



RAILWAY MAP
OF
VICTORIA
1951

SCALE OF MILES
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showing Victorian Government Railways
(in Red)

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 in operation during 1949-50 was the Customs Tariff 1933-1950.

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 International Trade Organisation 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. The benefits of the British Preferential Tariff are also accorded to certain goods produced or manufactured in Ceylon and in various non-self governing British Colonies, Protectorates, and Trust Territories.

Intermediate Tariff. The Intermediate Tariff has been a feature of the Australian Customs Tariff for a considerable number of years, although its implementation dates only from 1st January, 1937, consequent upon the conclusion of trade agreements with Belgium, Czechoslovakia, and France in 1936.

The countries to which the benefits of the Intermediate Tariff are extended include countries with which Australia has negotiated trade agreements (including negotiations pursuant to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) and countries which accord Australia reciprocal most-favoured-nation tariff treatment by reason of agreements between those countries and the United Kingdom.

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 with New Zealand, under which special tariff rates are granted by Australia to certain goods of New Zealand origin and British Preferential Tariff rates are extended to all other New Zealand products, and tariff concessions are granted by New Zealand in respect of Australian goods, has been in force since 1933. This agreement was 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) 1933-1950.

In 1925 a trade agreement between Australia and Canada was concluded. 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. The schedules at present in operation are the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1931 and the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1950.

The United Kingdom-Australia Trade Agreement (the "Ottawa Agreement"), which is referred to under the sub-heading "The Customs Tariff" in this Section, was concluded in 1932. In addition to recording Australia's undertaking to maintain certain minimum margins of Tariff preference in favour of United Kingdom products, this Agreement records an undertaking by Australia to accord specified minimum margins of Tariff preference in favour of particular products originating in Ceylon and in various British non-self-governing Colonies, Protectorates, and Trust Territories. The Agreement also records undertakings by the United Kingdom in relation to the imposition of duties on certain foreign products entering the United

Kingdom and the guarantee of duty-free entry for particular Australian products, and it specifies minimum margins of preferences to be accorded to other Australian products in the Tariffs of British non-self-governing Colonies, Protectorates, and Trust Territories. The important Articles 9 to 13 inclusive set out the principles which govern the grant of Tariff protection by the Australian Government to Australian products which may compete with United Kingdom products, and procedures involved in the assessment of such protection. The United Kingdom-Australia Trade Agreement originally entered into force for a period of five years, after which it was to continue in force indefinitely subject to denunciation at six months' notice by either Government. Its operation was reviewed in 1935 and 1938 at meetings of United Kingdom and Australian Ministers.

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. When Newfoundland became a province of Canada on 1st April, 1949, this agreement was allowed to lapse and the agreement with Canada is now applied to trade between Australia and Newfoundland.

A trade agreement with Southern Rhodesia became effective in April, 1941. Briefly, the agreement provides for concessional tariff treatment for Southern Rhodesian tobacco, and exemption from primage duty of 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 Preference) Act 1936-1950*, certain specified goods, the produce of Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea, are admitted into Australia free of duty. All other goods are admissible under the British Preferential Tariff.

In addition, 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.

**Post-War
Trade
Agreements.** Short-term trade arrangements have been negotiated in the post-war period with Argentina (operating from 12th April, 1950, to 30th June, 1951) Japan and Sweden.

None of these agreements relates to tariff rates. They arise from the currency and goods controls operating in the post-war period and have been concluded with a view to securing outlets for Australian exports and obtaining essential imports.

In the case of Japan, Australia is a participant in the sterling area trade arrangement, which has been concluded yearly, beginning with 1948-49 with a view to keeping trade between the sterling area and Japan in balance and thus avoiding the necessity for conversion into dollars as provided by the Overall Sterling Area Payments Arrangement, of surplus sterling held by the Supreme Commander Allied Powers.

The arrangement regulates the level of Australian import licensing on Japan, and provides finance for Japanese purchases from Australia and other sterling area countries.

The Argentine and Swedish Arrangements have been concluded bilaterally between Australia and the countries concerned.

The Swedish arrangement was originally concluded in respect of the year ended 30th April, 1947, with a view to re-establishing Australian-Swedish trade. The arrangement has been extended annually, each government undertaking to assist with the other's requirements of listed essential goods.

THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATION.

THE HAVANA CHARTER AND THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE.

Joint declarations during the 1939-1945 war by the United Kingdom and the United States of America, expressed in such instruments as the Mutual Aid Agreement and the Atlantic Charter, envisaged the establishment, in the post-war period, 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 to incorporate rules governing the future conduct of international trade, for submission to a World Conference on Trade and Employment.

This particular conference did not eventuate but, after the establishment of the United Nations Organization, the proposed Charter negotiations were brought under the 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 in the meantime, established a Preparatory Committee to prepare 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 nations should be invited.

During 1946 the Preparatory Committee commenced work on two major aspects of world trade—

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

With regard to (1), discussions took place in London, New York, and Geneva and as a result a "Charter for an International Trade Organization" was prepared for the consideration of a World Conference on Trade and Employment which was held at Havana from 21st November, 1947, to 21st March, 1948.

The Conference was attended by the representatives of 56 nations of whom 54 agreed to submit to their respective Governments for approval a revised 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 and contains a series of rules for the conduct of international trade. It was designed to uphold the principles of multilateral trade, and covered such subjects connected with international trade as maintenance of full employment, promotion of economic development, non-discriminatory tariffs, quantitative restrictions, subsidies, State trading, customs formalities, customs unions and free-trade areas, restrictive business practices, and inter-governmental commodity arrangements.

The Charter was to come into force when instruments of acceptance had been lodged by a specified minimum number of countries. To date, no important trading country has lodged such an instrument, and the United States Administration has recently decided, because of domestic opposition, not to persevere in its attempt to persuade Congress to accept the Charter. Because of the pre-eminent position of the United States in world trade, most other countries had delayed acceptance until the attitude of the United States Government became clear. The latest decision of the United States means that for all practical purposes, the implementation of the Charter has now been indefinitely postponed. The Australian Parliament passed, in 1948, the International Trade Organization Act which authorized Australia to lodge an instrument of acceptance after the United States of America and the United Kingdom had done so.

With regard to (2) viz.—the reduction of tariff barriers—the Preparatory Committee considered that it was unnecessary to await the completion of the Trade Charter before engaging in tariff negotiations. Accordingly, at Geneva, between April and August, 1947, 23 countries (including Australia) conducted a series of tariff negotiations directed towards the mutually advantageous reduction of tariff barriers.

The results were incorporated in the "General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade" and the tariff concessions which each country undertook to accord to the products of all other parties to the Agreement are shown in Schedules annexed to the Agreement. In addition to granting concessions in its own tariff, Australia undertook to forego certain preferences or portion of certain preferences which she enjoyed in Commonwealth markets, but in return received direct and indirect benefits in foreign markets for many export products.

All countries (with the exception of China, Lebanon, and Syria, which have withdrawn from the Agreement) which participated in the tariff negotiations at Geneva are provisionally operating the Agreement. They are Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Burma, Canada, Ceylon, Chile, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, France, India, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, United States of America, and the United Kingdom. Indonesia, having acquired full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations, has been accepted as a contracting party.

The General Agreement, apart from the tariff schedules, comprises 35 articles, many of which also appear in the Charter. These articles relate to such matters as quantitative restrictions, subsidies, internal taxation, and State trading, and were inserted as a stop-gap measure pending the expected implementation of the Charter.

As the Charter is unlikely to be put into effect in the future, the Contracting Parties will now be obliged, under the terms of the General Agreement, to consider whether the Agreement shall be amended, supplemented or maintained.

The second round of tariff negotiations was concluded at Annecy, in France, in August, 1949, and as a result the following nine additional countries have acceded to the General Agreement—Denmark, Finland, Greece, Italy, Sweden, Dominica, Haiti, Liberia, and Nicaragua. Australia agreed to accord certain concessions in return for benefits in export markets and operated its concessions from 12th May, 1950.

The third round of tariff negotiations took place at Torquay, England, between September, 1950, and April, 1951. Six new countries, viz. :—Austria, Western Germany, Southern Korea, Peru, Philippines, and Turkey—took part in the negotiations and may now accede to the General Agreement. Australia negotiated reductions of duties with Austria, Western Germany, Philippines, and Turkey, and also agreed to grant some further concessions to Sweden and Denmark, with whom agreements had previously been concluded. The results of the Torquay negotiations are subject to ratification by the Australian Parliament and will come into force 30 days after Australia signs the Torquay Protocol.

**Primage
Duty.**

In addition to duties imposed by the Customs Tariff 1933-1950, 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 Trust Territory of New Guinea, are exempt from primage duty, as is 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 Ceylon and various British non-self-governing colonies, protectorates, and Trust territories. 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 a fair rate of exchange and subject, in cases of doubt, to the determination of a fair rate of exchange by the Minister for Trade and Customs.

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).

The Excise Tariff in operation is the Excise Tariff 1921-1950. The articles on which excise duty is payable can only be manufactured subject to compliance with certain conditions.

This tariff relates only to beer, spirits, liqueurs, 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, playing cards, cigarette tubes, cigarette papers, matches, wine (certain kinds), saccharin, wireless valves, and coal.

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.** The Customs (Import Licensing) Regulations were promulgated and became effective on 1st December, 1939. These regulations were complementary to the National Security (Monetary Control) Regulations and the Customs (Overseas Exchange) Regulations, which were already in operation, in that the chief immediate aim of the licensing measure was to conserve resources of non-sterling exchange and, in particular, to prevent the absorption of those resources in the purchase of un-essential imports to the detriment of more vital national needs. Other objectives were to enable priority in shipping space to be given

to essential imports should a shortage develop and to gather information on the relative importance of particular imports to enable future restrictions (if required) to be soundly based.

The deterioration of Australian sterling balances in London and changes in the general war situation made it necessary to bring imports from sterling countries within the scope of the regulations in December, 1941. The extension of the restrictions to sterling goods was a necessary corollary to the measures adopted in Australia and throughout the British Commonwealth to divert manpower, machinery, and raw materials to war production. Conservation of shipping space was also an important consideration.

With the cessation of hostilities and the improvement in London balances and in accordance with the Government policy of relaxing all forms of wartime restrictions wherever possible, a large range of goods of sterling origin was removed from control in January, 1946. In January, 1947, with the exception of a small number of goods, import licensing control was removed from all goods of United Kingdom origin, and these relaxations were extended in January, 1950, to most goods originating in the rest of the Sterling Area. The list of goods of United Kingdom and other Sterling Area origin subject to import licensing control was still further reduced in August, 1950, and the result is that to-day only two commodities of United Kingdom origin and nine commodities originating in the rest of the Sterling Area are subject to import licensing control.

In the years following the cessation of hostilities restrictions applicable to goods from those non-sterling countries (called easy currency countries) with which the sterling area has no balance of payments difficulty, were continuously modified to the extent that virtually all goods from those countries are permissible imports.

The sterling area still has balance of payments problems with a small number of non-sterling countries (the hard currency countries). Australian policy in respect of importations from these countries (the chief of which are those which comprise the dollar area) is to restrict importations to those goods which are of an essential nature and are unobtainable, in adequate quantities, from sterling or easy currency sources.

The Tariff Board.

The Tariff Board Act 1921-1950 provides for the appointment of a Tariff Board consisting of four members one of whom shall be an Administrative Officer of the Department of Trade and Customs and who may be Chairman. Members of the Board are appointed for a term of not less than one year and not more than three years, and two members may be appointed as a Committee for making special inquiries. The principal duties of the Board are shown in the *Year-Book* for 1941-42, pages 168 and 169.

Alteration in Values of Imports.

Prior to the year 1947-48, the values of overseas imports are shown in British Currency, but for 1947-48 and subsequent years values are recorded in Australian Currency. It is necessary, therefore, when comparing the values of imports for 1947-48 and subsequent years with previous years, to take into account differences in currency. This also applies when estimating the balance of trade between Victoria and other countries for years prior to 1947-48.

A reasonably accurate method of converting the values of imports (except gold) from British to Australian Currency is to add 14 per cent. to British Currency values. Imports of gold up to the year 1946-47 were recorded in sterling. The value of gold imported subsequent to that year was ascertained by multiplying the number of fine ounces imported by the average export price for the year (Australian Currency).

Variation in External Exchange Position.

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 1945-46 to 1949-50 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 358.

**OVERSEA TRADE.—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO
AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1945-46 TO
1949-50.**

Year ended 30th June.					Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.*	Total.
					IMPORTS.		
					<i>(British Currency).</i>		
					£	£	£
1946	..	..	..	..	53,952,607	95,742	54,048,349
1947	..	..	..	..	66,951,339	120,386	67,071,725
					<i>(Australian Currency).</i>		
1948	..	..	..	..	120,503,712	96,292	120,600,004
1949	..	..	..	..	145,342,923	230,264	145,573,187
1950	..	..	..	..	182,900,006	1,356,742	184,256,748
					EXPORTS.		
					<i>(Australian Currency).</i>		
					£A	£A	£A
1946	..	..	..	..	49,505,101	26,411,264	75,916,365
1947	..	..	..	..	88,601,624	9,734	88,611,358
1948	..	..	..	..	115,357,695	605,844	115,963,539
1949	..	..	..	..	136,311,926	147,303	136,459,229
1950	..	..	..	..	165,851,180	345,393	166,196,573

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

That portion of the value of Commonwealth trade handled at Victorian ports for each of the five years 1945-46 to 1949-50 is shown in the following table. Prior to the year 1947-48 the values of imports were recorded in British Currency :—

Year ended 30th June.	Commonwealth Trade—				Portion of Commonwealth Trade Handled at Victorian Ports—		
	Imports	Exports.		Total.	Imports.	Exports.	Total.
		Australian Currency.	Relative British Currency.				
	£ British Currency.	£A	£	£ British Currency.	%	%	%
1946	.. 156,780,815	223,287,610	178,315,714	335,096,529	34·5	34·0	34·2
1947	.. 183,651,754	309,003,740	246,709,574	430,361,328	36·5	28·7	32·0
	Australian Currency.			Australian Currency.			
1948	.. 339,746,128	409,954,329	..	749,700,457	35·5	28·3	31·6
1949	.. 415,194,200	542,672,708	..	957,866,908	35·1	25·2	29·4
1950	.. 538,068,843	613,696,619	..	1,151,765,462	34·2	27·1	30·4

**Recorded
Values of
Principal
Imports.**

In the following table the recorded values of the principal articles imported into Victorian ports are shown in the order in which they appear in the statistical classification of 21 categories. Values for each of the years 1945-46 and 1946-47 are shown in British Currency but those from 1947-48 to 1949-50 are recorded in Australian Currency :—

**VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM
OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS
DURING EACH OF THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1945-46
TO 1949-50.**

Article.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.					
Cheese	3,136	3,719	11,338	7,729	5,593
Fish—					
Preserved in Tins	117,416	193,532	716,206	626,669	663,789
All other	94,438	159,687	248,687	286,521	259,435
Meats	48,950	105,586	116,430	117,348	74,464
All other Animal Foodstuffs ..	23,618	46,801	37,729	60,373	66,284
Total, Class I.	287,558	509,325	1,130,390	1,098,640	1,069,565
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN: NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.					
Cocoa and Chocolate	219,463	284,962	779,874	747,715	1,460,622
Coffee and Chicory	109,788	145,969	107,079	223,767	477,814
Confectionery	35	1,133	43,091	75,894	67,415
Fruits, Dried	32,343	36,458	72,548	71,300	62,758
Fruits, Fresh	302	108	1	..	..
Grain and Pulse—					
Peas	28,447	44,622	45,632	19,190	47,180
All other	311,441	28,738	55,818	117,745	334,046
Hops	17,814	12,273	57,558	13,030	74,035
Nuts, Edible	67,617	171,722	373,505	290,308	438,772
Pickles and Sauces	4	1,621	7,143	15,301	19,709
Sago and Tapioca .. .. .	..	54,743	109,806	52,056	34,062
Seeds	558	2,241	713	946	3,224
Spices, n.e.i.	138,900	145,831	187,496	115,096	322,017
Tea	1,576,899	2,019,414	3,904,171	2,759,615	4,452,411
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs ..	67,399	35,505	94,907	46,183	165,927
Total, Class II.	2,571,010	2,985,340	5,839,342	4,548,146	7,959,992

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.					
Ale, Beer, Porter, &c.	57	3,296	10,412	38,711	23,619
Spirits (Beverages)—					
Brandy	3	14,047	26,869	35,713	13,829
Gin	18	517	2,375	5,078	4,896
Whisky	44,238	52,791	83,141	91,008	115,000
Other	16	3,822	18,392	25,368	20,673
Wine (Fermented)—					
Sparkling . . . . .	..	3,136	21,467	15,727	10,117
Other . . . . .	..	620	2,900	6,189	11,649
Total, Class III.	44,332	78,229	165,556	217,794	199,783
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.					
Tobacco—					
Manufactured	2,332	44,148	45,932	105,210	80,876
Unmanufactured	1,661,120	1,241,845	2,215,185	2,062,102	2,487,400
Cigars	2	1,190	5,351	20,967	17,582
Cigarettes	3,362	96,877	507,867	1,084,679	1,523,649
Snuff	234	975	..	50	431
Total, Class IV.	1,667,050	1,385,035	2,774,335	3,273,008	4,109,938
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	76,646	117,819	133,242	168,168	111,170
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Hides and Skins—					
Hides (Calf, Cattle, and Horse)	212,940	397,640	133,867	32,253	24,714
Skins (Goat)	20,869	43,880	50,538	47,553	1,442
Other	161,927	324,537	457,250	302,325	349,511
Silk, Raw	2	531,266	406,749	386,701	89,633
Wool	4,791	295,249	456,705	343,301	536,293
All other Animal Substances	38,775	252,715	248,069	197,262	296,826
Total, Class VI.	439,304	1,845,287	1,753,178	1,309,395	1,298,419
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES; PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.					
Fibres—					
Cotton, Raw	486,767	782,520	1,000,041	1,353,991	1,038,719
Flax and Hemp	196,334	166,340	230,738	164,306	261,194
Jute	137,847	245,355	617,041	421,073	287,689
Kapok	20,199	70,260	86,154	120,265	136,024
Other	101,959	378,104	535,213	665,982	808,411
Grass or Straw, for hatmaking, furniture, mats, &c.	33,167	43,584	67,283	45,516	47,737
Gums, Resins, and Balsams	139,935	292,254	265,908	130,020	143,573
Plastic Moulding Materials	726,198	519,218	973,547	749,546	910,358
Seeds	583,326	488,645	370,974	394,022	521,131
Tanning Substances	116,934	104,220	185,106	141,895	124,083
Cork and Cork Manufactures	71,615	104,835	154,484	101,085	115,333
All other Vegetable Substances	52,226	191,132	168,085	254,773	172,459
Total, Class VII.	2,671,507	3,386,467	4,654,574	4,542,474	4,331,711

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	British Currency Values.		Australian Currency Values.		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
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					
Podder	87,705	76,952	347,621	179,427	2,509
Corn and Flour	393,263	1,370,641	2,013,272	1,968,505	2,419,455
Other	52,250	90,827	1,044,842	396,432	833,406
Cordage and Twines (excluding Metal Cordage)	165,689	46,527	160,619	235,811	145,156
Yarns—					
Artificial Silk	869,446	818,858	2,106,537	2,568,253	2,170,723
Cotton	754,149	821,250	2,111,672	2,425,900	1,264,785
Sewing and other Cotton Threads, &c.	215,775	222,789	487,152	1,002,572	661,775
Wool	11,991	10,546	101,303	296,840	303,686
Other	56,026	22,894	33,277	44,854	19,606
<i>(b) Textiles.</i>					
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck	409,918	198,857	446,505	553,966	469,453
Cotton and Linen	3,609,429	3,547,869	9,180,046	10,444,426	9,378,895
Hessians and other Jute Piece Goods	357,401	363,852	449,863	476,765	511,161
Silk and Artificial Silk	2,590,989	4,602,857	8,039,013	6,867,942	6,115,745
Velvets, Velvetens, Plushes, &c.	10,945	218,811	428,775	435,880	659,015
Woolen	132,328	236,968	680,432	2,255,607	2,558,251
Other	233,195	322,274	904,516	1,269,524	938,268
Floor Coverings—Carpets, Linoleums, Mats, &c.	313,813	1,152,062	2,479,483	3,233,449	3,944,566
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of					
Cotton and Linen	68,899	193,156	645,231	702,317	441,196
Tents and Sails	222,031	170	4,668	2,901	756
Towels and Towelling	130,182	116,942	344,774	734,458	561,273
All other Textiles	303,984	243,440	450,110	455,237	540,082
<i>(c) Apparel.</i>					
Boots and Shoes	7,695	25,793	137,028	319,454	356,163
Corsets	20,396	28,726	56,195	24,745	19,025
Furs and other Skins—Dressed	30,274	72,265	30,358	54,723	57,929
Gloves	70,536	153,394	436,540	375,110	361,398
Hats and Caps	40,177	83,796	132,294	184,868	178,178
Hosiery and Knitted Apparel (including Socks and Stockings)	63	6,675	315,989	1,223,734	842,547
Lace for Attire, Lace Flouncings, &c.	143,103	364,545	741,397	650,615	992,136
Shirts, Pyjamas	16,865	70,495	5,723	70,469	77,247
Men's and Boys' Outer Garments	7,037	1,468	312,595	675,046	610,617
Trimnings	141,743	296,314	722,714	678,739	594,540
Other	113,806	240,031	354,672	731,447	1,000,500
Total, Class VIII.	11,581,103	16,027,044	35,705,216	41,590,016	39,075,047

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INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.					
Oils—					
Kerosene, &c.	413,839	429,623	983,869	1,131,007	1,134,109
Lubricating (Mineral)	507,707	810,086	1,126,066	1,214,221	1,227,212
Petroleum, Crude	16,374	154,027	312,694	166,674	1,009,282
Petroleum and Shale Spirit . .	2,009,590	2,254,714	4,362,843	5,849,809	7,684,376
Residual and Solar	738,940	962,199	1,722,279	2,405,268	3,004,459
Linseed . . . . .	..	9,641	372,950	333,548	184,952
Castor . . . . .	..	13,829	241,372	40,633	6
Turpentine and Substitutes therefor	93,689	129,918	117,449	159,488	155,091
Paraffin	56,353	111,027	272,280	154,810	84,341
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes .	228,429	331,010	602,614	824,310	504,796
Total, Class IX.	4,064,921	5,206,074	10,114,416	12,279,768	14,988,624
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES					
	331,416	377,771	594,279	753,116	606,387
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES, AND HYDRO-CARBONS.					
Sulphur (Brimstone)	147,767	318,313	275,714	311,490	1,317,904
All other Rocks, Minerals, &c. .	254,560	356,302	452,170	1,314,365	1,947,189
Total, Class XI.	402,327	674,615	727,884	1,625,855	3,265,093
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, (b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND MACHINERY, AND (c) MACHINERY.					
<i>(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures, (except Electric Appliances and Machinery).</i>					
Aluminium	63,487	30,359	72,479	314,146	289,539
Copper and Copper Manufactures (except Wire)	9,323	21,213	114,066	228,589	636,057
Heating and Cooking Appliances	34,770	67,092	331,732	192,211	281,797
Iron and Steel—					
Bar, Rod, Hoop, Ingots, Blooms, &c.	112,301	133,897	222,617	460,111	2,212,260
Pipes and Tubes	40,217	26,001	41,497	73,055	515,603
Plate and Sheet	1,979,697	2,368,645	3,342,625	3,970,502	6,114,657
Other	19,907	69,624	94,440	137,754	1,320,856
Lamps and Lampware	26,089	33,357	57,601	107,011	125,933
Nickel	3,152	8,121	11,001	23,437	37,962
Plated Ware and Cutlery	183,075	422,538	638,143	417,749	616,080
Tools of Trade (not being Machines)	541,455	312,754	707,221	630,759	849,168
Vehicles—					
Motor Cycles, Tricycles, &c. . .	25,403	120,411	407,404	513,811	765,987
Bodies for Motor Cars, &c. . .	24,484	140,457	1,029,770	2,266,735	6,453,131
Chassis for Motor Cars, &c.* . .	2,945,858	4,441,698	6,260,795	10,038,262	18,139,551
Aircraft and Parts	2,977,073	1,516,681	1,233,371	1,762,571	899,786
Other Vehicles and Parts	365,761	650,027	1,124,066	1,394,356	2,166,734
Wire	308,306	272,941	439,556	740,253	2,466,210
All other Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery	553,194	872,934	1,686,520	2,332,318	3,245,850

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

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Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950
	British Currency Values.		Australian Currency Values.		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, (b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND MACHINERY, AND (c) MACHINERY—continued.					
<i>(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment.</i>					
Cable and Wire, Covered ..	206,940	202,767	399,148	776,191	1,472,471
Dynamo Machines	210,561	293,402	638,328	1,244,952	1,270,292
Telephones and Switchboards ..	207,936	71,085	200,532	409,445	531,014
Wireless and Parts	439,493	91,229	120,430	117,861	81,234
Other	750,243	717,916	1,380,823	2,277,136	2,975,207
<i>(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical).</i>					
Implements and Machinery (Agricultural, Horticultural, and Viticultural) ..	97,818	103,349	373,605	303,214	556,286
Refrigerating Appliances and Parts ..	11,369	17,847	100,976	285,189	556,456
Clothes Washing Machines ..	1,521	12,837	104,219	280,271	407,722
Vacuum Cleaners and Parts ..	18,047	87,168	297,576	174,301	212,278
Dredging and Excavating Machinery ..	59,670	41,623	85,159	279,464	452,055
Metal Working Machinery ..	254,142	687,527	2,087,766	1,393,917	1,683,483
Motive Power Machinery—					
Aircraft Engines and Parts ..	808,618	691,982	611,566	376,513	382,150
Motor Car Engines	16,881	26,198	56,454	103,393	62,780
Tractors and Parts	1,005,112	1,176,122	1,441,666	3,279,996	5,524,808
Other	475,624	446,460	1,157,065	1,443,803	1,820,218
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings ..	319,698	213,965	785,936	774,729	960,205
All other Machines and Machinery ..	1,412,393	2,337,656	3,911,489	6,518,622	8,620,723
Total, Class XII. ..	16,509,618	18,727,883	31,567,642	45,642,627	74,706,543
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR (EXCEPT APPAREL).					
<i>(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures.</i>					
Rubber, Crude, Powdered or Reclaimed	1,132,231	1,538,446	1,466,227	1,593,319	1,990,444
Rubber Manufactures	212,732	539,123	832,210	1,048,663	1,935,240
<i>(b) Leather and Manufactures of Leather and Substitutes therefor.</i>					
Glace Kid	3,821	2,528	7,369	10,495	15,219
All other	21,506	52,516	217,467	210,640	224,724
Total, Class XIII. ..	1,370,290	2,132,613	2,523,273	2,863,117	4,165,627
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED.					
Timber—					
Dressed	176,329	90,866	491,652	1,262,785	1,190,983
Undressed	308,346	673,316	862,566	1,556,938	1,409,565
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	62,906	110,759	194,147	248,220	365,396
Total, Class XIV. ..	547,581	874,941	1,548,365	3,067,943	2,965,944

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INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONEWARE.	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
Cement (Portland)	1,656	4,964	22,806	127,275	283,539
Earthenware, China, &c. .. .	269,244	383,495	832,834	1,075,293	1,217,539
Glass and Glassware	224,444	387,794	1,046,351	890,922	1,046,728
All other Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass, and Stoneware ..	82,649	116,698	307,429	450,846	467,480
Total, Class XV.	577,993	892,951	2,209,420	2,544,336	3,015,286
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.					
(a) <i>Pulp, Paper, and Board.</i>					
Cardboard and other Paper Boards	66,896	152,378	531,174	340,640	400,754
Printing	755,199	1,416,939	2,595,374	1,766,453	2,305,575
Pulp for Papermaking	365,930	444,301	1,044,277	1,270,862	348,898
Wrapping of all Colours	161,159	398,705	774,703	575,504	358,012
Writing and Typewriting Paper	244,603	453,099	1,019,607	365,921	205,530
All other	196,902	254,354	654,614	964,342	730,715
(b) <i>Paper Manufactures and Stationery.</i>					
Books (Printed), Directories, &c.	531,957	720,239	964,129	967,291	1,142,392
Cigarette Tubes and Papers	1,021	38,738	72,869	8,077	7,047
Price Lists, Catalogues, &c.	2,019	1,771	3,439	9,117	8,185
Pens and Pencils	78,502	186,992	506,579	400,083	469,478
All other	181,062	358,745	533,809	459,772	510,176
Total, Class XVI.	2,585,250	4,426,261	8,700,574	7,128,062	6,486,762
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES.					
Sporting Material	31,838	53,935	113,298	172,858	131,137
Fancy Goods, Toys, &c.	81,952	39,738	442,639	588,322	790,524
Jewellery, including Cameos, &c.	140,890	256,342	457,667	544,257	567,407
Watches, Clocks, Chronometers, &c.	333,615	273,471	478,518	540,260	908,006
Total, Class XVII.	587,295	974,516	1,492,122	1,845,697	2,397,074
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES, AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, n.e.i.					
Optical and Meteorological Instruments, &c.	87,298	111,702	136,318	89,135	123,199
Cinematograph Films	46,384	44,316	46,321	73,500	92,136
Photographic Goods, n.e.i.	40,549	27,217	59,267	82,220	79,008
Surgical and Dental Instruments, &c.	317,409	281,056	378,317	400,760	412,173
Scientific Instruments, &c.	165,907	184,647	312,178	365,884	388,605
All other Optical and Scientific Instruments	44,355	88,606	160,847	337,166	378,136
Total, Class XVIII.	701,902	737,544	1,093,248	1,348,665	1,473,257

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INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—*continued*.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS.					
Acids ..	78,540	127,698	117,702	103,544	157,665
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations ..	157,791	324,161	417,210	431,646	587,663
Dyes ..	346,756	502,230	664,285	1,028,828	475,979
Fertilizers ..	837,071	780,470	735,485	829,645	932,856
Glycerine ..	1	741	99	11,961	11,939
Oils, Essential (Non-spirituous) ..	88,666	108,446	97,996	68,583	91,153
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations ..	22,457	85,411	124,908	123,373	109,697
Soap and Soap Substitutes ..	9,467	11,889	39,166	70,090	21,969
Sodium Salts ..	143,422	136,039	336,260	498,649	199,047
Spirits and Spirituous Preparations ..	32,795	50,943	49,491	54,254	37,024
All other Drugs and Chemicals ..	580,231	825,206	1,063,316	1,222,172	1,205,000
Total, Class XIX. ..	2,297,197	2,953,234	3,645,918	4,442,745	3,820,992
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.					
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives ..	3,258,412	418,529	582,864	812,645	514,659
Bags, Baskets, Trunks, &c. ..	15,673	83,416	118,458	133,096	196,456
Brushware ..	14,522	85,687	117,831	90,627	111,444
Fire Brigade and Life-saving Appliances, n.e.i. ..	9,526	18,772	13,850	20,936	5,645
Outside Packages ..	820,769	1,259,417	2,232,665	2,729,854	3,607,432
Vessels (Ships) ..	234	62,741	283	21,807	13,378
All other Articles ..	519,171	709,828	1,064,787	1,244,386	2,394,778
Total, Class XX. ..	4,638,307	2,638,390	4,130,738	5,053,351	6,843,792
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.					
Gold ..	88,766	117,643	93,465	229,208	1,355,169
Silver ..	6,976	2,743	2,814	1,056	1,573
Bronze—Specie ..	..	..	13	..	..
Total, Class XXI. ..	95,742	120,386	96,292	230,264	1,356,742
Total Imports ..	54,048,349	67,071,725	120,600,004	145,573,187	184,256,748

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 1949-50 was as follows:—Yarns and manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel 21·4 per cent.; machinery and metal manufactures 40·8 per cent.; oils, &c., 8·2 per cent.; paper manufactures and stationery 3·5 per cent.

**Recorded
Values of
Principal
Exports.**

The recorded values of the principal articles exported to overseas countries from Victorian ports during each of the five years 1946-50 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 1945-46 TO 1949-50.
(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£A	£A	£A	£A.	£A.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.					
Butter	5,116,989	7,766,346	9,212,338	9,848,294	11,224,357
Cheese	642,800	1,430,698	1,697,685	2,169,093	2,492,614
Eggs	658,288	1,125,612	1,564,774	1,580,594	1,435,407
Infants' and Invalids' Food, n.e.i.	274,899	361,397	300,885	256,314	304,350
Meats—					
Bacon and Hams	201,494	180,920	132,791	123,270	84,736
Preserved by Cold Process—					
Beef	37,622	445,946	137,160	122,896	59,173
Lamb	568,285	2,576,358	2,558,208	1,867,851	3,787,556
Mutton	190,576	486,341	213,559	278,064	1,121,897
Pork	409,856	169,480	73,765	212,424	168,571
Poultry	7,619	221,147	595,112	644,470	753,052
Rabbits and Hares	109,044	528,825	1,353,986	2,390,701	2,287,253
Other	111,838	137,913	202,609	214,996	396,584
Preserved in Tins	1,461,462	2,061,345	1,525,841	2,545,970	3,336,400
Sausage Casings	174,749	271,727	329,684	386,030	880,314
Other	71,898	38,399	44,446	83,055	116,434
Milk and Cream	1,425,160	2,733,230	2,961,437	3,271,799	4,052,643
Honey	97,362	308,379	271,178	480,609	191,992
All other Animal Foodstuffs	385,329	65,160	100,972	227,647	635,740
Total, Class I.	11,945,270	20,909,223	23,276,730	26,704,077	33,329,073
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.					
Biscuits	292,761	53,966	14,638	1,621	1,907
Confectionery	62,475	316,233	249,624	431,916	1,027,529
Fruits, Dried	1,393,976	1,682,138	1,554,839	2,404,127	1,969,259
" Fresh	297,547	477,743	657,620	875,282	779,931
" Preserved in liquid	518,786	1,368,813	1,843,754	2,761,821	2,066,766
" Pulped	6,644	57,781	29,420	24,212	35,466
Grain and Pulse—					
Unprepared—					
Wheat	122	312,072	11,626,097	6,943,781	13,278,364
Oats		6,422	1,401,770	2,963,998	1,602,982
Barley	79,459	137,088	52,734	1,263,633	1,054,464
Other	153,156	224,954	380,136	269,148	129,573
Prepared—					
Flour (Wheaten)	2,897,017	7,025,624	11,653,993	10,802,761	9,535,345
Barley—Pearl and Scotch	37,579	157,068	474,500	92,383	9,591
Rice—Cleaned	4,205	142,529	284,654	212,463	200,831
Oatmeal, Wheatmeal and Rolled Oats	157,346	424,169	511,783	253,935	172,862
Macaroni and Vermicelli	10,788	93,761	94,506	114,559	82,352
Other	138,810	194,985	845,873	1,681,249	119,537
Jams and Fruit Jellies	711,462	906,725	925,450	845,667	1,008,761
Tea	18,620	17,851	11,488	12,010	20,454
Vegetables (including Tomatoes)	2,075,312	585,982	936,182	327,623	893,111
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	229,201	829,476	934,231	1,565,941	775,132
Total, Class II.	9,085,266	15,015,380	34,483,292	33,848,130	34,764,217

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—*continued*.
(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ..	£A 390,102	£A 445,355	£A 335,380	£A 300,638	£A 254,375
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF ..	31,302	5,333	16,234	81,035	25,010
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	25,452	154,306	77,812	94,932	23,817
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Hides and Skins—					
Hides (Calf, Cattle, Horse) ..	81,021	67,295	103,680	219,167	266,893
Fox	15,138	4,195	3,378	3,393	5,176
Opossum	35,299	63,137	10,505	2,746	43,487
Rabbit and Hare	2,616,670	2,020,950	1,786,345	1,142,571	598,594
Sheep	1,923,515	3,550,140	3,314,618	3,287,598	5,023,036
Other	44,633	35,872	10,492	7,054	11,674
Wool—					
Greasy	9,718,556	20,799,838	29,605,003	49,294,258	65,602,743
Scoured and Washed	2,421,215	6,658,839	7,247,658	8,882,898	11,995,200
Tops, Nolls and Waste	2,110,684	2,157,926	2,132,359	2,144,909	1,547,306
Other Animal Substances	8,714	21,105	42,708	22,748	56,284
Total, Class VI. ..	18,975,445	35,379,297	44,256,746	65,007,342	85,150,393
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES, PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES ..	550,753	554,744	466,543	244,246	298,319
CLASS VIII.—(a) YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) APPAREL.					
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres—					
Yarns (Woollen)	469,086	801,774	1,216,660	455,377	303,807
(Silk)		2,492	83,582	81,523	84,853
Other	39,270	120,609	100,898	31,419	81,295
Textiles	1,460,812	2,288,343	1,422,147	696,111	638,691
Apparel—					
Outer Garments	116,867	365,868	111,277	122,191	48,466
Underwear	27,582	60,755	32,659	15,128	17,390
Boots and Shoes	33,339	89,330	24,881	42,546	6,444
Other	936,351	1,125,717	363,236	99,969	188,032
Total, Class VIII. ..	3,083,307	4,854,888	3,355,390	1,544,264	1,368,978
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.					
Tallow—Unrefined	71,091	94,682	195,140	340,858	725,447
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes ..	170,555	246,875	375,933	438,284	579,123
Total, Class IX. ..	241,646	341,557	571,073	779,142	1,304,570
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES ..	10,287	43,075	33,067	78,791	101,291
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES, AND HYDRO-CARBONS ..	31,126	522,241	436,362	558,861	435,874

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FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—continued.
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Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, (b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND MACHINERY, AND (c) MACHINERY.	£A	£A	£A	£A	£A
(a) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures (except Electrical Appliances and Machinery).</i>					
Bolts, and Nuts, Rivets and Washers, n.e.l.	8,486	61,195	30,667	28,022	24,457
Iron and Steel	35,053	187,436	56,605	161,506	75,647
Cadmium—Blocks, Bars, &c. .. .	575		6,695	27,906	9,328
Lead (Pig)	85,352	60,450	335,484	84,874	231,203
Motor Cars, Lorries, &c., and Parts	58,704	133,255	101,335	134,369	190,271
Zinc—Bars, Blocks, &c. .. .	1,048,085	1,496,863	238,812	127,048	197,578
All other Metals and Manufactures thereof	435,591	1,493,116	1,289,143	998,919	961,954
(b) <i>Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment</i>	113,461	258,919	272,123	293,545	232,718
(c) <i>Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical).</i>					
Agricultural Implements	220,821	571,577	455,038	354,048	429,702
Other	399,783	953,449	1,423,060	1,223,779	1,234,908
Total, Class XII.	2,405,911	5,216,260	4,208,962	3,434,016	3,587,766
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR (EXCEPT APPAREL).					
Rubber and Manufactures	176,653	343,692	176,565	53,288	48,179
Leather and Manufactures	570,213	1,276,901	908,943	834,926	1,049,637
Total, Class XIII.	746,866	1,620,593	1,085,508	888,214	1,097,816
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED ..	98,265	45,145	69,453	78,537	72,079
CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONEWARE	45,265	66,775	72,607	60,962	86,575
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.					
Paper	35,972	103,434	41,845	70,924	58,542
Stationery	117,259	240,462	225,549	160,687	212,829
Total, Class XVI.	153,231	343,896	267,394	231,611	271,371

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FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—*continued*.
(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1943.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£A	£A	£A	£A	£A.
CLASS XVII.—SPORTING MATERIAL, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES.					
Precious Stones, Unset, Pearls, Cameos, &c.	5,344	12,961	2,875	3,820	50,375
Sporting Material	14,773	53,125	88,026	92,529	60,623
All other Jewellery, Time-pieces, &c.	63,231	78,838	26,797	22,123	65,821
Total, Class XVII.	83,348	144,924	117,698	118,472	176,819
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES, AND PHOTO- GRAPHIC GOODS, n.e.i.	90,745	203,781	306,143	233,835	340,599
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS.					
Bacteriological Products and Sera	21,545	19,739	16,052	16,810	6,983
Casein		60,500	78,500	9,350	74,576
Fertilizers	1,312	694	294	1,942	7,725
Medicines	53,027	296,256	198,540	362,395	323,870
Oil—Eucalyptus	136,429	277,026	165,370	77,284	98,193
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations, n.e.i.	82,955	126,941	40,443	47,250	24,044
Soap	187,979	156,249	16,606	40,028	105,259
Yeast	11,766	7,066	7,494	2,246	9,593
Other Drugs and Chemicals	318,807	890,765	559,595	329,248	456,974
Total, Class XIX.	813,820	1,835,236	1,082,894	886,553	1,107,217
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.					
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	109,576	121,494	217,465	317,369	807,205
Matches and Vestas	29,803	32,466	45,575	38,755	45,631
Patriotic Gifts	210,904	182,472	71,580	205,095	318,669
Other	347,411	563,183	503,787	577,051	883,516
Total, Class XX.	697,694	899,615	838,407	1,138,270	2,055,021
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.					
Gold	26,411,224		140	1,367	
Silver	40	9,725	605,674	111,286	345,393
Bronze Specie		9	30	34,650	
Total, Class XXI.	26,411,264	9,734	605,844	147,303	345,393
Australian produce	75,130,306	88,000,886	114,212,908	135,296,149	164,907,436
Other produce	786,059	610,472	1,750,631	1,163,080	1,289,137
Grand Total	75,916,365	88,611,358	115,963,539	136,459,229	166,196,573

The export trade consists largely of agricultural, dairying, and pastoral products. The value of wool, wheat, flour, butter, fruits (all kinds), meats, hides and skins, milk and cream, cheese and eggs exported during 1949-50, amounted to almost 87 per cent. of the total merchandise (Australian produce) exported—wool alone represented nearly 48 per cent. The total value of exports showed an increase during 1949-50 of £29,737,344 as compared with that of the previous year.

**Trade with
Countries.**

The value of the trade with various countries of the world in each of the five years 1946-50 was as specified in the following table:—

**IMPORTS (ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES, AND
EXPORTS DIRECT THERETO FROM VICTORIAN PORTS,
1945-46 TO 1949-50.**

Imports from—	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
	£	£	£A.	£A	£A.
United Kingdom	21,915,973	25,089,477	48,661,112	78,446,789	97,855,645
Africa, British East ..	325,498	242,735	180,601	901,725	795,369
" West	210,158	258,170	580,368	458,707	795,163
Canada	2,713,155	4,737,880	5,247,001	3,348,326	3,540,766
Hong Kong	1,841	21,146	68,877	144,573	181,113
India and Ceylon	5,578,814	7,260,396	11,383,665	9,402,670	11,584,020
Malaya (British) and Singapore	2,582	1,279,279	1,788,040	2,380,660	2,962,207
New Zealand	1,118,320	1,547,143	1,350,195	1,433,600	2,569,388
Pacific Islands (British) ..	3,925	47,287	198,558	74,619	163,022
South African Union	308,893	629,533	1,194,078	871,503	1,454,572
West Indies (British) ..	59,587	59,851	94,668	64,159	49,145
Other British Possessions ..	586,113	891,669	1,209,094	1,969,509	2,304,599
Bahrain Islands	328,675	1,323,315	1,759,779	1,175,532	1,937,798
Belgium	45,289	501,783	1,721,610	983,134	1,287,112
China	8,782	349,900	440,563	584,617	361,734
Czecho-Slovakia	135	38,346	714,718	1,552,682	1,905,612
Egypt	334,964	375,342	280,212	532,207	117,333
France	9,001	542,005	1,206,719	1,474,259	3,475,675
Germany	9,857	110,685	379,509	969,701	2,524,608
Indonesia	29,583	55,608	938,918	3,645,601	4,381,499
Italy	2,839	821,855	985,011	1,640,724	3,667,497
Japan	588	535,471	653,523	685,800	2,747,618
Netherlands	1,518	142,371	853,370	1,169,374	1,231,010
Norway	11,092	183,890	1,088,233	1,204,216	1,207,241
Persia (Iran)	1,965,770	2,135,187	3,165,046	3,311,283	4,745,055
Peru	5,524	18,406	2	20,613	26,692
Philippine Republic	262	99	24,676	5,210	30,778
Spain	8,587	11,632	46,535	206,743	132,054
Sweden	283,984	642,625	1,985,918	3,901,204	2,855,171
Switzerland	316,495	402,970	743,390	768,039	986,424
Soviet Russia (U.S.S.R.) ..	3,506	8,021	46,123	43,842	182,748
United States of America ..	15,972,839	14,227,684	27,042,090	16,444,543	18,666,465
Other Foreign Possessions ..	1,063,431	1,312,193	2,335,137	3,027,169	3,923,873
Total (excluding Outside Packages*)	53,227,580	65,798,954	118,367,339	142,843,333	180,648,946

* "Outside Packages," 1945-46, £820,769; 1946-47, £1,259,417; 1947-48, £2,232,665; 1948-49, £2,729,854; and 1949-50, £3,637,802.

Exports to—	<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>				
	£A	£A	£A	£A	£A.
United Kingdom	39,288,645	28,247,445	43,924,370	54,019,343	60,363,601
Africa, British East ..	44,640	106,331	142,178	212,083	136,300
" West		59,208	85,408	111,008	144,680
Canada	1,516,156	1,911,946	1,688,803	3,286,456	3,210,111
Hong Kong	1,081,189	2,416,678	2,913,620	1,990,423	2,849,520
India and Ceylon	9,655,674	7,316,834	13,679,038	9,192,762	10,963,474
Malaya (British) and Singapore	1,913,222	6,060,455	5,704,078	5,261,501	5,199,066
New Zealand	2,173,421	3,878,968	4,465,176	4,487,918	6,233,410

IMPORTS (ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) INTO VICTORIAN PORTS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT THERETO FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—*continued.*

Exports to—	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>				
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Pacific Islands (British) ..	487,945	203,818	288,523	235,056	381,621
South African Union ..	617,960	1,740,089	904,330	1,025,950	998,155
West Indies (British) ..	11,684	87,998	403,265	447,169	667,051
Other British Possessions ..	1,178,149	3,613,375	5,863,771	2,645,062	3,420,470
Bahrein Islands ..	2,796	22,990	31,966	31,797	86,471
Belgium ..	1,274,219	3,241,045	2,822,414	2,174,934	2,712,739
China ..	160,558	1,804,416	1,011,869	474,163	228,455
Czecho-Slovakia ..	42,772	317,523	169,743	314,619	1,781,160
Egypt ..	841,361	1,959,388	2,111,360	2,852,170	2,218,249
France ..	2,601,313	4,366,040	7,304,353	9,964,908	9,775,950
Germany ..		83,732	1,141,279	1,635,470	3,874,089
Indonesia ..	314,531	30,266	5,813	610,796	190,807
Italy ..	134,535	2,580,989	3,285,383	8,478,145	4,920,902
Japan ..	24,477	164,347	350,796	991,732	6,311,704
Netherlands ..	114,922	505,013	478,677	1,414,320	2,751,331
Norway ..	15,215	153,686	157,093	170,279	457,271
Persia (Iran) ..	43,703	256,368	150,856	260,212	561,947
Philippine Republic ..	905	90,180	55,183	169,665	181,962
Poland ..	138,829	256,098	301,859	2,400,125	3,215,986
Spain ..	252	109,448	21,017	19,257	1,037,136
Sweden ..	257,510	1,021,286	942,942	1,821,833	2,155,485
Switzerland ..	38,647	305,312	307,330	175,161	515,407
Soviet Russia (U.S.S.R.) ..	351,657	262,635	2,027,568	6,186,834	7,455,991
United States of America ..	9,371,224	12,785,014	10,650,290	7,746,201	14,564,498
Other Foreign Possessions ..	1,039,826	2,651,012	2,603,188	6,311,277	6,608,574
Country not stated ..	1,178,428	1,425	..	..	..
Total ..	75,916,365	88,611,358	115,963,539	136,459,229	166,196,573

Imports from and exports to the United Kingdom during 1949-50 represented 53 per cent. and 36 per cent. respectively of the total value of the overseas 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, 1946-1950.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Imports—Articles of United Kingdom origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Whisky ..	44,155	52,427	82,819	89,962	112,763
Cigarettes ..	2,788	65,703	484,569	1,044,235	1,376,687
Apparel ..	480,412	1,085,822	2,557,474	4,342,484	3,895,407
<i>Piece Goods—</i>					
Canvas and Duck ..	319,630	102,290	239,714	265,182	277,250
Cotton and Linen ..	2,376,680	2,022,664	2,998,463	6,226,353	5,800,554
Silk and Artificial Silk ..	2,448,639	2,573,250	4,881,937	5,597,694	4,471,712
Woolen ..	132,311	230,548	645,101	2,229,636	2,520,068
Velvets ..	10,480	54,005	168,080	336,547	396,529
Other ..	177,580	279,583	689,071	1,219,400	966,450

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—continued.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	British Currency Values.		Australian Currency Values.		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Imports—Articles of United Kingdom origin imported into Victorian ports—continued.</i>					
Floor Coverings	180,024	602,808	1,983,629	3,126,957	3,800,829
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c. .	214,419	222,369	352,489	689,419	621,839
Yarns, other	1,572,436	1,467,752	2,586,898	4,096,371	3,164,768
Machines and Machinery	3,508,106	4,005,909	7,609,953	13,593,318	12,557,899
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	379,757	864,929	1,456,043	2,879,403	4,604,581
Pipes and Tubes	34,937	20,704	33,279	68,582	182,990
Platedware and Cutlery	182,204	407,875	616,223	485,529	591,527
Motor Cars (bodies, chassis, and parts)	841,899	1,784,835	4,325,350	9,885,849	20,551,108
Other Vehicles and parts, n.e.i. .	1,277,225	781,551	1,504,744	2,179,649	2,720,233
Other Metals and Manufactures ..	975,387	1,318,183	2,604,122	3,503,199	5,009,824
Rubber and Rubber Goods	143,730	333,866	520,658	916,043	1,620,117
Crockery and Household Ware .. .	264,651	362,390	782,232	1,022,113	1,191,851
Glass and Glassware	193,575	244,195	422,686	520,131	587,713
Paper	312,936	542,715	685,064	1,368,214	1,812,823
Books	415,612	539,193	798,271	784,566	941,842
Fancy Goods, Toys, &c.	89,834	274,540	509,034	690,609	773,240
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations ..	139,727	229,692	324,514	381,182	504,136
Sodium Salts	101,935	101,578	126,091	187,862	144,035
Dyes	334,889	459,561	580,345	838,605	412,679
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives ..	2,313,895	172,669	422,095	629,003	380,109
All other Articles	2,446,110	3,885,871	7,670,164	9,449,292	15,864,082
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	21,915,973	25,089,477	48,661,112	78,446,789	97,855,645
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to United Kingdom.</i>			Australian Currency Values.		
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Butter	4,444,355	6,633,032	8,380,997	8,098,650	9,263,845
Cheese	237,321	716,099	1,026,938	1,648,338	1,736,465
Eggs	615,819	952,286	1,464,682	1,291,683	1,121,649
Meats—					
Beef, Mutton and Lamb	588,296	3,323,272	2,632,898	1,965,097	4,481,000
Pork	357,393	133,069	46,626	201,849	141,941
Preserved in tins	704,700	1,155,010	988,020	1,686,825	2,687,060
Rabbits and Hares	94,949	499,458	1,222,370	2,169,581	2,055,829
Other	144,496	497,417	900,854	1,032,099	1,353,167
Milk and Cream	88,610	258,549	201,277	195,632	585,641
Honey	12,360	269,280	259,504	440,967	175,100
Fruits—all kinds	947,693	2,238,332	2,940,077	3,409,594	2,142,309
Wheat and Flour		1,210,629	4,959,380	5,633,593	1,679,841
Oats			1,387,186	1,822,113	8,343
Jams and Jellies	50,898	271,480	239,988	651,468	910,042
Wine, fermented	19,522	67,614	88,545	96,313	25,542
Hides and Skins	297,455	752,318	1,056,453	1,233,538	1,490,189
Flax	271,988	261,897	88,746		
Wool	2,916,815	6,757,248	12,499,144	18,616,149	24,437,538
Tallow, unrefined	40,455	9,146	12,753	192,476	547,290
Lead (Pig)	68,178		245,620	49,999	194,916
Zinc (Bars, Blocks, &c.)	93,735	278,400	56,980	3,611	7,425
Implements and Machinery—Agricultural, &c.	55,323	20,850	35,529	55,119	41,838
Leather, &c.	262,616	363,990	375,765	306,594	321,868
Soap	215	115	391	19,853	21,944
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives ..	1,569	18,584	1,040	27,492	25,604
Bullion and Specie	26,411,224	6,652	604,969	1,497	345,393
All other Articles	562,660	1,552,718	2,207,635	3,169,213	4,561,822
Total	39,288,645	28,247,445	43,924,370	54,019,343	60,363,601

Trade with
Canada.

The value of the principal articles interchanged with Canada during each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50 is shown in the following table :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH CANADA, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	British Currency Values		Australian Currency Values.		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Imports—Articles of Canadian origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Fish, preserved in tins	60,404	101,706	87,615	1,844	501
Yarns .. ..	..	25,321	65,365	30,038	..
Apparel	1,620	6,061	7,866	68	5
Pulp for Papermaking	127,732	66,488	112,639	..	..
Piece Goods—					
Silk	24,962	159,334	306,803	41,322	67,877
Other	101,719	184,146	402,290	221,500	63,640
Asbestos, Crude	29,342	41,280	35,150	37,841	93,501
Machines and Machinery—					
Electrical Machinery and appliances	54,697	38,020	111,913	175,433	260,431
Motor Car Engines (imported separately)	933	..	..	335	..
Other	48,263	81,473	204,488	221,992	206,059
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	16,559	34,881	63,575	63,298	140,456
Nickel	532	5,883	5,052	2,297	1,803
Vehicles—					
Motor Car Chassis and Parts	716,398	1,627,426	1,473,616	1,315,937	1,525,429
Other	90,326	80,273	83,135	62,946	66,360
Other Metals, &c.	95,919	81,008	140,877	180,483	206,806
Timber	218,305	569,174	384,125	339,480	292,182
Paper—					
Newsprint	584,383	954,706	1,004,618	423,241	457,333
Other	21,111	176,442	339,290	1,123	550
Drugs and Chemicals	37,531	135,766	66,503	34,783	56,062
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	1,514	132	533	569	852
All other Articles	480,905	368,360	352,048	193,796	100,859
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	2,713,155	4,737,880	5,247,001	3,348,326	3,540,706
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to Canada.</i>					
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Butter .. ..	..	94,608	..	374,696	1,122
Sausage Casings	15,200	59,484	58,644	66,267	162,513
Fruits—					
Dried	422,080	466,482	71,278	1,074,815	1,015,526
Preserved in Liquid	5	..	..	156,148	150,795
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	13,693	7,999	8,767	9,650	9,255
Hides and Skins—					
Rabbit and Hare	260,295	114,980	22,884	48,110	3,946
Other	9,766	18,970	930	2,735	14,791
Wool	632,855	909,968	1,241,027	1,370,082	1,719,495
Vegetable Substances and Fibres	1,125	249	2,604	545	1,641
Tallow, unrefined	4,017	1,090	30,936	23,529	..
All other Articles	157,120	238,116	231,733	159,879	131,627
Total	1,516,156	1,911,946	1,668,803	3,286,456	3,210,111

Trade between Victoria and France virtually ceased when that country was occupied by Germany in 1940 and did not resume to any extent until the year 1945-46. Particulars of the value of the principal articles interchanged during each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50 were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH FRANCE, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
<i>Imports — Articles of French origin imported into Victorian Ports.</i>	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
Textiles—					
Piece Goods ..	..	280,579	334,386	358,816	381,131
Floor Coverings ..	..	24,967	75,334	269	350
Apparel—					
Trimmings and Ornaments	93	96,115	344,963	289,817	458,396
Other	260	4,132	5,558	39,637	93,955
Yarns .. ..	..	..	26,271	182,447	54,168
Metals and Metal Manufactures ..	83	3,843	46,348	83,629	1,141,400
Pulp, Paper, and Board ..	..	19,021	70,332	65,164	90,244
Drugs and Chemicals..	1,955	28,825	56,125	87,324	147,056
Stationery and Books ..	1,132	14,939	33,064	9,235	3,483
Wine and Spirits ..	8	19,212	57,936	65,879	37,109
All other Articles ..	5,470	50,372	156,402	292,042	1,068,383
Total (excluding Outside Packages) ..	9,001	542,005	1,206,719	1,474,259	3,475,675
<i>Exports — From Victorian Ports to France</i>	<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>				
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Butter .. ..	..	..	..	4,480	6,246
Wheat .. ..	..	..	308,982	..	..
Oats .. ..	..	..	..	351,588	..
Maize .. ..	..	..	107,335	..	..
Flour (wheaten) ..	..	..	154,800	..	..
Hides and Skins ..	630,685	1,230,490	1,989,931	1,399,174	1,803,607
Wool	1,945,969	2,916,201	4,658,803	8,134,248	7,919,835
Rocks, Minerals, &c. ..	..	63,344	51,915	..	..
Non-Ferrous Alloys ..	..	133,711	..	..	..
Eucalyptus Oil ..	770	11,185	25,441	3,688	15,864
All other Articles ..	23,889	11,109	7,146	11,730	30,398
Total ..	2,601,313	4,366,040	7,304,353	9,904,908	9,775,950

The following table shows the values of the principal articles interchanged between Victoria and Italy during each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50. During the war period trade with Italy was suspended.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH ITALY 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
<i>Imports — Articles of Italian origin imported into Victorian Ports.</i>	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
Yarns .. ..	..	83	274,121	383,940	190,547
Textiles—					
Piece Goods ..	330	702,473	380,046	761,817	1,443,859
Other .. ..	..	31,499	89,236	15,062	67,786
Apparel .. ..	..	18,462	58,150	70,573	306,345
Nuts (edible) ..	..	..	24,797	35,716	79,631
Motor Vehicles—Bodies, Chassis, &c. ..	300	156	15,337	43,071	292,498
Machines and Machinery	2	1,385	19,422	90,941	184,032
Jewellery and Time-pieces .. ..	..	238	12,231	13,792	23,650
Musical Instruments ..	..	2,979	12,470	24,199	46,042
All other Articles ..	2,207	64,580	99,201	201,613	1,033,107
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	2,839	821,855	985,011	1,640,724	3,667,497
<i>Exports — From Victorian Ports to Italy.</i>	<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>				
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Meats	11,144	4,979	69,662	61,978	93,048
Barley (Pearl and Scotch) .. ..	..	..	407,889	37,099	..
Barley (unprepared) ..	..	..	..	414,940	12,046
Flour .. ..	..	..	139,814	..	169,593
Prepared Breakfast Foods—Oatmeal, &c. ..	..	..	528,480	1,439,905	1,050
Hides and Skins ..	..	49,847	37,277	168,048	131,544
Wool	87,838	2,237,479	1,991,442	6,281,070	4,418,668
Nickel .. ..	..	119,173	..	..	..
All other Articles ..	35,553	169,511	110,819	75,105	94,953
Total ..	134,535	2,580,989	3,285,383	8,478,145	4,920,902

As Belgium was occupied by Germany in 1940, trade between that country and Victoria was suspended during each of the years 1940-41 to 1944-45. Trade relations were resumed in 1945-46 and the value of the principal articles interchanged up to the year 1949-50 is shown in the following table :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
BELGIUM, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
<i>Imports — Articles of Belgian origin imported into Victorian Ports.</i>	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
Textiles—					
Piece Goods ..	1,123	301,982	899,895	414,073	32,193
Other .. ..	..	57,375	269,630	27,608	22
Yarns .. ..	..	4,301	649	197,732	96,101
Glass and Glassware ..	..	67,506	259,158	163,160	203,015
Pulp, Paper, and Board ..	..	2,150	37,094	119	305
Stationery and Books ..	..	2,989	3,128	1,180	1,853
Jewellery and Time-pieces ..	43,213	34,961	45,465	7,429	17,804
All other Articles ..	953	30,519	206,591	171,833	935,819
Total (excluding Outside Packages) ..	45,289	501,783	1,721,610	983,134	1,287,112
<i>Exports — From Victorian Ports to Belgium.</i>	<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>				
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Milk and Cream ..	..	4,388	57,395	26,413	18,819
Barley .. ..	..	126,883	..	..	36,890
Hides and Skins ..	224,247	373,310	214,174	418,827	366,827
Wool	1,019,813	2,572,330	2,214,094	1,511,405	2,065,596
Oatmeal, Wheatmeal, and Rolled Oats ..	..	..	115,748	22,071	..
Meats	670	11,565	62,804	80,581	44,914
Metals, &c.—					
Lead	1,256	22,212	41,055	57,487	625
Other .. ..	..	853	35,348	8,613	17,053
All other Articles ..	28,233	129,504	81,796	49,537	162,015
Total ..	1,274,219	3,241,045	2,822,414	2,174,934	2,712,739

Trade with
India and
Ceylon.

The values of the principal articles interchanged between Victoria and India and Ceylon for each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50, are shown in the following table:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH INDIA AND CEYLON, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
<i>Imports—Articles of Indian and Cingalese origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
Cocoa Beans	3,186	6,748	10,346	6,507	9,042
Nuts (edible)	67,562	163,441	342,607	240,879	296,559
Spices	64,608	39,872	10,913	25,038	67,909
Tea	1,566,004	2,017,424	3,879,471	2,744,395	4,304,162
Hides and Skins	31,062	89,243	62,451	55,502	1,064
Fibres	316,335	644,475	1,122,333	1,255,954	531,135
Gums and Resins	25,251	46,805	54,523	53,334	45,209
Seeds—					
Linseed	174,600	111,265	152,972	177,597	174,846
Other	163,378	169,819	1,425		11,933
Apparel	35,211	21,088	11,756	5,265	7,152
Textiles—					
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck	22,942	34,969	78,670	73,716	75,613
Cotton and Linen	641,596	761,813	621,277	791,150	1,162,325
Hessians	344,636	337,719	416,395	428,202	469,698
Other	10,994	3,615	10,406	18,158	25,914
Floor Coverings	33,484	385,053	73,060	64,919	79,843
Other Textiles	127,807	49,362	97,930	55,047	45,672
Bags and Sacks	531,554	1,518,154	3,389,582	2,532,434	3,233,790
Cordage and Twine	90				1,933
Yarns	112,604	76,569	26,692	26,892	16,070
Oil—					
Linseed		9,641	318,936	129,982	184,952
Castor		13,826	239,810	40,627	
Waxes	60,218	94,616	171,777	101,452	56,831
Rubber, &c.	1,106,595	514,531	97,285	63,328	30,208
All other Articles	139,097	150,348	193,048	512,292	752,160
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	5,578,814	7,260,396	11,383,665	9,402,670	11,584,020
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to India and Ceylon.</i>					
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Butter	456,040	112,996	177,564	188,328	274,052
Cheese	256,338	127,285	45,344	147,089	102,537
Meats	670,190	152,348	135,498	45,075	39,841
Milk and Cream	843,847	753,569	693,581	718,324	534,230
Biscuits	273,616	13,309	2,252	81	29
Hay and Chaff	108	3,101	1,810	1,956	4,273
Fruits (all kinds)	203,673	80,987	39,649	83,110	52,123
Wheat		7,518	7,156,883	1,552,363	5,959,971
Flour	1,769,894	2,184,350	2,934,087	3,634,346	3,066,399
Other Grain and Pulse	114,861	312,107	293,795	895,383	138,985
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors—					
Ale and Beer	3,528	137	932	24	70
Other	81,325	19,189	3,318	11,727	2,457

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH INDIA AND
CEYLON, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—continued.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>				
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to India and Ceylon—continued.</i>					
Jams and Jellies	500,093	74,214	42,714	9,845	15,236
Vegetables	1,168,500	98,699	127,412	16,189	10,155
Horses	9,145	50,324	13,189	6,741	3,847
Wool	1,287,883	607,683	869,112	1,154,095	193,783
Apparel—					
Underwear	7,609	10,812	4,460	912	..
Other	54,799	115,355	18,051	6,630	514
Yarns, Wool	13,811	14,783	37,158	36,657	..
Tallow, unrefined	23,957	83,815	148,406	104,275	82,762
Zinc (bars, blocks, &c.)	865,333	1,151,623	114,506	..	76,137
Soap	7,564	3,591	25	..	128
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	288	8,304	..	5	78,229
All other Articles	1,043,272	1,330,735	819,292	579,607	347,716
Total	9,655,674	7,316,834	13,679,038	9,192,762	10,983,474

Trade with New Zealand. The values of the principal articles interchanged with New Zealand for each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50 were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
NEW ZEALAND, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>British Currency Values.</i>		<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Imports—Articles of New Zealand origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Fish	113,207	144,077	149,068	171,544	139,125
Milk and Cream	3,217	..	..	20	5,546
Meats	18,380	36,680	16,974	22,386	15,477
Grain and Pulse	31,412	46,540	47,193	21,406	52,276
Animals (horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs)	47,606	64,342	62,675	54,732	28,763
Hides and Skins	303,249	421,465	111,667	43,616	18,464
Wool	4,791	272,618	443,630	314,186	507,330
Crockery and Householdware	1,078	7,667	24,729	37,118	14,304
Seeds	231,204	181,302	96,101	112,951	188,044
Timber	73,423	40,870	76,100	226,384	156,400
Gold and Silver	88,766	114,933	66,946	155,834	1,219,415
All other Articles	201,987	216,649	255,712	273,423	224,244
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	1,118,320	1,547,143	1,350,795	1,433,600	2,569,388

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH NEW ZEALAND,
1945-46 TO 1949-50—continued.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>				
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to New Zealand.</i>					
Eggs	17,455	122,382	72,101	254,656	173,722
Fruits, all kinds	297,982	254,487	445,280	659,110	710,368
Grain and Pulse—					
Wheat .. .. .	..	304,177	13,306	219,305	1,487,352
Flour	5,233	4,264	..	..	1,054
Rice and Rice Meal	552	36,225	22,975	17,026	36,121
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	45,161	87,895	130,879	102,515	150,547
Wool	13,961	38,593	122,377	281,963	200,871
Apparel	75,208	102,695	106,102	23,953	23,104
Textiles	184,276	268,634	609,364	320,280	305,067
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres ..	186,815	398,074	436,010	289,854	264,127
Oils	8,410	12,048	14,724	8,673	17,701
Machines and Machinery ..	179,438	330,197	524,564	496,095	587,268
Metal Manufactures	165,487	325,516	528,873	545,474	608,720
Rubber Manufactures	170,827	314,096	148,611	37,329	20,094
Leather, &c.	50,990	107,160	57,343	42,248	59,947
Books	44,986	123,445	101,032	76,007	114,799
Photographic goods and materials	28,065	101,112	182,534	137,510	230,131
Drugs and Chemicals	43,225	154,149	232,426	171,429	248,823
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	108,464	85,117	80,814	119,804	171,965
All other Articles	546,886	708,702	635,861	684,687	821,629
Australian produce	2,051,507	3,785,488	4,326,335	4,334,863	6,065,675
Other produce	121,914	93,480	138,841	153,055	167,735
Total	2,173,421	3,878,968	4,465,176	4,487,918	6,233,410

Trade with
United States
of America.

The values of the principal articles interchanged between Victoria and the United States of America for each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50 are shown in the following table :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	British Currency Values.		Australian Currency Values.		
	£	£	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Imports—Articles of United States origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Sausage Casings	23,718	66,370	87,996	82,201	39,174
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes ..	1,459,472	1,090,863	2,009,673	1,398,425	1,946,379
Cotton, raw	125,231	92,936	180,278	134,472	13
Gums, Resins, Balsams, and Rosin ..	72,508	167,467	106,261	77,240	76,616
Plastic Materials	561,268	258,064	522,233	250,564	319,815
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	731,013	1,366,386	5,991,295	1,002,788	570,557
Other	412,932	35,986	90,110	914	1,327
Manufactured Fibres and Yarns ..	86,319	45,537	1,131,094	358,675	45,825
Oils	1,282,582	1,248,204	2,528,701	2,211,533	1,491,336
Pigments, Paints and Varnishes ..	147,308	146,437	186,716	234,565	214,618
Asphalt, Bitumen, and Pitch ..	65,449	14,990	13,930	1,868	769
Electrical Machines and Appliances ..	595,053	296,438	501,791	381,017	394,244
Metal Working Machinery	128,214	228,522	925,063	313,542	330,269
Motive Power Machinery—					
Aircraft Engines and Parts	101,355	165,664	388,081	343,876	16,228
Other	932,212	1,151,546	1,426,179	1,962,218	3,149,363
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings ..	138,489	78,469	467,937	280,661	422,525
Other Machines and Machinery ..	631,967	904,572	1,318,834	1,247,255	2,230,932
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	1,719,075	1,638,368	2,109,640	1,515,861	1,953,258
Tools of Trade	265,631	52,432	133,634	47,633	71,347
Vehicles and Parts—					
Motor Bodies, Chassis, &c. ..	1,458,405	1,169,011	1,463,657	997,218	1,665,690
Aircraft	1,925,351	1,163,273	778,244	1,123,901	572,379
Other	27,673	220,632	243,156	243,225	351,588
Other Metals, &c.	189,187	153,263	398,406	324,982	466,230
Rubber, &c.	62,565	199,591	259,532	127,135	228,850
Timber	94,925	88,764	524,684	331,704	463,400
Glass and Glassware	23,657	48,291	97,468	12,947	20,003
Pulp for Papermaking	120,050	26,903	373,473	13,515	3,429
Paper and Board	400,087	460,176	737,448	130,457	148,927
Stationery, &c.	146,668	199,801	194,934	166,334	147,322
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Fancy Goods, &c.	16,893	17,384	14,384	7,564	5,868
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments	366,947	286,480	251,925	145,704	196,013
Sulphur (Brimstone)	147,599	318,193	275,611	311,105	473,447
Drugs and Chemicals	360,477	389,343	619,425	367,433	292,329
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives ..	790,105	17,204	9,735	26,102	3,862
Fire Brigade and Life Saving Appliances	914	3,502	1,167	552	3,630
Vessels (Ships)	58	121		20,772	
All other Articles	356,482	421,501	679,390	248,585	348,903
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	15,972,839	14,227,684	27,042,090	16,444,543	18,666,465

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1945-46 TO 1949-50—continued.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	Australian Currency Values.				
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<i>Exports from Victorian ports to the United States.</i>					
Sausage Casings	101,064	119,538	102,335	104,464	335,512
Rabbits and Hares (frozen) ..		3	26,044	92,289	129,785
Hides and Skins	3,201,534	3,028,945	1,758,192	1,157,615	1,784,411
Wool	5,079,181	8,710,721	8,041,527	5,298,859	11,654,821
Seeds—Agricultural and Vegetable	49,367	83,594	94,676	105,809	134,722
Vegetable Fibres—Rag, Clippings, &c. ..	78,767	38,818	39,225	11,752	26,128
Machines and Machinery	5,196	3,642	23,258	20,460	19,043
Lead (Pig)	5,552			28,068	
Iron and Steel—scrap			2,275	74,863	31,845
Zinc (Spelter)—Bars, Blocks, &c. ..	90,927			4,573	
Leather, &c.	9,830	19,768	2,958	9,002	4,981
Eucalyptus Oil	64,701	109,859	57,559	28,925	22,111
All other Articles	685,105	670,126	497,241	809,522	421,139
Total	9,371,224	12,785,014	10,650,290	7,746,201	14,564,498

Principal
Exports—
Quantities
and Values.

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

PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED OVERSEAS FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE YEARS
1946-47 TO 1949-50.

(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.)

Commodity.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	1949-50.
Wool—				
Greasy { lb. 193,595,564 172,361,720 229,736,479 228,963,233				
£ 20,799,838 29,605,003 49,294,258 65,602,743				
Scoured and Washed .. { lb. 44,391,722 40,605,587 41,428,700 40,345,176				
£ 6,658,839 7,247,658 8,882,898 11,995,200				
Tops, Noils, and Waste .. { lb. 9,845,839 8,939,815 8,542,137 6,948,949				
£ 2,157,926 2,132,359 2,144,909 1,547,306				
Butter { lb. 82,594,500 82,259,802 74,548,505 79,880,052				
£ 7,766,346 9,212,338 9,848,294 11,224,357				
Wheat { cents 410,976 7,935,448 5,817,051 10,116,164				
£ 312,072 11,626,097 6,943,781 13,278,364				
Flour (wheaten) { cents 4,429,523 5,913,322 5,457,734 5,825,387				
£ 7,025,624 11,653,993 10,802,761 9,535,345				

PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED OVERSEAS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS
DURING EACH OF THE YEARS 1946-47 TO 1949-50—*continued*.
(*Australian Currency Values.*)

Commodity.		1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	1949-50.
Fruits—					
Dried	{ lb.	70,682,940	63,918,567	89,417,178	68,574,973
	£	1,682,138	1,554,839	2,404,127	1,969,259
Fresh	{ lb.	19,131,200	32,171,900	39,476,100	31,379,900
	£	477,743	657,620	875,282	779,931
Preserved in Liquid	{ lb.	45,197,285	60,326,484	81,817,460	59,576,810
	£	1,368,813	1,843,754	2,761,821	2,066,766
Meats—					
Beef (frozen) ..	{ lb.	17,909,891	4,121,732	2,426,953	1,493,865
	£	445,946	137,160	122,896	59,173
Lamb (frozen) ..	{ lb.	79,827,160	66,926,694	45,879,001	82,685,038
	£	2,576,358	2,558,208	1,867,851	3,787,556
Mutton (frozen)	{ lb.	29,936,686	10,815,783	12,620,225	47,773,953
	£	486,341	213,859	278,064	1,121,897
Pork (frozen) ..	{ lb.	4,013,637	1,160,739	3,212,503	2,066,625
	£	169,480	73,765	212,424	168,471
Poultry (frozen)	£	221,147	595,112	644,470	753,052
Rabbits and Hares (frozen)	{ pairs	4,528,137	9,422,193	14,993,415	12,517,165
	£	528,825	1,353,986	2,390,701	2,259,068
Preserved in tins	{ lb.	34,444,231	26,543,062	46,460,459	46,249,014
	£	2,061,345	1,525,841	2,545,970	3,336,400
Sausage Casings	{ cwt.	10,437	9,115	8,776	17,558
	£	271,727	329,684	386,030	80,314
All other	£	578,379	379,846	421,321	625,989
Milk and Cream ..	£	2,733,230	2,961,437	3,271,799	4,052,643
Hides and Skins—					
Sheep (with wool)	{ lb.	54,476,850	32,038,120	30,768,333	39,655,520
	£	3,379,693	3,246,515	3,230,725	4,431,736
Calf, Cattle, Horse	{ No.	25,883	31,321	73,479	81,169
	£	67,295	103,680	219,167	266,893
Rabbit and Hare	{ lb.	4,947,452	5,520,569	4,110,507	3,989,228
	£	2,020,950	1,786,345	1,142,571	598,594
Other Skins	£	273,651	92,478	70,066	648,640
Tallow (unrefined)	{ cwt.	16,895	30,324	56,573	176,293
	£	94,682	195,140	340,858	725,447
Eggs in shell ..	{ dozen	3,479,898	4,195,405	5,128,724	7,390,064
	£	230,238	461,553	601,628	975,933
Eggs not in shell	£	895,374	1,103,221	978,966	459,474
Cheese	{ lb.	30,311,114	25,575,894	29,536,079	30,758,678
	£	1,430,698	1,697,685	2,169,093	2,492,614

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 1945-46 to 1949-50 are given in the following table:—

VICTORIA—VALUE OF STORES SHIPPED ON OVERSEA VESSELS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
<i>Australian Currency Values.</i>					
	£A	£A	£A	£A.	£A.
Ale, Beer, and Porter	24,371	19,442	20,271	28,343	27,511
Butter	16,270	13,859	28,159	53,752	50,660
Cheese	4,293	3,762	4,401	6,108	12,670
Coal (Bunker)	7,063	13,178	10,717	2,147	102
Coffee, Cocoa, and Chocolate	6,940	5,631	5,695	8,000	16,752
Cordage and Twines	6,201	3,276	2,739	2,799	4,765
Eggs	7,894	9,131	17,194	29,358	45,869
Fish	22,106	25,295	47,236	48,983	47,759
Fruits (all kinds)	16,986	16,155	19,778	22,005	46,238
Fruit and Vegetables (in liquid)	6,366	4,896	3,549	8,685	15,636
Vegetables	14,962	15,212	20,757	34,979	39,690
Flour (wheaten)	12,029	17,939	14,916	56,756	35,362
Rice	4,245	5,150	15,869	20,627	28,682
Jams and Jellies	3,388	2,158	2,064	4,293	5,579
Meats	110,845	113,687	143,501	208,835	284,021
Milk and Cream (preserved)	13,949	12,583	14,030	48,009	34,288
Oils for use as fuel in vessels	567,011	372,934	452,992	463,264	274,623
Oils for use as fuel in aircraft .. ..	..	6,723	8,694	1,203	2,896
Oils, other	29,056	38,331	29,847	42,085	42,009
Paints and Colours	25,962	18,691	11,611	11,260	11,983
Potatoes	11,510	10,505	10,061	11,859	20,509
Spirits	6,523	4,525	6,044	5,726	6,776
Sugar	5,712	5,239	7,457	10,636	19,752
Tea	7,783	6,356	9,183	6,861	7,398
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes	19,886	20,260	12,363	11,306	15,044
All other Articles	118,418	111,308	182,302	153,803	272,673
Australian Produce	470,763	533,854	787,957	1,145,721	1,251,331
Other Produce	599,006	342,372	313,473	155,961	117,916
Total	1,069,769	876,226	1,101,430	1,301,682	1,369,247

**Customs
and Excise
Revenue.**

The overseas trade and the gross revenue collected at Victorian ports, during the year 1949-50, are shown in the following statement:—

OVERSEA TRADE AND GROSS REVENUE COLLECTED AT VICTORIAN PORTS, 1949-50.

(Australian Currency Values.)

—	Melbourne.	Geelong.	Portland.	Essendon Airport.	Parcels Post.	Total.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Overseas Trade—						
Imports ..	176,452,096	6,013,783	352,166	269,650	1,169,053	184,256,748
Exports ..	145,121,703	18,430,003	2,167,837	53,574	423,456	166,196,573
Total ..	321,573,799	24,443,786	2,520,003	323,224	1,592,509	350,453,321
Gross Revenue—						
Customs Duties	24,040,603	689,082	292,424	14,701	62,972	25,099,782
Excise Duties	20,235,629	86,089	..	..	..	20,321,718
Primage ..	1,884,248	51,357	34,137	1,610	6,943	1,978,295
Other Sources	164,964	566	..	23	23	165,576
Total ..	46,325,444	827,094	326,561	16,334	69,938	47,565,371*

* After deducting £1,301,958 for Refunds and Drawbacks, &c., the net revenue was £46,263,413.

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. Returns have been received from the Harbor Trusts, but the Railways Department, owing to staff difficulties, has been unable to supply any information since February, 1942. The amount of goods transported by road is not available.

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 362).

The number of vessels entered and cleared, and their total tonnage in each of the five years 1946-1950, were as follows:—

**VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING,
1945-46 TO 1949-50.**

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Vessels Entered—					
Number	1,442	1,679	1,846	2,068	2,315
Net tonnage ..	3,485,783	4,844,421	5,679,722	7,054,653	8,305,761
Average net tonnage	2,417	2,885	3,076	3,411	3,588
Vessels Cleared—					
Number	1,434	1,659	1,825	2,079	2,314
Net tonnage ..	3,482,275	4,804,031	5,608,437	7,091,571	8,301,760
Average net tonnage	2,428	2,896	3,073	3,411	3,588

For the twelve months ended 30th June, 1950, steamers (including oil-burning vessels) numbered 2,157 of the vessels entered and 2,153 of the vessels cleared, their tonnage aggregating 8,286,339 and 8,280,594 respectively. The inward shipping included 62 vessels in ballast, of an aggregate tonnage of 232,459, while the outward shipping included 420 vessels in ballast, having an aggregate tonnage of 1,506,281.

Shipping with
various
countries.

The principal countries having shipping communication with Victoria are set out in the following statement.

Voyages and tonnages of vessels arriving from or departing to particular countries are recorded against one country only, notwithstanding that the same vessel on the same voyage may carry cargo or passengers to or from Victoria from or to several countries. Thus vessels calling at New Zealand on voyages to and from United States of America or Canada are not shown in shipping communication with New Zealand and likewise vessels calling at ports *en route* to and from the United Kingdom are credited to the United Kingdom only. To this extent the records are misleading.

VICTORIA—SHIPPING WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES, 1949-50.

Countries.	Vessels Entered.				Vessels Cleared.			
	Steamers.*		Sailing Vessels.		Steamers.*		Sailing Vessels.	
	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.
Other Australian States ..	1,175	3,225,722	154	18,902	1,393	4,344,810	155	19,271
United Kingdom ..	297	1,967,669	..	..	175	1,292,231	..	..
New Zealand ..	46	157,354	2	310	45	171,751	4	620
India ..	63	246,312	..	..	71	326,054	..	..
Straits Settlements ..	57	260,585	..	..	34	158,220	..	..
Other British ..	135	590,721	2	210	131	536,731	1	55
Total British Countries	1,773	6,448,363	158	19,422	1,849	6,829,797	160	19,946
Japan ..	31	105,608	..	..	29	115,664	..	..
United States of Indonesia ..	32	196,998	..	..	34	214,568	..	..
United States of America ..	70	303,123	..	..	37	163,024	..	..
Other Foreign ..	251	1,232,247	..	..	205	958,761	..	..
Total Foreign Countries	384	1,837,976	..	..	305	1,452,017	..	..
Grand Total ..	2,157	8,286,339	158	19,422	2,154	8,281,814	160	19,946

* Includes oil-burning vessels.

**Nationality
of vessels.**

The nationality of vessels which entered or were cleared at Victorian ports for the year 1949-50 was as follows:—

VICTORIA—NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1949-50.

Nationality.	Vessels Entered.		Vessels Cleared.	
	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.
British—				
Australian	976	1,251,001	981	1,264,174
United Kingdom	856	4,982,546	856	4,976,924
Canadian	8	34,452	10	43,011
Hong Kong	20	68,264	19	65,685
New Zealand	36	55,670	34	47,504
South African	2	6,834	2	6,834
Other British	16	37,092	14	32,551
Total British	1,914	6,435,859	1,916	6,436,683
Foreign—				
Danish	23	77,864	25	83,475
French	10	48,639	10	48,638
Dutch	41	214,041	40	208,941
Italian	30	157,543	32	169,617
Norwegian	118	497,371	117	494,739
Swedish	58	188,177	52	162,341
United States of America ..	59	340,215	59	346,632
Other Foreign	62	346,052	63	350,694
Total Foreign	401	1,869,902	398	1,865,077
Grand Total	2,315	8,305,761	2,314	8,301,760

**Shipping
entered at
Victorian
Ports.**

Particulars of shipping—oversea, interstate, and intra-state—which entered each port of Victoria are given in the following statement for the year ended 30th June, 1950.

VICTORIA—VESSELS ENTERED AT EACH PORT, 1949-50.

Route.	Melbourne.		Geelong.		Portland.	
	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.
Oversea—						
Steam*	367	1,722,106	27	106,884	..	..
Sailing	2	310	..	..	..	..
Interstate—†						
Steam	1,669	6,123,035	86	288,470	8	45,844
Sailing	156	19,112	..	..	..	..
Oversea, <i>via</i> Ports—						
Steam* and Sailing ..	19	81,963	38	180,503	10	59,871
Interstate <i>via</i> Ports—						
Steam* and Sailing ..	19	66,676	4	13,856	1	5,529
Local (within the State)—						
Steam* and Sailing ..	56	225,604	51	166,659	..	..
Total—						
Steam* and Sailing ..	2,288	8,238,806	206	756,372	19	111,244

NOTE.—“Ports” means Victorian ports.

* Includes oil-burning vessels.

† Including “Oversea *via* States”.

Cargo discharged and shipped. Statistics relating to the tonnage of cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria during the year ended 30th June, 1950, are shown in the following tables. One shows the tonnage of interstate and overseas cargo handled at each port in the State, and the other 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 1949-50.

Port.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate (Tons).		Oversea (Tons).		Interstate (Tons).		Oversea (Tons).	
	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.	Weight.	Measure.
Melbourne ..	1,629,756	237,622	2,270,588	1,285,617	435,600	244,361	570,475	457,197
Geelong ..	147,173	527	372,225	23,299	10,945	1,551	480,714	868
Portland ..	3,947	..	43,551	..	..	..	10,583	..
Total ..	1,780,876	238,149	2,686,364	1,308,916	446,545	245,912	1,061,772	458,065

**VICTORIA—TONNAGE OF OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED
AND SHIPPED DURING THE YEAR 1949-50 ACCORDING
TO THE NATIONALITY OF VESSELS.**

Nationality of Vessels.	Discharged.		Shipped.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.
British—				
Australian	2,307	5,865	2,169	24
United Kingdom .. .	1,801,543	887,438	808,699	338,299
Canadian	1,139	9,011	1,191	2,855
Hong Kong	14,905	8,325	9,208	6,647
New Zealand	14,849	22,737	261	27,736
South African		639	4,994	106
Other British	7,991	8,142	2,431	15,519
Total (British) ..	1,842,234	942,157	828,953	391,186
Foreign—				
Danish	17,655	34,652	6,963	1,067
French	8,816	5,306	11,736	2,206
Dutch	62,566	48,071	21,873	15,895
Italian	1,665	16,848	13,796	2,670
Norwegian	369,820	125,256	99,196	18,647
Swedish	33,649	82,049	41,699	5,067
United States of America ..	42,769	42,898	27,333	18,520
Other Foreign	307,190	11,679	10,223	2,807
Total (Foreign) ..	844,130	366,759	232,819	66,879
Grand Total ..	2,686,364	1,308,916	1,061,772	458,065

PRINCIPAL PORTS OF VICTORIA.

Port of Melbourne. The Port of Melbourne which is under the control of the Melbourne Harbor Trust, had 11·69 miles of wharfs, piers, and jetties in the Yarra River, Victoria Dock, Maribyrnong River, and Hobson's Bay at 31st December, 1950. The area of these wharfs, &c., is 58 acres, and there are 30½ acres of sheds. Reference to the constitution of the Trust and the revenue and expenditure thereof are shown in part "Local Government".

Trade of the Port of Melbourne. During the year 1950, vessels to the number of 2,352 (1,301 steamers, 909 motor vessels, and 142 sailing vessels) with registered gross tonnage aggregating 14,454,515 berthed within the Port. Total imports in 1950 amounted to 5,981,697 tons, of which 2,646,678 tons were interstate and coastal cargo. Exports totalled 1,562,768 tons, including interstate and coastal tonnage, amounting to 649,653. Coal formed a great part of the interstate imports. Excluding 52,641 tons transhipped to vessels and 15,380 tons kept on board and landed at Geelong, or other ports, or used for bunkers, the quantity imported during 1950 amounted to 1,265,899 tons.

**Port of
Geelong.**

The Port of Geelong is controlled by the Geelong Harbor Trust. The number of berthings of vessels visiting the port during 1950 was 343 and represented 1,560,981 gross tonnage. Imports and exports for that period aggregated 655,393 and 610,424 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 1945-46 to 1949-50 are given hereunder.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF POST OFFICES AND MAILS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Year ended 30th June—				Number of Post Offices.*	Number of Mails—	
					Despatched.	Received.
1946	..	..	..	2,484	2,321,749	2,106,878
1947	..	..	..	2,470	2,347,028	2,137,329
1948	..	..	..	2,470	2,303,369	2,097,735
1949	..	..	..	2,463	2,366,947	2,162,677
1950	..	..	..	2,455	2,403,475	2,266,793

* Excluding "Telephone" offices at which telegraph and telephone business only is transacted, viz., 1945-46, 229; 1946-47, 231; 1947-48, 226; 1948-49, 220; and 1949-50, 225.

Postal
Returns—
Victoria.

Particulars relating to the number of letters, packets, and newspapers dealt with during 1948-49 and 1949-50 are given hereunder.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF LETTERS, PACKETS, AND NEWSPAPERS DEALT WITH, 1948-49 AND 1949-50.

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June, 1949.			Year ended 30th June, 1950.		
	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.
Within the Commonwealth ..	289,563,500	49,391,200	338,954,700	311,927,100	50,276,900	362,204,000
Beyond the Commonwealth—						
Despatched	10,176,700	2,801,700	12,978,400	11,773,600	2,606,900	14,380,500
Received ..	11,964,000	5,865,700	17,829,700	10,698,000	6,682,600	17,380,600
Total ..	311,704,200	58,058,600	369,762,800	334,398,700	59,566,400	393,965,100

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

VICTORIA—REGISTERED ARTICLES AND PARCELS POST, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

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.	No.
1946 ..	4,745,700	52,000	4,797,700	100,500	4,256,500	900,300	5,156,800	175,700
1947 ..	4,702,400	92,000	4,884,400	123,400	4,280,200	1,204,300	5,484,500	127,300
1948 ..	4,932,400	103,200	5,035,600	137,400	4,560,700	1,407,900	5,968,600	134,800
1949 ..	5,189,000	117,600	5,306,600	152,900	4,328,300	980,500	5,308,800	142,800
1950 ..	4,689,300	92,300	4,781,600	163,600	4,429,400	697,500	5,126,900	167,100

* Including Registered Value payable and Duty Parcels.

**Dead Letters—
Victoria.**

During 1949-50 there were 245,199 letters, &c., and 83,717 packets, &c., returned direct to writers or delivered; 30,139 letters, &c., and 96,934 packets, &c., were destroyed in accordance with the Post and Telegraph Act; and 24,383 letters, &c., and 2,140 packets, &c., were returned, as unclaimed, to other countries. Money and valuables to the amount of £77,794 were found in postal articles sent to the Dead Letter Office as undeliverable. Of 59,423 postal articles posted without address, 173 contained money and valuables amounting to £4,454.

**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 1945-46 to 1949-50:—

**VICTORIA—MONEY ORDERS AND POSTAL NOTES, 1945-46
TO 1949-50.**

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Number of Money Order Offices open	862	862	860	879	902
Money Orders Issued—					
Intra-state .. { Number ..	571,575	626,868	694,424	746,451	847,669
.. { Amount £	4,962,914	5,340,591	5,877,456	6,408,132	7,301,011
Interstate .. { Number ..	141,062	149,950	114,606	132,144	142,917
.. { Amount £	859,051	832,129	823,888	907,097	1,023,558
Beyond the Com- { Number ..	17,214	16,772	20,730	25,495	34,856
monwealth .. { Amount £	39,912	45,447	65,374	90,487	139,747
Total .. { Number ..	729,851	793,590	829,760	904,090	1,025,442
.. { Amount £	5,861,877	6,218,167	6,766,718	7,405,716	8,464,316
Money Orders Paid—					
Intra-state .. { Number ..	572,007	626,781	693,308	745,460	847,668
.. { Amount £	5,062,914	5,351,082	5,877,442	6,342,074	7,301,293
Interstate .. { Number ..	215,336	208,818	219,814	221,892	228,521
.. { Amount £	1,283,043	1,300,576	1,364,922	1,519,167	1,540,097
Beyond the Com- { Number ..	20,321	30,687	40,636	38,879	35,551
monwealth .. { Amount £	103,628	132,491	162,225	159,806	153,576
Total .. { Number ..	807,664	866,286	953,758	1,006,231	1,111,740
.. { Amount £	6,449,585	6,784,149	7,404,589	8,021,047	8,994,966
Postal Notes—					
Issued .. { Number ..	7,396,752	8,787,712	9,939,752	10,671,781	11,574,282
.. { Amount £	2,644,900	3,090,034	3,526,456	3,826,066	4,217,222
Paid—Issued with- { Number ..	3,876,187	4,319,501	4,723,365	4,980,932	5,402,131
in the State .. { Amount £	1,552,195	1,742,278	1,949,009	2,108,863	2,337,048
Paid — Issued in { Number ..	942,583	798,458	848,232	830,835	882,388
other States .. { Amount £	512,732	350,126	376,755	368,177	392,678

Of the money orders issued in 1949-50, 990,586 for £8,324,569 were payable in the Commonwealth of Australia, 2,764 for £6,554 in New Zealand, 22,665 for £84,926 in the United Kingdom, and 9,427 for £48,267 in other countries. The orders paid included 1,076,189 for £8,841,390 issued in the Commonwealth, 7,745 for £19,326 in New Zealand, 23,147 for £110,680 in the United Kingdom, and 4,659 for £23,570 in other countries.

Telegraphs and Telegrams. The following table gives particulars relating to the telegraph business during each of the five years 1945-46 to 1949-50 :—

VICTORIA—TELEGRAPH BUSINESS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Number of Telegraph Offices (including Railway Telegraph Offices)	2,404	2,402	2,429	2,420	2,443
Telegrams—					
Within the Commonwealth—					
Paid and Collect Telegrams					
Despatched—					
Ordinary, Urgent, and Press	8,110,736	7,498,130	7,662,566	7,767,352	7,535,803
Lettergrams	25,803	25,492	21,887	19,992	19,998
Radiograms	3,559	5,113	2,356	3,278	4,775
Unpaid Telegrams Transmitted—					
Service and Meteorological	444,400	455,385	449,406	442,464	469,033
Total	8,584,498	7,984,120	8,136,215	8,233,086	8,029,609
Beyond the Commonwealth—					
Despatched	284,646	309,702	330,937	371,901	424,978
Received	296,487	292,741	368,912	400,298	449,812
Total Number of Telegrams dealt with	9,165,631	8,586,563	8,836,064	9,005,285	8,904,399
Revenue—	£	£	£	£	£
Telegrams within the Commonwealth	554,864	518,452	530,390	535,707	715,892
Telegrams beyond the Commonwealth	72,002	69,019	68,749	67,433	72,745
Total Revenue received in State	626,866	587,471	599,139	603,140	788,637

Telephones.

Information relating to the telephone service is given below for the years 1945-46 to 1949-50.

VICTORIA—TELEPHONES, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Telephone Exchanges ..	1,668	1,672	1,679	1,688	1,714
Public Telephones ..	3,066	3,058	3,143	3,357	3,507
Lines connected ..	190,507	202,769	214,997	228,586	244,858
Instruments connected ..	272,147	287,303	305,287	324,919	348,505
Instruments per 1,000 of Population ..	134.0	139.8	146.0	151.9	158.2
Effective Paid Local Calls—					
(a) Subscribers ..	198,063,052	215,540,283	231,015,791	242,779,510	241,313,273
(b) Public Telephones ..	21,066,906	20,697,363	21,397,350	22,941,082	23,222,440
Trunk Line Calls ..	16,208,011	16,791,804	17,558,059	18,293,641	19,450,398

Wireless Licences in force.

Details of Broadcast Services and Amateur Stations licensed in Victoria at the end of each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50 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, 1950, represented 27 per cent. of the total for Australia (1,841,211).

VICTORIA—WIRELESS LICENCES IN FORCE, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Class of Licence.	At 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Broadcasting* ..	19	19	19	19	19
Broadcast Listeners—					
One receiver ..	396,700	475,215	469,437	487,796	505,078
More than one receiver ..	19,085	24,729	35,669	43,926	52,478
Amateur ..	†	658	796	865	910

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

† Operation of Amateur Stations suspended.

Prior to 1946-47 Statistics of authorized stations were compiled on the basis of wireless licences issued. Subsequently certain Stations were authorized without being licensed and it therefore became necessary to publish Statistics on the basis of stations authorized.

At 30th June, 1950, the particulars of authorized radio-communication stations were as follows :—

(1) Transmitting and Receiving. Aeronautical 9; Coast 4; Land 198; Mobile (General) 662; and Miscellaneous 13.

(2) Receiving only. Land 202; Mobile (General) 149.

**Post Office
revenue and
expenditure.**

Particulars concerning the revenue and expenditure of the Postmaster-General's Department in Victoria for each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50 are contained in the following table:—

**REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S
DEPARTMENT IN VICTORIA, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.**

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Revenue.</i>					
Postage	3,062,904	3,404,602	3,613,426	3,728,539	4,068,451
Money Order Commission	89,284	101,583	114,611	124,434	138,427
Poundage on Postal Notes	18,867	19,954	18,404	20,163	21,113
Private Boxes and Bags	254,139	232,850	254,481	273,058	295,362
Miscellaneous					
Total Postal	3,425,194	3,758,989	4,000,922	4,146,194	4,523,353
Telegraphs	901,390	864,880	832,865	824,795	1,012,226
Radio	199,790	235,565	234,724	350,523	*
Telephones	3,703,004	3,870,487	4,165,860	4,365,170	5,493,129
Total Revenue	8,229,378	8,729,921	9,234,371	9,686,682	11,028,708
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries and Contingencies—					
Salaries and Payments in the					
Nature of Salary	2,745,087	3,076,067	3,700,481	4,435,569	5,042,851
General Expenses	205,671	229,632	359,199	424,125	469,569
Stores and Material†	436,650	183,472	198,804	2,459,190	3,363,622
Mail Services	407,904	368,853	350,433	494,897	493,503
Engineering Services (other than new works)	1,625,931	1,900,229	2,394,775	2,896,523	3,334,044
Rents, Repairs, Maintenance, Fittings, &c.	65,457	80,475	110,313	119,541	142,566
Proportion of Audit Expenses	3,550	3,550	3,550	3,550	4,596
New Works—					
Telegraph, Telephones, and Wireless	1,028,000	1,565,964	2,099,470	3,189,156	3,810,000
New Buildings, &c.	128,572	154,987	277,785	360,786	836,921
Other Expenditure	9,865	8,404	7,295	5,991	4,488
Total Expenditure	6,656,687	7,571,633	9,502,105	14,389,328	17,502,160

* Radio revenue excluded from Post Office revenue as from 1st July, 1949.

† Includes £2,250,000 for 1948-49 and £3,000,000 for 1949-50 working advance for payment of credit of Post Office Stores and Transport Trust Account.

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*.

**Transport
Regulation
Board.**

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, 1950.

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 ..	1,843	EA	Within 25 miles of Melbourne ..	10,459
B	Touring Omnibuses ..	119	EB	Within 25 miles of Ballarat	338
C	Special Service Omnibuses	173	EC	Within 25 miles of Bendigo	330
PH	Private Hire ..	1,520		Within 25 miles of Geelong	493
				Within 20 miles of the places of business of the owners outside the radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong ..	9,061
D	Permanent licences relating to commercial goods vehicles ..	2,259	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 ..	6,243
			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 ..	601
			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 ..	29,826
			EH	(i) Carrying only 3rd Schedule goods ..	4,490
				(ii) Racehorse floats ..	37
				(iii) Tank wagons carrying only petroleum products ..	213
				(iv) Commercial travellers' vehicles registered at the commercial rate of motor registration	436
	Total (Discretionary) ..	5,914		Total (As of Right) ..	62,527

In addition to those shown, temporary licences numbering 4,386, and additional licences for passenger carrying on goods vehicles numbering 294 were issued. This made the grand total of licences issued at 30th June, 1950, 73,121, while the fees collected amounted to £66,821. Total revenue during the year (including permit fees, fines, and additional fees collected pursuant to the provisions of Section 34 (g) of the *Transport Regulation Act 1933*, as amended by the *Transport Regulation (Licences and Fees) Act 1947*) amounted to £247,403.

RAILWAYS.

All railways in Victoria available for general traffic 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 323.

The succeeding tables relate to the State Railways, the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Black Rock 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 377 and 378. Steam or motor power provides the traction for country passenger and goods traffic, while electricity is used mainly for passenger traffic on suburban lines.

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.

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 1946-1950, is shown in the following table :—

**Reduction of
loan liability.**

**Total capital
cost of
railways and
equipment.**

VICTORIA—TOTAL CAPITAL COST OF RAILWAYS, ETC.,
EQUIPMENT AND ROLLING STOCK, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

At 30th June—			Railways.		Electric Tramways.	Road Motor Services.	Total Capital Cost.*
			Lines Opened.	Lines in Process of Construction.	Lines Opened.		
			£	£	£	£	£
1946	..	..	51,242,184	163,077	143,853	14,139	51,563,253
1947	..	..	51,627,002	168,012	140,436	12,722	51,948,172
1948	..	..	52,145,792	169,909	137,029	11,037	52,463,767
1949	..	..	53,008,583	177,309	134,654	10,743	53,331,289
1950	..	..	55,722,636	243,178	131,591	8,768	56,106,173

* 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.

The face value of stock and bonds allocated to the **Loan liability.** Railways Department, as reduced in accordance with Act No. 4429, amounted to £55,746,663 at 30th June, 1950. After deducting the value of securities purchased by the National Debt Sinking Fund and cancelled (£6,852,035), the total liability in respect of current loans outstanding at that date was £48,894,628. The annual interest payable on this amount, calculated at the average rate of 3·383 per cent., was £1,654,105.

Additional funds, which amounted to £6,028,025 at 30th June, 1950, 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 1945-46 to 1949-50 are given in the following table :—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS MILEAGE AND TRAFFIC (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES), 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Heading.	At 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Lines Constructed ..	4,830·29	4,830·29	4,830·79	4,830·79	4,830·79
„ Closed for Traffic	82·25	88·50	105·75	132·51	139·01*
„ Open for Traffic	4,748·04	4,741·79	4,725·04	4,698·28	4,691·78
During Year ended 30th June—					
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Traffic Train Mileage	16,343,796	15,539,188	16,819,339	17,351,775	17,549,489
Passenger Journeys ..	196,117,567	170,164,983	182,209,652	176,555,074	182,101,351
Goods and Live Stock Carried (Tons) ..	7,229,025†	7,561,773	8,439,760	8,859,016	9,125,140

* Of the 139·01 miles closed for traffic, 74·71 miles have been dismantled.

† Tonnage of live stock estimated.

The revenue and expenditure of the Railways Department during each of the five financial years 1946-1950 were as follows:—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Revenue—	£	£	£	£	£
Passenger, &c., Business—					
Passenger Fares	6,880,225	5,833,483	6,544,248	6,740,494	7,353,549
Parcels, Mails, &c	585,184	570,439	636,896	685,916	833,533
Other	40,533	40,715	42,959	40,881	41,242
Goods, &c., Business—					
Goods	5,439,358*	5,410,127	7,132,125	7,686,515	9,706,717
Live Stock	519,206*	598,253	683,632	741,433	932,286
Minerals	99,941	100,293	176,058	168,206	177,862
Other					

* Estimated.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1945-46
TO 1949-50—continued.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	£	£	£	£	£
Miscellaneous—					
Dining Car and Refreshment Services	746,956	660,460	714,849	768,525	830,416
Sale of Electrical Power	55,029	57,368	65,442	90,070	124,569
Rentals	158,828	163,271	178,122	188,743	202,626
Book Stalls	133,513	122,459	130,592	140,913	147,121
Advertising	42,930	42,656	45,274	49,500	47,426
Subsidy paid by Treasury for Interest, &c.					1,687,828
Other*	64,619	63,322	70,860	70,510	75,340
Total	14,768,322	13,662,846	16,421,057	17,371,706	22,160,515
Expenditure—					
Working Expenses—					
Way and Works	2,474,303	2,419,485	2,705,273	3,087,095	3,500,199
Rolling Stock	4,047,667	4,379,689	5,314,907	6,451,702	6,902,938
Transportation	3,871,245	4,061,356	4,974,783	5,710,579	6,222,089
Electrical Engineering Branch	534,962	632,550	739,686	946,668	993,796
Stores Branch	173,842	182,597	210,771	242,585	259,996
Pensions (non-contributory) ..	48,586	40,245	548,571	643,308	654,435
Payment to the Superannuation Fund	412,230	426,387			
Contribution to Railway Renewals and Replacements Fund	500,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	650,000
Contribution to Railway Accident and Fire Insurance Fund	61,842	89,358	121,125	100,378	135,000
Pay-roll Tax	207,339	221,354	267,322	300,470	331,703
Long Service Leave	49,308	139,648	140,170	147,815	158,586
Other	280,623	306,493	356,456	365,429	493,430
Total Working Expenses	12,661,947	13,099,162	15,579,064	18,196,029	20,212,172
Less Expenditure charged to Special Funds	46,388	91,490	244,004	257,639	94,609
Working Expenses charged to Railway Revenue	12,615,559	13,007,672	15,335,060	17,938,390	20,117,563
Net Revenue	2,152,763	655,174	1,085,997	Dr. 566,684	2,042,952
Debt Charges—					
Interest Charges and Expenses†	1,902,028	1,839,909	1,861,741	1,881,228	1,934,546
Exchange on Interest Payments and Redemption	184,876	169,123	168,089	153,321	157,444
Contribution to National Debt Sinking Fund	128,259	128,310	130,533	132,886	137,019
Net Result for Year	62,400	1,482,168	1,074,366	2,734,119	186,057
Proportion of Working Expenses to Revenue	%	%	%	%	%
	85·4	95·2	93·4	103·3	90·8

* Including recoup on account of reduction in outer suburban fares, £24,000 in 1945-46, £21,000 in 1946-47, £18,000 in 1947-48, £15,000 in 1948-49, and £12,000 in 1949-50.

† Including Loan Conversion Expenses.

The revenue for 1949-50 increased by £4,788,809 as compared with that for 1948-49. Passenger business increased by £761,033, while goods, &c., business increased by £2,220,711. Total working expenses increased by £2,016,143, as compared with those of the previous year.

Railways earnings and expenses per mile open. The earnings, expenses charged to railway revenue, and net revenue per average mile of railway worked for each of the five years 1945-46 to 1949-50 were as follows.

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 :—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PER AVERAGE MILE OPEN, 1945-46 TO 1949-50 (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES).

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Average Number of Miles open for Traffic	4,748	4,748	4,725	4,712	4,692
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross Earnings per Mile	3,110	2,878	3,475	3,687	4,723
Working Expenses* per Mile	2,657	2,740	3,246	3,807	4,288
Net Revenue per Mile	453	138	230	..	..

* Charged to Railway Revenue.

Capital cost of Railways Rolling stock. At 30th June, 1950, the capital cost of the broad-gauge rolling stock, after being written down in accordance with Act No. 4429 of 1936, was £7,945,360, of the narrow-gauge £11,344, of the electric street tramway £22,844, and of the road motor coaches and trucks £3,709.

Railways staff. The number of officers and employees in the railways service (including casual labour and butty-gang workers) and the amount of salaries and wages (including travelling and incidental expenses) paid in each of the five financial years 1946-50, are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS STAFF—NUMBERS, SALARIES, ETC.,
1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Employees at End of Year.			Salaries, Wages and Travelling Expenses.
	Permanent.	Supernumerary.	Total.	
				£
1946	16,476	10,909	27,385	9,061,647
1947	15,724	11,333	27,057	9,566,366
1948	18,045	8,359	26,404	11,586,048
1949	18,943	7,523	26,466	13,127,012
1950	18,868	8,190	27,058	14,427,690

The results of operating the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Black-Rock Electric Tramways for 1949-50 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, 1949-50.
(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	St. Kilda- Brighton Electric Tramway.	Sandringham- Black-Rock Electric Tramway.	Total.
Average Mileage of Tramway Worked ..	5.18	2.42	7.60
Car Mileage	486,726	126,155	612,881
Passengers Carried	5,428,560	1,709,747	7,138,316
	£	£	£
Gross Revenue	68,934	22,127	91,061
Working Expenses	75,425	18,443	93,868
Interest Charges, &c.	3,615	1,527	5,142
Net Result	Loss 10,106	Profit 2,157	Loss 7,949
Capital Expenditure at 30th June, 1950, as written down under Act No. 4429 of 1936—			
Construction of Lines, &c.	73,115	35,632	108,747
Rolling Stock	21,193	1,651	22,844
Total	94,308	37,283	131,591

* See note on page 379.

Road Motor Services.

The following table gives particulars for each of the four years 1946-47 to 1949-50 of the operations of the Road Motor Services under the control of the Railways Commissioners.

VICTORIA—ROAD MOTOR SERVICES, 1946-47 TO 1949-50.
(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	1949-50.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Car Mileage	275,492	292,410	332,232	356,432
Passenger Journeys*	1,113,364	1,128,778	1,150,690	1,232,982
Gross Revenue—	£	£	£	£
Passenger and Goods Services* ..	12,293	14,584	15,404	18,985
Working Expenses	25,112	30,601	36,806	40,098
Interest Charges and Exchange ..	584	430	385	346
Net Loss	13,403	16,447	21,787	21,459
Capital Expenditure at end of Year (less depreciation written off) ..	12,722	11,037	10,743	8,768

* 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.

Prior to 1st February, 1952, the railway between Kerang and Koondrook was owned and worked by the Shire of Kerang, but since that date the line has been taken under the control of the Victorian Railways.

TRAMWAYS.**Victorian Tramways.**

The various tramway systems in the State at 30th June, 1950 (excluding those under the control of the Railways Commissioners) comprised 165·639 miles of electric lines, of which 135·698 miles were double and 29·941 miles single track.

The electric street tramways, St. Kilda to Brighton and Sandringham to Black Rock, under the management of the Victorian Railways Commissioners, are not referred to in this connexion, but are included under the heading "Railways," page 377, and "All Victorian Tramways," page 383.

The subjoined table contains particulars relating to all tramways in Victoria (with the foregoing exceptions) for each of the five years 1945-46 to 1949-50.

VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

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

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons Em-ployed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1946 ..	134·278	31·371	24,457,902	297,732,295	3,398,763	2,083,824	806	5,203
1947 ..	135·496	30·160	24,245,489	278,089,259	3,342,693	2,284,402	817	5,207
1948 ..	135·698	29·941	24,354,630	271,683,680	3,236,399	2,546,628	823	5,624
1949 ..	135·698	29·941	24,932,629	282,781,596	3,373,476	2,921,988	809	5,642
1950*..	135·698	29·941	20,053,555	217,910,550	2,997,041	2,858,201	840	5,055

* The decrease in passenger journeys, traffic receipts, &c., during 1949-50, as compared with previous years, was the result of a strike of tramway employees from 23rd February to 23rd April, 1950.

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-Black Rock 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, 1950, the Board had borrowing powers available to the extent of £3,491,833. 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 1945-46 to 1949-50 in the following statement.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling- stock.	Persons Em- ployed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1946 ..	124·778	6·591	22,673,730	281,198,208	3,253,010	1,927,979	732	4,893
1947 ..	125·996	5·380	22,494,656	262,406,398	3,201,384	2,109,514	740	4,887
1948 ..	126·198	5·161	22,553,591	255,830,738	3,093,278	2,331,194	746	5,271
1949 ..	126·198	5·161	23,120,058	266,440,050	3,226,425	2,673,102	733	5,161
1950*..	126·198	5·161	18,330,297	203,697,025	2,826,134	2,568,234	764	4,686

In the next statement the operations of the motor omnibus systems under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board are shown for each of the years 1945-46 and 1949-50.

MOTOR OMNIBUS SYSTEMS 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

(Under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board.)

Year ended 30th June—	Route Miles.	Bus Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Ex- penses.	Rolling- stock.	Persons Em- ployed.
			No.	£	£	No.	No.
1946	68·602	7,865,400	70,196,236	751,367	667,187	315	1,357
1947	68·602	6,928,996	57,947,171	646,259	646,516	318	1,325
1948	68·602	7,875,206	67,154,138	745,738	758,329	322	1,525
1949	68·718	8,096,375	72,333,080	803,921	872,962	345	1,506
1950*.. ..	66·740	6,822,761	59,764,992	763,076	844,364	330	1,245

* See note on page 379.

A summary of the revenue and expenditure by the Tramways Board for the year ended 30th June, 1950, is set out hereunder :—

	£	£
Traffic Receipts	3,589,210	
Advertisements, rents, &c. .. .	27,917	
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Total Revenue		3,617,127
Working Expenses		3,422,401
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Surplus on Operation		194,726
Fixed Charges (including Depreciation) .. .		574,973
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Balance in Appropriation Account	Dr. 380,247	
Appropriations—		
Loan Redemption	32,033	
Loan Sinking Funds	32,619	
Renewals Reserve	168,505	
General Reserve	99,267	
Other	13,282	
	<hr/>	345,706
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		Dr. 725,953
Less—		
Investment Income	62,658	
Depreciation charged in Operation Account .. .	254,140	
	<hr/>	316,798
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		Dr. 409,155
Payments to Consolidated Revenue		200,781
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Deficit for Year		609,936
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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, 1950, amounted to £3,543,817. This amount was allocated as follows :—Fire Brigades Board, £1,938,354; Licensing Fund, £435,251; and Infectious Diseases Hospital, £1,170,212. 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, 1950, the capital cost of the tramways vested in the Tramways Board, after writing off the value of obsolete assets, amounted to £10,775,647, of which £149,806 related to cable tramways, £9,292,964 to electric tramways, £1,143,816 to motor omnibuses, and £189,061 to general properties.

In the next statement comparisons are made between the electric and omnibus systems operated by the Tramways Board; the receipts per mile, the cost of working, &c., being shown for the year 1949-50.

**MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD
TRAFFIC RECEIPTS, WORKING EXPENSES, ETC., PER
MILE, ETC., 1949-50.**

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.			
	d.	£	d.	%	d.	Miles.
Electric ..	37·003	10,973	3·330	90·363	33·626	·791
Omnibus ..	26·842	5,717	3·064	110·320	29·702	·760

**Tramways
in Extra-
Metropolitan
Cities.**

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 7·06 single track).

The traffic particulars of these lines for each of the five years 1945-46 to 1949-50 are summarized in the following table :—

**TRAMWAYS IN EXTRA-METROPOLITAN CITIES, 1945-46 TO
1949-50.**

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons Employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.						
1946 ..	9·50	24·78	1,784,172	16,514,087	145,753	155,845	74	310
1947 ..	9·50	24·78	1,750,833	15,682,861	141,309	174,888	77	320
1948 ..	9·50	24·78	1,801,039	15,852,942	143,021	215,434	77	353
1949 ..	9·50	24·78	1,812,571	16,341,546	147,051	248,886	76	363
1950 ..	9·50	24·78	1,723,258	14,213,525	170,907	289,967	76	369

Summary of
all Victorian
Tramways.

A summary of the operations for each of the years 1948-49 and 1949-50 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, 1948-49 AND 1949-50.

Heading.					1948-49.	1949-50.
Route Mileage Open—Double .. miles					143·088	143·088
Single miles					30·151	30·151
Total miles					173·239	173·239
Cost of Construction and Equipment .. £					9,344,493	9,585,285
Gross Revenue—						
Traffic Receipts £					3,455,970	3,084,226
Other £					13,546	20,468
Total Revenue .. £					3,469,516	3,104,694
Working Expenses £					3,006,379	2,950,243
Net Earnings £					463,137	154,451
Interest, &c. £					75,085	64,107
Statutory Charges, Rates, &c. .. £					493,086	572,339
Net Result after Paying Working Expenses, Interest, &c., Statutory Charges, Rates, &c. £					Loss 105,034	Loss 481,995
Tram Miles Run miles					25,563,260	20,666,436
Passenger Journeys No.					290,080,921	225,048,866
Staff Employed—						
Salaried No.					930	802
Wages No.					4,819	4,354
Total Staff No.					5,749	5,156
Rolling Stock No.					840	871

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 8 miles from the corporate limits of the City of Melbourne, are controlled by the Melbourne City Council.

Particulars regarding licences issued during 1949-50 were as follows :—

Description.	Number. Licensed.	Revenue Received.
		£
Horse-drawn Vehicles—		
Wagonettes and Owners	20	} 14
Hackney Carriage Drivers	13	
Carters (for conveyance of goods)	1,000	50
Motor Vehicles—		
Motor Omnibuses	500	1,500
Taxi-cabs	750	
Private Hire Cars	625	} 5,924
Motor Cabs	45	
Chairs-a-bancs	92	
Hire and Drive Yourself Cars	100	
Hackney Carriage Motor Car Owners	1,100	}
Hackney Carriage Motor Car Drivers	4,200	
Total Revenue .. .. .	..	7,488

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.

Every motor car and every trailer attached thereto and every motor cycle, together with the trailer, fore-car or side-car attached thereto, must be registered with the Chief Commissioner of Police if used on Victorian roads. A brief summary

Motor Vehicle
Registration.

of the registration fees payable for the various types of motor vehicles appears in the following table. Notwithstanding anything appearing in this table, the minimum fee for registration of any motor car other than a motor cycle shall be Three pounds.

Type of Vehicle.	Rate Chargeable for Annual Registration.
Motor Cycles (without trailer, &c.) ..	£1 0 0
Motor Cycles (with trailer, &c. attached)	£1 10s.
Motor Cars (private use)	3s. for each power-weight unit*
Trailers attached to motor cars ..	£1 to £4 each, according to the unladen weight and the type of tires
Motor omnibuses (operating on specified routes in the metropolitan area)	£5 plus additional fees for each passenger seat
Motor Cars used for carrying passengers or goods for hire or in the course of trade	From 3s. 9d. to 8s. 9d. for each power-weight unit* according to the unladen weight and the type of tires (rates are less 10 per cent. where the vehicle is wholly of British or Australian manufacture or both)
Motor Cars (constructed for the carriage of goods) owned by primary producers and used solely in connexion with their business	From 2s. to 5s. 3d. for each power-weight unit* according to the number of wheels and the type of tires

* The number of power-weight units is that number which is equal to the sum of the horse-power and the weight in hundredweights of a motor car unladen and ready for use.

Under the provisions of the *Municipalities and Other Authorities Finances Act 1950* (No. 5512), the fee payable upon the issue of a licence to drive a motor car was increased from 5s. to 10s. per annum as from 1st January, 1951. The Act also provided that one half of the increased fee, less cost of collection, was to be paid to the Municipalities Assistance Fund and that the other half, less cost of collection, was to be paid to the Country Roads Board Fund.

The following statement shows, for each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50, the number of motor vehicles registered, the number of drivers', etc. licences issued and the total revenue received at the Motor Registration Office of the Police Department.

**VICTORIA—REGISTRATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ETC.,
DRIVERS' LICENCES, ETC., ISSUED, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.**

Heading.	At 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Vehicles—					
Private Cars	143,356	153,855	167,381	185,043	222,251
Commercial Vehicles	44,000	50,894	57,250	63,631	69,763
Hire Cars	2,933	3,263	3,710	3,958	4,262
Primary Producers'	55,981	57,942	60,992	63,574	69,380
Omnibuses	716	780	869	949	866
Traction Engines	69	73	107	68	47
Trailers	8,546	9,090	9,929	10,272	11,100
Motor Cycles	23,228	26,172	29,083	31,647	34,231
Drivers' and Riders' Licences	401,610	437,924	470,971	487,407	525,709
Dealers' Licences	354	458	567	682	805
Transfers	81,400	82,488	76,963	101,879	132,171
	£	£	£	£	£
Total Revenue Received during year ended 30th June.. ..	1,782,888	2,028,076	2,245,604	2,427,856	2,910,536

The principal items of revenue received during 1949-50 were in respect of motor cars, £2,683,572; motor cycles, £31,743; and drivers' licences, £131,437.

In the next statement, details relating to new registrations and renewals of registration of motor cars and motor cycles are shown for the years 1948-49 and 1949-50 respectively.

**VICTORIA—NEW REGISTRATIONS AND RENEWALS OF
REGISTRATION OF MOTOR CARS AND MOTOR CYCLES
1948-49 AND 1949-50.**

Vehicles.	1948-49.			1949-50.		
	New Registrations.		Renewals of Registra- tion.	New Registrations.		Renewals of Registra- tion.
	New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.		New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.	
Motor Cars—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Private	18,312	8,693	158,038	32,192	11,340	178,719
Commercial and Hire	7,234	4,320	56,035	9,678	4,350	59,997
Primary Producers'	4,283	2,891	56,451	7,036	3,105	59,239
Motor Cycles	5,048	3,718	22,739	6,412	4,038	23,781

T RAFFIC 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, 1949-50.

Place of Occurrence.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.	Other Accidents in which Damage to Property was Estimated to Exceed £10.	Total Accidents.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
City of Melbourne	1,343 (1,208)	49 (39)	1,539 (1,322)	857 (654)	2,200 (1,862)
Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne)	4,298 (3,503)	165 (194)	5,000 (3,954)	2,137 (1,544)	6,435 (5,047)
Total—Metropolitan Area ..	5,641 (4,711)	214 (233)	6,539 (5,276)	2,994 (2,198)	8,635 (6,909)
Remainder of State	2,977 (2,229)	287 (193)	3,999 (2,949)	1,677 (1,159)	4,654 (3,388)
Grand Total	8,618 (6,940)	501 (426)	10,538 (8,225)	4,671 (3,357)	13,289 (10,297)

NOTE.—Figures in parentheses in the table above relate to the year 1948-49.

In the table which follows, traffic accidents during 1949-50 have been recorded according to the classification of male and female victims:—

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—PARTICULARS OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, 1949-50.

Description.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	N .	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pedestrian	108	1,522	30	830	138	2,422
Driver of motor vehicle other than motor cycle	60	1,479	3	105	63	1,584
Driver of motor cycle	120	1,661	..	18	120	1,679
Passenger—motor car, truck, bus, &c.	76	1,443	26	1,269	102	2,712
Passenger—Motor cycle and side car (including pillion rider)	18	312	5	134	23	446
Pedal cyclist	38	1,244	2	220	40	1,464
Driver or passenger of horse-drawn vehicle or equestrian	6	74	..	1	6	75
Other	7	98	2	58	9	156
Total	433	7,903	68	2,635	501	10,538

Particulars of victims of traffic accidents during 1949-50 are shown according to age and sex in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—SEX AND AGE OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, 1949-50.

Age Group. (Years)	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Under 5	9	170	7	120	16	290
5 and under 7	6	178	1	81	7	259
7 and under 17	26	835	6	307	32	1,142
17 and under 30	153	3,304	8	732	161	4,036
30 and under 40	60	1,292	13	393	73	1,685
40 and under 50	66	872	3	383	69	1,255
50 and under 60	34	609	6	277	40	886
60 and over	79	637	24	330	103	967
Not stated .. ..	..	6	..	12	..	18
Total	433	7,903	68	2,635	501	10,538

Causes of Accidents.

The principal causes of road accidents in which casualties occurred also the number of persons killed or injured are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—CAUSES OF ROAD ACCIDENTS, 1949-50.

Principal Causes of Road Accidents.	Accidents Involving Casualties.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.
Driver or rider of vehicle responsible—	No.	No.	No.
Excessive speed	761	118	1,174
Not keeping to left	668	47	984
Not giving right of way to other vehicle at intersection	1,143	20	1,460
Failing to make right hand turn at intersection with due care	147	3	175
Intoxicated	112	7	150
Inexperience	104	6	124
Inattentive driving or riding	1,473	73	1,800
Hit-run drivers	87	4	88
Reversing without care	63	1	64
Overtaking on near side or in the face of on-coming vehicles	177	12	267
Following other vehicle too closely	32	1	42
Infirmity of driver or rider	30	4	32
Driver asleep or drowsy	30	5	58

VICTORIA—CAUSES OF ROAD ACCIDENTS, 1949-50—continued.

Principal Causes of Road Accidents.	Accidents Involving Casualties.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.
Driver or rider of vehicle responsible—continued.	No.	No.	No.
Dazzled by lights of an approaching vehicle ..	61	3	87
Failing to signal intention of turning or stopping or giving incorrect signal ..	378	4	437
Pulling out from kerb suddenly or without warning	45	..	47
Disregarding, misunderstanding, or failing to observe traffic sign or signal of other driver	628	33	782
Crossing railway level crossing without due care	26	10	29
Other	60	5	57
	6,025	356	7,857
Vehicle defects responsible—			
Defective brakes or steering	57	2	77
Inadequate or no lights	22	3	24
Defective tires	10	..	13
Other	44	1	51
	133	6	165
Pedestrians responsible—			
Boarding vehicle in motion	46	4	43
Walking across roadway without due care ..	1,030	67	1,036
Running across roadway	272	9	275
Passing from behind or in front of vehicle without care	86	6	85
Stepping off kerb without care	115	3	131
Intoxicated	100	4	100
Infirmity	16	1	15
Child under 7 years of age not under, or breaking away from, the supervision of an elder person	282	12	278
Other	30	3	28
	1,977	109	1,991
Passengers responsible—			
Alighting from vehicle in motion	71	3	68
Falling from vehicle in motion	73	8	69
Riding improperly on vehicle	77	6	81
Intoxicated	21	3	18
Other	7	..	7
	249	20	243
Other causes responsible—			
Attributed to animals	117	8	136
Road faults	19	1	23
Weather conditions	10	..	13
Accidents attributed to parties not involved ..	88	1	110
	234	10	282
Total	8,618	501	10,538

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, 1948-49 AND 1949-50.

Type of Vehicle, &c., Involved.	1948-49.			1949-50.		
	Number of Accidents.*	Number Killed.	Number Injured.	Number of Accidents.*	Number Killed.	Number Injured.
Motor Car	4,153	202	5,040	5,417	241	6,801
Motor Van	199	14	257	586	36	825
Motor Truck, Lorry	1,494	141	1,851	1,518	127	1,933
Motor Bus	344	11	511	382	22	492
Motor Cycle	1,536	75	1,782	2,201	148	2,549
Pedal Cycle	1,270	45	1,293	1,516	49	1,571
Tram—Electric	305	22	335	230	18	276
Train—Electric and Steam	31	16	34	30	13	31
Horse-drawn Vehicle	142	11	145	129	9	140
Horse	12	2	12	17	..	19
Pedestrian	2,214	164	2,144	2,411	141	2,492
Other	3	2	2	12	1	15

* 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 have been received from that source:—

VICTORIA—CIVIL AIRCRAFT, 1945-46 TO 1949-50.

Particulars.	At 30th June—				
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.
Registered Owners	53	78	75	69	65
Registered Aircraft	94	175	171	181	189
Landing Grounds—					
Government	2	14	13	12	15
Public	8	9	8	6	6
Government Emergency Grounds	4	2	2	2	1
Flights carried out	42,306	56,343	70,835	65,135	69,876
Hours flown	88,962	121,509	172,138	198,597	208,080
Approximate mileage	12,769,963	18,703,630	26,948,604	30,383,090	32,096,929
Passengers carried—					
Paying	409,043	697,026	989,384	1,148,249	1,213,693
Non-paying	4,050	8,544	13,290	15,161	17,845
Total Passengers carried ..	413,093	705,570	1,002,674	1,163,410	1,231,538
Goods, Weight Carried .. lb.	7,554,749	21,441,986	50,795,342	65,999,210	91,190,296
Mails, Weight Carried	923,563	330,196	540,338	595,556	*
Accidents—					
Persons Killed	2	1	4	1	4
Persons Injured	1	7	1	2	4

* Not available.