

PART VIII.

INTERCHANGE.

COMMERCE.

The Customs Tariff. By the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (section 51) the power to make laws with respect to trade and commerce with other countries was conferred on the Federal Parliament, and by the same Act (section 86) the collection and control of duties of Customs and Excise passed to the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on the 1st January, 1901. The first Commonwealth Customs Tariff was introduced by Resolution on the 8th October, 1901, from which date the duties came into effect. The Tariff Act was assented to on the 16th September, 1902. Since that date the Tariff has been extensively altered. The Tariff at present in operation is the Customs Tariff 1933-1948.

The Australian Customs Tariff has been built up in conformity with the policy of protection of Australian industries and preference to goods the produce or manufacture of British countries, and with due regard to the revenue aspects. The principles for the determination of the margin of preference to be accorded to goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom are laid down in the *United Kingdom and Australia Trade Agreement Act 1932*, and by the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade. In the former Agreement Australia undertakes to maintain certain minimum margins of preference between the British Preferential Tariff and either the Intermediate or General Tariffs. In the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade which is referred to in more detail under the heading of Reciprocal Agreements, maximum margins of preference are established.

There are three scales of duties at present operating—the British Preferential Tariff, the Intermediate Tariff and the General Tariff.

British Preferential Tariff. The British Preferential Tariff applies to goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, subject to the conditions that the goods comply with the statutory requirements in force regarding the grant of British Preference and that they have been shipped in the United Kingdom and have not been transhipped or, if transhipped, then only if it is proved satisfactorily that the intended destination of the goods when shipped from the United Kingdom was Australia. The British Preferential Tariff rates are also applicable to the majority of goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominions of Canada and of New Zealand and a number of non-self-governing British Colonies and Protectorates is also now obtaining the benefits of the British Preferential Tariff in respect to certain specified goods.

Intermediate Tariff. The Intermediate Tariff—a feature of the Australian Customs Tariff until 14th October, 1932—was reintroduced on 28th November, 1935, insofar as certain items were concerned, in order to facilitate the implementation of trade agreements.

Consequent on its reintroduction, trade agreements were completed with the undermentioned countries, and the Intermediate Tariff, in respect of certain goods, became operative as indicated :—

Belgium, Czechoslovakia, and France (January, 1937),
Switzerland (December, 1938), Brazil (January, 1940),
Greece (June, 1940).

The benefits of the Intermediate Tariff may also be granted to countries by proclamation (i.e. without necessarily completing a formal trade agreement) and this was done in the case of the United States of America which became entitled to the Intermediate Tariff as from 18th February, 1943.

Since the 19th November, 1947, Australia has provisionally expanded the range of goods to which the Intermediate Tariff is applicable. This was a result of the international trade discussions held at Geneva during 1947, further details regarding which are shown in the part entitled “General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade” which is described under the section headed “Reciprocal Agreements”.

General Tariff. The General Tariff applies to all goods other than those to which the benefits of the British Preferential Tariff or Intermediate Tariff have been extended or which are not entitled to special rates of import duties under preference tariffs or other Acts of Parliament.

Reciprocal Agreements. A reciprocal trade agreement, under which special tariff rates are granted on certain goods the produce or manufacture of New Zealand, has been in force since 1922, the British Preferential Tariff being extended to all other New Zealand goods. A new agreement was made in 1933 and reviewed in 1934 and 1938. The schedule under which special rates are accorded certain goods the produce or manufacture of New Zealand is the Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1948.

In 1925, a trade agreement between Australia and Canada was consummated. As this, however, covered only a limited number of items, a new agreement under which practically all goods of Canadian origin were accorded preference was completed in 1931. Amendments were made to the latter agreement in 1934, 1936, 1938, and 1939. The schedules at present in operation are the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1931 and the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1948.

A reciprocal trade agreement was concluded with Newfoundland in 1939, providing for the grant of the British Preferential Tariff on newsprinting paper, the produce or manufacture of that country. In return, Newfoundland accords exclusive tariff preferences on Australian butter and canned fruits of 1 cent. per lb. and 10 per cent. ad valorem respectively.

A trade agreement with Southern Rhodesia became effective in April, 1941. Briefly, the agreement provides for concessional tariff treatment for Southern Rhodesian tobacco, raw asbestos and chrome ore, in return for which the Southern Rhodesian Government grants tariff concessions on a wide range of Australian primary and manufactured products.

In conformity with the *Customs Tariff (Papua and New Guinea) Act 1936*, certain specified goods, the produce of Papua and the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, are admitted into Australia free of duty. All other goods are admissible under the British Preferential Tariff.

In addition (as stated previously) reciprocal trade agreements have been concluded with Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Switzerland, Brazil, and Greece. An agreement was also concluded with the Union of South Africa in August-September, 1935.

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE.

Joint declarations by the United Kingdom and the United States of America during the war, in documents such as the Mutual Aid Agreement and the Atlantic Charter, embodied the principle that as soon as possible the trading nations of the world should meet to discuss, *inter alia*, the elimination of all forms of discriminatory treatment in international commerce and the reduction of tariffs and other trade barriers. The Commonwealth Government subscribed to these principles in 1942.

In 1946, preparatory work was commenced on two major aspects relating to world trade—

- (1) the formulation of rules of conduct for international trade ;
- (2) the reduction of tariff barriers.

With regard to (1), discussions took place in London, New York, Geneva, and Havana, and the ratification of a document referred to as the Havana Charter, for an International Trade Organization, is being considered by the Governments of the participating countries. Fuller details on this aspect are given in a later section entitled "International Trade Organization".

Question (2) was the subject of negotiation between 23 countries at Geneva during 1947. The results of these negotiations were embodied in a document entitled "General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade". The major portion of the agreement comprises schedules of tariff reductions which these countries negotiated with each other.

The concessions in duties under the Customs Tariff Act, which Australia negotiated, are shown in Schedule I. of the Agreement. Reductions were made in British Preferential Tariff rates, but the major variation lies in the extension of the most favoured nation treatment offered by Australia in the form of—

- (1) reduction in many Intermediate Tariff rates; and
- (2) a great increase in the range of goods which may be entered under the Intermediate Tariff.

Australia undertook provisionally to operate the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade from 19th November, 1947, but the question of general acceptance is still being considered by the Government. Eight of the other countries which took part in the discussions at Geneva are also provisionally operating the agreement and the concessions which they are affording Australia are shown in the relative schedules.

The Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act

Exchange Adjustment. 1933-1939 provided, *inter alia*, that when Australian Currency was depreciated to an extent of not less than 16½ per centum in relation to the Currency of the British country from which goods, covered by items specified in the schedule to that Act, were imported, a deduction from the amount of duty payable under the British Preferential Tariff (other than Primage duty) was to be made of:—

- (i) one fourth of that amount of duty; or
- (ii) twelve and one-half per centum of the value for duty, whichever was the less.

This provision was first introduced in 1933 in the light of Australia's foreign exchange position, as it was considered desirable that some form of automatic adjustment should be instituted in the event of an appreciation of Australian currency relative to British currency.

In 1936 a further method was evolved to compensate for exchange variations and provided for an automatic "exchange corrective" to tariff rates.

These two systems operated concurrently in relation to the assessment of duty but presented some anomalous aspects and led to a certain amount of confusion.

In 1947 action was taken to alter the basis of calculating value for duty of imports from sterling to Australian currency and the opportunity was taken concurrently of expressing rates of duty at their net level under existing exchange conditions. Rates of duty were adjusted by Customs Tariff Proposals No. 2 and Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Proposals No. 1 of 14th November, 1947, and, as far as practicable, the new net rates were made the same as operated previously. The rates were, however, adjusted to the nearest multiple of 2½ per centum.

The effect of these alterations taken together is to leave the amount of duty payable unchanged apart from some slight modifications resulting from the adjustment up or down to the nearest $2\frac{1}{2}$ per centum. Exchange adjustment was abolished by the *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Repeal Act 1948*.

Primage Duty. In addition to duties imposed by the Customs Tariff 1933-1948, ad valorem primage duties at rates of 4 per cent., 5 per cent., or 10 per cent. are charged according to the type of goods and origin thereof. Goods, the produce or manufacture of New Zealand, Norfolk Island, Fiji, Papua, or the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, are exempt from primage duty, as are a number of specified goods for use by primary producers, whilst many machines, tools of trade and raw materials not manufactured in Australia are also free of primage duty. Primage duties at the rates applicable to the British Preferential Tariff are accorded to Canadian goods admissible under the British Preferential Tariff, and also to proclaimed commodities from the British non-self-governing colonies and protectorates. Primage duties at concessional rates (in most cases at the rate equivalent to the British Preferential Tariff rate) are payable on a limited number of goods the product of proclaimed countries, included among which is the United States of America.

Recorded Value of Imports and Exports. The recorded value of goods imported represents the amount on which duty is payable or would be payable if the duty were charged ad valorem. Such amount is—

- (a) (i) The actual money price paid or to be paid for the goods by the Australian importer plus any special deduction, or
- (ii) the current domestic value of the goods—
whichever is the higher—and
- (b) all charges payable or ordinarily payable for placing the goods free on board at the port of export.

When the value of imported goods is shown on invoices in any other currency than Australian, the equivalent value in Australian currency is ascertained according to the commercial rates of exchange.

The value of goods exported, including the cost of containers, is recorded in Australian currency, and the basis of this valuation is as follows :—

- (a) *Goods sold to overseas buyers before export.*—The f.o.b. equivalent of the price at which the goods were sold—
(e.g., as regards wool, the actual price paid by the oversea buyer plus the cost of all services incurred by him in placing the wool on board ship).

(b) *Goods shipped on consignment.*—The Australian f.o.b. equivalent of the current price offering for similar goods of Australian origin in the principal markets of the country to which the goods are despatched for sale—

(as regards wool, the equivalent f.o.b. of the current price ruling in Australia will normally provide a sufficient approximation of the f.o.b. equivalent of the price ultimately received).

Excise Tariff. The Excise Tariff in operation is the Excise Tariff 1921-1948.

This tariff relates only to beer, spirits, tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, certain petroleum or shale products, coal tar and coke oven distillates, aromatic hydrocarbons and light oils (not being petroleum or shale products) suitable for use as petrol substitutes, amylic alcohol, fusel oil, concentrated grape must, playing cards, cigarette tubes, cigarette papers, matches, wine, saccharin, snuff, and wireless valves.

**Exports—
Monetary
Control.
“Banking
Act 1945.”**

Part III. of the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations superseded Part IIA. of the National Security (Exchange Control) Regulations as from 1st January, 1947, in the control of proceeds of exports. As was the case with the superseded regulations, these new regulations under the *Banking Act 1945*, are designed primarily to control the exportation of capital in the form of goods. They are complementary to the action taken under the other parts of the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations to control the movement out of Australia of capital in the form of securities, gold and currency, and ensure that the full proceeds of goods exported from Australia are received into the Australian banking system and that these proceeds are received in the currency and in the manner prescribed by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Provision is made in the regulations for the grant of export licences subject to such terms and conditions as are imposed; and, on the receipt in Australia by the Commonwealth Bank or by a bank acting as agent for that Bank, of advice that the foreign currency has been paid to the Commonwealth Bank or to an agent of the Bank in respect of any goods exported in pursuance of a licence granted under the regulations, the Bank or agent of the Bank pays the licensee or such other person as is entitled to receive it, an amount equal to the value of that foreign currency converted into Australian currency at the rate of exchange fixed or authorized by the Bank and in force for the time being.

Section 16, Part III. of the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations provides that:—

- (1) A person shall not export any goods unless—
- (a) a licence under this Part to export the goods is in force and the terms and conditions (if any) to which the licence is subject are complied with; or
 - (b) the goods are excepted from the application of this Part.

**Exports—
Commodity
Control.**

For various reasons, the principal of which are to—

- (a) conserve supplies of essential commodities for Australia's requirements;
- (b) implement price determinations;
- (c) control exports of goods which are the subject of Empire Marketing Agreements;
- (d) strengthen the control of the exportation of capital in the form of goods instituted by Part III. of the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations;

the exportation of certain commodities is prohibited by the Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations and by Customs Proclamations promulgated under Section 112 (1A) (Wartime Export Restrictions) of the Customs Act. Exports of these commodities are permitted only when supplies are available for the purpose and the conditions imposed are complied with by the exporter.

**The Customs
(Import
Licensing)
Regulations.**

A comprehensive statement of the basic principles and procedure of the Customs (Import Licensing) Regulations is shown in the *Year-Book* for 1944-45, pages 88 to 90.

As exchange difficulties are still current it has been found necessary to continue the control of imports. The measure of control varies according to the exchange position of a country. At present the currencies of the world fall within four distinct categories, viz. :—

Dollar Area.—Imports are restricted to commodities necessary for the Australian economy and which are not available from non-dollar areas.

Hard Currency Countries.—Imports are restricted to essential commodities not available from "easy" currency countries or from sterling areas.

Easy Currency Countries.—Fairly liberal treatment is now accorded imports from such countries.

Sterling Area.—There has been a general relaxation on the control of goods of sterling origin.

During the war the Commonwealth Government found it necessary to purchase overseas a considerable quantity of commodities for civilian use. With the exception of a few isolated cases this procedure has ceased and overseas trade has reverted to normal practice.

Trading with the Enemy. Under the *Trading with the Enemy Act* 1939-47, machinery was set up to cut off all trade which might directly or indirectly benefit the enemy.

The trading with the enemy ban applies to transactions with all enemy countries except such transactions as are exempted by licence from the provisions of the *Trading with the Enemy Act* 1939-1940, and, while the Act technically still applies to trade with such countries, Licences under the Act have been issued authorizing trade therewith.

Enemy countries are Germany, Italy, Roumania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Finland, and Japan.

The Tariff Board. *The Tariff Board Act* 1921-1947 provides for the appointment by the Governor-General of a Tariff Board. The Act came into operation in March, 1922.

The Board consists of four members, one of whom is an administrative officer of the Department of Trade and Customs and may be Chairman. The Governor-General appoints the Chairman, who convenes all sittings of the Board. The principal duties of the Board are shown in the *Year-Book* for 1941-42, pages 168 and 169.

Lend Lease and Reciprocal Aid. Details of the basic principles behind the supply of Lend Lease and Reciprocal Aid are contained in pages 316 to 323 of the *Year-Book* for 1942-43. The supply of goods under Lend Lease and Reciprocal Aid arrangements ceased officially at midnight on VJ day (2nd September, 1945).

Lend Lease Settlement. An Agreement between Australia and the United States on settlement of Lend Lease, Reciprocal Aid, Surplus War Property and Claims was signed on 7th June, 1946. The main provisions of the Settlement Agreement were as follows:—

- (a) *Lend Lease and Reciprocal Lend Lease Supplied up to VJ Day* (2nd September, 1945). In recognition of the mutual wartime benefits received from the interchange of Lend Lease and Reciprocal Aid the Agreement provided that neither Government would make any payment to the other for Lend Lease and Reciprocal Aid goods and services used in the achievement of the common victory.

- (b) *Lend Lease "Pipe-Line"*.—The U.S. Government agreed to complete the transfer to Australia of the goods selected by the Commonwealth Government from those which were in course of Lend Lease procurement on VJ day.
- (c) *Reciprocal Aid "Pipe-Line"*.—The Commonwealth Government agreed to make no charge for any goods transferred to the American Armed Forces between 2nd September, 1945, and 31st December, 1945, which were in the categories previously transferred under Reciprocal Aid.
- (d) *Overall Payment of \$27,000,000*.—The Commonwealth Government agreed to pay to the United States Government the sum of \$27,000,000 in consideration of:—
- (i) the post-war value of Lend Lease machine tools ;
 - (ii) the post-war value of other Lend Lease capital equipment including specified non-combat aircraft held by the R.A.A.F. ; and
 - (iii) the transfer of United States Government surplus property to a total value of \$6,500,000 in accordance with the terms of the Settlement.

An amount of \$20,000,000 will be paid to the United States Government. The remaining \$7,000,000 is to be paid by delivery to the United States Government of title to real property and improvement to real property in Australia to a total value of not more than \$62,000,000 and by establishment of a fund in Australian pounds for expenditure by the United States Government under agreements to be reached between the two Governments for carrying out educational and cultural programmes of mutual benefit.

- (e) *Claims against the United States Government*.—The Commonwealth Government agreed to assume responsibility for the settlement of all claims against the United States Government or members of the American Armed Forces arising from acts or omissions occurring before 30th June, 1946, in the course of military duties of members of the American Armed Forces in Australia.
- (f) *Other Claims*.—It was agreed that the settlement should be complete and final and that no further benefits would be sought by either Government in consideration for Lend Lease, Reciprocal Aid and surplus war property, or for the settlement of claims or other obligations arising out of the war except as specifically provided in the Settlement Agreement.

The total value of Lend Lease received by Australia was about \$1,500,000,000, while total Reciprocal Lend Lease from Australia to the United States was approximately £A285,000,000.

Canadian Mutual Aid Act and the Australia-Canada Mutual Aid Agreement.

The *Year-Book* for 1943-44 (pages 125-6) set out the basis for the provision to Australia of supplies and services under the Canadian Mutual Aid Act and for the supply to Canada under the Australia-Canada Mutual Aid Agreement of such assistance as might be required.

The supply of goods under the above Act and Agreement ceased on VJ Day (2nd September, 1945). The amount of aid given by Australia under the Agreement was small.

The final report of the Canadian Mutual Aid Board which administered the provisions of the Canadian Mutual Aid Act gives the following particulars of the goods and services supplied by Canada to Australia during the currency of the Mutual Aid arrangements:—

**MUTUAL AID DISBURSEMENTS FOR AUSTRALIA
NOVEMBER, 1943—SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1945.**

	Total Millions. \$
Aircraft and parts	12·547
Automotive equipment and mechanical transport	18·237
Armoured vehicles	·428
Chemicals and explosives	·250
Guns and small arms	·442
Shells and ammunition	·006
Merchant vessels, construction and repairs	2·162
Naval vessel equipment	·173
Cloths, clothing and fabrics	·638
Electrical, radio and telephone equipment	3·945
Lumber and other construction material	5·037
Machine tools, stores and miscellaneous	2·152
Aluminium and base metals	·387
Fish and products	·654
Oats	·967
Asbestos	·974
Paper and products	3·535
Fertilizers and chemicals	·964
Farm machinery	·739
Miscellaneous	1·264
Freight—inland and ocean	7·649
British Commonwealth Air Training Plan	27·975
Total	\$91·125

In general, title to goods delivered to Australia under Canadian Mutual Aid up to VJ Day passed to the Commonwealth Government and no financial settlement has been required for them. However, the Canadian Mutual Aid Act did not permit the transfer of title to ships made available under Mutual Aid and in consequence a coastal ship received by Australia from Canada under Mutual Aid provisions was formally returned to the Canadian Government which subsequently declared it surplus and sold it to an Australian Shipping Company.

The Inter-national Trade Organisation. Joint declarations during the war, such as the Mutual Aid Agreement and the Atlantic Charter by the United Kingdom and the United States of America envisaged the establishment, on the return to peace, of a body to promote economic collaboration and co-operation between the trading nations of the world.

In December, 1945, the United States of America issued invitations to leading trading nations to participate in preliminary negotiations with a view to drawing up a draft Charter, incorporating rules to govern the future conduct of International trade for submission to a world conference on Trade and Employment. This, it was contemplated, would be called at a later date by the United Nations with the aim of establishing an International Trade Organization.

This particular conference did not eventuate but, after the establishment of the United Nations Organization, the proposed Charter negotiations were brought under United Nations auspices at the first meeting of the Economic and Social Council in February, 1946.

The Council resolved to call at a later date an International Conference on Trade and Employment and established a Preparatory Committee to prepare in the meantime an annotated draft agenda for consideration by the conference. The Preparatory Committee was also asked to recommend a suitable time and place for the World Conference and which States should be invited.

The Preparatory Committee held two sessions: the first in London in 1946 and the second in Geneva in 1947.

As a result, a draft Charter for an International Trade Organization was prepared for consideration by an International Conference on Trade and Employment which the Preparatory Committee recommended should be held at Havana, Cuba, commencing on 21st November, 1947.

The representatives of 56 nations met at the World Conference and evolved a final text entitled the Havana Charter for an International Trade Organization.

The Charter provides for the setting up of an International Trade Organization as a new specialized agency of the United Nations.

The aims of the Organization include the increase of international trade, the improvement of the lot of the ordinary man, the promotion of employment, and the development of areas which are economically undeveloped.

The Charter is divided into nine chapters which, in addition to those dealing with the administrative arrangements of the Organization, cover an extensive range of subjects connected with international trade, such as most favoured nation treatment, quantitative restrictions, subsidies, state trading, customs union and free trade areas, restrictive business practices, and inter-governmental commodity arrangements. Whilst exceptions from the rules of conduct in these matters are necessarily provided to meet the particular circumstances of varied economics in the participating nations or groups of nations, a broad delineation of trade policy is clearly evident.

The Charter upholds the principle of multi-lateral trade and the International Trade Organization itself will provide a forum for the consideration of common problems in a conciliatory spirit and lead nations away from the exclusive trading blocs which have proved so politically and economically expensive in the past.

The Charter has not yet come into force. With one or two exceptions, Nations participating at the Havana Conference agreed to submit the text to their respective Governments for consideration. The International Organization will come into force when the Charter has been accepted by at least twenty-eight countries signatory to the Final Act at Havana. If twenty-eight have not accepted by 24th March, 1949, the Charter will be brought into force when the number of ratifications has reached twenty.

Variation in External Exchange Position. As the values of imports in subsequent tables are shown in British currency, it is necessary, when estimating the balance of trade between Victoria and other countries, to take the rate of exchange into consideration. The telegraphic transfer selling rate for £100, Australia on London, which had reached £130 10s. on 29th January, 1931, was reduced to £125 10s. on 3rd December, 1931, since when the rate has remained unchanged.

Overseas Trade of Victoria. The total values of overseas trade to and from Victorian ports for each of the five years 1941-42 to 1945-46 are set forth in the following table. Imports for which Customs entries have been delayed by war conditions, have been recorded in the year in which the entry has been passed. Exports do not include the value of stores shipped at Victorian ports on board overseas ships, particulars of which are shown on page 373.

OVERSEA TRADE.—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO
AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1941-42 TO
1945-46.

Year ended 30th June.				Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.*	Total.
IMPORTS (BRITISH CURRENCY).						
				£	£	£
1942	..	..	..	59,054,017	727,001	59,781,018
1943	..	..	..	109,471,254	961,790	110,433,044
1944	..	..	..	89,214,923	1,037,389	90,252,312
1945	..	..	..	64,507,613	260,929	64,768,542
1946	..	..	..	53,952,607	95,742	54,048,349
EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY).†						
				£	£	£
1942	..	..	..	42,622,218	135	42,622,353‡
1943	..	..	..	34,549,851	..	34,549,851‡
1944	..	..	..	36,546,893	..	36,546,893‡
1945	..	..	..	40,070,161	..	40,070,161‡
1946	..	..	..	49,505,101	26,411,264	75,916,365

* Includes gold, silver, and bronze specie, and gold and silver bullion.

† Estimated British Currency values in each year were £34,030,000 in 1941-42; £27,585,000 in 1942-43; £29,179,000 in 1943-44; £31,992,000 in 1944-45; and £60,626,000 in 1945-46.

‡ Exclusive of Victoria's portion (which is not available) of exports on Government account estimated for Australia at £A.12,600,000 in 1941-42, £A.2,500,000 in 1942-43, £A.10,000,000 in 1943-44, and £A.2,000,000 in 1944-45.

That portion of the value of Commonwealth trade handled at Victorian ports for each of the five years 1941-42 to 1945-46 is shown in the table which follows:—

Year ended 30th June.	Commonwealth Trade—				Portion of Commonwealth Trade Handled at Victorian Ports—		
	Imports.	Exports.		Total British Currency.	Imports.	Exports.	Total.
		Australian Currency.	British Currency.				
£	£A	£	£	%	%	%	
1942	152,004,900	168,977,284	134,926,676	286,931,576	39·3	25·2	32·7
1943	214,442,239	123,057,238	98,249,291	312,691,530	51·5	28·1	44·1
1944	214,224,533	146,681,650	117,111,097	331,335,630	42·1	24·9	38·3
1945	188,483,095	155,271,489	123,969,252	312,452,347	34·5	25·8	31·0
1946	156,780,815	223,287,610	178,315,714	335,096,529	34·5	34·0	34·2

**Recorded
Values of
Principal
Imports.**

The recorded values of the principal articles imported from oversea countries into Victorian ports during each of the five years 1942-46 are shown in the order in which they appear in the statistical classification of 21 categories.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

(British Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS	£	£	£	£	£
Cheese	3,645	18,796	1	..	3,136
Fish—					
Preserved in Tins	58,444	115,913	92,582	18,960	117,416
All other	74,816	74,491	77,777	73,537	94,438
Meats	135,483	89,091	47,636	117,069	48,950
All other Animal Foodstuffs ..	26,736	9,692	4,436	3,676	23,618
Total, Class I.	299,124	307,983	222,432	213,242	287,558
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.					
Caramel, Cocoa Butter, &c. ..	3,401	561	..	..	..
Cocoa and Chocolate	86,316	133,405	118,302	160,685	219,463
Coffee and Chicory	47,876	297,619	206,249	244,961	109,788
Confectionery	1,589	1,064	..	..	35
Fruits, Dried	19,081	11	..	42,010	32,343
Fruits, Fresh	93	307	..	189	302
Fruits, Preserved	1,067	57	..	..	..
Grain and Pulse—					
Peas	21,195	81,244	61,714	21,708	28,447
Rice	4,337	..	..	..	..
All other	58,174	38,441	19,242	17,796	311,441
Hops .. . . .	..	1,006	4,610	2,290	17,814
Nuts, Edible	49,778	9,587	8,945	8,358	67,617
Pickles and Sauces	961	45	8	3,300	4
Sago and Tapioca	15,661	..	..	..	..
Seeds	24,693	93,811	35,289	93,089	558
Spices	45,080	81,252	54,675	76,941	138,900
Tea	1,257,495	1,394,650	1,249,121	1,324,129	1,576,899
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs ..	44,969	19,011	17,357	31,547	67,399
Total, Class II.	1,681,766	2,152,071	1,775,512	2,027,003	2,571,010

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1941-42 TO 1945-46—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.	£	£	£	£	£
Ale, Beer, and Porter, &c. ..	2,903	2,792	13	38	57
Spirits (Beverages)—					
Brandy .. .. .	..	18	..	..	3
Gin	1,141	99	6	31	18
Whisky	66,004	18,382	10,748	52,096	44,238
Other	4,332	269	75	2,652	16
Wine (Fermented)—					
Sparkling	20	50	..	..	..
Other	314	..	9	..	..
Total, Class III.	74,714	21,610	10,851	54,817	44,332
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.					
Tobacco—					
Manufactured	4,561	1,801	..	1	2,332
Unmanufactured	422,156	385,216	1,335,813	1,085,929	1,661,120
Cigars	160	163	..	14	2
Cigarettes	12,392	16,674	119	452	3,362
Snuff	428	..	..	..	234
Total, Class IV.	439,697	403,854	1,335,932	1,086,396	1,667,050
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	7,290	3,643	18,414	27,536	76,646
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds ..	18,538	17,515	21,081	33,869	*
Hides and Skins—					
Hides (Calf, Cattle, and Horse)	62,904	177,887	88,667	101,948	212,940
Skins (Goat)	19,945	22,452	17,476	13,305	20,869
Other	5,962	821	866	2,185	161,927
Silk, Raw	88,914	13,266	..	34,870	2
Wool	82,650	11,945	37,225	40,215	4,791
All other Animal Substances ..	46,540	8,370	7,822	9,772	38,775
Total, Class VI.	325,453	252,256	173,137	236,164	439,304
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.					
Fibres—					
Cotton, Raw	428,114	312,796	252,303	508,763	486,767
Flax and Hemp	155,310	151,489	68,397	233,156	196,334
Jute	197,775	82,084	209,888	187,002	137,847
Kapok	64,342	11,057	3,240	11,319	20,199
All other	91,322	104,854	58,651	102,760	101,959
Grass or Straw, for hatmaking, furniture, mats, &c. ..	4,396	47	12,327	13,119	38,167
Gums, Resins, and Balsams ..	234,563	266,087	256,971	419,948	139,935†
Plastic Materials .. .. .	..	..	..	..	726,198
Seeds	152,057	323,555	329,653	365,331	583,326
Tanning Substances	98,667	69,840	111,962	113,077	116,934
Cork and Cork Manufactures ..	57,823	67,579	35,373	60,331	71,615
All other Vegetable Substances ..	10,619	7,665	6,081	7,059	52,226
Total, Class VII.	1,494,993	1,397,053	1,344,846	2,021,865	2,671,507

* Included in Class XIX. † Excluding Plastic Materials. ‡ Included with Gums and Resins.

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INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1941-42 TO 1945-46—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£	£
CLASS VIII.—(a) YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) APPAREL.					
<i>(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres.</i>					
Bags and Sacks—					
Bran, Chaff, and Compressed					
Fodder	71,381	128,139	108,029	110,235	87,705
Corn and Flour	708,283	860,260	180,986	454,248	393,263
All other	144,546	510,797	326,745	320,485	52,250
Cordage and Twines (excluding Metal Cordage)	183,567	236,518	410,787	45,908	165,689
Yarns—					
Artificial Silk	841,889	594,082	584,216	637,849	869,446
Cotton	604,055	797,579	807,193	1,379,464	754,149
Sewing and other Cotton Threads, &c.	302,979	328,650	263,037	287,341	215,775
Wool	33,403	6,075	5,519	5,462	11,991
Other	33,816	12,877	31,549	48,629	56,026
<i>(b) Textiles.</i>					
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck	348,228	643,662	1,732,035	557,569	409,918
Cotton and Linen	3,157,410	2,990,771	5,570,954	8,310,298	3,609,429
Hessians and other Jute Piece Goods	391,500	499,698	879,239	322,219	357,401
Silk and Artificial Silk	1,984,550	1,898,855	2,065,814	2,791,767	2,590,669
Velvets, Velvetens, Plushes, &c.	204,418	88,353	4,583	15,020	10,945
Woolen	417,204	62,765	57,503	214,770	132,328
Other	469,839	610,983	444,435	643,701	233,195
Floor Coverings—Carpets, Linoleums, Mats, &c.	814,485	45,269	1,979	31,576	313,813
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton and Linen	148,567	99,442	48,250	39,282	68,899
Tents and Sails	40	52,043	660,568	79	222,031
Towels and Towelling	191,362	125,167	56,569	123,179	130,182
All other Textiles	241,451	425,642	293,249	182,582	303,984
<i>(c) Apparel.</i>					
Boots and Shoes	21,260	15,047	969	12,812	7,695
Corsets	4,486	..	699	20,293	20,396
Furs and other Skins—Dressed	33,994	13	..	..	30,274
Gloves	266,365	7,678	147	4,981	70,536
Hats and Caps	43,009	1,396	4,611	13,768	40,177
Hosiery and Knitted Apparel (including Socks and Stockings)	30,767	..	12	325	63
Lace for Attire, Lace Flouncings, &c.	174,933	29,830	18,895	6,502	143,103
Shirts, Pyjamas	393	..	5,331	220,515	16,865
Men's and Boys' Outer Garments	45,916	1,597	..	83,236	7,037
Trimmings	155,266	232,350	200,703	148,095	141,743
Other	547,481	108,929	270,698	153,115	113,806
Total, Class VIII.	12,616,843	11,414,476	15,035,304	17,185,275	11,581,103

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INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1941-42 TO 1945-46—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.	£	£	£	£	£
Oils—					
Kerosene, &c.	270,941	210,894	263,034	359,163	413,839
Lubricating (Mineral)	428,027	756,210	1,020,190	309,343	507,707
Petroleum, Crude	230,738	1	1	2,454	16,374
Petroleum and Shale Spirit	1,721,380	1,606,861	1,773,914	1,321,094	2,009,590
Residual and Solar	545,415	448,460	481,523	573,037	738,940
Other	156,302	127,739	103,646	174,175	104,191
Paraffin	140,856	71,603	70,648	79,079	56,353
All other Fats and Waxes	88,896	70,305	66,030	130,154	217,927
Total, Class IX.	3,582,555	3,292,073	3,778,985	2,953,499	4,064,921
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	259,658	195,443	169,467	177,722	331,416
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ORES AND CONCENTRATES, AND HYDROCARBONS.					
Sulphur (Brimstone)	113,967	44,049	50,690	85,222	147,767
All other Rocks, Minerals, &c.	336,997	391,989	268,023	353,427	254,560
Total, Class XI.	450,964	436,038	318,713	438,649	402,327
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, AND MACHINERY.					
(a) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures, (except Electric Appliances and Machinery).</i>					
Aluminium	181,292	507,633	934,368	106,068	63,487
Copper and Copper Manufactures (except Wire)	773,067	1,270,181	9,280	7,097	9,323
Gas Appliances	32,346	13,139	14,166	7,615	34,770
Iron and Steel—					
Bar, Rod, Hoop, Ingots, Blooms, &c.	356,164	610,964	349,004	192,813	112,301
Plate and Sheet	2,367,991	1,733,359	2,548,754	2,365,458	1,979,697
Other	112,847	83,234	39,222	5,050	19,907
Lamps and Lampware	52,895	35,759	26,496	41,058	26,089
Nickel	397,211	88,204	2,181	5,275	3,152
Pipes and Tubes	40,052	19,239	57,964	33,574	40,217
Plated Ware and Cutlery	209,572	138,026	124,245	128,948	183,075
Tools of Trade (not being Machines)	378,050	575,277	777,848	892,898	541,455
Vehicles—					
Motor Cycles, Tricycles, &c.	127,126	354,769	249,690	144,632	25,403
Bodies for Motor Cars, &c.	2,346	56,775	17,491	541	24,484
Chassis for Motor Cars, &c.*	2,814,678	2,888,882	1,229,298	740,023	2,945,858
Aircraft and Parts	11,150,306	14,025,643	11,449,186	5,386,497	2,977,073
Other Vehicles and Parts	827,807	16,073,651	13,870,943	5,010,088	365,761
Wire	226,041	323,501	177,367	163,077	308,306
All other Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery	776,824	781,488	814,201	581,921	553,194

* Including complete motor cars, trucks, and ordnance vehicles.

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Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—<i>continued.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
<i>(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment.</i>					
Cable and Wire, Covered ..	277,765	339,749	544,148	188,655	206,940
Dynamo Machines	147,259	140,419	226,112	391,717	210,561
Telephones and Switchboards ..	111,562	150,390	294,655	635,349	207,936
Wireless and Parts	86,113	459,452	571,065	594,549	439,493
Other	373,454	435,841	622,914	1,055,955	750,243
<i>(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical).</i>					
Implements and Machinery (Agricultural, Horticultural, and Viticultural)	17,846	101,154	112,919	116,906	97,818
Metal Working Machinery ..	1,403,932	3,195,862	2,294,559	683,424	254,142
Motive Power Machinery—					
Aircraft Engines and Parts ..	1,555,064	3,345,540	2,281,714	860,947	808,618
Motor Car Engines	304,810	473,300	116,955	185,505	16,881
Tractors and Parts	110,925	579,134	1,183,736	2,089,738	1,005,112
Other	202,301	280,066	436,796	367,778	475,624
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings	345,379	630,524	406,877	396,023	319,698
All other Machines and Machinery	1,082,332	1,258,550	1,794,585	2,572,727	1,503,000
Total, Class XII. ..	26,845,357	50,969,705	43,578,739	25,951,906	16,509,618
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREOF (EXCEPT APPAREL).					
<i>(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures.</i>					
Rubber, Crude, Powdered or Reclaimed	1,051,012	821,828	1,067,843	838,618	1,132,231
Rubber Manufactures	290,733	219,373	28,676	46,342	212,732
<i>(b) Leather and Manufactures of Leather and Substitutes therefor.</i>					
Glace Kid	1,709	3,355	..	..	3,821
All other	61,623	18,534	21,707	22,728	21,506
Total, Class XIII. ..	1,405,077	1,063,090	1,118,226	907,688	1,370,290
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED.					
Timber—					
Dressed	35,080	27,813	3,898	111,855	176,329
Undressed	122,492	72,817	96,721	223,674	308,346
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	60,823	16,344	32,943	22,883	62,906
Total, Class XIV. ..	218,395	116,974	133,562	358,412	547,581

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Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONEWARE.	£	£	£	£	£
Cement (Portland)	15,066	1,819	583	..	1,656
Earthenware, China, &c.	290,184	158,542	140,933	210,645	269,244
Glass and Glassware	297,940	109,305	90,235	143,577	224,444
All other Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass, and Stoneware ..	125,134	41,266	23,650	12,678	82,649
Total, Class XV.	728,324	310,932	255,401	366,900	577,993
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.					
<i>(a) Pulp, Paper, and Board.</i>					
Cardboard and other Paper Boards	67,296	32,344	74,630	80,860	66,896
Printing	370,473	57,734	249,504	721,910	755,199
Pulp for Papermaking	432,463	322,128	342,635	435,134	365,930
Wrapping of all Colours	76,297	36,308	152,284	122,072	161,159
Writing and Typewriting	77,446	73,718	323,521	230,948	244,603
All other	205,635	175,505	297,177	280,317	196,902
<i>(b) Paper Manufactures and Stationery.</i>					
Books (Printed), Directories, &c.	292,838	283,307	511,206	543,313	531,957
Cigarette Tubes and Papers ..	22,129	12,620	15,087	27,826	1,021
Price Lists, Catalogues, &c. ..	4,920	1,610	1,857	1,463	2,019
Pens and Pencils	61,235	47,845	63,308	68,520	78,502
All other	130,835	56,262	67,804	78,940	181,062
Total, Class XVI.	1,741,567	1,099,381	2,079,013	2,591,303	2,585,250
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES.					
Fancy Goods, Toys, &c.	105,552	38,783	38,557	52,483	112,790
Jewellery, including Cameos, &c.	122,138	114,625	39,705	1,219	140,890
Watches, Clocks, Chronometers, &c.	115,044	78,892	130,229	143,120	333,615
Total, Class XVII.	342,734	232,300	208,491	196,822	587,295
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.					
Optical and Meteorological Instru- ments, &c.	47,926	124,445	98,485	182,610	87,298
Cinematograph Films	16,988	17,921	33,096	54,036	46,384
Photographic Goods, n.e.i. .. .	69,235	21,732	24,869	38,716	40,549
Surgical and Dental Instruments, &c.	324,263	374,392	225,577	152,402	317,409
Scientific Instruments, &c. .. .	75,244	60,538	55,604	81,530	165,907
All other Optical and Scientific Instruments	14,581	19,262	16,451	32,713	44,355
Total, Class XVIII.	548,237	618,290	454,082	542,007	701,902

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Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS.	£	£	£	£	£
Acetone	41,631	162,712	..	..	44
Acids	50,095	38,850	26,490	19,725	78,540
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations	268,324	167,050	409,050	434,559	157,791
Dyes	424,241	370,676	487,202	406,059	346,756
Fertilizers	208,992	172,427	407,662	566,450	837,071
Glycerine	77,479	61,725	..	..	1
Oils, Essential (Non-spirituous) ..	50,253	57,317	40,732	50,022	88,666
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations	63,759	15,609	15,413	24,824	22,457
Soap and Soap Substitutes	15,042	6,177	7,000	7,381	9,467
Sodium Salts	397,261	393,052	246,220	234,880	143,422
Spirits and Spirituous Preparations	16,592	30,526	9,344	14,839	32,795
All other Drugs and Chemicals ..	987,299	1,050,838	669,245	429,269	580,187
Total, Class XIX.	2,600,968	2,526,959	2,318,358	2,188,008	2,297,197
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.					
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	1,557,376	28,773,321	10,156,039	3,497,426	3,258,412
Bags, Baskets, Trunks, &c.	46,488	2,144	127	2,959	15,673
Brushware	41,233	6,925	4,030	11,808	14,522
Celluloid Sheets	123,143	180,270	112,040	66,487	*
Fire Brigade and Life-saving Appliances, n.e.i.	26,463	1,108,127	2,331,281	101,401	9,526
Outside Packages	972,048	1,473,468	1,110,168	714,823	820,769
Vessels (Ships)	955	609,371	555,731	2,760	234
All other Articles	622,595	503,497	616,042	584,735	519,171
Total, Class XX.	3,390,301	32,657,123	14,885,458	4,982,399	4,638,307
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.					
Gold	726,732	738,886	376,941	254,651	88,766
Silver	269	193,204	564,482	6,278	6,976
Bronze—Specie .. .. .	..	29,700	95,966	..	..
Total, Class XXI.	727,001	961,790	1,037,389	260,929	95,742
Grand Total	59,781,018	110,433,044	90,252,312	64,768,542	54,048,349

* Included with Plastic Materials (Class VII.).

Manufactured articles comprise the major portion of imports into Victoria from countries beyond Australia.

The percentage which the value of each of the more important classes bore to the total value of merchandise imported during 1945-46 was as follows:—Apparel, textiles, and manufactured fibres 21·5 per cent.; machinery and metal manufactures 30·6 per cent.; oils, &c., 7·5 per cent.; paper manufactures and stationery 4·8 per cent.; drugs, chemicals, and fertilizers 4·3 per cent.; and arms, ammunition and explosives 6·0 per cent. Excluding bullion and specie, the value of imports for 1945-46 decreased by £10,555,006 as compared with that of the previous year.

Recorded
Values of
Principal
Exports.

The recorded values of the principal articles exported to oversea countries from Victorian ports during each of the five years 1942-46 are shown in 21 divisions, in accordance with the statistical classification.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£	£
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.					
Butter	4,354,788	4,059,231	3,299,164	4,381,131	5,116,989
Cheese	593,174	514,535	986,770	1,086,603	642,800
Eggs	142,537	38,464	134,284	64,385	653,288
Infants' and Invalids' Food, n.e.f.	5,469	..	28,595	119,834	274,899
Meats—					
Bacon and Hams	82,911	82,059	55,340	94,565	201,494
Preserved by Cold Process—					
Beef	29,955	24,958	35,018	237,049	37,622
Lamb	2,505,211	2,649,335	2,383,616	1,857,590	568,285
Mutton	80,470	104,035	181,741	387,708	190,576
Pork	218,642	22,379	154,114	509,309	409,856
Rabbits and Hares	4,334	10,833	28,520	160,675	109,044
Other	60,595	127,820	109,882	145,018	119,457
Preserved in Tins	1,432,192	748,510	642,728	1,132,070	1,461,462
Sausage Casings	347,009	321,863	281,977	300,651	174,749
Other	13,134	11,731	119,084	281,336	71,898
Milk and Cream	1,556,845	1,383,487	832,479	1,051,847	1,425,160
All other Animal Foodstuffs	118,138	90,230	131,294	19,273	482,691
Total, Class I.	11,566,024	10,188,920	9,403,806	11,829,644	11,945,270
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.					
Biscuits	196,943	279,188	272,431	61,106	292,761
Confectionery	64,846	27,656	88,015	52,185	62,475
Fruits, Dried	1,670,001	1,775,005	1,950,668	2,025,967	1,393,976
Fruits, Fresh	115,781	119,686	157,497	143,913	297,547
Fruits, Preserved in liquid	634,234	115,205	128,885	183,678	513,786
Grain and Pulse—					
Unprepared—					
Wheat	684,014	1,522,268	952,342	10,349	122
Other	39,741	71,462	47,159	323,731	232,615
Prepared—					
Flour (Wheaten)	1,440,342	1,214,573	1,994,574	1,689,926	2,897,017
Other	350,255	167,610	210,427	215,969	348,728
Jams and Fruit Jellies	475,935	359,001	282,433	336,811	711,462
Tea	17,503	7,868	7,806	1,181	18,620
Vegetables (including Tomatoes)	321,194	225,928	171,126	145,955	2,073,312
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	240,312	202,222	215,900	110,445	235,845
Total, Class II.	6,251,121	6,087,672	6,479,263	5,301,216	9,085,266
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS					
	852,543	506,265	403,491	292,441	390,102

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FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1941-42 TO 1945-46—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF ..	£ 245,060	£ 105,190	£ 24,010	£ 2,719	£ 31,302
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	23,793	40,833	27,228	24,169	25,452
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Hides and Skins—					
Hides (Calf, Cattle, Horse) ..	11,338	6,277	56,754	95,681	81,021
Fox	48,715	31,491	123,066	26,456	15,138
Opossum	24,103	12,194	23,228	74,493	35,299
Rabbit and Hare	1,648,356	988,346	2,072,741	1,750,681	2,616,670
Sheep	1,127,095	824,235	639,118	1,002,186	1,923,515
Other	31,632	22,937	112,245	72,949	44,633
Wool—					
Greasy	11,358,307	8,004,032	8,175,116	10,504,923	9,718,556
Scoured and Washed	2,693,940	1,265,794	1,783,890	2,149,169	2,421,215
Tops, Noils and Waste	917,045	1,225,978	1,860,512	1,959,552	2,110,684
All other Animal Substances	51,487	19,529	29,046	41,492	8,714
Total, Class VI.	17,912,018	12,400,813	14,875,716	17,677,582	18,975,445
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES ..	187,113	395,347	522,644	498,681	550,753
CLASS VIII.—(a) YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) APPAREL.					
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres—					
Yarns (Woolen)	186,952	956,948	440,010	173,188	469,086
Yarns (Silk)	117,301	53,556	12,589	8,524	..
Other	77,553	15,837	9,595	30,501	39,270
Textiles	166,133	52,090	82,953	448,345	1,460,812
Apparel—					
Outer Garments	407,633	1,806	46,316	147,943	116,867
Underwear	20,366	43,456	1,001	16,958	27,582
Boots and Shoes	8,415	1,480	295	6,570	33,339
Other	106,310	57,709	61,993	24,629	936,351
Total, Class VIII.	1,090,668	1,182,882	654,752	856,658	3,083,307
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.					
Tallow—Unrefined	376,225	72,325	278,402	193,001	71,091
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	112,261	124,679	96,082	80,959	170,555
Total, Class IX.	488,486	197,004	374,484	273,960	241,646
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES	22,701	5,463	1,638	6,204	10,287
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS (INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES), AND HYDROCARBONS	47,338	6,634	9,819	15,812	31,126

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Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.	£	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures (except Electrical Appliances and Machinery).</i>					
Bolts, and Nuts, Rivets and Washers, n.e.i.	64,798	31,958	26	28,206	8,486
Iron and Steel	61,967	19,325	24,535	23,687	36,053
Cadmium—Blocks, Bars, &c.	1,004	11,934	6,045	1,837	575
Lead (Pig)	227,747	274,179	318,559	256,009	85,352
Motor Cars, Lorries, &c., and Parts	29,454	7,484	9,080	12,912	68,704
Zinc—Bars, Blocks, &c.	254,918	274,585	755,625	1,081,791	1,048,086
All other Metals and Manufactures thereof	252,047	112,128	157,072	122,457	435,591
(b) <i>Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment</i>	58,737	24,277	46,719	50,826	113,461
(c) <i>Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical).</i>					
Agricultural Implements	534,607	378,092	343,865	240,088	220,821
Other	499,566	136,125	125,594	167,986	399,783
Total, Class XII.	1,984,845	1,270,087	1,792,120	1,985,799	2,405,911
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR (EXCEPT APPAREL).					
Rubber and Manufactures	146,080	148,691	130,833	111,336	176,653
Leather and Manufactures	391,826	303,561	287,012	227,942	570,213
Total, Class XIII.	537,906	452,252	417,845	339,278	746,866
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED	26,174	15,105	9,784	28,366	98,265
CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONWARE	27,660	20,026	39,210	45,237	45,265
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.					
Paper	18,090	57,442	18,617	8,576	35,972
Stationery	86,224	44,526	80,856	79,141	117,259
Total, Class XVI.	104,314	101,968	99,473	87,717	153,231

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1941-42 TO 1945-46—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES.	£	£	£	£	£
Precious Stones, Unset, Pearls, Cameos, &c.	6,489	1,982	2,327	1,636	5,344
All other Jewellery, Time-pieces, and Fancy Goods	36,675	6,385	4,214	20,628	78,004
Total, Class XVII.	43,164	8,367	6,541	22,264	83,348
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	83,041	67,646	43,137	75,558	90,745
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS.					
Bacteriological Products and Sera	45,673	20,376	15,082	15,006	21,545
Casein	8,167	3,241	..	739	..
Fertilizers	2,968	1,864	3,750	5,435	1,312
Medicines	57,825	35,448	22,730	11,552	53,027
Oil—Eucalyptus	156,957	83,777	119,540	110,282	136,429
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations, n.e.i.	27,959	27,606	15,105	5,631	82,955
Soap	18,509	11,163	44,802	63,665	187,979
Yeast	19,656	91,956	6,610	8,790	11,766
All other Drugs and Chemicals . .	137,113	41,673	154,194	154,672	318,807
Total, Class XIX.	474,827	317,104	381,813	375,772	813,820
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.					
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	196,481	864,119	770,316	85,579	109,576
Matches and Vestas	11,793	26,554	3,695	6,865	29,803
Patriotic Gifts	208,235	89,751	99,162	59,769	210,904
Other	236,913	199,844	106,946	178,871	347,411
Total, Class XX.	653,422	1,180,268	980,119	331,084	697,694
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.					
Gold . . . . .	..	..	..	..	26,411,224
Silver	135	..	..	..	40
Bronze—Specie . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..
Total, Class XXI.	135	..	..	..	26,411,264
Australian produce	42,340,346	34,405,970	36,363,683	39,801,364	75,130,306
Other produce	282,007	143,881	183,210	268,797	786,059
Grand Total	42,622,353	34,549,851	36,546,893	40,070,161	75,916,365

The export trade consists largely of agricultural and pastoral products. The value of wool, wheat, flour, butter, fruits (all kinds), meats, hides and skins, milk and cream and cheese exported during 1945-46, amounted to 70 per cent. of the total Australian merchandise exported—wool alone represented 29 per cent. Total exports showed an increase during 1945-46 of £35,846,204 as compared with the previous year.

Trade with
Countries.

The value of the trade with various countries of the world in each of the five years 1942-46 was as specified in the following table:—

IMPORTS (ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) INTO VICTORIAN PORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT THERETO FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

Imports of Products or Manufactures of—	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	British Currency Values—				
	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	27,250,688	36,605,447	25,050,484	21,265,437	21,915,973
Africa, British East .. .	111,960	755,042	263,669	349,677	325,498
" West	29,730	102,340	86,149	93,397	210,158
Bahrein Island	247,466	405,285	107,908	448,261	328,675
Canada	4,477,977	4,496,317	3,462,749	3,985,197	2,713,155
Hong Kong	9,854	1,119	..	..	1,841
India and Ceylon	4,068,550	7,218,686	10,434,440	7,101,163	5,578,814
Malaya (British)	772,924	19,997	604	2	2,582
New Zealand	996,636	1,272,751	822,532	859,785	1,118,320
Pacific Islands (British) ..	777,942	11,400	4,590	43,473	3,925
South African Union	552,858	499,967	171,847	248,800	308,893
West Indies (British) .. .	58,304	35,074	34,350	151,841	59,587
Other British Possessions ..	376,657	531,137	355,384	475,517	586,113
Belgium	2,320	14	..	..	45,289
China	89,957	2,024	270	415	8,782
Czecho-Slovakia	13	206	..	..	135
Egypt	260,237	172,580	127,141	390,110	334,964
France	843	176	90	751	9,001
Germany	15,552	634	1,132	2,003	9,857
Iran	682,020	990,601	1,092,139	873,057	1,965,770
Italy	631	198	4,415	33	2,839
Japan	220,278	99	..	..	588
Netherlands	1,602	210	72	..	1,518
Netherlands East Indies ..	3,022,914	179,637	19,297	5,443	29,583
Norway	4	11	..	42	11,092
Peru	1,655	10,456	55,944	4,328	5,524
Phillipine Islands	13,339	58	22	275	262
Spain	4,865	2,680	1,233	1,426	8,587
Sweden	43,807	3,458	2,985	2,007	283,984
Switzerland	147,655	70,803	115,616	94,138	316,495
Soviet Union	2,471	3,852	3,337	1,062	3,506
United States of America ..	14,155,700	54,426,705	46,326,239	26,501,524	15,972,839
West Indies (Foreign) .. .	211	11,629	110,295	464,352	282,468
Other Foreign Possessions ..	411,350	1,128,983†	487,031	690,203	780,963
Total (excluding Outside Packages*)	58,808,970	108,959,576	89,142,144	64,053,719	53,227,580

* "Outside Packages," 1941-42, £972,048; 1942-43, £1,473,468; 1943-44, £1,110,168; 1944-45, £714,823; and 1945-46, £820,769.

† Including Portuguese East Africa, £581,133.

Exports to—	Australian Currency Values—				
United Kingdom	15,861,368	13,325,433	12,938,903	16,332,170	39,288,645
Africa, British East .. .	28,916	13,346	44,388	75,679	44,640
" West	3	107	..	..	..
Bahrein Island	942	19,034	4,000	4,300	2,796
Canada	1,215,074	975,621	1,285,354	1,459,506	1,516,156
Hong Kong	223,150	..	..	..	1,081,189
India and Ceylon	3,449,496	4,886,857	6,344,206	7,368,362	9,655,674
Malaya (British)	1,267,580	90	..	..	1,913,222
New Zealand	1,983,670	2,422,513	2,195,894	1,775,018	2,173,421

IMPORTS (ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) INTO VICTORIAN PORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT THERETO FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1941-42 TO 1945-46—continued.

Exports to—	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	Australian Currency Values—				
	£	£	£	£	£
Pacific Islands (British) ..	167,436	692,328	586,260	38,303	487,945
South African Union ..	497,029	514,042	327,753	388,497	617,960
West Indies (British) ..	97,233	45,377	9,667	..	11,684
Other British Possessions ..	476,503	197,750	179,772	357,747	1,178,149
Belgium ..	..	..	..	..	1,274,219
China ..	140,167	..	..	10	160,558
Czecho-Slovakia ..	..	..	..	..	42,772
Egypt ..	1,522,531	581,714	1,316,320	109,869	841,361
France ..	..	..	..	132,177	2,601,313
Germany ..	..	..	..	..	..
Iran ..	4,000	13,361	20,846	23,791	43,703
Italy ..	..	3	91,560	204,399	134,535
Japan ..	116,683	..	..	..	24,477
Netherlands ..	..	..	..	..	114,922
Netherlands East Indies ..	1,041,859	65	53	..	314,531
Norway ..	..	..	..	..	15,215
Peru ..	..	219,107	..	..	..
Philippine Islands ..	44,310	..	..	..	905
Spain ..	..	..	..	..	252
Sweden ..	..	..	..	..	257,510
Switzerland ..	..	..	..	..	38,647
Soviet Union ..	218	139,890	27,095	15,945	351,657
United States of America ..	11,246,077	7,143,873	8,940,908	9,190,946	9,371,22
West Indies (Foreign) ..	1,119	560	..	..	..
Other Foreign Possessions ..	529,951	610,892	772,141	772,467	1,178,65
Country not stated ..	2,707,038	2,747,888	1,461,773	832,975	1,178,42
Total ..	42,622,353	34,549,851	36,546,893	40,070,161	75,916,365

Imports from and exports to the United Kingdom during 1945-46 represented 41 per cent. and 52 per cent. respectively of the total value of imports into and exports from Victorian ports during that year. Details of the principal articles interchanged are given hereunder for each of the five years, 1942-1946.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

Articles.	Values in Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imports (British Currency Values).</i>					
<i>Articles of United Kingdom origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Whisky ..	65,947	18,374	10,665	51,677	44,155
Cigarettes ..	9,585	15,998	..	..	2,788
Apparel ..	871,538	165,395	93,046	161,174	480,412
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck ..	211,017	333,763	594,525	353,834	319,630
Cotton and Linen ..	2,098,936	1,368,265	1,454,346	2,293,961	2,376,680
Silk and Artificial Silk ..	1,875,962	1,862,456	2,041,276	2,671,770	2,448,639
Woolen ..	416,502	197,063	52,494	78,319	132,311
Velvets ..	202,675	88,353	4,516	15,020	10,480
Other ..	379,709	377,276	237,606	443,485	177,580

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1941-42 TO 1945-46—continued.

Articles.	Values in Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of United Kingdom origin imported into Victorian ports— continued.</i>					
Floor Coverings	708,760	41,098	58	16,069	180,024
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c.	296,798	327,663	262,817	245,461	214,419
Yarns, other	1,387,940	1,095,647	1,061,047	1,493,624	1,572,436
Machines and Machinery	2,543,478	3,316,958	3,066,053	3,750,680	3,508,106
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	599,271	160,068	173,826	130,816	379,757
Pipes and Tubes	30,726	7,821	27,947	19,091	34,937
Platedware and Cutlery	208,130	129,640	120,991	125,965	182,204
Motor Cars (bodies, chassis, and parts)	101,911	47,041	56,319	41,900	841,899
Other Vehicles and parts, n.e.i.	7,983,014	7,766,715	4,930,506	2,668,802	1,277,225
Other Metals and Manufactures	983,844	788,537	716,626	671,002	975,387
Rubber and Rubber Goods	137,947	35,956	21,642	35,527	149,770
Crockery and Household Ware	274,826	139,829	121,463	186,194	264,651
Glass and Glassware	367,397	92,152	70,414	115,982	193,575
Paper	388,374	256,624	226,477	284,882	312,936
Books	271,594	248,955	427,259	446,929	415,612
Fancy Goods	109,971	36,847	34,118	39,325	89,834
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations	195,191	115,671	167,601	274,873	139,727
Sodium Salts	172,055	194,828	151,251	216,190	101,985
Dyes	348,549	359,366	479,310	391,259	334,899
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	1,227,846	14,670,822	6,930,500	2,566,131	2,313,895
All other Articles	2,781,195	2,346,566	1,515,785	1,475,495	2,446,110
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	27,250,688	36,605,447	25,050,484	21,265,437	21,915,973
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to United Kingdom.</i>					
Butter	3,596,867	3,559,502	2,821,147	3,780,630	4,444,355
Cheese	257,242	187,553	32,738	32,131	237,321
Eggs	141,552	184	..	..	615,819
Meats—					
Beef, Mutton and Lamb	2,495,667	2,704,458	2,440,490	1,825,097	588,296
Pork	192,756	3,999	131,371	420,583	357,393
Preserved in tins	349,391	237,522	103,105	212,583	704,700
Rabbits and Hares .. .. .	..	..	14,939	138,026	94,949
Other	146,830	237,564	206,186	252,188	144,496
Milk and Cream	85,616	88,276	91,708	88,809	88,610
Fruits—all kinds	934,004	1,073,390	1,302,002	1,279,848	947,693
Wheat and Flour	456,024	460,806	..	47,405	..
Jams and Jellies	374,696	..	21	81,480	50,898
Wine, fermented	626	1,987	177	23,482	19,522
Hides and Skins	111,309	65,829	173,521	331,585	297,455
Flax	5,488	257,314	360,406	314,196	271,988
Wool	5,427,387	3,610,506	3,442,955	5,879,217	2,916,815
Tallow, unrefined	56,899	4,410	84,656	116,234	40,455
Lead (Pig)	15,325	52,921	245,097	244,256	68,178
Zinc (Bars, Blocks, &c.)	112,800	115,617	700,688	544,066	93,735
Implements and Machinery—Agricultural, &c.	450,177	299,598	302,360	126,046	55,323
Leather, &c.	169,985	150,831	95,011	167,267	262,616
Soap .. .. .	..	..	636	1,092	215
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	46,601	10,476	96,832	5,538	1,569
Bullion and Specie .. .. .	..	..	..	..	26,411,224
All other Articles	434,126	202,690	292,857	420,411	575,020
Total	15,861,368	13,325,433	12,938,903	16,332,170	39,288,645

During 1945-46 the value of imports from Canada into Victorian ports decreased by £1,272,042 as compared with the previous year. The value of exports increased in the same period by £56,656.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH CANADA, 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imports (British Currency Values).</i>					
<i>Articles of Canadian origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Fish, preserved in tins	34,097	4,699	28,193	7,071	60,404
Apparel	392,680	114,945	8,419	40	1,620
Pulp for Papermaking	12,098	12,284	3,406	190,672	127,732
Piece Goods—					
Silk	33,223	11,209	..	21,744	24,962
Other	95,967	19,118	13,236	83,496	101,719
Asbestos, Crude	7,922	5,515	25,124	75,626	29,342
Machines and Machinery—					
Electrical Machinery and appliances	39,934	123,624	28,220	9,132	54,697
Motor Car Engines (imported separately)	81,460	304,503	9,882	10,863	933
Other	46,845	65,293	38,235	69,102	48,263
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	148,346	122,661	101,519	109,612	16,559
Nickel	356,096	85,087	..	3,832	532
Vehicles—					
Motor Car Bodies and Parts	1,267	66	718	..	..
" Chassis and Parts	1,881,606	1,256,508	466,140	330,828	716,398
Other	301,946	573,800	1,294,977	1,794,812	90,326
Other Metals, &c.	212,674	372,189	233,165	101,630	95,919
Timber	101,038	64,898	71,997	177,637	218,305
Paper—					
Newsprint	249,922	3,351	161,164	547,577	584,383
Other	47,024	25,915	33,340	81,368	21,111
Drugs and Chemicals	184,034	149,023	150,614	36,688	37,531
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	14,590	810,696	655,165	109,874	1,514
All other Articles	235,208	370,933	139,235	223,593	480,905
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	4,477,977	4,496,317	3,462,749	3,985,197	2,713,155
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to Canada.</i>					
Sausage Casings	37,834	27,968	49,044	32,917	15,200
Fruits—					
Dried	381,694	439,967	386,236	666,465	422,080
Preserved in Liquid	28,360	..	..	178	5
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	31,850	4,673	1,006	1	13,693
Hides and Skins—					
Rabbit and Hare	72,744	57,855	95,371	69,130	260,295
Other	31,075	11,390	37,994	34,617	9,766
Wool	430,922	413,521	667,368	610,909	632,855
Vegetable Substances and Fibres	14,380	167	3,656	104	1,125
Tallow, unrefined	107,892	..	22,223	2,386	4,017
All other Articles	78,323	20,080	22,456	42,793	157,120
Total	1,215,074	975,621	1,285,354	1,459,500	1,516,156

During 1945-46 the value of imports into Victorian ports from India and Ceylon decreased by £1,522,349 as compared with the previous year, while the value of exports from Victorian ports to those countries increased by £2,287,312. The principal articles interchanged in each of the five years 1942-46 were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH INDIA AND CEYLON, 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

Articles.	Values in Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imports (British Currency Values).</i>					
<i>Articles of Indian and Cingalese origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Cocoa Beans	19,703	43,039	19,696	31,069	3,186
Coffee	3,892	11,094	7,202	..	..
Nuts	31,516	10,749	8,943	8,358	67,562
Spices	18,463	59,891	32,206	47,598	64,608
Tea	446,642	1,394,650	1,249,121	1,324,129	1,566,004
Hides and Skins	9,741	24,952	17,869	14,063	31,062
Fibres	403,370	243,353	322,746	375,426	316,335
Gums and Resins	46,504	94,901	36,059	6,283	25,251
Seeds—					
Linseed	65,637	122,590	112,149	188,505	174,600
Other	37,603	115,752	113,638	110,417	..
Apparel	34,287	8,577	237,645	349,715	35,211
Textiles—					
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck	102,513	133,553	376,495	58,950	22,942
Cotton and Linen	815,168	1,368,986	3,206,196	1,633,672	641,596
Hessians	376,731	452,785	865,693	310,968	344,636
Other	104,357	191,565	167,990	143,819	10,994
Other Textiles	146,215	95,346	842,142	24,064	127,807
Floor Coverings	104,695	3,650	1,489	15,107	33,484
Bags and Sacks	909,568	1,493,385	495,485	883,131	531,554
Cordage and Twine	5,333	15,209	296,762	54	90
Yarns	122,918	229,933	303,360	534,700	112,604
Oils in Bulk	4,167	6,430	2	18,090	..
Waxes	22,110	58,025	23,219	50,385	60,218
Rubber, &c.	162,797	625,363	1,067,163	791,476	1,106,595
All other Articles	74,620	414,908	631,170	181,184	302,475
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	4,068,550	7,218,686	10,434,440	7,101,163	5,578,814
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to India and Ceylon.</i>					
Butter	25,000	59,520	117,522	367,629	456,040
Cheese	73,966	11,980	502,405	735,473	256,338
Meats	308,435	174,643	484,646	1,320,262	670,190
Milk and Cream	781,362	392,194	629,047	867,165	843,847
Biscuits	3,595	72,913	28,331	13,106	273,616
Hay and Chaff	291	95	22	536	108
Fruits (all kinds)	55,342	13,665	115,749	59,474	203,673
Wheat	3,538	573,856	275,276	..	..
Flour	127,521	703,830	1,187,746	932,045	1,769,894
Other Grain and Pulse	31,787	14,734	121,643	311,817	114,861
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors—					
Ale and Beer	88,165	176,321	138,520	128,984	3,528
Other	58,273	51,702	83,809	49,195	81,325

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH INDIA AND
CEYLON, 1941-42 TO 1945-46—*continued.*

Articles.	Values in Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to India and Ceylon—continued.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Jams and Jellies	26,221	186,995	270,716	190,179	500,093
Vegetables	55,713	18,287	54,271	119,167	1,168,500
Horses	7,308	.. .. .	.. .. .	100	9,145
Wool	887,860	1,200,583	1,421,484	1,263,406	1,287,883
Apparel—					
Underwear	606	35,997	1,882	12	7,609
Other	396,144	639	6,060	4,992	54,799
Yarns, Wool	60,485	839,079	250,688	8,533	13,811
Tallow, unrefined	60,951	52,915	37,570	21,767	23,957
Zinc (bars, blocks, &c.)	125,422	144,538	43,837	447,090	865,333
Soap	741	.. .. .	16,904	9,535	7,564
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	2,971	6,556	132,641	.. .. .	288
All other Articles	267,799	155,815	423,437	517,895	1,043,272
Total	3,449,496	4,886,857	6,344,206	7,368,362	9,655,674

Trade with New Zealand. The value of imports into Victorian ports from New Zealand during 1945-46 increased by £253,535 as compared with that of the previous year, whilst the value of exports from Victorian ports thereto increased by £398,403. The principal articles of trade during each of the five years 1942-46 were as follows :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
NEW ZEALAND, 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of New Zealand origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Fish	78,610	79,317	83,776	80,568	113,207
Milk and Cream	896	4,127	3,951	3,011	3,217
Meats	11,732	62,325	36,416	27,123	18,380
Grain and Pulse	22,551	88,268	36,440	16,762	31,412
Hops .. .. .	.. .. .	1,006	412	.. .. .	.. .. .
Animals (horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs)	5,158	3,643	18,414	23,969	47,606
Hides and Skins	61,400	139,516	89,140	104,027	303,249
Wool	46,984	11,714	35,369	40,215	4,791
Flax and Hemp	1,685	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Oakum and Tow	1,854	.. .. .	77	.. .. .	.. .. .
Seeds	31,909	46,680	52,175	97,896	231,204
Timber	34,436	17,366	6,838	31,433	73,423
Gold and Silver	591,073	738,574	376,773	257,951	88,766
All other Articles	108,839	80,215	82,751	176,830	203,065
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	996,636	1,272,751	822,532	859,785	1,118,320

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH NEW ZEALAND,
1941-42 TO 1945-46—continued.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to New Zealand.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Fruits, all kinds	361,567	355,890	355,090	335,582	297,982
Grain and Pulse—					
Wheat	159,772	274,779	398,638		
Flour	1,635			2,967	5,233
Rice and Rice Meal	16,587	16,042	23,304	4,701	552
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	8,340	13,724	46,297	29,518	45,161
Apparel	74,197	34,082	27,256	23,927	75,208
Textiles	76,654	32,083	44,506	156,787	184,276
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres	99,832	183,270	138,101	183,144	186,815
Oils	241,235	14,784	21,843	14,038	8,410
Machines and Machinery	132,303	114,861	89,475	118,516	179,438
Metal Manufactures	169,726	129,574	129,114	146,858	165,487
Rubber Manufactures	52,869	148,150	130,425	111,239	170,827
Leather, &c.	59,456	81,267	91,110	41,094	50,990
Books	27,398	26,153	23,251	31,358	44,986
Photographic goods and materials	44,311	45,965	29,282	55,724	28,065
Drugs and Chemicals	101,514	97,286	103,050	90,813	43,225
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	111,613	612,940	137,640	85,579	108,464
All other Articles	244,661	241,663	407,512	343,173	578,302
Australian produce	1,862,809	2,342,239	2,148,557	1,739,918	2,051,507
Other produce	120,861	80,274	47,337	35,100	121,914
Total	1,983,670	2,422,513	2,195,894	1,775,018	2,173,421

**Trade with
Germany,
France, and
Belgium.**

Trade with Germany ceased after the outbreak of war in 1939, and virtually ceased with France and Belgium after their occupation in 1940.

**Trade with
Japan.**

Trade with Japan ceased on the entry of that country into the war in December, 1941.

Trade between Victoria and the above-mentioned countries had not been resumed to any extent during 1945-46.

**Trade with
Netherlands
East Indies.**

When the Netherlands East Indies were occupied by Japan early in 1942, trade between that country and Victoria ceased, and although resumed again during 1945-46 it has not yet reached its pre-war level.

**Trade with
United States
of America.**

The value of imports into Victorian ports from the United States of America decreased by £10,528,685 during 1945-46 as compared with 1944-45, whilst the value of exports from Victorian ports to that country increased during the same period by £180,278. The principal articles included in the trade with the United States of America in each of the five years 1942-46 were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imports (British Currency Values).</i>					
<i>Articles of United States origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Fish, preserved in tins	13,076	104,936	60,741	4,092	..
Sausage Casings	118,043	26,755	5,388	80,662	23,718
Tobacco, &c.	340,393	270,834	1,205,517	1,080,861	1,459,472
Cotton, raw	2,144	1,293	119,167	138,628	125,231
Gums and Resins	43,636	73,952	113,237	321,302	72,508
Plastic Materials	*	*	*	*	561,268
Pulp for Papermaking	418,765	308,489	339,229	244,462	120,050
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	148,512	499,496	1,751,690	4,746,322	731,013
Other	3,521	132,817	16,845	166,796	412,932
Manufactured Fibres and Yarns ..	142,243	239,586	145,097	54,849	86,319
Oils	613,215	1,689,858	2,275,865	744,773	1,282,582
Paints and Varnishes	65,118	40,391	49,064	54,971	147,308
Asphalt, Bitumen, and Natural Pitch	29,381	12,603	30,694	57,285	65,449
Electrical Machines and Appliances	136,384	720,982	1,152,277	1,788,341	595,053
Metal Working Machinery	1,044,881	2,209,455	1,991,586	607,832	128,214
Motive Power Machinery—					
Aircraft Engines and Parts	997,736	2,758,642	1,675,254	564,096	101,355
Other	351,083	806,331	1,410,555	2,207,876	932,212
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings	259,383	571,993	316,103	288,933	138,489
Other Machines and Machinery ..	418,332	659,542	1,210,544	826,690	631,967
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	2,124,443	2,286,738	2,717,839	2,401,533	1,719,075
Tools of Trade	168,992	359,201	486,335	673,225	265,631
Vehicles and Parts—					
Motor Bodies, Chassis, &c. .. .	732,240	1,641,740	762,729	366,828	1,458,405
Aircraft	3,520,412	7,023,272	6,817,930	2,966,422	1,925,351
Other	358,233	15,073,105	12,473,956	3,107,952	27,673
Other Metals, &c.	372,769	605,952	1,285,058	247,950	189,187
Rubber, &c.	27,403	155,073	6,953	24,562	62,565
Timber	8,780	7,282	17,345	126,193	94,925
Glass and Glassware	25,999	13,971	2,321	26,501	28,657
Paper	65,525	89,719	641,107	498,661	400,087
Stationery	24,168	29,011	90,726	104,511	146,668
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Fancy Goods	7,513	10,549	47,594	45,738	16,893
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments	203,988	334,438	216,647	259,534	366,947
Acetone	41,519	161,663	..	..	..
Sulphur (Brimstone)	113,879	43,980	48,648	85,000	147,599
Other Drugs and Chemicals	470,467	495,099	512,186	363,708	360,477
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	293,632	13,292,133	2,222,831	570,620	790,105
Celluloid, Sheet, Strips, &c. .. .	94,376	161,650	108,491	66,380	†
Fire Brigade and Life Saving Appliances	10,183	461,173	2,319,300	91,696	914
Vessels (Ships)	685	606,774	555,344	1,296	58
Gold, Silver, and Bronze Specie	..	192,961	649,448	..	..
All other Articles	344,648	253,266	474,598	494,443	356,482
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	14,155,700	54,426,705	46,326,239	26,501,524	15,972,839

* Included in Gums and Resins.

† Included in Plastic Materials.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1941-42 TO 1945-46.—*continued.*

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to the United States.</i>					
Sausage Casings	217,971	169,558	117,561	159,099	101,064
Hides and Skins	2,675,335	1,689,321	2,694,378	2,445,093	3,201,534
Wool	7,769,609	4,927,360	5,811,086	6,071,698	5,079,181
Seeds—Agricultural and Vegetable	21,073	33,874	43,500	31,857	49,367
Vegetable Fibres—Rag, Clippings, &c.	67,550	14,486	27,641	35,224	78,767
Tallow, unrefined	102,339	14,507	130,906	44,729	..
Machines and Machinery	4,115	1,904	3,117	3,769	5,196
Lead (Pig)	210,729	216,539	..	..	5,552
Zinc (Spelter)—Bars, Blocks, &c.	..	..	..	90,635	90,927
Leather, &c.	1,247	499	6,517	802	9,830
Eucalyptus Oil	76,198	35,263	57,010	62,421	64,701
All other Articles	99,911	40,562	49,192	245,619*	685,105†
Total	11,246,077	7,143,873	8,940,908	9,190,946	9,371,224

* Including re-exports of Hessians £170,100.

† Including Fresh Fruits £105,060 and re-exports of Hessians £402,828.

**Principal
Exports—
Quantities
and Values.**

Particulars relating to quantities and values of the principal commodities exported from Victorian ports are given in the following table:—

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COM-
MODITIES EXPORTED FROM VICTORIAN PORTS
DURING EACH OF THE YEARS 1942-43 TO 1945-46.

(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.)

Commodity.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
Wool—				
Greasy { lb.	108,474,335	102,687,848	134,674,426	122,598,522
.. .. { £	8,004,032	8,175,116	10,504,923	9,718,556
Scoured and Washed { lb.	10,486,847	14,611,839	18,376,296	17,577,493
.. .. { £	1,265,794	1,783,890	2,149,169	2,421,215
Tops, Noils, and Waste { lb.	7,132,602	9,136,602	9,878,048	8,557,169
.. .. { £	1,225,978	1,860,512	1,959,552	2,110,684
Butter { lb.	61,156,658	49,490,628	50,340,413	57,714,740
.. .. { £	4,059,231	3,299,164	4,381,131	5,116,989
Wheat { cents	3,992,363	2,370,710	22,943	144
.. .. { £	1,522,268	952,342	10,349	122
Flour (wheaten) { cents	2,317,585	3,494,116	2,973,159	2,556,857
.. .. { £	1,214,573	1,994,574	1,689,926	2,897,017

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE YEARS 1942-43 TO
1945-46—continued.

Commodity.		1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
Fruits—					
Dried	{ lb.	106,313,331	107,942,369	106,270,439	63,089,291
	{ £	1,775,005	1,950,668	2,025,967	1,393,976
Fresh	{ lb.	8,425,100	6,390,600	7,270,800	17,666,700
	{ £	119,686	157,497	143,913	297,547
Preserved in Liquid .. .	{ lb.	6,084,189	3,758,560	9,921,572	23,545,821
	{ £	115,205	128,885	183,678	518,786
Meats—					
Beef (frozen) .. .	{ lb.	969,713	1,294,546	8,457,401	1,212,459
	{ £	24,958	35,018	237,049	37,622
Lamb (frozen) .. .	{ lb.	96,230,694	82,627,738	62,345,457	18,560,104
	{ £	2,649,335	2,383,616	1,857,590	568,285
Mutton (frozen) .. .	{ lb.	5,670,729	11,173,911	19,470,482	8,884,125
	{ £	104,035	181,741	387,708	190,576
Pork (frozen) .. .	{ lb.	490,066	4,141,392	13,346,400	10,479,042
	{ £	22,379	154,114	509,909	409,856
Rabbits and Hares (frozen) {	pairs	95,793	328,487	1,379,537	1,035,311
	{ £	10,283	28,520	160,675	109,044
Preserved in tins .. .	{ lb.	16,051,716	13,050,951	22,291,310	28,092,602
	{ £	748,510	642,728	1,132,070	1,461,462
Sausage Casings .. .	{ cwt.	15,756	12,989	13,818	7,196
	{ £	321,863	281,977	300,651	174,749
All other	{ £	221,610	283,506	520,919	392,849
Milk and Cream .. .	{ £	1,383,487	832,479	1,051,847	1,569,404
Hides and Skins—					
Sheep	{ lb.	19,150,139	15,139,758	24,196,964	46,712,108
	{ £	824,235	639,118	1,002,186	1,923,515
Calf, Cattle, Horse .. .	{ No.	8,522	43,658	27,083	63,389
	{ £	6,277	56,754	95,681	81,021
Rabbit and Hare .. .	{ lb.	3,234,179	5,906,243	5,750,112	6,203,553
	{ £	988,346	2,072,741	1,750,681	2,616,670
Other Skins	{ £	66,622	258,539	173,898	95,070
Tallow (unrefined) .. .	{ cwt.	38,768	190,907	115,722	36,555
	{ £	72,325	278,402	193,001	71,091
Eggs in shell	{ dozen	5,220	10,550	55,920	1,880,850
	{ £	119	866	3,749	126,923
Eggs not in shell .. .	{ lb.	172,274	1,975,664	884,359	7,563,634
	{ £	38,345	133,418	60,636	531,365
Cheese	{ lb.	10,677,258	14,882,977	16,573,648	11,923,578
	{ £	514,535	986,770	1,086,603	642,800

**Ships'
Stores.**

Prior to 1906 goods shipped at Victorian ports on board
oversea vessels as ships' stores were included in particulars
of exports. From 1906 the information has been excluded from the
export figures. The nature and value of these stores shipped during
each of the years 1941-42 to 1945-46 is given in the following table:—

VICTORIA—VALUE OF STORES SHIPPED ON OVERSEA
VESSELS, 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£	£
Ale, Beer, and Porter	20,259	22,414	15,756	22,364	24,371
Butter	13,523	13,126	13,093	14,032	16,270
Cheese	2,154	3,361	2,600	3,004	4,293
Coal (Bunker)	15,850	16,561	19,712	28,739	7,063
Cordage and Twines	4,235	4,098	5,819	6,302	6,201
Eggs	8,865	15,235	6,962	12,471	7,894
Fish	16,091	16,270	15,033	15,120	22,106
Fruits (all kinds)	9,142	15,441	10,489	14,878	16,986
Fruit and Vegetables (in liquid) ..	5,046	5,408	5,569	6,229	6,366
Vegetables	10,488	19,408	8,448	10,679	14,962
Flour (wheaten)	7,203	58,185	14,694	8,480	12,029
Jams and Jellies	3,263	5,231	3,099	3,969	3,388
Meats	58,485	94,340	73,048	101,507	110,845
Milk and Cream (preserved)	8,555	14,347	11,555	11,380	13,949
Oils for use as fuel in vessels	867,663	1,109,147	1,237,045	1,905,505	567,011
Oils for use as fuel in aircraft	1,139	6,075	187		
Oils, other	48,126	53,483	53,519	48,019	29,056
Paints and Colours	12,051	26,150	24,601	35,114	25,962
Potatoes	7,792	11,957	5,739	9,998	11,510
Spirits	9,625	11,100	7,186	8,564	6,523
Sugar	3,840	4,144	5,132	5,217	5,712
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes	13,361	22,133	12,708	14,332	19,886
All other Articles	89,250	171,338	169,893	170,371	137,386
Australian Produce	723,606	544,257	472,743	554,933	470,763
Other Produce	512,400	1,174,695	1,248,244	1,901,341	599,006
Total	1,236,006	1,718,952	1,720,987	2,456,274	1,069,769

Customs and Excise Revenue. The oversea trade and the gross revenue collected at Victorian ports, during the year 1945-46, are shown in the following statement:—

OVERSEA TRADE AND GROSS REVENUE COLLECTED AT
VICTORIAN PORTS, 1945-46.

Heading.	Melbourne.	Geelong.	Portland.	Total.
	£	£	£	£
Overseas Trade—				
Imports (British Currency)	52,850,703	1,101,153	96,493	54,048,349
Exports (Australian Currency)	75,401,855	145,100	369,410	75,916,365
Gross Revenue (Australian Currency)—				
Customs Duties	7,455,925	428,743	195,763	8,080,431
Excise Duties	15,530,232	52,134		15,582,366
Primaage	1,081,496	21,216	9,283	1,111,995
Other Sources	33,647	129	7	33,783
Total	24,101,300	502,222	205,053	24,808,575*

* After deducting £528,398 for Refunds and Drawbacks, &c., the net revenue was £24,280,177.

Interstate Trade.

On the 13th September, 1910, the Commonwealth Government abandoned the collecting and recording of information relating to Interstate imports and exports, but, at the Statisticians' Conference held in 1926 at Perth, it was resolved that action should be taken by the Statistician of each State (with the exception of Western Australia and Tasmania where schemes for collecting interstate trade statistics were in force) with a view to obtaining a record of the principal items of interstate trade. It has not been possible to obtain complete information regarding the interstate trade of Victoria. However, returns relating to the interchange of certain goods between Victoria and the other States were received from the Harbor Trusts, the Ports and Harbors Branch of the Public Works Department, and the Railways Department (until February, 1942), but staff difficulties have necessitated discontinuance of their publication.

SHIPPING.**Vessels entered and cleared.**

Victorian shipping, as dealt with in the succeeding tables, refers to vessels trading with other States and oversea countries; the tonnage quoted is net. Public vessels which were exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, equipment and war supplies and vessels trading on the Victorian coast and on the River Murray are not included. Coastal shipping is included in the particulars of the shipping at Victorian ports (page 377).

The number of vessels entered and cleared, and their total tonnage in each of the five years 1942-1946, were as follows:—

**VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING,
1941-42 TO 1945-46.**

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Vessels Entered—					
Number	2,154	1,681	1,494	1,412	1,442
Tons	4,451,343	3,281,980	3,000,917	2,998,775	3,485,783
Average tonnage ..	2,067	1,952	2,009	2,124	2,417
Vessels Cleared—					
Number	2,139	1,678	1,499	1,444	1,434
Tons	4,459,084	3,260,936	2,986,356	3,096,963	3,482,275
Average tonnage ..	2,085	1,943	1,992	2,145	2,428

For the twelve months ended 30th June, 1946, steamers numbered 1,371 of the vessels entered and 1,362 of the vessels cleared, their tonnage aggregating 3,474,781 and 3,472,307 respectively. The inward shipping included 36 vessels in ballast, of an aggregate tonnage of 168,095, whilst the outward shipping included 364 vessels in ballast, having an aggregate tonnage of 920,619.

Note.— Oil burning vessels are included with steamers, which prior to 1936-37 also included "Sailing Vessels with auxiliary engines".

Shipping with principal countries. The countries having shipping communication with Victoria in 1945-46 are set out in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—SHIPPING WITH PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, 1945-46.

Countries.	Vessels Entered.				Vessels Cleared.			
	Steamers.*		Sailing Vessels.		Steamers.*		Sailing Vessels.	
	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.
Australian States	4	15,755	..	..	7	27,208	..	..
United Kingdom	225	1,224,923	..	..	192	1,032,804	..	..
New Zealand	15	21,680	5	808	15	23,910	6	963
India .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Straits Settlements .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other British	17	70,295	..	..	20	71,922	..	..
Total British Countries..	261	1,332,653	5	808	234	1,155,844	6	963
Japan	1	4,915	..	..	1	4,915	..	..
Dutch East Indies .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
United States of America ..	26	136,251	..	..	24	114,851	..	..
Other Foreign	45	196,158	..	..	43	160,692	..	..
Total Foreign Countries	72	337,324	..	..	68	280,458	..	..
Grand Total	333	1,669,977	5	808	302	1,436,302	6	963

* Includes oil-burning vessels.

Nationality
of vessels.

The nationality of vessels entered and cleared at Victorian ports for the year 1945-46 was as follows:—

VICTORIA—NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1945-46.

Nationality.	Vessels Entered.		Vessels Cleared.	
	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.
British—				
Australian	873	1,060,483	869	1,064,987
United Kingdom	335	1,727,280	329	1,712,409
Canadian	18	76,216	19	80,435
Hong Kong .. .. .	..	..	..	..
New Zealand	50	50,105	51	52,137
South African .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Other British	14	29,186	15	31,792
Total British	1,290	2,943,270	1,283	2,941,760
Foreign—				
Danish	2	8,352	2	8,352
French .. .. .	..	..	..	..
German .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Dutch	5	27,248	4	20,949
Italian .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Japanese	1	4,915	1	4,915
Norwegian	54	144,718	54	147,115
Swedish	24	76,051	23	76,288
United States of America	31	156,738	32	159,437
Other Foreign	35	124,491	35	123,459
Total, Foreign	152	542,513	151	540,515
Grand Total	1,442	3,485,783	1,434	3,482,275

Shipping
entered at
Victorian
Ports.

Particulars of shipping—oversea, interstate, and coastal—which entered at each port of Victoria are given in the following statement for the year ended 30th June, 1946.

VICTORIA—VESSELS ENTERED AT EACH PORT, 1945-46.

Route.	Melbourne.		Geelong.		Portland.		Warrnam- bool.	
	Number.	Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.
Oversea—								
Steam*	307	1,555,277	23	99,186	3	15,514	..	..
Sailing	5	808	..	..	..	..	..	..
Interstate—†								
Steam*	994	1,707,393	44	97,411	..	..	..	..
Sailing	65	10,100	1	94	..	..	..	..
Oversea, <i>via</i> Ports—								
Steam* and Sailing ..	7	27,837	12	56,727	3	18,256	..	..
Interstate <i>via</i> Ports—								
Steam* and Sailing ..	8	19,655	3	6,486	1	5,719	..	..
Local (within the State)—								
Steam* and Sailing ..	29	107,960	27	38,348	1	5,026	..	..
Total—								
Steam* and Sailing ..	1,415	3,429,030	110	298,252	8	44,515	..	..

NOTE.—“ Ports ” means Victorian ports.

* See footnote on Page 375.

† Including “ Oversea *via* States ”.

Statistics relating to the tonnage of cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria during the year ended 30th June, 1946, are shown in the following tables. The former shows the tonnage of interstate and overseas cargo handled at each port in the State, and the latter the tonnage of overseas cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria according to the nationality of the vessels in which the cargo was carried.

VICTORIA—TONNAGE OF INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED AT EACH PORT DURING THE YEAR 1945-46.

Port.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate (Tons).		Oversea (Tons).		Interstate (Tons).		Oversea (Tons).	
	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.
Melbourne ..	1,921,882	224,142	1,032,883	404,098	548,118	253,905	298,606	467,842
Geelong ..	152,955	1,596	205,446	2,393	32,248	2,208	1,940	..
Portland ..	..	..	25,136	..	..	..	3,713	..
Warrnambool	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	2,074,837	225,738	1,263,465	406,491	580,366	256,113	304,259	467,842

VICTORIA—TONNAGE OF OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED
AND SHIPPED DURING THE YEAR 1945-46 ACCORDING
TO THE NATIONALITY OF VESSELS.

Nationality of Vessels.	Discharged.		Shipped.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.
Australian .. ..	..	18,887	6,551	14,200
United Kingdom	674,237	217,258	190,219	290,254
Canadian	20,460	45,096	11,910	7,851
Hong Kong .. ..	..	..	..	..
New Zealand .. ..	..	23,822	5,295	33,570
South African .. ..	..	..	..	..
Other British	2,597	8	7,950	7,923
Total (British)	697,294	305,071	221,925	353,798
Danish	6,350	528	379	5
French .. ..	..	..	..	..
German .. ..	..	..	..	..
Dutch	14,638	5,116	2,091	529
Italian .. ..	..	..	..	..
Japanese .. ..	..	..	..	..
Norwegian	90,425	18,258	23,889	6,134
Swedish	38,881	6,559	23,463	2,575
United States of America	314,672	68,044	30,092	102,631
Other Foreign	101,205	2,915	2,420	2,170
Total (Foreign)	566,171	101,420	82,334	114,044
Grand Total	1,263,465	406,491	304,259	467,842

PRINCIPAL PORTS OF VICTORIA.

The Port of Melbourne is under the control of the Melbourne Harbor Trust, which had 11·69 miles of wharfs, piers, and jetties in the River Yarra, Victoria Dock, Maribyrnong River, and Hobson's Bay at 31st December, 1946. The area of these wharfs, &c., is 58 acres, and there are 30 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres of sheds. Reference to the constitution of the Trust and the revenue and expenditure thereof are shown in part "Local Government".

During the year 1946, vessels to the number of 1,690 (1,343 steamers, 288 motor vessels, and 59 sailing vessels) with registered gross tonnage aggregating 7,394,821, berthed within the Port. Total imports in 1946 amounted to 3,773,486 tons, of which 2,079,070 tons were interstate and coastal cargo. Exports totalled 1,704,099 tons, including interstate and coastal tonnage amounting to 730,288. Coal formed a great part of the interstate imports and, excluding 66,442 tons transhipped to vessels and 29,217 tons kept on board and landed at Geelong, Adelaide, or Warrnambool, or used for bunkers, the quantity imported during 1946 amounted to 991,385.

**Port of
Geelong.**

The Port of Geelong is controlled by the Geelong Harbor Trust. The number of berthings of vessels visiting the port during 1946 was 206 and represented 634,552 gross tonnage. Imports and exports for that period aggregated 395,012 and 65,378 tons respectively.

POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES, AND WIRELESS.

The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (63 and 64 Vict., Chapter 12) provided, in section 51, power to make laws with respect to *inter alia*, "postal, telegraphic, telephonic, and other like services".

These services are under the control of the Postmaster-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. Information given in the following tables refers only to the Victorian activities of the Department.

**Post Offices,
Mails, &c.** The number of post offices and the number of mails despatched and received in each of the five years 1941-42 to 1945-46 are given hereunder.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF POST OFFICES AND MAILS, 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Post Offices.*	Number of Mails—	
		Despatched.	Received.
1942	2,560	2,263,630	2,107,101
1943	2,546	2,303,387	2,093,297
1944	2,528	2,090,731	1,837,481
1945	2,510	2,201,985	1,944,136
1946	2,484	2,321,749	2,106,878

* Excluding "Telephone" offices at which telegraph and telephone business only is transacted, viz., 1941-42, 243; 1942-43, 243; 1943-44, 240; 1944-45, 238; and 1945-46, 229.

Postal
Returns—
Victoria.

Particulars relating to the number of letters, packets, and newspapers dealt with during 1944-45 and 1945-46 are given hereunder.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF LETTERS, PACKETS, AND NEWSPAPERS DEALT WITH, 1944-45 AND 1945-46.

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June, 1945.			Year ended 30th June, 1946.		
	Letters, Post-cards, Letter-cards.	Newspapers and Packets.	Total.	Letters, Post-cards, Letter-cards.	Newspapers and Packets.	Total.
<i>Posted for delivery—</i>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<i>Within the Commonwealth ..</i>	259,235,900	44,745,100	303,981,000	252,611,900	43,847,700	296,459,600
<i>Beyond the Commonwealth—</i>						
Despatched	5,377,000	2,095,300	7,472,300	7,634,800	3,338,900	10,973,700
Received ..	4,454,700	3,641,100	8,095,800	10,484,900	3,295,500	13,780,400
Total ..	269,067,600	50,481,500	319,549,100	270,731,600	50,482,100	321,213,700

The number of registered articles posted and received and particulars concerning parcels post, are shown below.

VICTORIA—REGISTERED ARTICLES AND PARCELS POST 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

Year ended 30th June—	Registered Articles (other than Parcels).				Parcels Post.*			
	Posted for Delivery—		Total Posted in Commonwealth.	Received from Beyond the Commonwealth.	Posted for Delivery—		Total Posted in Commonwealth.	Received from Beyond the Commonwealth.
	Within the Commonwealth.	Beyond the Commonwealth.			Within the Commonwealth.	Beyond the Commonwealth.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
1942 ..	3,130,340	55,483	3,185,823	80,321	2,421,400	478,700	2,900,100	
1943 ..	3,774,300	37,500	3,811,800	74,400	4,241,900	119,400	4,361,300	
1944 ..	4,481,300	26,500	4,507,800	50,600	4,866,100	156,600	5,022,700	
1945 ..	4,606,000	30,800	4,636,800	50,900	4,751,600	247,100	4,998,700	
1946 ..	4,745,700	52,000	4,797,700	100,500	4,256,500	900,300	5,156,800	

* Including Registered Value payable and Duty Parcels.

Dead Letters—Victoria. During 1945-46 there were 311,814 letters, &c., and 71,228 packets, &c., returned direct to writers or delivered; 47,666 letters, &c., and 43,463 packets, &c., were destroyed in accordance with the Post and Telegraph Act; and 16,317 letters, &c., and 1,726 packets, &c., were returned, as unclaimed, to other countries. Money and valuables to the amount of £45,548 were found in postal articles sent to the Dead Letter Office as undeliverable. Postal articles numbering 147 were posted without address.

Money Orders and Postal Notes. The following table shows the total number and value of money orders and postal notes issued and paid in each of the five years 1941-42 to 1945-46:—

VICTORIA—MONEY ORDERS AND POSTAL NOTES, 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Number of Money Order Offices open	844	849	856	860	862
Money Orders Issued—					
Intra-state .. {					
Number ..	582,021	586,233	562,280	573,019	571,575
Amount £	4,307,799	4,991,706	5,626,657	4,933,879	4,962,914
Interstate .. {					
Number ..	137,795	153,250	152,687	161,972	141,062
Amount £	582,702	752,490	817,470	932,721	859,051
Beyond the Com- {					
monwealth Number ..	16,121	15,029	16,046	16,703	17,214
Amount £	32,403	32,512	36,079	38,786	39,912
Total .. {					
Number ..	735,937	754,512	731,013	751,694	729,851
Amount £	4,922,904	5,776,708	6,480,206	5,905,386	5,861,877
Money Orders Paid—					
Intra-state .. {					
Number ..	584,242	586,192	562,423	571,124	572,007
Amount £	4,307,701	4,991,724	5,626,674	4,935,898	5,062,914
Interstate .. {					
Number ..	186,229	223,698	223,428	219,964	215,336
Amount £	871,694	1,226,676	1,325,260	1,331,837	1,283,043
Beyond the Com- {					
monwealth Number ..	15,199	13,074	13,209	14,517	20,321
Amount £	49,033	43,202	53,990	71,265	103,628
Total .. {					
Number ..	785,670	822,964	799,060	805,605	807,664
Amount £	5,228,428	6,261,602	7,005,924	6,339,000	6,449,585
Postal Notes—					
Issued .. {					
Number ..	6,437,509	6,235,422	6,381,376	6,908,015	7,396,752
Amount £	2,370,790	2,344,942	2,344,864	2,502,405	2,644,900
Paid—Issued with- {					
in the State Number ..	4,100,012	3,919,877	3,596,401	3,725,409	3,876,187
Amount £	1,638,223	1,594,967	1,467,350	1,507,500	1,552,195
Paid—Issued in {					
other States Number ..	628,905	839,210	1,055,637	1,066,324	942,583
Amount £	275,181	447,230	690,560	623,237	512,732

Of the money orders issued in 1945-46, 712,637 for £5,821,965 were payable in the Commonwealth of Australia, 3,907 for £8,084 in New Zealand, 9,601 for £22,681 in the United Kingdom, and 3,706 for £9,147 in other countries. The orders paid included 787,343 for £6,345,957 issued in the Commonwealth, 5,711 for £11,410 in New Zealand, 10,597 for £61,644 in the United Kingdom, and 4,013 for £30,574 in other countries.

Telegrams and The following table gives particulars relating to the
Telegrams. telegraph business during each of the five years 1941-42 to 1945-46 :—

VICTORIA—TELEGRAPH BUSINESS, 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Number of Telegraph Offices (including Railway Telegraph Offices)	2,464	2,465	2,468	2,424	2,404
Telegrams—					
Within the Commonwealth—					
Paid and Collect Telegrams					
Despatched—					
Ordinary, Urgent, and Press	5,327,044	6,426,727	7,329,335	7,835,768	8,110,736
Lettergrams	33,577	25,197	19,139	22,531	25,803
Radiograms	735	1,521	1,046	1,345	3,559
Unpaid Telegrams Transmitted—					
Service and Meteorological	442,610	487,266	499,566	470,232	444,400
Total	5,803,966	6,940,711	7,849,086	8,329,876	8,584,498
Beyond the Commonwealth—					
Despatched	439,983	445,946	307,491	302,774	284,646
Received	361,429	365,528	276,147	262,265	296,487
Total Number of Telegrams dealt with	6,605,378	7,752,185	8,432,724	8,894,915	9,165,631
	£	£	£	£	£
Revenue—					
Telegrams within the Common- wealth	376,009	432,797	469,705	491,313	554,864
Telegrams beyond the Common- wealth	95,342	89,189	71,112	64,510	72,002
Total Revenue received in State	471,351	521,986	540,817	555,823	626,866

Telephones. Information relating to the telephone service is given below for the years 1941-42 to 1945-46.

VICTORIA—TELEPHONES, 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Telephone Exchanges ..	1,676	1,672	1,671	1,674	1,668
Public Telephones ..	2,928	3,059	3,056	3,069	3,066
Lines connected ..	167,909	170,780	175,526	181,685	190,507
Instruments connected ..	237,484	246,507	254,861	264,013	272,147
Instruments per 1,000 of Population ..	121.5	124.4	128.1	131.1	134.0
Effective Paid Local Calls—					
(a) Subscribers ..	186,734,556	181,036,915	180,057,726	187,850,951	198,063,052
(b) Public Telephones ..	15,749,045	17,402,442	18,592,378	19,931,558	21,066,906
Trunk Line Calls ..	12,940,573	13,643,346	14,877,335	15,909,051	16,208,011

Wireless Licences in force. Details of wireless licences in force in Victoria at the end of each of the years 1941-42 to 1945-46 are shown hereunder. Consequent on the passing of the Australian Broadcasting Act in July, 1942, broadcast listeners' licences for 1942-43 and subsequent years were issued in two categories, viz. :—(a) licences for one receiver, (b) licences for receivers in excess of one. The number of licences (for one receiver) in force in Victoria, at 30th June, 1946, represented 28 per cent. of the total for Australia (1,436,794).

VICTORIA—WIRELESS LICENCES IN FORCE, 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

Class of Licence.	At 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Coast	1	1	1	1	1
Ship	82	79	78	77	78
Aircraft	9	9	11	21	27
Land	3	3	3	3	5
Broadcasting* ..	19	19	19	19	19
Broadcast Listeners—					
One receiver ..	371,502	375,933	391,542	394,315	396,700
More than one receiver ..					
Experimental ..	†	†	†	†	†
Portable					2
Special	65	131	247	297	308
Total	371,681	391,192	409,684	412,735	416,225

* Exclusive of stations operated by the National Broadcasting Service (P.M.G.'s Department).

† Operation of Experimental Stations suspended.

Particulars concerning the revenue and expenditure of the Postmaster-General's Department in Victoria for the years 1941-42 to 1945-46 are contained in the following table :—

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT IN VICTORIA, 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Revenue.</i>					
Postage*	2,449,926	2,389,994	2,704,970	2,851,507	3,062,904
Money Order Commission					
Poundage on Postal Notes	74,649	80,369	79,496	85,320	89,284
Private Boxes and Bags	14,829	15,429	16,404	17,235	18,867
Miscellaneous*	213,820	274,715	261,483	242,589	254,139
Total Postal	2,753,224	2,760,507	3,062,353	3,196,651	3,425,194
Telegraphs	491,785	959,100	948,931	1,021,560	901,390
Radio *	156,514	187,417	189,125	192,690	199,790
Telephones	2,919,470	3,242,806	3,433,529	3,619,451	3,703,004
Grand Total†	6,320,993	7,149,830	7,633,938	8,030,352	8,229,378
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries and Contingencies—					
Salaries and Payments in the					
Nature of Salary	1,837,095	2,257,362	2,511,527	2,578,439	2,745,087
General Expenses	151,212	146,114	171,579	183,984	205,671
Stores and Material	69,542	152,295	609,838	1,002,421	436,650
Mail Services	296,677	300,404	376,302	454,817	407,904
Engineering Services (other than new works)	1,115,140	1,320,346	1,272,968	1,296,507	1,625,931
Rents, Repairs, Maintenance, Fittings, &c.	43,660	41,205	51,998	64,220	65,457
Proportion of Audit Expenses	3,577	3,550	3,550	3,550	3,550
New Works—					
Telegraph, Telephones, and Wireless	765,800	653,700	732,500	729,400	1,028,000
Other Expenditure	18,917	16,290	14,772	11,655	9,865
New Buildings, &c.	75,897	72,247	48,783	63,889	128,572
Total Expenditure‡	4,377,517	4,963,513	5,793,817	6,388,882	6,656,687

* Including "Central Office" collections. † Actual collections. ‡ Actual payments.

TRANSPORT.

Under the provisions of the *Transport Regulation Act* 1932, as amended by the *Transport Regulation Act* 1933, the Transport Regulation Board was appointed by Governor-in-Council, for the purpose of securing the improvement and co-ordination of means and facilities for locomotion and transport and of carrying into effect the objects and purposes of the Act. The first Board took office on 1st May, 1934. The Board's term is for a period of three years.

Brief reference to certain provisions of the Transport Regulation Acts of 1933, 1935, 1940, and 1941 respectively, and the system evolved to implement them is made in previous issues of the *Year-Book*.

It was not until 1941 that vehicles which carried passengers otherwise than at a separate and distinct fare for each passenger (i.e., private hire cars) were brought within the provisions of the Act. When these vehicles were brought under control in 1941, a proviso was included that licences would issue "as of right" for such vehicles with seating capacity less than six. This proviso was removed by a short amending Act in 1946, and the position now is that all commercial passenger vehicle licences are at the discretion of the Board to grant or refuse, subject to review of the Board's decision by Governor-in-Council.

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT LICENCES IN FORCE AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1946.

Discretionary Licences.			Licences "As of Right."		
Type of Licence.	Permanent Licences relating to Commercial Passenger Vehicles operated as—	Number of Licences.	Type of Licence.	To operate for Hire or Reward—	Number of Licences.
A	Stage Omnibuses ..	948	EA	Within 25 miles of Melbourne ..	7,937
B	Touring Omnibuses ..	3	EB	Within 25 miles of Ballarat ..	232
C	Special Service Omnibuses ..	98		Within 25 miles of Bendigo ..	296
PH	Private Hire ..	800		Within 25 miles of Geelong ..	375
D	Permanent licences relating to commercial goods vehicles ..	822	EC	Within 20 miles of the places of business of the owners outside the radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong ..	7,392
			ED	Primary Producers, the vehicles being operated in connexion with their business as such and in some cases for the carriage for hire or reward of their neighbours' produce ..	3,285
			EF	Commercial goods vehicles owned by butter or cheese factories and operated for the carriage of milk or cream and goods necessary for such factory ..	418
			EG	Private Carriers, the vehicles being used to carry the goods of the owners in the course of trade in connexion with their own business ..	24,298
			EH	(i) Carrying only 3rd Schedule goods ..	1,833
				(ii) Racehorse floats ..	22
				(iii) Tank wagons carrying only petroleum products ..	190
				(iv) Commercial travellers' vehicles registered at the commercial rate of motor registration ..	539
	Total (Discretionary) ..	2,671		Total (As of Right) ..	46,817

In addition to those shown in the preceding table, sundry additional licences, numbering 207, and temporary licences numbering 1,533 were issued. This made the grand total of licences issued at the 30th June, 1946, 51,228, while the fees collected amounted to £22,441. Total revenue during year (including permit fees) amounted to £41,177.

**Directorate of
Emergency
Road
Transport.** The Board has continued to act under powers delegated by the Commonwealth as a Directorate of Emergency Road Transport, but the only important function remaining is the control exercised over the release of new motor cars and utility trucks. Trucks with load capacity in excess of one ton have been removed from control.

**Liquid Fuel
Control Board.** The scheme for rationing motor spirit continues in force, and although the rationing scale can now be regarded as generous, the control appears likely to continue for some time as a result of the dollar position.

RAILWAYS.

All railways in Victoria available for general traffic, with the exception referred to on page 392, are the property of the State, and are under the management of three Commissioners appointed by the Government.

Certain border railways in New South Wales are also under the control of the Victorian Railways Commissioners by virtue of an agreement ratified between the Victorian and New South Wales Governments under Act No. 3194 of 1922.

All lines controlled by the Railways Commissioners are shown on the map opposite page 339.

The succeeding tables relate to the State Railways, the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramways, and the Road Motor Services under the control of the Railways Commissioners. The operations of these tramways and the Road Motor Services are also shown separately on pages 391 and 392. Steam or motor power provides the traction for country passenger and goods traffic, while electricity is used mainly for passenger traffic on suburban lines.

**Reduction of
loan liability.** Important legislation bearing on railway finances was contained in the *Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act* 1936, No. 4429. A brief outline of the principal provisions of this Act was published in the *Victorian Year-Book* for 1939-40, page 361.

Total capital cost of railways and equipment.

The total capital cost of all lines constructed and in course of construction, and of all works, rolling stock and equipment of the Railways Department as at 30th June of each of the five years 1942-1946, is shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—TOTAL CAPITAL COST OF RAILWAYS, ETC., EQUIPMENT AND ROLLING STOCK, 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

At 30th June—		Railways.		Electric Tramways.	Road Motor Services.	Total Capital Cost.*
		Lines Opened.	Lines in Process of Construction.	Lines Opened.		
		£	£	£	£	£
1942	.. ..	51,090,964	255,551	140,191	10,082	51,496,788
1943	.. ..	51,000,215	164,372	158,162	8,327	51,331,076
1944	.. ..	50,867,331	163,724	152,323	7,604	51,190,982
1945	.. ..	50,861,453	163,029	147,961	7,180	51,179,623
1946	.. ..	51,242,148	163,077	143,853	14,139	51,563,217

* Written down in accordance with Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act No. 4429 of 1936. Particulars are exclusive of the cost of stores and materials on hand and in course of manufacture.

Loan liability. The face value of stock and bonds allocated to the Railways Department, as reduced in accordance with Act No. 4429, amounted to £51,105,775 at 30th June, 1946. After deducting the value of securities purchased by the National Debt Sinking Fund and cancelled (£4,869,450), the total liability in respect of current loans outstanding at that date was £46,236,325. The annual interest payable on this amount, calculated at the average rate of 3·517 per cent., was £1,626,132.

In addition to the proceeds from loans, funds amounting to £6,202,710 at 30th June, 1946, have been provided for railway construction, equipment, stores, &c., out of Consolidated Revenue and the National Recovery Loan and other Funds. No interest is charged on this amount.

Railways traffic. The mileage and traffic of the railways (exclusive of electric tramways and road motor services) for each of the years 1941-42 to 1945-46 are given in the following table:—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS MILEAGE AND TRAFFIC (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES), 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

Heading.	At 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Lines Constructed ..	4,830·29	4,830·29	4,830·29	4,830·29	4,830·29
„ Closed for Traffic	66·04	72·79	82·20	82·25	82·25*
„ Open for Traffic	4,764·25	4,757·50	4,748·09	4,748·04	4,748·04
	During Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Traffic Train Mileage	18,248,713	18,436,533	16,413,406	16,337,140	16,343,796
Passenger Journeys	180,981,900	195,830,057	194,137,624	195,697,963	196,117,567
Goods and Live Stock Carried (Tons) ..	7,502,640	8,759,113†	8,294,226†	8,063,591†	7,229,025†

* Of the 82·25 miles closed for traffic, 74·71 miles have been dismantled.

† Tonnage of live stock estimated.

Railways revenue and expenditure. The revenue and expenditure of the Railways Department during each of the five financial years 1942-1946, were as follows:—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Revenue—	£	£	£	£	£
Passenger, &c., Business—					
Passenger Fares ..	6,382,477	7,155,733	6,673,164	6,683,370	6,880,225
Parcels, &c. ..	407,486	460,137	554,655	543,199	585,184
Other ..	114,860	121,758	37,016	38,683	40,533
Goods, &c., Business—					
Goods ..	5,857,774	7,382,881*	6,712,652*	6,065,778*	5,439,358*
Live Stock ..	617,940	621,016*	611,194*	660,441*	519,206*
Minerals ..					
Other ..	108,049	136,720	163,588	136,812	99,941

* Estimated.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1941-42
TO 1945-46—continued.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£	£
Miscellaneous—					
Dining Car and Refreshment Services	674,432	766,167	744,051	748,307	746,956
Sale of Electrical Power	57,939	59,820	60,856	64,001	55,029
Rentals	171,861	186,914	177,530	169,674	158,828
Book Stalls	108,580	113,588	123,191	133,864	135,513
Advertising	35,842	34,568	37,974	40,615	42,930
Other*	77,597	80,921	78,763	67,749	64,619
Total	14,614,837	17,120,223	15,974,634	15,352,493	14,768,322
Expenditure—					
Working Expenses—					
Way and Works	2,001,561	2,462,845	2,595,023	2,401,738	2,474,303
Rolling Stock	3,177,420	3,763,564	3,892,340	4,024,720	4,047,667
Transportation	3,271,649	3,725,552	3,756,038	3,905,232	3,871,245
Electrical Engineering Branch Stores Branch	501,217	482,702	536,741	512,352	534,962
Pensions (non-contributory)	136,196	156,346	172,598	170,362	173,842
Payment to the Superannuation Fund	84,349	74,499	65,618	57,035	48,586
Contribution to Railway Renewals and Replacements Fund	387,758	388,816	393,234	403,001	412,230
Contribution to Railway Accident and Fire Insurance Fund	1,500,000	1,800,000	1,050,000	700,000	500,000
Child Endowment Pay-roll Tax	44,191	47,921	99,996	63,169	61,842
War Damage Insurance	164,731	195,664	202,542	203,921	207,339
Long Service and provision for Accrued Leave	30,521	68,904	33,918	..	..
Repayment to Public Account (Act No. 4499) .. .. .	..	297,970	201,330	219,689	49,308
Provision Way and Works Maintenance	100,000	..	..	..	..
Other	335,271	400,000	54,000	256,109	280,623
Total Working Expenses	11,734,864	14,150,222	13,314,504	12,917,328	12,661,947
Less Expenditure charged to special Funds	51,548	31,281	18,608	3,240	46,388
Working Expenses charged to Railway Revenue	11,683,316	14,118,941	13,295,896	12,914,088	12,615,559
Net Revenue	2,931,521	3,001,282	2,678,738	2,438,405	2,152,763
Debt Charges—					
Interest Charges and Expenses† Exchange on Interest Payments and Redemption	1,948,428	1,889,545	1,901,656	1,902,592	1,902,028
Contribution to National Debt Sinking Fund	209,486	197,674	201,321	200,027	184,876
Net Result for Year	124,260	126,361	127,625	128,773	128,259
	+ 649,347	+ 787,702	+ 448,136	+ 207,013	— 62,400
Proportion of Working Expenses to Revenue	%	%	%	%	%
	79·94	82·47	83·23	84·12	85·42

* Including recoup on account of reduction in outer suburban fares, £36,000 in 1941-42, £33,000 in 1942-43, £30,000 in 1943-44, £27,000 in 1944-45, and £24,000 in 1945-46.

† Including Loan Conversion Expenses.

The revenue for 1945-46 decreased by £534,171 as compared with that for 1944-45. Passenger business increased by £240,690, and goods, &c., business decreased by £804,526. Total working expenses decreased by £255,381, as compared with those of the previous year.

The earnings, expenses charged to railway revenue, and net revenue per average mile of railway worked for each of the five years 1941-42 to 1945-46 were as hereunder. The particulars exclude electric tramways and road motor services under the control of the Railways Department.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PER AVERAGE MILE OPEN, 1941-42 TO 1945-46 (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES).

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Average Number of Miles open for Traffic	4,746	4,758	4,751	4,748	4,748
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross Earnings per Mile	3,059	3,579	3,343	3,214	3,110
Working Expenses* per Mile	2,444	2,951	2,781	2,703	2,657
Net Revenue per Mile	615	628	562	511	453

* Charged to Railway Revenue.

This table does not take account of the interest paid on railway loans and expenses of paying same, which are given in the table on the previous page.

At 30th June, 1946, the capital cost of the broad-gauge rolling stock after being written down in accordance with Act No. 4429 of 1936 was £6,636,723, of the narrow-gauge £15,708, of the electric street tramway £29,754, and of the road motor coaches and trucks £8,005.

The number of officers and employees in the railways service (including casual labour and butty-gang workers) and the amount of salaries and wages (excluding travelling and incidental expenses) paid in each of the five financial years 1942-46, are shown in the following table:—

Railways staff.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS STAFF—NUMBERS, SALARIES, ETC.,
1941-42 TO 1945-46.

Year Ended 30th June—	Number of Employees at End of Year.			Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid during Year.
	Permanent.	Supernumerary.	Total.	
				£
1942	15,745	9,595	25,340	7,786,251
1943	15,241	10,316	25,557	8,670,724
1944	14,970	10,970	25,940	8,970,445
1945	14,735	10,389	25,124	8,828,090
1946	16,476	10,909	27,385	8,912,719

NOTE.—Particulars relating to the Construction Branch employees are not included above.

St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramways. The results of operating the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramways for 1945-46 are detailed in the following statement. As these tramways are controlled and operated by the Railways Commissioners, particulars relating to them have been included in the preceding railway tables unless otherwise indicated.

ELECTRIC STREET TRAMWAYS, 1945-46.

(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	St. Kilda-Brighton Electric Tramway.	Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramway.	Total.
Average Mileage of Tramway Worked	5.18	2.42	7.60
Car Mileage	516,678	128,636	645,314
Passengers Carried	6,723,262	2,223,515	8,946,777
	£	£	£
Gross Revenue	66,440	20,118	86,558
Working Expenses	53,059	12,694	65,753
Interest Charges, &c.	4,516	1,754	6,270
Net Profit	8,865	5,670	14,535
Capital Expenditure at 30th June, 1946, as written down under Act 4429 of 1936—			
Construction of Lines, &c.	77,763	36,336	114,099
Rolling Stock	27,491	2,263	29,754
Total	105,265	38,599	143,853

Road Motor Services. The following table gives particulars for each of the four years 1942-43 to 1945-46 of the operations of the Road Motor Services under the control of the Railways Commissioners.

VICTORIA—ROAD MOTOR SERVICES, 1942-43 TO 1945-46.

(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Car Mileage	151,741	149,974	155,472	180,763
Passenger Journeys*	886,559	863,887	888,082	872,544
Gross Revenue—	£	£	£	£
Passenger Service*	6,467	5,947	6,038	6,715
Goods Service				
Working Expenses	20,500	19,776	17,690	18,680
Interest Charges	461	401	245	254
Net Loss	14,494	14,230	11,897	12,219
Capital Expenditure at end of Year (less depreciation written off)	8,327	7,604	7,180	14,139

* Exclusive of passengers carried on the Hawthorn to Kew motor omnibus service.

NOTE.—The apparent discrepancy between the amount of the working expenses and the revenue was brought about by the revenue not having received a proportion of the combined rail and road services earnings while the working expenses have been charged with the road motor operating cost in full.

Municipal railway. A railway between Kerang and Koondrook, owned and worked by the council of the Shire of Kerang, is open for general traffic. This railway, which has a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge, is 13 miles 75 chains in length and, up to 30th September, 1946, cost £44,447 for construction and equipment. During the year ended 30th September, 1946, the gross receipts were £10,037 and the working expenses, excluding interest, £9,337. The train mileage for the same year was 11,634, the number of passenger journeys 9,800, and the tonnage of goods and livestock carried 20,561.

Under Act No. 4861 of 1941 the Shire Council was relieved from all its liability (£8,037 2s. 5d.) to the Government of Victoria in respect of this railway.

TRAMWAYS.

Victorian Tramways. The various tramway systems in the State at 30th June, 1946, (excluding those under the control of the Railways Commissioners) comprised 165·649 miles of electric lines, of which 134·278 miles were double, and 31·371 miles single track.

The electric street tramways, St. Kilda to Brighton and Sandringham to Beaumaris, under the management of the Victorian Railways Commissioners, are not referred to in this connexion, but are included under the heading "Railways," page 391, and "All Victorian Tramways," page 397.

The subjoined table contains particulars relating to all tramways in Victoria (with the foregoing exceptions) for each of the five years 1941-42 to 1945-46.

VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

(Exclusive of St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Street Tramways.)

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons Employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1942 ..	131·094	31·124	23,705,403	245,375,185	2,861,528	1,665,026	776	4,456
1943 ..	132·738	31·003	24,670,703	282,405,272	3,161,425	1,900,813	783	4,480
1944 ..	133·012	31·453	24,803,578	295,321,861	3,308,648	1,971,154	778	4,626
1945 ..	134·278	31·395	24,523,966	300,854,847	3,379,030	2,004,027	788	4,724
1946 ..	134·278	31·371	24,457,902	297,732,295	3,398,763	2,083,824	806	5,203

The Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act became operative on 7th January, 1919. The Act provided for a Board consisting of seven members appointed by the Governor in Council to control all tramways in the metropolitan area, with the exception of the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris electric systems.

The Board is empowered to borrow up to £5,500,000 by the issue of stock or debentures secured upon its revenues and undertakings, this being in addition to the transferred liabilities attaching to the tramways vested in it. At 30th June, 1946, the Board had borrowing powers available to the extent of £1,646,084. Power is given to have an overdraft not exceeding £400,000.

Particulars relating to the electric tramway systems under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board are shown for each of the years 1941-42 to 1945-46 in the following statement.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1941-42
TO 1945-46.

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons Employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.						
1942 ..	121·654	7·054	22,063,659	233,136,284	2,751,997	1,539,595	705	4,196
1943 ..	123·268	6·923	22,925,648	265,927,574	3,025,921	1,761,498	712	4,197
1944 ..	123·542	6·643	23,000,054	278,451,170	3,166,050	1,812,025	707	4,338
1945 ..	124·778	6·615	22,730,635	284,139,431	3,233,102	1,843,266	717	4,429
1946 ..	124·778	6·591	22,673,730	281,198,208	3,253,010	1,927,979	732	4,893

In the next statement the operations of the electric tramways and the motor omnibus systems under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board are shown separately, for each of the years 1944-45 and 1945-46.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1944-45
AND 1945-46.

System.	Track Open.		Tram/Bus Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Ex-penses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons Em-ployed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.						
1944-45.								
Electric ..	124·778	6·615	22,730,635	284,139,431	3,233,102	1,843,266	717	4,429
Motor Omnibus	67·613	..	8,146,473	70,663,685	757,451	680,560	326	1,346
1945-46.								
Electric ..	124·778	6·591	22,673,730	281,198,208	3,253,010	1,927,979	732	4,893
Motor Omnibus	68·602	..	7,865,400	70,196,236	751,367	667,187	315	1,357

A summary of the revenue and expenditure by the Tramways Board and the appropriation of the surplus on operation for the year ended 30th June, 1946, is set out hereunder :—

	£	£
Traffic Receipts	4,004,377	
Advertisements, rents, &c.	16,563	
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Total Revenue		4,020,940
Working Expenses		2,602,944
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Surplus on Operation		1,417,996
Interest and Other Charges		398,026
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Brought forward from 1944-45		1,019,970
		70
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Available for Appropriation		1,020,040
Appropriations—		
Renewals Reserve	701,000	
Loan Redemption	68,781	
Loan Sinking Funds	92,595	
Consolidated Revenue	126,727	
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		989,103
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Net Surplus		30,937
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Of the net surplus (£30,937), an amount of £30,000 was distributed to thirty municipalities in the metropolis. Of this amount £27,000 was paid to twenty municipalities in whose districts more than 250,000 tram or bus miles have been run during the year, and £3,000 on a population and valuation basis to four municipalities having a lesser mileage than 250,000 and to six municipalities in which the Board has no trams or motor buses.

Pursuant to section 77 of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act No. 3732, the Board is required to make certain annual payments to the Consolidated Revenue of the State. The total of such payments up to 30th June, 1946, amounted to £2,934,701. This amount was allocated as follows :—Fire Brigades Board, £1,517,621; Licensing Fund, £435,251; and Infectious Diseases Hospital, £981,929. Under the provisions of Act No. 4598 the Board was relieved of the Licensing Fund payment as from 1st July, 1938.

Up to 30th June, 1946, the capital cost of the tramways vested in the Tramways Board, after writing off the value of obsolete assets, amounted to £9,457,426, of which £149,806 related to cable tramways, £8,382,041 to electric tramways, £738,994 to motor omnibuses, and £186,585 to general properties.

In the next statement comparisons are made between the electric and bus systems operated by the Tramways Board, the receipts per mile, the cost of working, &c., being shown for the year 1945-46.

**MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD
TRAFFIC RECEIPTS, WORKING EXPENSES, ETC., PER
MILE, ETC., 1945-46.**

System.	Traffic Receipts.			Working Expenses to Total Revenue.	Working Expenses per Vehicle Mile, including Power Cost.	Average Distance per Penny.
	Per Vehicle Mile.	Per Mile of Single Track Operated.	Per Passenger.			
	<i>d.</i>	£	<i>d.</i>	%	<i>d.</i>	Miles.
Electric ..	34.433	12,700	2.776	59.109	20.407	.917
Bus ..	22.927	5,476	2.569	88.681	20.358	.932

The cities, other than the metropolis, having electric tramway systems are:—Ballarat, with 13.84 miles of lines (2.33 double and 11.51 single track); Bendigo, with 8.64 miles of lines (2.43 double and 6.21 single track); and Geelong, with 11.80 miles of lines (4.74 double and 7.09 single track).

The traffic particulars of these lines for each of the five years 1941-42 to 1945-46 are summarized in the following table:—

**TRAMWAYS IN EXTRA-METROPOLITAN CITIES, 1941-42 TO
1945-46.**

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons Employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1942 ..	9.44	24.07	1,641,744	12,238,901	109,531	125,431	71	254
1943 ..	9.47	24.81	1,745,055	16,477,698	135,504	139,315	71	283
1944 ..	9.47	24.81	1,803,524	16,870,691	142,598	159,129	71	288
1945 ..	9.50	24.78	1,793,331	16,715,416	145,928	160,761	71	295
1946 ..	9.50	24.78	1,784,172	16,514,087	145,753	155,845	74	310

Summary of all Victorian Tramways. A summary of the operations for each of the years 1944-45 and 1945-46 of the foregoing tramway systems and of the electric tramways under the control of the Railways Commissioners is given in the following table:—

ALL VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1944-45 AND 1945-46.

Heading.		1944-45.	1945-46.
Route Mileage Open—Double	.. miles	141·668	141·668
Single	.. miles	31·605	31·581
Total	.. miles	173·273	173·249
Cost of Construction and Equipment	.. £	8,695,201	8,852,582
Gross Revenue—			
Traffic Receipts	.. .. £	3,467,168	3,485,321
Other	.. .. £	8,405	9,500
Total Revenue	.. £	3,475,573	3,494,821
Working Expenses	.. .. £	2,067,037	2,148,445
Net Earnings	.. .. £	1,408,536	1,346,376
Interest, &c.	.. .. £	141,752	127,186
Statutory Charges, Rates, &c.	.. .. £	1,061,575	1,045,091
Net Profit after Paying Working Expenses, Interest, &c., Statutory Charges, Rates, &c.	.. .. £	205,209	191,452
Tram Miles Run	.. .. miles	25,172,447	25,103,216
Passenger Journeys	.. .. No.	310,052,089	306,679,072
Staff Employed—			
Salaried	.. .. No.	686	734
Wages	.. .. No.	4,140	4,571
Total Staff	.. .. No.	4,826	5,305
Rolling Stock	.. .. No.	819	837

LICENSED VEHICLES.

Licensed
vehicles in
Melbourne.

The licensing and regulating of vehicles used as hackney carriages, plying for hire within the City of Melbourne and within the distance of eight miles from the corporate limits of the City of Melbourne, are controlled by the Melbourne City Council.

Particulars regarding licences issued during 1945-46 were as follows :—

Description.	Number. Licensed.	Revenue Received.
		£
Horse-drawn Vehicles—		
Wagonettes (46), Owners (23)	69	} 77
Hackney Carriage Drivers	51	
Carters (for conveyance of goods)	996	50
Motor Vehicles—		
Motor Omnibuses	346	} 1,034
Taxi-cabs	550	
Private Hire Cars	450	} 3,094
Motor Cabs	45	
Chars-a-banc	23	
Hire and Drive Yourself Cars	9	
Hackney Carriage Motor Car Owners	630	
Hackney Carriage Motor Car Drivers	3,000	
Total Revenue .. .. .	..	4,255

The above-named annual licences are issued in respect of the following periods :—

Horse-drawn vehicles and motor omnibuses—from 1st January to 31st December.

Carters—1st August to 31st July.

All other vehicles together with hackney carriage motor car owners and motor car drivers—1st July to 30th June.

A detailed statement of the rates chargeable for the annual registration of motor vehicles, &c., is given in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 500. Subsequent amendments to the Motor Car Acts have provided *inter alia* for a reduction in the rate chargeable for registration or renewal of registration of motor vehicles owned by primary producers.

Motor
vehicles, &c.,
registrations.

The *Motor Car (Amendment) Act 1942* (No. 4925) provided *inter alia* for a reduction of 25% in the fee otherwise payable under the Motor Car Act for registration or renewal of registration of a motor car unless such vehicle is fitted with a gas producer or receives a monthly allowance of more than 25 gallons of liquid fuel.

In the following statement particulars are given, as furnished by the Motor Registration Office of the Police Department, of the number of motor vehicles on the register and of the number of drivers' and riders' licences in force at the end of each of the years 1941-42 to 1945-46. The revenue of that office is also shown for the same periods.

VICTORIA—REGISTRATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ETC.,
DRIVERS' LICENCES, ETC., ISSUED, 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

Heading.	At 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Vehicles—					
Private Cars	121,129	128,667	133,973	138,385	143,356
Commercial Vehicles	34,046	32,807	34,790	37,187	44,000
Hire Cars	2,465	2,553	2,611	2,596	2,933
Primary Producers'	49,521	51,358	52,645	54,952	55,981
Omnibuses	636	666	688	689	716
Traction Engines	209	79	71	65	69
Trailers	6,086	6,757	7,240	8,053	8,546
Motor Cycles	16,688	16,267	17,937	19,798	23,228
Drivers' and Riders' Licences	339,334	329,595	337,171	353,584	401,610
Dealers' Licences	204	176	207	223	354
Transfers	43,180	44,408	56,512	62,528	81,400
Total Revenue Received* during year ended 30th June.. .. .	£ 1,652,271	£ 1,456,097	£ 1,528,371	£ 1,607,178	£ 1,782,888

* These amounts (less cost of collection, refunds, transfer fees, and the amount received on account of drivers' licences) are included in the Country Roads Board Fund.

The principal items of revenue received during 1945-46 were in respect of motor cars, £1,617,630; motor cycles, £19,308; and drivers' licences, £100,413.

In the next statement, details relating to new registrations and renewals of registration of motor cars and motor cycles are shown for the years 1944-45 and 1945-46 respectively.

VICTORIA—NEW REGISTRATIONS AND RENEWALS OF
REGISTRATION OF MOTOR CARS AND MOTOR CYCLES
1944-45 AND 1945-46.

Vehicles.	1944-45.			1945-46.		
	New Registrations.		Renewals of Registra- tion.	New Registrations.		Renewals of Registra- tion.
	New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.		New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Cars—						
Private	533	10,812	127,119	1,205	12,417	130,735
Commercial and Hire ..	1,813	2,980	35,139	2,037	6,586	38,809
Primary Producers' ..	437	2,550	52,014	311	2,924	52,747
Motor Cycles	84	4,550	15,164	377	6,235	16,616

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

Summary of
all Traffic
Accidents.

The following statements contain particulars of traffic accidents which occurred only in the public thoroughfares of Victoria. Figures regarding accidents on private property or on railway lines (except at level crossings) are not included. The total number of deaths shown in these statements is not comparable therefore, with those shown in Part "Vital Statistics" of this Year-Book.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS: NUMBER OF
PERSONS AFFECTED, 1946.

Place of Occurrence.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.	Accidents in which no Person was Killed or Injured.	Total Accidents.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
City of Melbourne	1,064 (831)	42 (37)	1,156 (893)	1,557 (1,192)	2,621 (2,023)
Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne)	2,778 (1,952)	120 (93)	3,209 (2,149)	2,725 (1,784)	5,503 (3,736)
Total—Metropolitan Area ..	3,842 (2,783)	162 (130)	4,365 (3,042)	4,282 (2,976)	8,124 (5,759)
Remainder of State	1,443 (1,044)	174 (130)	1,837 (1,326)	1,604 (1,047)	3,047 (2,091)
Grand Total	5,285 (3,827)	336 (260)	6,202 (4,368)	5,886 (4,023)	11,171 (7,850)

NOTE.—Figures in parentheses relate to the year 1945.

In the table which follows traffic accidents during 1946 have been recorded according to the classification of male and female victims.

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—PARTICULARS OF
PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, 1946.

Description.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pedestrian	88	1,230	40	678	128	1,908
Driver of motor vehicle other than motor cycle	38	621	1	51	39	672
Driver of motor cycle	39	667	1	3	40	670
Passenger—motor car, truck, bus, &c.	45	757	18	619	63	1,376
Passenger—motor cycle, side car ..	2	22	1	12	3	34
Pillion rider	4	142	..	46	4	188
Pedal cyclist	32	867	5	170	37	1,037
Riding tandem or on handle or bar of bicycle .. .. .	..	18	1	9	1	27
Tram passenger .. .. .	..	68	..	66	..	134
Driver or passenger of horse-drawn vehicle	12	96	..	15	12	111
Equestrian	7	15	..	3	7	18
Other	2	26	..	1	2	27
Total	269	4,529	67	1,673	336	6,202

Particulars of victims of traffic accidents during 1946 are shown according to age and sex in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—SEX AND AGE OF
PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, 1946.

Age Group.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
0-4	3	106	3	71	6	177
5-9	7	281	3	126	10	407
10-14	10	315	..	107	10	422
15-19	18	495	4	192	22	687
20-29	63	1,116	10	305	73	1,421
30-39	31	690	2	211	33	901
40-49	38	554	11	194	49	748
50-59	34	434	14	187	48	621
60 and over	62	417	20	208	82	625
Not stated	3	121	..	72	3	193
Total	269	4,529	67	1,673	336	6,202

Causes of Accidents. Numerous reasons are given to the Police as the causes of accidents. A summary of the principal reasons given is published hereafter. It must be remembered that, in some cases, only one party has been able to give evidence.

VICTORIA—CAUSES OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 1946.

Stated Cause.	Number of Accidents.		
	Fatal.	Non-fatal with Injured.	Total.
Driver or Rider—			
Skidding on roadway	17	185	202
Failure to exercise care at intersection	17	531	548
Excessive speed	27	108	135
Not keeping to left	10	134	144
Swerving to avoid vehicle or other object	2	121	123
Stopping or turning in front of other vehicle or leaving kerb without warning	1	125	126
Level Crossing	5	5	10
Rounding corner carelessly or on wrong side	3	43	46
Obscured vision	8	107	115
Failing to give right of way	1	50	51
Dazzled by sun or light	5	82	87
Breaking traffic regulations or failing to obey traffic officer's signal	5	77	82
Careless, negligent, or inefficient driving	42	588	630
Hit and run motorist	11	150	161
Error of judgment	8	339	347
All other	15	190	205
Total	177	2,835	3,012
Vehicle—			
Defective mechanism and/or tyres	13	165	178
No lights	2	51	53
Other	5	16	21
Total	20	232	252
Passenger—			
Alighting from moving vehicle	1	68	69
Falling from moving vehicle	10	135	145
Total	11	203	214
Pedestrian—			
Walking or running on roadway or crossing without care	67	1,067	1,134
Boarding vehicle in motion	4	66	70
Stepping on to road without care	1	16	17
Other	14	266	280
Total	86	1,415	1,501
Other—			
Horses shying, bolting, or stumbling	11	41	52
Other (including not known)	16	238	254
Total	27	279	306
Grand Total	321	4,964	5,285

A comparative statement of the number of persons killed or injured in traffic accidents during each of the five years 1942-1946 is given below. Accidents involving one vehicle with another vehicle or object are classified according to one type of vehicle only.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED
IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 1942 TO 1946.

Vehicle, &c.	1942.		1943.		1944.		1945.		1946.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pedal Cycle	12	307	18	225	9	213	11	226	15	226
Motor Bus	30	225	45	255	20	200	10	207	11	223
Motor Car, Truck, &c. ..	295	4,025	185	3,049	167	3,072	190	3,784	249	4,862
Motor Cycle	19	313	13	211	12	315	22	367	30	542
Train—Electric and Steam	7	1	1	3	2	2	5	2	4	..
Tram—Electric	28	353	22	370	19	301	13	254	8	235
Other Vehicle	15	72	16	60	10	85	9	50	9	40
Pedestrian	9	179	8	169	5	91	5	88	4	65
Horse	6	16	1	17	3	13	5	17	6	9
Total	421	5,491	309	4,359	247	4,292	270	4,995	336	6,202

In the next table, accidents in which persons were killed or injured have been classified according to type of vehicle, &c., involved, e.g., where a collision has occurred between a motor car and a pedal cyclist, particulars of such accident are included under each heading. Correct totals cannot be arrived at by the addition of the items shown in the table.

VICTORIA—PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, TYPES OF
VEHICLES, ETC., INVOLVED, 1945 AND 1946.

Type of Vehicle, &c., Involved.	1945.			1946.		
	Number of Accidents.*	Number Killed.	Number Injured.	Number of Accidents.*	Number Killed.	Number Injured.
Motor Car	2,400	110	2,884	3,123	141	3,792
Motor Van	127	11	141	141	7	162
Motor Truck, Lorry	791	81	1,004	1,019	117	1,271
Motor Bus	239	15	283	252	11	287
Motor Cycle	660	41	769	960	56	1,140
Pedal Cycle	938	30	970	1,126	42	1,155
Tram—Electric	312	16	363	306	15	367
Train—Electric and Steam	15	3	8	10	8	6
Horse-drawn Vehicle	159	13	171	162	16	175
Horse	30	6	27	29	7	24
Pedestrian	1,658	103	1,645	1,935	127	1,930
Other	1	1	..	1	1	..

* Number of accidents refers only to those in which persons were killed or injured.

Details of breaches of the Motor Car Act and Traffic Regulations will be found in Part "Law, Crime, &c.", of this *Year-Book*.

AIRCRAFT.

The collection and the compilation of aircraft statistics were undertaken by the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics as from 1st July, 1922.

The following particulars relating to civil aircraft registered in Victoria for the years specified below have been received from that source.

The main air lines of Victoria are shown on the map opposite page 339 of this *Year-Book*.

VICTORIA—CIVIL AIRCRAFT, 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

Particulars.	At 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Registered Owners	26	(b) 34	(b) 32	32	53
Registered Aircraft	36	(b) 27	(b) 45	45	94
Licensed Pilots—					
Private	47	29	40	(a)	(a)
Commercial	55	60	90	(a)	(a)
Licensed Ground Engineers ..	218	277	316	(a)	(a)
Licensed Navigators	16	18	22	(a)	(a)
Licensed Aircraft Radio Telegraph Operators	11	14	20	(a)	(a)
Licensed Aircraft Radio Telephone Operators	17	18	23	(a)	(a)
Aerodromes—					
Government	2	2	2	2	2
Public	13	13	10	8	8
Government Emergency Grounds	6	5	4	4	4
Flights carried out	14,296	12,675	20,817	28,608	42,306
Hours flown	23,549	25,766	38,888	58,334	88,962
Approximate mileage	3,103,116	3,567,910	5,415,403	8,358,641	12,769,963
Passengers carried—					
Paying	83,716	83,954	164,319	258,409	409,043
Non-paying	1,988	1,214	2,086	2,627	4,050
Total Passengers carried ..	85,704	85,168	166,405	261,036	413,093
Goods, Weight Carried .. lb.	1,067,018	1,130,562	1,795,380	3,058,196	7,554,749
Mails, Weight Carried	180,658	963,555	2,057,893	1,079,009	923,563
Accidents—					
Persons Killed	3	2	1	10	2
Persons Injured .. ..	..	3	..	..	1

(a) Not available

(b) At 31st December.