elevators Board	421,370	439,597	466,083	633,050	687,114
Western Metropolitan Mar- ket Trust	4,450	4,819	5,054	5,044	5,364
Gas and Fuel Corporation	7,793,626	7,988,244	8,260,279	8,541,679	9,001,548
Rural Finance Corporation	103,265	123,732	153,330	194,391	229,704
Total	168,971,740	184,309,722	204,277,145	227,420,548	252,823,504

PUBLIC DEBT.

The following statement shows the result of loan transactions, including Treasury Bonds in aid of revenue, to 30th June, 1958 :—

**Loans Raised
and
Redeemed.**

		£
Cash received	1,919,181,091
Discount and expenses after deducting premiums	11,628,748
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Securities issued	1,930,809,839
Loans redeemed by—		£
Renewal Loans and other State Funds, &c.	1,352,847,499
National Debt Sinking Fund	.. .. .	57,588,709
Liability transferred to Commonwealth Government Act No. 4246	2,160,960
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		1,412,597,168
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Loans outstanding at 30th June, 1958	518,212,671
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Repayable in—		
Australia	475,103,615
London	38,572,325
New York	4,536,731
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		518,212,671
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It will be seen that, upon the transactions to 30th June, 1958, securities representing £1,930,809,839 were issued, and that the amount of cash received was £1,919,181,091. The State thus received £99 7s. 11d. in cash for every £100 bond given.

Particulars concerning the due dates of loans outstanding at 30th June, 1958, 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, 1958.

Due Date (Financial Year).	Repayable in London.	Repayable in Australia.	Total.
	£	£	£
1958-59	13,316,800	31,932,400	45,249,200
1959-60 .. .. .	..	25,177,579	25,177,579
1960-61	637,575	49,720,474	50,358,049
1961-62	672,352*	13,616,729	14,289,081
1962-63 .. .. .	..	50,909,831	50,909,831
1963-64 .. .. .	..	23,535,409	23,535,409
1964-65 .. .. .	..	65,465,970	65,465,970
1965-66	1,859,400	42,186,784	44,046,184
1966-67	6,568,285†	29,334,714	35,902,999
1967-68	8,367,800	32,579,949	40,947,749
1968-69 .. .. .	..	55,276,887	55,276,887
1969-70	9,311,009‡	120,067	9,431,076
1970-71	272,064*	10,154,025	10,426,089
1971-72	1,014,076*	131,116	1,145,192
1972-73	1,089,695*	19,547,134	20,636,829
1973-74 .. .. .	..	143,182	143,182
1974-75 .. .. .	..	149,625	149,625
1975-76 .. .. .	..	20,714,609	20,714,609
1976-77 .. .. .	..	163,395	163,395
1977-78 .. .. .	..	170,748	170,748
1978-79 .. .. .	..	178,431	178,431
1979-80 .. .. .	..	186,461	186,461
1980-81 .. .. .	..	194,851	194,851
1981-82 .. .. .	..	203,620	203,620
1982-83 .. .. .	..	154,279	154,279
Not yet fixed .. .. .	..	3,155,346	3,155,346
Total	43,109,056	475,103,615	518,212,671

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

† Including £872,085 raised in New York.

‡ Including £616,459 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 on them 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 1953-54 to 1957-58 are shown on page 306.

Loans and
Interest
Payable in
London and
Australia.

All tables in the *Year-Book* dealing with 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 22½ per cent. of the interest rates payable on the then existing securities.

VICTORIA—PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE
IN LONDON AND AUSTRALIA, 1900 TO 1958.

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
1950	50,057,125	167,355,700	1,627,183	5,463,834
1955	47,952,849	363,246,192	1,557,903	13,254,120
1956	48,135,653	397,577,770	1,567,110	14,885,588
1957	42,263,282	439,555,392	1,423,007	17,305,907
1958	43,109,056	475,103,615	1,466,605	19,274,955

* Loans raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government are included as follows:—
(At 30th June) 1930, £4,658,461; 1935, £4,569,473; 1940 and 1945, £4,498,878; 1950, £4,516,725; 1955, £3,175,999; 1956, £3,430,802; 1957, £3,503,956; 1958, £4,536,731.

Rates of
Interest on
Public Debt.

The following tables show the rates of interest which were payable on the public debt at 30th June, 1958, and the portions of the debt at each rate in London and Australia respectively:—

VICTORIA—RATES OF INTEREST ON PUBLIC DEBT AT
30TH JUNE, 1958.

Rate of Interest.	Amount Repayable in—		
	London.	Australia.	Total.
Per cent.	£	£	£
5	1,014,076*	77,553,367	78,567,443
4 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,089,695*	7,183,000	8,272,695
4 $\frac{1}{2}$	272,064*	160,473,585	160,745,649
4 .. .. .	..	66,633,000	66,633,000
3 $\frac{7}{8}$ .. .. .	..	702,583	702,583
3 $\frac{3}{4}$	616,459*	16,001,000	16,617,459
3 $\frac{1}{2}$ .. .. .	..	107,000	107,000
3 $\frac{1}{4}$	19,885,085†	4,650	19,889,735
£3 9s. 9d. .. .. .	..	500	500
3 $\frac{1}{8}$	672,352*	..	672,352
3 $\frac{1}{4}$	9,332,125	30,331,985	39,664,110
3 $\frac{1}{8}$ .. .. .	..	110,661,184	110,661,184
£3 2s. .. .. .	..	284,890	284,890
3	10,227,200	1,133,908	11,361,108
£2 14s. 3d. .. .. .	..	125,060	125,060
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ .. .. .	..	1,525	1,525
£2 6s. 6d. .. .. .	..	667,714	667,714
1 .. .. .	..	3,238,664	3,238,664
Total	43,109,056	475,103,615	518,212,671
	%	%	%
Average rate of interest ..	3.400	4.057	4.003

* Raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government.

† Including £872,085 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 next 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 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 has increased during each of the ensuing years, and at 30th June, 1958 amounted to £518,212,671.

The tables in this *Year-Book* relating to the Public Debt of Victoria exclude loan advances made by the Commonwealth Government to Victoria for housing and soldier settlement. At 30th June, 1958, the total of such advances amounted to £111,779,703 of which £106,581,000 was for housing and £5,198,703 for soldier settlement. Repayments of the principal to 30th June 1958 were housing, £6,059,258 and soldier settlement, £30,223. The terms of the Commonwealth-State agreements provide for the repayment of the loans over a period of fifty-three years.

VICTORIA—GROWTH OF PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST, 1855 TO 1958.

Financial Year Ending in—	Loans Outstanding.			Amount per Head of Population.	
	Amount.	Annual Interest Payable.		Debt.	Annual Interest Payable.
		Total.	Average Rate.		
	£	£	%	£ 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
1950 ..	217,412,825	7,091,017	3.26	98 13 11	3 4 5
1955 ..	411,199,041	14,812,023	3.60	162 19 6	5 17 5
1956 ..	445,713,423	16,452,698	3.69	171 1 11	6 6 4
1957 ..	481,818,674	18,728,914	3.89	180 4 5	7 0 1
1958 ..	518,212,671	20,741,560	4.00	189 6 8	7 11 4

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

The following table shows the capital liability of the State at 30th June, 1958, for its public works 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, AND APPORTIONMENT OF THE STATE'S EQUITY IN THE NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND AT 30TH JUNE, 1958.

Works or Services.	Liability.	Deduction on Account of National Debt Sinking Fund.	Net Liability.
	£	£	£
Railways*—			
As reduced	119,588,252	12,846,374	106,741,878
Transferred	30,818,423	6,842,644	23,975,779
Country Waterworks	101,298,299	8,530,173	92,768,126
Electricity Supply	53,755,598	5,152,099	48,603,499
Land Settlement	23,109,643	7,404,559	15,705,084
Soldier Settlement	42,198,154	1,689,714	40,508,440
Grain Elevators Board	1,071,557	116,085	955,472
Housing Commission	1,161,323	150,070	1,011,253
Country Roads	17,255,514	2,844,924	14,410,590
Public Works, Building, &c.	122,087,379	4,730,424	117,356,955
Gas and Fuel Corporation of Victoria (including Shares)	12,057,894	359,250	11,698,644
Forests	13,121,734	741,758	12,379,976
Unemployment Relief	11,970,397	2,166,694	9,803,703
Rural Finance Corporation	7,386,746	163,897	7,222,849
In Aid of Revenue	19,197,531	3,910,082	15,287,449
Unapportioned	1,442,924	..	1,442,924
	577,521,368	57,648,747	519,872,621
Deduct—Exchange Premium	1,719,989	..	1,719,989
Total	575,801,379	57,648,747	518,152,632

* The *Railways (Finance 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".

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

Expenditure
from
Loan Funds.

have been repaid or are still in existence. The table shows the details for each of the years 1954-55 to 1957-58 and the total to 30th June, 1958 :—

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS, 1954-55 TO 1957-58.

Expenditure on—	During the Year Ended 30th June—				Total to 30th June, 1958.
	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Public Works—					
Railways*—					
As reduced	8,182,861	7,866,650	7,406,821	7,049,365	119,968,126†
Transferred	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	29,134,658
Country Roads	1,106,682	1,105,423	626,319	738,885	21,281,209
Bridges	19,195	374	106,867	844,661	1,448,192
Harbors and Rivers	287,742	402,852	299,240	290,031	3,906,749
Water Supply—					
Country	9,312,546	7,374,142	6,590,441	6,959,997	102,541,765‡
Metropolitan	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	3,142,577
Sewerage	252,439	406,055	1,008,270	500,322	2,698,676
Electricity Supply	2,000,000	1,000,000	3,400,000	3,200,000	50,689,227‡
Gas and Fuel Corporation	1,195,000	1,170,000	130,000	150,000	12,039,447
Public Buildings—					
Schools	5,374,199	6,885,264	7,440,218	7,858,134	52,768,447
Hospitals	4,790,005	5,124,361	5,900,688	5,900,056	40,021,814
Other	1,069,902	1,214,964	1,344,776	1,583,685	10,728,692
Other Public Works	182,900	290,675	371,423	299,552	3,673,847
Decentralization Fund .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	499,552
Immigration	15,814	2,407	.. ..	.. ..	239,924
Municipal Endowment .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	698,250
Municipalities, Loans, Grants, &c.	86,391	120,671	163,770	282,934	2,784,689
Housing	147,089	105,000	320,396	330,000	10,715,648
Unemployment Relief .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	13,147,158
Rural Finance Corporation	800,000	920,000	920,000	700,000	7,359,250
Primary Production—					
Land Settlement † .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	41,570,934
Soldier Settlement	4,998,769	3,899,992	3,579,996	3,599,292	54,230,884
Wire Netting Advances .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	3,060	1,044,925
Agriculture .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	211,168

* 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.

‡ Includes expenditure of £1,804,420 transferred to State Electricity Commission under Acts Nos. 5554 and 5864.

§ Includes expenditure of £176,870 transferred to State Electricity Commission under Act No. 6001.

|| Excludes expenditure mentioned in the two preceding notes.

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

Expenditure on—	During the Year Ended 30th June—				Total to 30th June, 1958.
	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.	
Primary Production (<i>continued</i>)—	£	£	£	£	£
Settlers Advances—					
Cultivation .. ..	..	..	..	..	2,620,806
Other .. .. .	..	..	..	..	119,568
Bulk Handling of Wheat	..	..	..	..	1,403,740
Forestry	898,598	799,922	749,881	616,425	16,147,141
Mining <i>n.e.i.</i>	7,194	12,283	142,453	22,432	676,433
Mining—State Coal Mine	..	..	..	..	352,757
Primary Products—					
Advances to Companies	..	..	..	..	331,101
Cool Stores—Advances to Companies	..	..	..	..	657,799
Drought, Flood, &c. Relief	..	..	50,000	120,972	1,195,383
Destruction of Vermin and Noxious Weeds	69,970	68,772	69,488	79,540	746,978
Other Primary Production	..	..	6,743	Cr. 2,286	172,319
Other Purposes	154,963	360,488	322,550	210,595	4,400,814
Total Works Expenditure ..	40,952,259	39,130,295	40,950,340	41,337,652	615,370,647
In Aid of Revenue .. ..	..	..	3,245,500	4,315,000	23,015,667
GRAND TOTAL	40,952,259	39,130,295	44,195,840	45,652,652	638,386,314

The figures in the foregoing table are "net" inasmuch as they exclude discounts and flotation expenses, particulars of which are as follows:— 1954–55, £241,799; 1955–56, £352,287; 1956–57, £1,648,409; 1957–58, £901,971. The aggregate at 30th June, 1958 was £11,628,748.

The amounts of interest and expenses paid on the Public Debt of Victoria during each of the financial years 1953–54 to 1957–58 are shown in the next table:—

Interest Paid on Loans.

VICTORIA—INTEREST AND EXPENSES OF PUBLIC DEBT,
1954 TO 1958.

Year Ended 30th June—	Interest Paid on Loans in—		Interest Paid on Temporary Loans.	Commission on Payment of Interest in London Expenses of Conversion Loans, &c.	Exchange on Payment of Interest in London.†	Total.‡
	London.*	Melbourne.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1954 ..	1,623,099	9,136,940	25,271	55,490	558,507	11,399,307
1955 ..	1,596,465	11,375,357	19,300	71,227	532,900	13,595,249
1956 ..	1,557,431	13,567,369	15,813	52,196	492,212	15,685,021
1957 ..	1,447,483	15,341,974	13,712	111,217	479,644	17,394,030
1958 ..	1,423,640	17,733,304	20,834	79,397	491,779	19,748,954

* Including interest paid on loans raised in New York—£166,335 for 1953-54; £144,670 for 1954-55; £109,832 for 1955-56; £121,795 for 1956-57; £141,740 for 1957-58.

† Includes exchange paid in respect of loans raised in New York—£193,863 for 1953-54; £169,246 for 1954-55; £129,964 for 1955-56; £142,865 for 1956-57; £163,830 for 1957-58.

‡ 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, 1947, these payments became a State liability. The following table gives particulars of the receipts and disbursements during the period 1st July, 1954 to 30th June, 1958.

	£
Balance at credit of Victoria at 30th June, 1954	592,642
Contributions during period—1st July, 1954 to 30th June, 1958—	£
By Commonwealth under Financial Agreement	4,061,216
,, State under Financial Agreement	14,517,224
	18,578,440
Interest received, 1st July, 1954 to 30th June, 1958	43,273
	19,214,355
Cancellation of securities to the value of £18,795,562 at the cost of	19,154,316
	60,039
Balance at credit of the State at 30th June, 1958	57,588,708
Face value of securities cancelled to 30th June, 1958	57,588,708
	57,648,747
Net credit to Victoria at 30th June, 1958	57,648,747

TRUST FUNDS.

At 30th June, 1958 the liability of the Treasurer on account of moneys lodged for investment and for securities and other lodgments amounted to £36,064,050. Investments in Australian Consolidated Inscribed Stock and other securities amounted to £18,243,687, and cash advances totalled £6,899,088. The balance—£10,921,275—was at the credit of the Public Account.

PUBLIC DEBT OF AUSTRALIA.

The public debts of the six Australian States aggregated £2,247,932,091 at 30th June, 1958. Details of the indebtedness for each State are shown in the following table. 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, 1958.

Particulars.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Public Debt	518,212,671	787,461,433	285,947,364	294,821,318	218,428,445	143,060,860
Debt per Head of Population at 30th June, 1958	£ s. d. 189 0 8	£ s. d. 213 9 0	£ s. d. 201 14 10	£ s. d. 328 15 4	£ s. d. 309 14 4	£ s. d. 426 10 4

**Commonwealth
Public Debt.** 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 £1,734,875,465 at 30th June, 1958. This total excludes War (1914-18) Debt, £79,724,220, due to the British Government. Repayment of this debt and payment of interest thereon was suspended in 1931. In issues of the *Year-Book* prior to 1951-52 this amount was included in the total Commonwealth Public Debt.

**Commonwealth
and States
Public Debt.** The total public debt of Australia—Commonwealth and States—at 30th June, 1958, was £3,982,807,556, of which £3,554,157,983 was payable in Australia, £318,420,064 in London, and £110,229,509 elsewhere overseas. The loan liability of the Australian public at 30th June, 1958, averaged £404 10s. 1d. per head of population.