

STATISTICS RELATING TO VICTORIAN COMMUNICATIONS, 1941-42.

RAILWAYS		ROADS		AIR SERVICES		POST OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS	
Year to Year		Year to Year		Year to Year		Year to Year	
Miles open to traffic	1,530	Miles open to traffic	1,530	Number of services	1,530	Number of services	1,530
Passenger miles	1,530	Passenger miles	1,530	Passenger miles	1,530	Passenger miles	1,530
Goods miles	1,530	Goods miles	1,530	Goods miles	1,530	Goods miles	1,530
Revenue	1,530	Revenue	1,530	Revenue	1,530	Revenue	1,530



COMMUNICATIONS MAP OF VICTORIA

SHOWING SHIRES, PRINCIPAL ROADS, RAILWAYS, AIR AND SHIPPING ROUTES.

REFERENCE
 RAILWAYS
 ROADS
 AIR SERVICES
 SHIRES
 HUNTLY CANALS

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PART IX.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

MUNICIPALITIES.

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

A statement of the provisions of the laws in force on 16th September, 1929, will be found in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29 on pages 127 to 131, and a summary of the principal provisions of the *Local Government Act 1934* in the *Year-Book* for 1933-34 on pages 127 and 128.

During the year-ended 31st December, 1941, the State Parliament passed several Acts affecting local government, and details of their principal provisions are given in Part I. of this *Year-Book*, pages 25 to 44. The numbers and the titles of the principal Acts are as follow :—

- No. 4803.—*Local Government (Secrecy of the Ballot) Act 1941.*
- No. 4834.—*Road Traffic (Amendment) Act 1941.*
- No. 4853.—*Financial Emergency (Grants and Funds) Act 1941.*
- No. 4863.—*Local Government (Septic Tanks) Act 1941.*
- No. 4867.—*Health Act 1941.*
- No. 4869.—*Local Government Act 1941.*

The number of municipalities throughout the State at 30th September, 1941, was 197. Of these, 34 ranked as cities, 5 as towns, 20 as boroughs, and 138 as shires. The only unincorporated areas of the State are French Island, in Westernport Bay, containing about 42,000 acres; and Julia Percy Island, off Port Fairy, containing 650 acres.

Properties rated and number of dwellings.

The following is a statement of the number of rate-payers, the number of properties rated, the estimated value of rateable property, the estimated number of dwellings (occupied and unoccupied), and the number of houses built in the municipalities of Victoria for each of the five years 1936-37 to 1940-41.

VICTORIA—PROPERTIES RATED AND NUMBER OF DWELLINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1936-37 TO 1940-41.

Year.	Number of Distinct Rate-payers.	Number of Properties Rated.	Value of Rateable Property.		Estimated Number of Dwellings.		Number of Dwellings erected during the year.
			Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Occupied.	Unoccupied.†	
Municipalities in Greater Melbourne*			£	£			
1936-37 ..	329,978	380,863	18,327,920	341,753,340	259,871	1,280	5,775
1937-38 ..	334,896	382,968	19,028,980	354,026,910	265,936	1,214	6,337
1938-39 ..	334,430	385,029	19,899,043	368,150,780	271,940	1,127	6,089
1939-40 ..	342,037	399,871	20,643,224	380,382,670	278,340	1,239	6,995
1940-41 ..	346,659	403,929	21,325,029	392,639,020	286,412	966	8,461
Municipalities outside Greater Melbourne—							
1936-37 ..	291,157	415,394	14,533,036	288,332,210	212,496	3,009	2,431
1937-38 ..	293,860	416,544	14,712,202	293,906,590	215,448	2,625	3,068
1938-39 ..	304,529	424,944	14,955,076	298,414,000	217,423	2,897	3,222
1939-40 ..	302,462	426,532	15,258,855	304,480,630	219,215	3,282	2,533
1940-41 ..	304,319	428,533	15,383,199	306,904,190	220,604	3,562	2,189
Total—							
1936-37 ..	621,135	796,257	32,860,956	630,085,550	472,367	4,289	8,206
1937-38 ..	628,756	799,512	33,741,182	647,933,500	481,384	3,839	9,405
1938-39 ..	638,959	809,973	34,854,119	666,564,780	489,363	4,024	9,311
1939-40 ..	644,499	826,403	35,902,079	684,863,300	497,555	4,521	9,528
1940-41 ..	650,978	832,462	36,708,228	699,543,210	507,016	4,528	10,650

* Including the whole of the Shire of Braybrook and whole of the City of Heidelberg.

† The particulars of unoccupied dwellings during intercensal periods are given as furnished annually by municipal authorities.

In 1940-41 the estimated capital improved value of rateable property reached its highest point (£699,543,210). This figure represents an increase of 2.8 per cent. compared with the year 1929-30 when the value had reached its previously recorded highest total.

The following table shows, for each municipality in Municipalities. Victoria, the general rate levied in the £, the estimated value of rateable property, the amount of loans outstanding at 30th September, 1941, the Municipal Fund receipts, and the estimated number of dwellings.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1940-41.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1941.	Municipal Fund Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
MUNICIPALITIES IN GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
Box Hill ..	2 7	267,887	4,824,020	173,092 ^c	53,439	4,805	2
Brighton ..	2 4	684,632	13,692,640	209,361	103,431	9,940	10
Brunswick ..	0 7 ^a	705,471	10,781,140	201,179	128,590	13,670	20
Camberwell ..	0 4 ^{1/2} ^a	1,262,491	22,370,050	358,852	154,810	19,330	22
Canfield ..	0 4 ^{1/2} ^a	1,188,531	20,580,700	294,997	134,782	20,423	..
Chelsea ..	0 6 ^{1/2} ^a	100,322	1,655,020	17,612 ^d	23,565	2,826	..
Coburg ..	0 6 ^a	481,770	8,145,660	347,111	118,129	10,786	3
Collingwood ..	2 6	497,321	9,956,420	81,857	74,934	7,272	..
Essendon ..	0 6 ^a	689,629	11,196,740	267,855	111,178	13,002	..
Fitzroy ..	2 1	474,332	9,486,640	112,349	63,367	7,079	138
Footscray ..	2 3	690,184	13,803,680	279,181	142,090	12,284	..
Hawthorn ..	2 2	679,152	13,583,040	123,770	89,687	10,430	18
Heidelberg ..	2 6	446,995	8,939,900	231,092	110,862	8,054	27
Kew ..	2 6	469,964	9,399,280	170,806	78,484	7,254	10
Malvern ..	2 3	1,009,303	20,186,060	235,349	136,746	12,896	..
Melbourne ..	2 0	5,000,095	100,001,900	4,088,000	782,776	20,816	502
Moorabbin ..	2 6	325,589	6,511,780	159,432 ^e	53,796	6,370	..
Mordialloc ..	0 4 ^{1/2} ^a	153,030	2,880,220	89,792 ^f	37,010	3,062	..
Northcote ..	2 6	495,494	7,909,880	174,261	114,775	11,162	33
Oakleigh ..	0 5 ^{1/2} ^a	177,930	2,986,420	76,256	34,325	3,508	5
Port Melbourne ..	2 6	237,573	4,751,460	63,643	44,721	3,498	12
Prahran ..	1 9	1,385,031	20,775,460	202,918	154,549	16,448	..
Preston ..	2 6	427,487	8,549,740	367,148	88,865	9,836	60
Richmond ..	2 6	587,322	11,746,440	235,134	105,901	9,678	41
Sandringham ..	0 5 ^a	314,552	5,436,880	204,340 ^g	55,735	6,065	..
South Melbourne ..	2 6	855,297	17,105,940	223,273	138,895	10,537	36
St. Kilda ..	2 0	1,194,798	14,934,970	297,054	138,112	16,364	22
Williamstown ..	2 3	297,160	5,943,200	135,321	75,968	6,154	2
<i>Shire.</i>							
Braybrook ..	2 0 ^b	225,187	4,503,740	58,354	35,637	2,863	3
Total Municipalities in Greater Melbourne ..		21,325,029	392,639,020	9,479,389	3,385,159	286,412	966

^a Levied on unimproved value of land.

^b Differential general rates levied.

^c Including £4,968 due by Shire of Blackburn and Mitcham.

^d Excluding £3,744 due by Shire of Dandenong.

^e Including £4,587 due by the Cities of Mordialloc and Sandringham; but excluding £3,536 due to the City of Sandringham.

^f Excluding £4,373 due to Cities of Moorabbin and Sandringham.

^g Including £7,072 due by Cities of Moorabbin and Mordialloc; but excluding £3,750 due to City of Moorabbin.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1940-41—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1941.	Municipal Fund Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>							
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Ballaarat ..	2 6	430,242	8,604,840	61,754 ^b	118,353	10,048	20
Bendigo ..	2 4	308,742	6,174,840	116,208	75,245	7,139	10
Geelong ..	2 9	315,143	6,302,860	125,697	67,231	4,305	10
Geelong West ..	2 8	145,952	2,919,040	67,536 ^c	26,263	3,831	20
Mildura ..	2 10	128,474	2,569,480	181,825 ^d	40,476	1,875	16
Warrnambool ..	2 2	128,266	2,565,320	63,265	21,726	2,317	16
<i>Towns.</i>							
Ararat ..	2 3	43,737	874,740	120,256	11,808	1,048	47
Hamilton ..	2 3	83,236	1,664,720	12,919	19,008	1,680	3
Horsham ..	2 6	74,545	1,490,900	66,157	20,436	1,519	3
Newtown and Chitwell ..	0 5 ^a	132,050	2,525,560	34,735	19,691	2,346	34
Sale ..	2 6	55,346	1,106,920	16,664	11,656	1,106	3
<i>Boroughs.</i>							
Castlemaine ..	3 0	50,997	1,019,940	14,075	11,475	1,451	4
Clunes ..	1 9	10,355	207,100	9,742	3,863	330	18
Colac ..	2 3	76,164	1,523,280	9,020 ^e	15,862	1,331	10
Daylesford ..	3 0	27,170	543,400	9,595	10,550	858	7
Eaglehawk ..	2 6	21,879	437,580	317	11,600	1,110	5
Echuca ..	2 6	50,453	1,009,060	8,191	3,736	1,130	10
Inglewood ..	2 0	7,260	145,200	18,126	13,633	266	1
Koroit ..	2 2	18,027	360,540	..	5,090	388	1
Maryborough ..	2 9	48,255	965,100	9,773	10,400	1,604	5
Port Fairy ..	2 3	22,391	447,820	3,488	6,413	484	70
Portland ..	0 5 ^a	49,492	841,640	15,384	10,037	832	691
Queenscliffe ..	2 9	23,245	464,900	11,079	4,503	1,027	5
Ringwood ..	2 8	55,911	1,118,220	32,420 ^f	12,297	1,027	21
Sebastopol ..	2 9	11,044	220,880	..	5,031	477	45
Shepparton ..	2 8	96,792	1,935,840	38,705 ^g	23,593	1,706	15
St. Arnaud ..	2 6	31,830	636,600	27,895	7,501	775	32
Stawell ..	2 9	37,480	749,600	77,415	15,068	1,276	8
Swan Hill ..	1 6	56,071	1,121,420	..	7,251	1,026	32
Wangaratta ..	2 6	72,315	1,446,300	41,156	14,668	1,298	8
Wonthaggi ..	3 0	32,435	648,700	7,432	9,908	1,307	26
<i>Shires.</i>							
Alberton ..	2 5	108,364	2,029,220	12,253	16,192	1,422	6
Alexandra ..	2 3	58,317	1,166,340	2,134	11,434	975	15
Arapiles ..	1 9	58,914	1,178,280	3,878	5,927	516	20
Ararat ..	1 6	200,851	4,017,020	..	20,208	1,316	80
Avoca ..	2 0	44,854	897,080	1,041	6,999	845	30

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Excluding £704 due to Shire of Bungaree.

c Excluding £9,529 due to Shire of Corio.

d Excluding £4,353 due to Shire of Mildura.

e Excluding £7,949 due to Shire of Colac.

f Excluding £585 due to Shire of Lillydale.

g Excluding £1,887 due to Shire of Shepparton.

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Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1941.	Municipal Fund Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Avon ..	2 0	56,271	1,125,420	919	7,367	704	10
Bacchus Marsh ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	62,880	1,257,600	1,464	19,806	895	..
Bairnsdale ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	161,036	3,220,720	29,970	27,617	2,096	60
Bailan ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	64,790	1,295,800	..	7,452	902	..
Ballarat ..	1 6	72,131	1,442,620	913	7,517	790	4
Bannockburn ..	1 9	52,606	1,052,120	..	5,857	611	39
Barrabool ..	2 6	57,979	1,159,580	5,747	6,399	532	..
Bass ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	62,958	1,295,160	9,865 <i>c</i>	12,748	1,100	..
Beechworth ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	42,011	840,220	23,941	7,922	1,076	14
Belfast ..	1 9	71,832	1,436,640	27	8,668	501	4
Bellarine ..	2 0	58,152	1,163,040	1,286	7,090	1,223	..
Benalla ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	198,610	3,972,200	35,601	24,658	2,068	30
Berwick ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	147,102	2,942,040	14,837	26,257	3,163	..
Bet Bet ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	40,672	813,440	10,425	10,750	1,138	..
Birchip ..	1 6	49,939	998,780	1,205	5,326	472	24
Blackburn and Mitcham ..	2 10	121,863	2,437,260	19,220 <i>d</i>	22,750	2,204	..
Bright ..	2 0	45,725	914,500	10,928	9,171	1,214	6
Broadford ..	2 0	26,155	523,100	2,953	4,214	445	3
Broadmeadows ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	151,527	3,030,540	27,167	21,363	1,733	4
Bulla ..	1 9	41,456	829,120	9,859	4,677	429	7
Buln Buln ..	2 6	85,965	1,719,300	1,571	16,367	1,787	5
Bungaree ..	1 9	32,328	646,560	2,836 <i>e</i>	3,990	566	5
Buninyong ..	2 0	57,236	1,144,720	3,287	9,340	1,173	35
Charlton ..	1 8 <i>b</i>	81,301	1,626,020	2,536	8,997	612	45
Chiltern ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	34,846	696,920	5,534	4,980	538	9
Cohuna ..	1 9	56,285	1,125,700	7,101 <i>f</i>	8,721	805	25
Colac ..	1 9	216,229	4,324,580	15,532 <i>g</i>	24,797	1,883	25
Corio ..	2 3	130,613	2,612,260	66,913 <i>h</i>	24,382	1,013	4
Cranbourne ..	2 6 <i>b</i>	113,114	2,262,280	20,272	22,798	1,745	100
Creswick ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	69,105	1,382,100	3,401	13,090	1,208	12
Dandenong ..	0 0 3 <i>b</i>	152,614	2,899,080	181,167 <i>i</i>	43,979	3,295	..
Deakin ..	1 6	92,647	1,852,940	2,515	7,831	1,054	34
Dimboola ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	172,408	3,448,160	14,589 <i>j</i>	18,770	1,462	65
Donald ..	1 6	89,561	1,791,220	16,530	10,062	774	33
Doncaster and Templestowe ..	2 3	54,229	1,084,580	850	11,146	884	..
Dundas ..	2 1	142,671	2,853,420	..	16,818	893	6
Dunmunkle ..	1 9	157,028	3,140,560	15,057	16,379	1,148	40
East Loddon ..	1 6	63,546	1,270,920	15	5,011	412	27
Eltham ..	2 6	63,254	1,265,080	15,660	15,615	1,736	..
Euroa ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	88,746	1,774,920	16,682	14,628	1,014	..
Fern Tree Gully ..	3 0	157,050	3,141,000	98,366	41,509	4,738	340
Flinders ..	2 9	109,412	2,188,240	19,377	27,670	2,567	10

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £2,803 due by Shire of Phillip Island.

d Excluding £4,968 due to City of Box Hill.

e Including £704 due by City of Ballarat.

f Excluding £172 due to Shire of Kerang.

g Including £7,949 due by Borough of Colac.

h Including £9,529 due by City of Geelong West.

i Including £3,744 due by City of Chelsea.

j Excluding £300 due to Shire of Karkaroc.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1940-41—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1941.	Municipal Fund Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
Frankton and Hastings ..	2 9	146,197	2,923,940	56,567	36,568	2,912	5
Gisborne ..	1 9 b	42,459	849,180	8,327	5,603	614	70
Glenelg ..	2 0	157,066	3,141,320	29,465	22,112	1,362	24
Glenlyon ..	1 9	43,358	867,160	2,045	5,990	963	..
Gordon ..	1 9	105,617	2,112,340	5,571	10,278	805	40
Goulburn ..	1 6	47,007	940,140	4,022	5,194	504	12
Grenville ..	1 9	60,056	1,201,120	1,987	11,732	756	27
Hampden ..	2 3	309,649	6,192,980	2,845	44,868	2,778	48
Healesville ..	3 0	44,925	898,500	15,086	11,609	843	18
Heytesbury ..	2 3	131,376	2,627,520	6,747	18,432	1,309	10
Huntly ..	1 9	55,734	1,114,680	6,210	7,255	881	12
Kaniva ..	1 8	87,095	1,741,900	9,681	8,560	570	22
Kara Kara ..	1 6	107,040	2,140,800	3,105	7,884	631	37
Karkaroc ..	1 6	124,322	2,286,440	10,190 ^c	14,639	1,410	70
Keilor ..	1 9	71,122	1,422,440	5,241	10,884	712	3
Kerang ..	2 0 b	177,198	3,543,960	71,785 ^d	22,412	2,080	58
Kilmore ..	2 0 b	24,725	494,500	9,857	3,996	448	..
Korong ..	1 9	94,317	1,886,340	19,590	11,421	1,144	28
Korumburra ..	2 3 b	116,915	2,338,300	3,109	20,081	1,800	6
Kowree ..	2 0	112,063	2,241,260	113	14,379	912	..
Kyneton ..	1 9 b	98,627	1,972,540	16,617	17,479	1,817	40
Leigh ..	1 6	58,891	1,177,820	53	5,017	366	50
Lexton ..	1 9	49,557	871,140	1,471	5,311	423	10
Lillydale ..	3 0	160,083	3,201,660	56,044 ^e	33,574	3,557	20
Lowan ..	1 7 b	133,387	2,667,740	7,533	14,310	990	..
Maffra ..	1 11	130,780	2,615,600	4,666	17,736	1,460	..
Maldon ..	1 9 b	36,128	722,560	..	6,034	713	15
Mansfield ..	2 3 b	92,356	1,847,120	9,296	13,464	1,025	2
Marong ..	1 6	99,359	1,987,180	3,819	13,437	1,374	50
Melton ..	1 9	46,813	936,260	5,115	4,711	432	..
Metcalfe ..	1 9 b	45,855	917,100	..	8,236	825	10
Mildura ..	1 9	239,175	4,783,500	44,155 ^f	39,435	4,385	60
Minhamite ..	1 9 b	84,437	1,688,740	4,948	9,817	516	..
Mirboo ..	3 0	31,093	621,866	7,012	6,373	390	4
Mornington ..	2 6	75,535	1,510,700	15,802	12,472	778	285
Mortlake ..	1 9	185,708	3,714,160	1,067	18,817	831	8
Morwell ..	2 0	98,515	1,990,300	7,484	14,786	2,475	7
Mount Rouse ..	1 6 b	106,287	2,125,740	..	11,256	674	..
Mulgrave ..	2 8	71,438	1,428,760	41,964	12,802	969	..
McIvor ..	1 6 b	66,232	1,324,640	6,875	6,502	758	12
Narracan ..	2 3	113,868	2,277,360	6,804	19,492	2,394	..
Newham and Woodend ..	2 0	32,199	643,980	..	5,527	578	..
Newstead and Mt. Alexander ..	2 0	27,692	553,840	482	4,587	686	15
Numurkah ..	1 6 b	142,243	2,844,860	13,286	14,441	1,446	92
Omeo ..	2 3	51,695	1,033,900	1,408	8,936	706	10
Orbost ..	2 3	78,223	1,564,460	31,391	12,567	1,321	10
Otway ..	3 0	41,553	831,060	..	10,050	1,019	..

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £300 due by Shire of Dimboola.

d Including £172 due by Shire of Cohuna.

e Including £585 due by Borough of Ringwood.

f Including £4,353 due by City of Mildura.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1940-41—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1941.	Municipal Fund Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>							
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Oxley ..	2 0	76,508	1,530,160	6,816	12,180	1,101	9
Phillip Island ..	2 6	21,462	329,240	16,216 ^c	4,787	274	2
Portland ..	2 0	114,175	2,283,500	1,230	15,840	1,525	40
Pyalong ..	2 0	27,628	552,560			181	
Ripon ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	101,443	2,028,860	19,654	3,587		8
Rochester ..	1 6	156,226	3,124,520	10,493	14,018	946	
Rodney ..	2 0	181,948	3,638,960	33,487	16,585	1,570	68
Romsey ..	2 0	84,250	1,288,000	39,487	29,213	2,266	2
Rosedale ..	0 14 ^a	135,346	2,665,190	6,705	8,180	797	24
Rutherglen ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	59,085	1,181,700	191	10,443	1,051	65
Seymour ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	75,787	1,515,340	26,299	9,750	845	40
Shepparton ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	124,773	2,498,460	7,727	10,853	1,081	
South Barwon ..	2 3	71,644	1,432,880	20,795 ^d	20,088	1,297	12
South Gippsland ..	2 9	65,084	1,331,680	35,219	12,085	1,624	5
Stawell ..	2 0	78,626	1,572,520	8,789	15,551	1,166	5
Strathfieldsaye ..	1 9	37,057	741,140	2,968	8,814	858	30
Swan Hill ..	1 6	164,498	3,289,960	9,068	9,068	940	6
Talbot ..	2 0	28,532	570,640	83,681 ^e	20,784	2,823	45
Tambo ..	2 3	57,621	1,152,420	1,848	4,254	375	
Towong ..	2 0	94,272	1,885,440	1,700	8,773	1,070	
Traralgon ..	2 0	68,178	1,368,560	4,655	14,603	1,171	6
Tullaroop ..	1 9	41,986	839,720	22,403	12,711	1,101	1
Tungamah ..	1 6	130,542	2,610,840	660	5,699	563	15
Upper Murray ..	2 3	58,367	1,167,340	14,177	12,671	1,156	30
Upper Yarra ..	3 0	42,475	849,500	7,322	8,995	593	2
Violet Town ..	2 0	50,805	1,016,100	2,481	10,303	1,263	20
Walpeup ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	96,090	1,921,800	2,183	6,449	397	20
Wangaratta ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	56,358	1,127,160	33,222	10,895	1,539	112
Wannon ..	1 6	133,323	2,606,400	1,861	7,474	590	
Waranga ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	101,304	2,026,080	1,190	12,045	877	7
Warracknabeal ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	159,448	3,188,960	5,672	13,103	1,368	10
Warragul ..	2 6 <i>b</i>	113,456	2,269,120	28,055	17,805	1,343	50
Warrnambool ..	1 7 <i>b</i>	269,099	5,381,980	23,755	20,427	1,442	3
Werribee ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	130,336	2,606,720	63	30,278	1,898	5
Whittlesea ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	77,397	1,547,940	71,501	22,649	1,939	
Wimmera ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	140,541	2,810,820	4,522	11,062	902	
Winchelsea ..	2 0	106,332	2,126,640	1,822	11,302	944	18
Wodonga ..	1 9	47,086	941,720	4,518	15,044	992	3
Woorayl ..	2 9	112,878	2,257,560	14,663	14,263	951	
Wycheproof ..	1 6	148,668	2,975,360	15,811	20,604	1,565	
Yackandandah ..	2 0	57,557	1,151,140	48,671 ^f	13,353	1,369	50
Yarrawonga ..	2 3	69,787	1,395,740		7,750	715	8
Yea ..	0 24 ^a	62,789	1,236,620	42,085	13,997	752	30
				9,044	7,597	714	15
Total Municipalities outside Greater Melbourne ..		15,383,199	306,904,190	3,139,242	2,506,599	220,604	3,562
Total—Victoria ..		36,708,228	699,543,210	12,618,631	5,891,758	507,016	4,528

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Excluding £2,803 due to Shire of Bass.

d Including £1,887 due by Borough of Shepparton.

e Including £1,447 due by Shire of Wycheproof.

f Excluding £1,447 due to Shire of Swan Hill.

Rating on
unimproved
values.

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

Since the year 1926-27, the number of municipalities which levied the general rate on the unimproved value has remained unchanged at 14. The following table gives for those municipalities particulars of the capital value of land (improved and unimproved), the net annual value, the rating, &c., for the year 1940-41.

VICTORIA—RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES, 1940-41.

Municipality.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Unimproved Capital Value.	Net Annual Value (excluding Special Rateable Properties).	Amount of Rate in the £ on Unimproved Capital Value.	Equivalent Rate on Net Annual Value.	Amount Collectable in 1940-41 on Unimproved Capital Value.	Percentage Unimproved Capital Value to Capital Improved Value.
	£	£	£	d.	s. d.	£	%
<i>In Greater Melbourne.</i>							
CITIES—							
Brunswick ..	10,781,140	3,031,259	696,159	7	2 6	88,412	28·12
Camberwell ..	22,370,050	6,429,943	1,259,761	4½	2 0	127,259	28·74
Caulfield ..	20,580,700	6,101,224	1,182,531	4½	1 11	114,398	29·65
Chelsea ..	1,655,020	598,009	100,322	6½	3 1	15,573	36·13
Coburg ..	8,145,660	2,692,852	477,536	6	2 10	67,321	33·06
Essendon ..	11,196,740	3,389,023	689,629	6	2 5	84,726	30·27
Mordialloc ..	2,880,220	1,131,219	153,030	4½	2 11	22,388	39·28
Oakleigh ..	2,986,420	966,154	177,930	5½	2 9	23,147	32·35
Sandringham ..	5,436,880	1,929,421	313,533	5	2 6	40,196	35·49
<i>Outside Greater Melbourne.</i>							
Newtown and Chilwell Town..	2,525,560	709,300	131,650	5	2 3	14,772	28·05
Portland Borough	834,360	272,964	49,127	5	2 4	5,687	32·72
SHIRES—							
Dandenong ..	2,899,080	1,256,096	151,919	3½*	2 5	18,318	43·33
Rosedale ..	2,665,190	1,310,794	135,346	1½	1 2	8,192	49·14
Yea ..	1,236,620	575,559	62,789	2½	1 9	5,396	46·54

* Differential general rates levied.

**Municipal
revenue and
expenditure.**

The following table summarizes for 1940-41 the revenue and expenditure of municipalities in Victoria under the headings of Municipal Fund (including Town Fund in the Cities of Melbourne and Geelong) and Business Undertakings. The accounts of the Municipal Fund are presented on a cash basis and those of Business Undertakings generally on a revenue basis. Particulars relating to Loan Accounts, Private Streets Accounts, and Special Improvement Charge Accounts are excluded from this statement.

VICTORIA—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF
MUNICIPALITIES, 1940-41.

(Excluding Loan Accounts, Private Streets Accounts, and Special Improvement Charge Accounts.)

Heading.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.			City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Municipal Fund	782,776	2,602,383	2,506,599	5,891,758	763,282	2,566,797	2,424,686	5,754,765
Business Undertakings—								
Electric Light	853,468	828,545	215,362	1,897,375	756,508	800,591	220,091	1,777,190
Gasworks ..	..	75,649	31,527	107,176	..	76,129	32,965	109,094
Waterworks ..	..	..	45,254	45,254	..	..	46,185	46,185
Abattoirs ..	86,550	..	19,686	106,236	87,827	..	17,739	105,566
Quarries ..	..	4,663	..	4,663	..	6,325	..	6,325
Hydraulic Power	19,880	..	..	19,880	17,544	..	..	17,544
Railway ..	..	..	6,127	6,127	..	..	5,603	5,603
Total ..	1,742,674	3,511,240	2,824,555	8,078,469	1,625,161	3,449,842	2,747,269	7,822,272

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

**Municipal
Fund.**

Details of the principal items of receipts during 1940-41 are given below :—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND RECEIPTS, 1940-41.
(Including Trust Funds, Sustenance Works, and Farm Labourers' Scheme.)

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Rates—				
General and Extra	498,897	1,874,459	1,605,184	3,978,540
Other .. .. .	..	261	4,098	4,359
Interest on overdue rates	1,358	12,730	15,549	29,637
Licences and Registration Fees—				
Dog	517	19,080	24,030	43,627
Health, Dairy, Slaughtering, and Noxious Trades	1,150	2,076	5,496	8,722
Hackney Carriages	511	569	426	1,506
Petrol Pump	226	3,685	4,308	8,219
Dancing Saloon	51	59	9	119
Other .. .. .	..	..	892	892
Total Taxation	502,710	1,912,919	1,659,992	4,075,621
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Sanitary and Garbage	11,288	26,249	118,579	156,116
Infectious Diseases Patients' contributions .. .. .	..	..	901	901
Other	1,083	6,174	7,016	14,273
Council Properties—				
Markets	127,465	16,047	32,614	176,126
Halls	7,573	17,412	25,436	50,421
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	20,298	36,077	15,666	72,041
Weighbridges	3,679	115	3,706	7,500
Sale of Materials .. .. .	..	22,561	17,339	39,900
Plant Hire .. .. .	..	1,911	57,914	59,825
Grazing Fees .. .. .	..	11	7,190	7,201
Pounds .. .. .	..	350	4,824	5,174
Other	10,957	41,672	47,450	100,079
Contributions for Road and Pavement Works	11,209	97,441	36,957	145,607
Other Services—				
Car Parking	14,929	1,269	27	16,225
Sheep Dipping .. .. .	..	..	1,704	1,704
Building Fees	2,953	15,645	3,432	22,030
Other .. .. .	..	2,497	5,296	7,793
Total Public Works and Services	211,434	285,431	386,051	882,916

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND RECEIPTS, 1940-41—*continued.*

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
Miscellaneous—	£	£	£	£
Police Court Fines ..	4,757	4,473	2,486	11,716
Interest on Investments ..	..	2,386	1,322	3,708
Supervision of Private streets	..	12,373	566	12,939
Contributions from municipalities on account of severance adjustments ..	..	1,808	5,164	6,972
Other	2,495	12,413	18,897	33,805
Total Miscellaneous ..	7,252	33,453	28,435	69,140
Transfers from Business Undertakings (excluding Loan Recoups and Administration Refunds)	50,000	138,015	18,904	206,919
Government Grants—				
Roads	2,323	17,530	29,148	49,001
Parks, Gardens, &c. ..	..	1,203	12,008	13,211
Underground Drainage ..	..	1,400	16,328	17,728
River Works .. .. .	..	..	5,415	5,415
Infectious Diseases Treatment ..	..	351	5,692	6,043
Infant Welfare Centres ..	341	6,852	5,791	12,984
Licences Equivalent	8,716	13,129	37,376	59,221
Vermin Destruction .. .. .	..	..	1,099	1,099
Sustenance, Sustenance Materials and Administration, and Farm Labourers' Scheme .. .. .	..	75,306	214,850	290,156
Other .. .. .	..	359	16,474	16,833
Total Government Grants	11,380	116,130	344,181	471,691
Trust Receipts—				
Refunds of Advances .. .. .	..	23,286	20,420	43,706
Contractors' Deposits .. .. .	..	17,930	14,292	32,222
Other .. .. .	..	75,219	34,324	109,543
Total Trust Receipts .. .. .	..	116,435	69,036	185,471
Grand Total	782,776	2,602,383	2,506,599	5,891,758

Of the total Municipal Fund receipts (excluding sustenance, &c., and trust items) during 1940-41, 75·3 per cent. was derived from taxation (74·1 per cent. from rates and 1·2 per cent. from licences and registration fees); 16·3 per cent. from public works and services; 3·9 per cent. from transfers from business undertakings; 3·4 per cent. from Government grants; and 1·1 per cent. from other sources. The total amount collected from taxation (£4,075,621) was equivalent to £2 2s. 1d. per head of population or to £6 5s. 2d. per distinct ratepayer.

Details of the principal items of expenditure from the Municipal Fund during 1940-41 are set out hereunder:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND EXPENDITURE, 1940-41.
(Including Trust Funds, Sustenance Works, and Farm Labourers' Scheme.)

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
General Administration ..	84,947	236,368	332,880	654,195
Debt Services—				
Redemption of Loans ..	..	258,829	132,307	391,136
Sinking Fund Instalments ..	45,055	1,733	3,441	50,229
Interest on Loans ..	127,616	223,135	100,040	450,791
Interest on Overdrafts ..	6,508	15,565	27,458	49,531
Payments to Municipalities on account of severance adjustments .. ..	..	1,766	5,206	6,972
Other .. ..	..	81	129	210
Total Debt Services ..	179,179	501,109	268,581	948,869
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Administration	8,691	19,018	28,687	56,396
Sanitary and Garbage ..	34,763	149,888	113,697	298,348
Statutory Contributions—				
Queen's Memorial Infectious Diseases Hospital	11,040	35,100	3,535	49,675
Heatherton Sanatorium	1,252	4,058	128	5,438
Infant Welfare Centres ..	3,977	20,453	16,871	41,301
Infectious Diseases—				
Maintenance and Treatment	..	..	13,999	13,999
Furniture and Equipment	..	..	396	396
Building .. ..	..	..	3,861	3,861
Other	5,961	9,348	4,399	19,708
Council Properties—				
Markets	48,511	5,974	18,839	73,324
Halls	23,222	35,600	24,362	83,184
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	100,029	196,140	78,988	375,157
Weighbridges	1,882	308	2,845	5,035
Grazing Expenses .. ..	..	..	5,234	5,234
Pounds .. ..	..	449	5,280	5,729
Other	3,924	56,264	34,439	94,627
Plant, Furniture and Equipment .. ..	..	34,027	62,669	96,696
Roads, Streets, Footpaths, and Bridges—				
Construction, Maintenance, Cleaning, and Watering	164,172	784,252	791,648	1,740,072
Lighting	1,237	101,033	65,189	167,459

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND EXPENDITURE, 1940-41—*continued*.

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Public Works and Services— <i>continued</i> .				
Other Works and Services—				
Car Parking .. .. .	..	917	105	1,022
Sheep Dipping .. .. .	..	..	1,295	1,295
River Works .. .. .	..	..	3,872	3,872
Vermin Destruction .. .. .	..	..	2,390	2,390
Underground Drainage .. .. .	..	16,977	16,921	33,898
Other	39,129	9,689	15,891	64,709
Total Public Works and Services	447,790	1,479,495	1,315,540	3,242,825
Grants and Contributions—				
Country Roads Board .. .. .	..	11,900	156,402	168,302
Fire Brigades	15,055	48,430	13,001	76,486
Hospitals, Ambulances, and other Charities	11,280	20,767	24,062	56,049
Other	11,539	63,230	15,968	90,737
Total Grants and Contributions	37,874	144,327	209,373	391,574
Miscellaneous—				
Sustenance, Sustenance Administration, and Farm Labourers' Scheme	4,154	80,754	204,969	289,877
Other	9,338	8,549	8,623	26,510
Total Miscellaneous	13,492	89,303	213,592	316,387
Trust Expenditure—				
Advances .. .. .	..	27,574	27,089	54,663
Contractors' deposits refunded .. .. .	..	17,356	22,254	39,610
Other .. .. .	..	71,265	35,377	106,642
Total Trust Expenditure .. .. .	..	116,195	84,720	200,915
Grand Total	763,282	2,566,797	2,424,686	5,754,765

Of the total Municipal Fund expenditure (excluding sustenance, &c., and trust items) in 1940-41, 12·4 per cent. was for administration; 18·0 per cent. for debt services; 9·3 per cent. for health services; 7·1 per cent. for parks, gardens, &c.; 36·3 per cent. for roads, streets, &c.; 9·0 per cent. for other public works and services; 7·4 per cent. for grants and contributions; and 0·5 per cent. for miscellaneous items.

Particulars of the principal items of expenditure during **Municipal administrative costs.** 1939-40 in respect of general municipal administration are given in the appended statement. Similar information for 1940-41 is not available. In considering the cost of administration, it must be borne in mind that the municipalities are not recouped for any administrative costs incurred in the supervision of work on main roads, &c., for the Country Roads Board.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, COST OF,
1939-40.

Heading.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Salaries*	62,870	152,487	221,340	436,697
Mayoral and Presidential Allowances	2,500	10,275	14,247	27,022
Audit Expenses	850	2,935	5,362	9,147
Dog Registration Expenses	895	2,841	10,362	14,098
Election Expenses	624	2,825	2,177	5,626
Insurances	6,578	15,344	16,527	38,449
Legal Expenses	1,468	6,918	6,616	15,002
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Postage, Telephone..	5,968	32,263	53,070	91,301
Other	5,662	13,608	13,045	32,315
Total	87,415	239,496	342,746	669,657

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

Municipal electric light undertakings and gasworks. In Victoria, in 1940-41, electric light undertakings were operated by 41 municipalities, and there were also nine municipally-owned gasworks. The revenue and expenditure of such undertakings in 1940-41 amounted to £2,005,151 and £1,886,284 respectively.

Municipal waterworks. The council of any municipality may be constituted a "local governing body" under the provisions of the *Water Act* 1928 with such water supply district as is defined by the Governor in Council. At 30th September, 1941, thirteen municipalities had been so constituted. In seven other municipalities the water supply services were being administered in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act* 1928. An analysis of the authorities controlling water supply in Victoria is given on page 160 of the *Year-Book* for 1939-40.

During 1940-41 the receipts and expenditure of the abovementioned municipal waterworks amounted to £45,254 and £46,185 respectively.

Other municipal business undertakings. Quarries, abattoirs, hydraulic power (in the City of Melbourne), and the Kerang-Koondrook railway are other undertakings which are under the control of municipalities in Victoria. In 1940-41, the total revenue on account of these undertakings was £136,906 and the total expenditure amounted to £135,038. In those cases in which the finances of quarries and abattoirs were operated through the Municipal Fund, particulars of the amounts have been included in the statement of that Fund, under the heading of "Other Council Properties".

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

Assets and liabilities of municipalities. The assets of the municipalities are shown below under three heads—(1) Municipal Fund, (2) Loan Funds, and (3) Property; and the liabilities under two heads—(1) Municipal Fund, and (2) Loan Funds. The particulars for 1940-41 are not available.

**VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES,
1935-36 TO 1939-40.**

Assets.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
	£	£	£	£	£
Municipal Fund—					
Arrears of Rates—					
General and Extra ..	910,567	795,943	661,982	573,188	541,426
Other ..	69,273	21,919	20,713	23,663	19,698
Arrears of Sanitary Charges	}	} 57,753	53,567	53,113	50,247
Streets formed, &c., payments outstanding ..	1,266,976	1,230,938	1,114,244	1,112,012	1,060,776
Cash in hand or in Bank ..	786,887	719,667*	491,873*	387,897*	359,995*
Other Assets ..	512,952	483,892	478,803	513,710	492,026
Loan Funds—					
Sinking Funds—					
Amount at Credit ..	780,493	822,080	866,649	937,796	1,006,653
Due by other Municipalities ..	61,048	64,535	58,330	63,021	57,434
Due by other Bodies ..	1,125	1,125	4,185	3,075	4,905
Unexpended Balances ..	387,102	†	†	†	†
Property—					
Halls, Buildings, Markets, &c. ..					
..	6,176,050	6,392,480	6,755,870	7,084,320	7,207,770
Waterworks ..	377,860	393,360	391,860	406,450	406,360
Gasworks ..	281,670	261,670	270,660	271,020	289,120
Electric Light Undertakings	2,832,850	3,042,420	3,311,920	3,630,920	3,687,910
Plant and Machinery ..	611,580	625,690	643,780	656,170	684,220
Other Assets ..	230,490	281,770	327,510	348,080	415,090
Total Assets† ..	15,286,923	15,195,242	15,451,946	16,064,435	16,273,630
Liabilities.					
Municipal Fund—					
Due on Current Contracts ..	150,018	133,594	129,485	152,540	110,993
Interest overdue ..	9,713	5,602	3,439	2,441	1,312
Bank Overdrafts ..	846,400	636,664*	716,061*	788,858*	967,029*
Payments Due to Country Roads Board ..	386,943	295,009	262,343	269,793	235,207
Other Liabilities ..	775,814	793,496	818,236	933,545	1,129,526
Loan Funds—					
Loans Outstanding—					
Due to Government§ ..	801,209	782,269	645,567	613,217	594,460
Due to Public ..	11,944,237	11,941,701	12,046,177	12,487,661	12,315,785
Due on Loan Contracts ..	54,165	73,756	111,745	63,021	56,921
Due to other Municipalities	61,048	64,535	58,330	57,142	57,434
Total Liabilities ..	15,029,547	14,676,626	14,791,383	15,368,218	15,468,667

* Net Balance of all Funds.

† Included in "Cash in hand or in Bank."

‡ Excluding the value of "Roads, Streets, and Bridges," which is not available.

§ Excluding liability to the Country Roads Board on account of one-half the capital expenditure on Main Roads, as follows:—£1,794,693 in 1935-36; £1,732,809 in 1936-37; £1,685,999 in 1937-38; £1,638,312 in 1938-39; and £1,569,847 in 1939-40. The *Country Roads Board Fund (Amendment) Act 1936* provides that relief may be given to municipalities of portion of their liabilities in respect of permanent works on Main Roads, State highways, and Developmental Roads. The amount of such relief shall not exceed £200,000 in 1936-37 and £250,000 in 1937-38 or any subsequent year.

The following table shows the total amount of arrears of general and extra rates and also the amount of arrears, per distinct ratepayer in the cities, towns, and boroughs and in the shires at the end of each of the last five years.

VICTORIA—ARREARS OF GENERAL AND EXTRA RATES,
1937-38 TO 1940-41.

Year.	Arrears of General and Extra Rates—			Arrears per Distinct Ratepayer—		
	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Shires.	All Municipalities.	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Shires.	All Municipalities.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1936-37 ..	247,231	548,712	795,943	0 13 2	2 4 10	1 5 8
1937-38 ..	223,249	438,733	661,982	0 11 8	1 15 10	1 1 1
1938-39 ..	213,133	360,055	573,188	0 11 1	1 8 2	0 17 11
1939-40 ..	202,339	339,087	541,426	0 10 3	1 7 0	0 16 10
1940-41 ..	174,830	337,184	512,014	0 8 10	1 6 7	0 15 9

For the year 1934-35 and each subsequent year, the particulars tabulated were in respect of the arrears of general and extra rates combined. As compared with the year 1934-35, the arrears of general rates per distinct ratepayer decreased in 1940-41 by 47.5 per cent. in cities, towns, and boroughs; by 47.8 per cent. in shires; and by 48.4 per cent. in all municipalities.

A statement relating to the payments from Consolidated Revenue of endowments and subsidies to municipalities from 1874 to 1927-28 appears on page 142 of the *Year-Book* for 1928-29.

The endowments paid to municipalities in the years 1928-29 and 1929-30 are shown in the *Year-Books* of 1929-30 and 1930-31. The payments were last made in respect of the year 1929-30, provision for the discontinuance of such payments in subsequent years having been incorporated in special legislation passed by Parliament. The *Financial Emergency (Grants and Funds) Act 1940* provided for the non-payment of endowments during 1940-41.

In the municipalities throughout the State, there were, at 30th September, 1941, 2,115 councillors viz., 357 in cities in Greater Melbourne; 294 in cities, towns, and boroughs outside Greater Melbourne; and 1,464 in shires.

With the credit of the municipality as security, moneys may be borrowed by a municipal council for permanent works or undertakings or to liquidate the principal moneys owing on account of any previous loan. Permanent works include *inter alia* the construction or alteration of streets, roads and bridges, and the construction or purchase of waterworks, electric light undertakings, gasworks, municipal offices, pounds, abattoirs, workers' dwellings, baths, and pleasure grounds.

The amount of money borrowed at any time for permanent works or undertakings shall not, except so far as it is otherwise expressly enacted, exceed ten times the average income of the municipality for the previous three years from general rates not exceeding 2s. in the £1. In addition, however, loans, not upon the credit of the municipality but on the security of certain specified income thereof, may be raised for permanent works or undertakings by the issue of debentures or by mortgage. Such loans shall have a currency of not more than 30 years and shall not exceed five times the average amount of such income for the three years preceding the raising of the loan.

The following statement shows the loan receipts (exclusive of conversion loans) during each of the last five years. Particulars of loans raised for work in private streets, are also excluded.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN RECEIPTS, 1936-37 TO 1940-41.
(Excluding Conversion Loans.)

Year.	Gross Proceeds of Loans—		Other Receipts.	Total.
	From Government.	From Other Sources.		
	£	£	£	£
1936-37	14,183	540,279	177,741	732,203
1937-38	2,346	635,472	199,601	837,419
1938-39	9,756	925,867	195,748	1,131,371
1939-40	3,403	363,990	137,567	504,960
1940-41	7,368	230,369	598,130*	835,867

* Including, in the City of Melbourne, £566,549 transferred from General, Electric Supply, and Hydraulic Power Accounts.

**Municipal
loan
expenditure.**

In the following statement details are given of the loan expenditure by municipalities for the last five years, exclusive of expenditure on private streets.

**VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN EXPENDITURE,
1937-38 TO 1940-41.**

Heading.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.
	£	£	£	£	£
Roads, Streets, and Bridges ..	280,706	420,921	319,626	258,144	125,745
Waterworks	12,936	982	12,918	3,405	1,568
Drainage	2,731	..	34,185	50,857	22,497
Electric Light Undertakings ..	302,382	319,726	405,651	236,621	218,759
Gasworks	7,191	5,292	5,953	5,624	16,401
Halls	63,810	65,554	114,097	37,059	26,209
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	66,059	75,069	113,747	59,703	26,105
Plant	19,417	26,055	13,211	19,235	3,122
Abattoirs	53,501	31,373	27,847	9,531	10,842
Markets	18,882	33,733	29,784	24,613	14,657
Infant Welfare Centres	3,566	7,120	7,961	13,978	6,740
Other Council Properties	18,164	43,021	21,598	25,166	8,227
Foreshore Improvements	2,178	2,540	1,836	..	..
Creek Improvements	450	4,509	1,578	4,383	4,747
Housing and Reclamation	389	..	..	..	..
Darling-Glenwaverley Railway Trust .. .. .	..	21,915	..	..	..
Other Purposes	4,653	2,456	5,383	9,470	7,980
Total	857,015	1,060,271	1,115,360	757,739	493,599

At 30th September, 1941, there was a credit balance in loan accounts amounting to £103,527.

**Municipal
loan
liability.**

The loan liability of the municipalities in Victoria at the end of each of the last five years is given hereunder.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN LIABILITY, 1936-37 TO 1940-41.

At 30th September—	Due to—		Gross Loan Liability.	Accum- ulated Sinking Funds.	Net Loan Liability.	
	Govern- ment.*	Public.			Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	£	£	£	£	£	s. d.
1937	732,269	11,941,701	12,673,970	822,030	11,851,890	6 7 8
1938	645,567	12,046,177	12,691,744	866,649	11,825,095	6 6 5
1939	613,217	12,487,661	13,100,878	937,796	12,163,082	6 9 1
1940	594,460	12,315,785	12,910,245	1,006,653	11,903,592	6 4 7
1941	567,214†	12,051,417	12,618,631	1,055,475	11,563,156	5 18 11

* Excluding liability to Country Roads Board.

† Including £43,195 due under the provisions of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918, No. 2995.*

Municipal loans outstanding—purposes. In the following statement are given particulars, as far as available, of the purposes for which municipal loans outstanding at 30th September, 1940, were raised. Particulars for 1941 are not available. The information is exclusive of loans due to the Country Roads Board.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOANS OUTSTANDING AT
30TH SEPTEMBER, 1940—PURPOSES FOR WHICH RAISED.
(Excluding Loans Due to the Country Roads Board.)

Purpose for which Raised.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.		Total.		
	Government Loans.	Other Loans.	Government Loans.	Other Loans.	Government Loans.	Other Loans.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Electric Light Undertakings ..	..	1,149,110	..	447,361	..	1,596,471	1,596,471
Gasworks ..	..	74,785	..	17,659	..	92,394	92,394
Waterworks ..	..	8,657	289,954	19,704	289,954	28,361	318,315
Private Streets and Special Improvements ..	81,490	277,926	9,373	153,020	90,863	430,946	521,809
Contributions due under Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918 ..	47,838	..	..	..	47,838	..	47,838
Closer Settlement Advances for Roads ..	1,041	..	31,964	..	33,005	..	33,005
Bush Fires—Repairs to damages caused by ..	..	..	474	..	474	..	474
Mallee Tanks ..	..	..	748	..	748	..	748
Kerang—Koondrook Railway ..	..	..	7,438	..	7,438	..	7,438
Other Municipal Works ..	75,083	7,935,670	49,057	2,231,943	124,140	10,167,613	10,291,753
Total ..	205,452	9,446,098	389,008	2,869,687	594,460	12,315,785	12,910,245

NOTE.—At 30th September, 1940, accumulated Sinking Funds amounted to £1,006,653, viz., on account of Electric Light, £333,423; Gasworks, £11,509; Waterworks, £2,500; Private Streets and Special Improvements, £32,003; and Other Municipal Works, £627,218.

Municipal loans outstanding—average rates of interests. The following table shows the average rates of interest payable by municipalities on fixed loans and Government loans outstanding at 30th June, 1941. As no interest is payable on the contributions due to the Government by certain municipalities under the provisions of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918*, the amount of the contributions outstanding has been excluded in the calculation. Particulars of the loan liability to the Country Roads Board have been excluded also.

VICTORIA.—MUNICIPAL LOANS OUTSTANDING—AVERAGE
RATES OF INTEREST, 1936-37 TO 1940-41.

At 30th June—	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	All Municipalities.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	%	%	%	%
1937	4·33	4·62	4·62	4·53
1938	4·17	4·60	4·57	4·46
1939	4·17	4·56	4·52	4·44
1940	4·14	4·55	4·51	4·41
1941	4·10	4·54	4·49	4·39

Construction of private streets. The council of any municipality may form, level, &c., any street, road, &c., which is formed or set out on private property or on land of the Crown or of any public body, and which is not formed, &c., to the satisfaction of the council. The cost of doing so is recoverable from the owners of adjoining properties. At the request of any owner, the amount apportioned as his total liability may be made payable by 40 or, if the council so directs, 60 quarterly instalments bearing interest on the portion that from time to time remains unpaid.

For the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of work in respect of which any person is liable to pay by instalments, the council may, on the credit of the municipality, obtain advances from a bank by overdraft on current account or borrow money by the issue of debentures, but such borrowings shall not exceed the total amount of instalments payable. This borrowing power is additional to those powers mentioned on page 342.

Special improvement charges. For the purpose of carrying out work at the cost of owners of properties in any particular portion of a municipality, the council may make a special improvement charge of an amount sufficient to repay the cost of the work and interest. The charge shall be made and levied rateably in respect of such properties. The council may borrow money on the security of such charge (but not on the security of the municipality) by mortgage or by the issue of debentures.

Length of
roads and
streets.

The following table shows the length of all roads and streets in the State in the year 1940. Similar information is not available for 1941.

VICTORIA—LENGTH OF ALL ROADS AND STREETS, 1940.

Type of Road or Street.	Roads and Streets (excluding State Highways).	State Highways.	Total.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Wood or stone	73	..	73
Portland cement concrete	123	1	124
Asphaltic concrete and sheet asphalt ..	236	12	248
Tar or bitumen surface seal over tar or bitumen penetrated or waterbound pavements	6,903	1,720	8,623
Waterbound macadam, gravel, sand, and hard loam pavements	24,336	1,060	25,396
Formed, but not otherwise paved ..	24,854	..	24,854
Surveyed roads not formed which are used for general traffic	45,725	..	45,725
Total	102,250	2,793	105,043

Particulars relating to this Fund, which was established under the provisions of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act* 1918, are given in the *Year-Book* for 1933-34, page 147, and the liabilities and assets of the Fund at its establishment are shown in the *Year-Book* for 1920-21, pages 206 and 207.

The receipts of the Fund during the year 1941-42 amounted to £15,167 and were made up of contributions by municipalities, £6,170; stock realized, £7,238; and interest on credit balance of the Fund, £1,759. The amount expended from the Fund was £53,220, all of which was used for the redemption of municipal loans.

The total receipts of the Fund to the 30th June, 1942, amounted to £2,093,317. The payments out of the Fund were—redemption of municipal loans, £1,388,246; payment to the Treasury in reduction of municipal liabilities, £604,180; interest, £84,447; and sundries, £10. The credit balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1942, was £16,434.

Licensing Fund.

During the year 1941-42 a sum of £59,192 was paid out of this Fund to municipalities, as provided by Section 311 of the *Licensing Act* 1928. The payments to cities amounted to £29,917; to towns, £1,611; to boroughs, £6,062; and to shires, £21,602. A statement of the receipts and expenditure of this Fund appears in part "Law, Crime, &c.", of this issue, page 152.

Municipal Officers Fidelity Guarantee Fund.

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

The premium revenue for the year ended 30th September, 1942, was £1,392, for guarantees amounting to £420,696. The claims paid from January, 1908, the date of the inception of the fund, to 30th September, 1942, amounted to £6,664. The amount to the credit of the fund at 30th September, 1942, was £30,015.

COUNTRY ROADS BOARD.

With the object of improving the main roads of the State, the *Country Roads Act* 1912 empowered the Governor in Council to appoint a board of three members. A summary of the principal duties of the Board will be found in the *Year-Book* for 1939-40, page 154.

The funds established under the *Country Roads Act* 1928 are the Country Roads Board Fund, the Loan Account, and the Developmental Roads Loan Account.

A statement of the moneys to be credited to the Country Roads Board Fund by Acts of Parliament will be found in the *Year-Book* for 1929-30, page 139. The *Country Roads Board Fund Act* 1930 provides that, on and from 1st July, 1930, the fees previously payable into the Fund shall—

- (a) in the case of fees and moneys received in respect of unused roads and the sale of surplus street lands be paid into the Consolidated Revenue;
- (b) in the case of fees received in respect of water frontages be paid into the "Rivers and Streams Fund."

The *Country Roads Board Fund Act* 1941 provides that, for the year 1941-42, all fees (other than fees for licences to drive motor cars) and fines paid under the Motor Car Acts, less the cost of collection of such fees and fines, shall be placed to the credit of the Country Roads Board Fund, and that the annual payment into the Fund of the amount of £50,000 from Consolidated Revenue shall be suspended.

The receipts and expenditure of the Fund for each of the last five years were as follows:—

**VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD FUND—
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1937-38 TO 1941-42.**

—	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
<i>Receipts.</i>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Payments by Municipalities ..	302,622	318,878	335,169	312,042	297,878
Fees Motor Car Act	1,608,879	1,690,962	1,747,024	1,682,980	1,443,597
Fees and Registration of Traction Engines	1,207	1,270	1,415	1,654	853
Fees Motor Omnibus Act	5	21	13	13	6
Stores and Materials	208,512	233,103	215,013	199,931	231,312
Hire of Plant	49,596	53,724	54,705	59,979	57,033
Other Receipts (advance from Public Account for unem- ployment relief and other works, &c.)	83,184	116,071	88,521	72,506	93,131
TOTAL ..	2,254,005	2,414,008	2,441,868	2,329,105	2,123,810
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Maintenance and reconditioning of main roads, State highways, and tourists' roads	1,129,651	1,201,002	1,162,611	1,009,842	627,762
Relief to Municipalities	245,635	240,170	234,790	229,290	223,790
Interest and Sinking Fund	119,211	119,167	116,276	114,598	112,901
Recoup to Revenue (Interest, Sinking Fund, &c.)	323,832	308,277	368,330	351,684	357,723
Plant, Stores, and Materials	264,099	310,332	279,624	312,063	326,969
Other Expenditure (including administration)	180,209	234,192	238,773	201,279	211,650
TOTAL ..	2,262,637	2,413,140	2,400,404	2,218,756	1,860,795

The balance to the credit of the Fund at 30th June, 1942, was £299,879.

The money received from the issue of stock or debentures under the authority of section 32 of the *Country Roads Act* 1928 is placed to the credit of the Loan Account, which is debited with all payments made towards the cost of permanent road works. There were no transactions during 1941-42.

The Developmental Roads Loan Account is credited with money received from stock and debentures issued under the authority of Section 85 of the *Country Roads Act 1928* and is debited with expenditure in connexion with the construction of developmental roads. During 1941-42 there were no transactions owing to the funds having been exhausted in previous years.

The following is a summary of the total expenditure by the Board on road construction during each of the last five years :—

**VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD—EXPENDITURE
ON ROADS, 1937-38 TO 1941-42.**

—	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
	£	£	£	£	£
State Highways*—					
Maintenance and reconditioning	418,905	453,708	506,551	392,510	237,136
Main Roads*—					
Construction	170,442	224,290	187,130	81,343	27,090
Maintenance	749,946	802,920	699,692	646,836	411,170
Total Main Roads ..	920,388	1,027,210	886,822	728,179	438,260
Developmental Roads*—					
Construction, &c.	375,632	468,122	461,661	303,985	100,308
Unemployment Relief	138,184	54,662	53,609	4,871	1,212
Tourists' Roads*—					
Construction, &c.	52,046	77,694	68,262	55,389	20,605
Murray River Bridges and Punts—					
Maintenance	2,841	4,067	8,275	3,668	2,908
Roads adjoining Commonwealth Areas	3	13,321	11,908	8,647	3,183
Commonwealth Defence Works					
Unemployment Relief .. .. .	..	..	93,758	21,392	9,072
Commonwealth Defence Works (Northern Territory) Construction &c. . . . .	..	..	..	..	131,898
Commonwealth Defence Works (Allied Works Council) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,158
TOTAL	1,907,999	2,098,784	2,090,846	1,518,641	945,745

* Including amounts contributed by the Commonwealth Government under the provisions of the Federal Aid Roads Act.

HARBOR TRUSTS.

The Port of Melbourne is under the control of this **Melbourne Harbor Trust**. Trust, and its constitution, powers and functions are set out on page 145 of the *Year-Book* for 1929-30. The following are particulars of the ordinary revenue and ordinary and capital expenditure for the years 1938 to 1942. The loan indebtedness as at the end of each of the five years is also shown.

MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1938 TO 1942.

Heading.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
REVENUE.					
	£	£	£	£	£
Wharfage and Tonnage Rates ..	732,251	681,168	684,032	642,318	747,695
Rents	40,642	42,732	42,297	44,874	45,520
Interest	953	844	734	660	752
Other Revenue	106,253	119,105	128,169	138,380	186,230
	880,099	843,899	855,232	826,232	980,197
<i>Less</i> Statutory Payments to—					
Consolidated Revenue ..	150,450	140,234	142,806	132,463	153,539
Geelong Harbor Trust ..	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Total	714,649	688,665	697,426	678,769	811,658
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
General Management and Expenses	42,793	41,973	53,564	28,094	76,466
Flotation and Redemption of Loans					
Expenses	3,825	3,825	3,825	3,825	3,825
Operating Expenses	34,470	35,208	37,794	45,388	86,228
Maintenance—					
Dredging	126,745	97,329	98,241	112,204	82,391
Harbor	1,998	4,164	1,361	1,879	3,405
Wharves	84,925	89,671	79,853	58,706	33,482
Approaches	7,436	5,846	12,467	7,844	6,744
Railways	1,550	2,426	3,650	1,939	9,622
Other Properties	2,396	2,091	3,023	4,727	4,669
Interest on Loans and Exchange	206,415	203,801	202,415	202,295	188,623
Depreciation, Renewals, and Insurance Account	116,000	129,160	135,688	135,150	126,476
Sinking Fund	85,657	66,849	47,146	52,447	114,465
Total	714,210	682,343	679,027	654,498	736,396
Surplus on Revenue Account ..	439	6,322	18,399	24,271	75,262
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.					
Land and Property	671	694	863	6,415	8,505
Deepening Waterways	2,235	28,013	48,837	31,794	55,261
Wharves Construction	20,305	56,930	28,565	36,584	107,399
Approaches Construction	27,102	26,661	5,894	11,922	12,703
Other Harbor Improvements ..	12,170	11,418	36,898	32,865	692
Floating and General Plant ..	4,169	6,997	39,212	112,651	99,846
Total	66,652	130,713	160,269	232,231	284,406
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness*	4,109,476	4,018,527	4,028,880	4,004,434	4,049,483
Sinking Fund	95,760	129,557	133,471	154,475	165,406
Net Indebtedness	4,013,716	3,888,970	3,895,409	3,849,959	3,884,077

* Excluding bank overdraft as follows:—£78,900 in 1938; £141,712 in 1939; 103,785 in 1940; £164,892 in 1941; and £4,441 in 1942.

The Port of Geelong is under the control of this **Geelong Harbor Trust**. Trust, and its constitution and powers are shown in the *Year-Book* for 1929-30, page 147. A concise statement of the principal provisions of the *Geelong and Melbourne Harbor Trusts Act 1934* is given in the *Year-Book* for 1933-34, pages 153 and 154.

The following is a summary of the revenue and expenditure for each year 1938 to 1942. Capital expenditure during, and loan indebtedness at end of, each of the five years is also shown.

**GEE LONG HARBOR TRUST — REVENUE AND
EXPENDITURE, 1939 TO 1942.**

Heading.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
REVENUE.					
	£	£	£	£	£
Wharfage, Tonnage and Special Berth Rates	75,059	61,110	55,606	39,345	37,997
Rents, Fees, and Licences	5,587	5,436	5,302	5,663	6,544
Freezing Works and Abattoirs	8,465	8,465	10,732	13,000	14,563
Contribution by Melbourne Harbor Trust	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Other Revenue	4,529	3,503	2,974	3,181	5,556
Total	108,640	93,514	89,614	76,189	79,660
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
Management Expenses	14,847	15,937	15,753	13,022	15,036
Maintenance—					
Wharves and Approaches	7,040	4,468	2,871	3,472	2,415
Harbor	4,516	3,597	4,625	3,104	2,449
Floating Plant	9,276	12,405	5,784	2,883	3,828
Other	3,595	2,508	2,059	1,996	2,154
Interest on Loans	12,646	14,700	17,022	17,398	18,119
Sinking Fund	4,238	3,997	3,992	3,984	3,962
Freezing Works and Abattoirs	8,913	9,700	8,550	6,293	7,961
Depreciation Reserve Account	35,837	30,748	31,594	23,615	24,763
Miscellaneous	470	425	70	86	609
Total	101,378	98,485	92,320	75,853	81,296
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.					
Land and Property	6,593	2,063	4,077	24,631	20,395
Deepening Waterways	33,342	32,730	10,093	..	..
Wharves and Approaches	3,206	21,428	5,993	48	..
Other	5,786	2,104	4,915	893	3,426
Total	48,927	58,325	25,078	25,572	23,821
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness	535,717	529,360	526,580	557,501	553,883
Sinking Fund	20,763	25,131	30,169	35,345	40,700
Net Indebtedness	514,954	504,229	496,411	522,156	513,183

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITIES.

A statement showing the names of the authorities which controlled water supply for domestic purposes in Victoria in 1940 is given in the *Year-Book* for 1939-40, page 160.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.

Creation and constitution of Board. The Board was established by Act of Parliament on 20th December, 1890, and entered upon its duties on 18th March, 1891.

It consists of 40 members, including the chairman, who is elected every four years by the other members, and is eligible for re-election. The other thirty-nine members, who are called commissioners, are from time to time elected by the councils of 22 of the municipal districts within the metropolis.

Functions of the Board. The principal functions of the Board are to control and manage the metropolitan water supply system, and to provide the metropolis with an efficient system of main and general sewerage.

Area under Board's Control. All land within a radius of 13 miles of the post office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth streets, Melbourne, and the remaining portions of the Cities of Moorabbin and Mordialloc and certain portions of the Shires of Dandenong and Blackburn and Mitcham (all of which portions are outside such radius) are included in the metropolis for water supply and sewerage purposes. The territory has an area of 447 square miles and comprises 26 cities and parts of one other city and 11 shires.

Board's borrowing powers and liability on loans. The Board is empowered to borrow £24,750,000, this amount being exclusive of loans amounting to £2,389,934 originally raised by the Government for the construction of waterworks for the supply of Melbourne and suburbs. These works were vested in and taken over by the Board on 1st July, 1891.

The liability under loans raised by the Board was £26,240,450 on 30th June, 1942. The Board was at that date empowered to borrow £899,484 before reaching the limit of its borrowing powers.

The following is a statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Board during each of the last five years.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1937-38 TO 1941-42.

Heads of Revenue and Expenditure.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
REVENUE.					
Water Supply—					
Water Rates (including Meter Excess)	£ 893,865	£ 929,663	£ 928,774	£ 1,003,865	£ 1,021,877
Water Charges and Stations	20,747	22,196	30,429	44,237	56,875
Meter Rents	53,827	55,441	57,733	60,158	..
Sewerage—					
Sewerage Rates	1,032,491	1,070,401	1,121,722	1,090,930	1,128,808
Sanitary Charges	17,417	19,163	19,248	22,630	23,868
Metropolitan Farm—					
Grazing Fees, Rents, Pastures, &c. Balance Live Stock Account	18,251	14,035	3,886	6,254	10,501
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers—	8,572	16,884	25,843	28,496	34,141
Drainage and River Improvement Rate	77,693	80,062	83,797	86,871	89,689
River Water Charges	10,572	6,450	5,724	7,836	9,190
Total	2,133,435	2,214,295	2,277,156	2,351,277	2,375,039
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
Water Supply—					
Management and Incidental Expenses	42,067	48,102	49,137	49,399	53,203
Maintenance	108,967	115,735	121,759	121,598	126,836
Sewerage—					
Management and Incidental Expenses	29,560	31,502	56,673	51,810	61,969
Maintenance	97,802	90,800	102,720	107,724	112,870
Metropolitan Farm—					
Administrative Expenses	417	495	1,116	1,095	1,096
Maintenance	46,448	49,424	54,203	59,770	56,222
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers—					
Management and Incidental Expenses	3,950	4,863	5,062	4,562	5,099
Maintenance	15,103	16,643	16,465	14,940	18,046
Pensions and Allowances	6,963	3,892	5,424	5,677	5,807
Discount and Expenses re Loans	99,741	84,000	81,928	19,777	2,743
Interest on Overdraft	38	92	69	148	178
Interest on Loans	1,272,900	1,269,459	1,290,917	1,317,976	1,311,197
Exchange	47,091	47,052	45,944	46,126	53,298
Contribution to—					
Sinking Fund	63,563	64,269	65,351	65,601	65,601
Renewals Fund	184,381	176,000	175,000	225,000	200,000
Superannuation Fund	20,909	21,116	21,521	22,032	22,553
Fire Insurance Fund	20,000	25,000	25,000	25,662	430
Rates Equalization Reserve .. .. .	..	..	25,000	..	..
General Reserve .. .. .	..	..	70,000	70,000	100,000
Depreciation	10,324	61,319	37,895	60,000	33,200
Contributions to Municipalities	3,850	3,850	3,850	3,850	3,850
Defence Expenses .. .. .	..	..	20,920	19,748	120,183
Contributions to Patriotic Funds .. .. .	..	..	..	6,520	2,615
Sundries .. .. .	..	1,045	332	15	..
Total	2,074,074	2,114,658	2,276,286	2,299,030	2,356,996
Surplus on Revenue Account	59,361	99,637	870	52,247	18,043

WATER SUPPLY.

Water supply assessments and rates. The rate to be paid in respect of any lands and houses for the supply of water for domestic purposes, otherwise than by measure, is limited to an amount not exceeding 8d. in the pound on the annual value of the lands and houses served. The water rate levied in the year 1941-42 was 7d. in the pound on the annual value of the property served. Assessments of £17 and under are charged a minimum rate of 10s. per annum. There is a charge of 1s. per 1,000 gallons for water supplied by meter, with the assessed rate as a minimum. For shipping at Melbourne wharves the charge is 3s. per 1,000 gallons.

Assessed value of property. The total annual value of property assessed for water supply purposes and liable to water rates was £20,315,137 in 1940-41 and £20,606,000 in 1941-42.

Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan waterworks system. The total cost of the water supply system to 30th June, 1942, was as follows:—

Original water supply works, tank, pumping station, &c.	..	..	..	..	£	12,505
Yan Yean system	..	..	..	..		664,745
Maroondah system	..	..	..	..		1,708,624
O'Shannassy system	..	..	..	..		3,234,076
Service reservoirs	..	..	..	..		619,987
Large mains	..	..	..	..		3,096,877
Reticulation	..	..	..	..		3,544,820
Afforestation	..	..	..	..		85,382
Investigations, future works	..	..	..	..		7,327
Total	..	..	..	..		12,974,343

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

Output of water. The total output of water from the various sources of supply in 1941 and 1942 was as follows:—

		1941.	1942.
		Gallons.	Gallons.
Yan Yean Reservoir	.. ..	2,492,685,000	3,494,700,000
Maroondah Reservoir	.. ..	14,630,232,000	13,940,700,000
O'Shannassy River and Silvan	.. ..	13,905,531,000	15,063,800,000
No. 1			
Total Output	.. ..	31,028,448,000	32,499,200,000

Storage and service reservoirs.

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

Consumption of water in Melbourne and suburbs.

During 1941 the total consumption of water amounted to 31,016,659,000 gallons and the average consumption per day was 84,977,148 gallons. The maximum daily consumption for the year (162,727,000 gallons) occurred on 22nd February and the minimum daily consumption (51,360,000 gallons) on 21st June.

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

DAILY AVERAGE QUANTITY OF WATER CONSUMED IN MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS, 1937 TO 1941.

(MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS AREA.)

Year.	Properties Supplied with Water at 30th June.	Number of Properties for which Sewers were Provided at 30th June.	Daily Average of Annual Consumption of Water to 31st December.	Daily Consumption of Water per Head of Population Served.
			Gallons.	Gallons.
1937	271,771	255,950	77,594,000	70·94
1938	278,310	261,872	86,927,000	71·91
1939	285,408	269,411	66,870,310	78·67
1940	291,261	274,974	88,911,415	59·02
1941	297,392	281,288	84,977,148	71·97

NOTE.—Particulars supplied by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.

These figures show that additional properties to the number of 6,131 were supplied with water during the year ended 30th June, 1941.

SEWERAGE.

Sewerage assessments, rates, and receipts.

The Board is empowered to levy a general sewerage rate not exceeding 1s. 2d. in the £1 on the net annual value of properties in sewered areas. The sewerage rate for the year 1941-42 was 1s. 1d. in the £1. The total annual value of property in the Board's area in 1941-42 was £21,514,692, of which £20,431,454 was liable to the sewerage rate, the balance being the value of property in unsewered districts.

The receipts from the general sewerage rates and charges in 1941-42 amounted to £1,152,676.

Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan sewerage system. The cost of sewerage works to 30th June, 1942, was £14,796,392, classified as follows:—

	£
Farm purchase and preparation	1,354,718
Treatment works	193,344
Outfall sewers and rising mains	536,276
Pumping stations, buildings, and plant	304,379
Main and Branch sewers	3,257,765
Reticulation sewers	8,328,715
Cost of house connexions chargeable to capital	770,981
Sanitary depots	50,214
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Cost of sewerage system	14,796,392
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Main and subsidiary sewerage systems. The sewerage system of the metropolis at 30th June, 1942, consisted of the main system and three subsidiary systems:—

The Main system (serving an area of 63,894 acres) the sewage from which gravitates to Spotswood Pumping Station where it is lifted to the Main Outfall Sewer at Brooklyn and thence flows to the Metropolitan Farm at Werribee.

The Sunshine system (serving an area of 846 acres in the Shire of Braybrook, including the township of Sunshine) the sewage from which is pumped to the Main Outfall Sewer.

The Kew system (serving an area of 90 acres in Kew) the sewage from which drains to a local treatment plant.

The South Eastern system (serving an area of 1,836 acres in Cheltenham, Parkdale, Mentone, and Mordialloc) the sewage from which drains to the Braeside treatment plant in the Shire of Dandenong.

Number of buildings for which sewers were provided. The first house was connected in Port Melbourne in August, 1897. On 30th June, 1942, the number of buildings for which sewers were provided was 286,473, and the estimated population served by the system was 1,137,297.

During the year 1941-42, 3,862 new houses were erected in the Board's area, and provision was made for the sewerage of 5,185 buildings.

The following statement shows the progress of sewer connexions to 30th June, 1942 :—

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—
SEWER CONNEXIONS AT 30TH JUNE, 1942.

Municipality.	No. of Buildings for which sewers were provided on 30th June, 1942.
Blackburn and Mitcham Shire	1,159
Box Hill City	4,550
Braybrook Shire (part of)	1,888
Brighton City	10,095
Broadmeadows Shire (part of)	608
Brunswick City	14,196
Camberwell City	19,113
Caulfield City	21,114
Coburg City	10,664
Collingwood City	8,156
Essendon City	13,167
Fitzroy City	7,911
Footscray City	12,766
Hawthorn City	10,488
Heidelberg City (part of)	6,766
Keilor Shire (part of)	379
Kew City	7,265
Malvern City	13,222
Melbourne City	22,808
Moorabbin City	4,930
Mordialloc City	3,072
Mulgrave Shire	4
Northcote City	11,417
Oakleigh City	3,628
Port Melbourne City	3,503
Prahran City	16,226
Preston City	9,769
Richmond City	10,597
Sandringham City	5,888
South Melbourne City	10,220
St. Kilda City	14,580
Werribee Shire (part of)	4
Williamstown City	6,320
Total	286,473

Pumping stations. At 30th June, 1942, pumping stations had been established at Spotswood, Preston, Sunshine, Box Hill, Black Rock, Braybrook, Mordialloc, Port Melbourne, Prahran, and Kew.

Metropolitan
Sewage
Farm.

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

The statistical data for the year ended 30th June, 1942, are as under :—

Total area of farm	..	..	..	22,634 acres.
Area used for sewage disposal	..	..	..	13,268 „
Rainfall at farm for year	..	..	..	19·31 inches.
Average rainfall over 47 years	..	..	..	18·22 „
Net cost of sewage purification for year per head of population served	..	..	..	1s. 4·602d.
Profit on cattle for year	..	..	..	£ 1,727
Profit on horses for year	..	..	..	£ 11
Profit on sheep for year	..	..	..	£ 32,402
Profit on agistment for year	..	..	..	£ 3,681

Disposal of
nightsoil from
unsewered
premises.

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

For the year 1941-42, the working expenses were £5,563, while interest amounted to £2,256, making a total of £7,819. The revenue was £2,597, leaving a deficiency of £5,222.

METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS.

Metropolitan
drainage and
river improve-
ment rate.

Under the provisions of Part VIII. of the Act (as amended by the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Rate) Act 1938*), relating to metropolitan drainage and rivers, the Board is empowered to levy a metropolitan drainage and river improvement rate not exceeding 2d. in the £1 in respect of the properties in the metropolis rateable by any municipality. The present rate is 1d. in the £1., and this has remained unchanged since it was first levied on 1st July, 1927,

Assessed value of property. The total annual value of property assessed for Drainage and River purposes for 1941-42 was £21,407,380.

Cost of drainage and river improvement works. The total cost of Drainage and River Improvement works to 30th June, 1942, was £1,716,860.

Length of main drains. The classification and length of all main drains under the control of the Board at 30th June, 1942, were as follows :—

	Miles.	Chains.
Underground drains	91	11
Constructed open drains	10	64
Natural watercourses and unlined open drains	5	40
Total	107	35

THE BALLARAT WATER COMMISSION.

The Water Supply District of the Ballarat Water Commission, which was constituted under the provisions of the Water Acts on 1st July, 1880, embraces an area of about 27 square miles, including the City of Ballarat, the Borough of Sebastopol, and portions of the Shires of Ballarat, Buninyong, and Bungaree. The estimated population in this area is 43,000. The works comprise six reservoirs which have a total storage capacity of 2,365,558,000 gallons.

To 31st December, 1941, the capital cost of construction was £626,969, and the loans outstanding (due to the Government) at that date were £286,788. To 31st December, 1942, the amounts were £640,400 and £283,797 respectively. During 1941 receipts amounted to £126,744 and expenditure to £121,067, the corresponding figures for 1942 being £96,893 and £98,154.

GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE TRUST.

This Trust was constituted on 15th January, 1908. It was reconstituted under the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act in 1910.

The amount of loans which may be raised is limited to £900,000 for water supply, £760,000 for sewerage works, and £270,000 for sewerage installations to properties under deferred payments conditions. The expenditure on these services to 30th June, 1942, was—water supply, £755,343; sewerage, £650,184; and sewerage installation, £257,897, of which £701 is outstanding. The revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1942, was £65,985 on account of waterworks, £43,297 on account of sewerage, and £1,640 on account of Barwon River Improvement Fund. Since 1913 the Trust has appropriated and set apart sums out of surplus revenues for the creation of a sinking fund to redeem loans. At 30th June, 1942, the amounts so appropriated were:—sewerage, £79,558; and water supply, £85,185. Of such sums £149,852 has been used to redeem loans which have matured from time to time.

The population supplied is estimated by the Trust at 51,160. The number of buildings situate within the "Drainage Area" is 12,688; the number within the "Sewered Areas," 12,438; and the number connected with the sewers, 12,430.

Water Supply.—The catchment area of the Moorabool watersheds is about 16,000 acres. There are five storage reservoirs and seven service reservoirs. The total storage capacity of the reservoirs and service basins is 2,738,120,000 gallons.

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

Sewerage.—The sewerage system consists of a main outfall sewer, 4 ft. 3 in. by 3 ft. 3 in., to the ocean at Black Rock, a distance of about 9 miles from Geelong, and 146 miles of main and reticulation sewers. The sewerage area is 9,571 acres and includes the City of Geelong, the City of Geelong West, the Town of Newtown and Chilwell, and their suburban areas in the Shires of Corio, South Barwon, and Bellarine.

Rates.—(1) *Barwon River Improvement Rate.*—One half-penny in the pound of the net annual value of all properties within the Drainage Area rateable to any municipality.

(2) *Water Rate.*—A water rate of one shilling in the pound of the net annual value of all rateable properties with a minimum of £1 per annum for land on which there is a building and a minimum of five shillings per annum for land on which there is no building.

(3) *Sewerage Rate.*—A general sewerage rate of one shilling and twopence in the pound of the net annual value of all properties within the drainage area which are not or may hereafter become sewered during the period for which the rate is made.

WATERWORKS TRUSTS.

During 1940 there were 109 Waterworks Trusts, constituted under the provisions of the *Water Act* 1928, functioning in Victoria. The receipts and expenditure of these Trusts are given below for the year ended 31st December, 1940. Similar particulars are not available for the year 1941.

VICTORIA—WATERWORKS TRUSTS—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1940.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£		£
Water Rates (including arrears) ..	163,293	Administrative Expenses ..	23,106
Water Sales (including arrears) ..	24,387	Works—	
Meter Rents (including arrears) ..	2,379	From Loans and Government	
Interest on overdue Rates ..	1,267	Grants	94,306
Transfers from Depreciation Fund ..	18,933	From Revenue	31,307
Government Loans	43,218	Maintenance and Repairs (including	
Government Grants—		Pumping and Purchase of Water) ..	55,208
For Works	35,647	Redemption of Loans	18,540
For Investment	10,189	Interest on Loans	61,441
Other	14,559	Interest on Bank Overdraft	348
		Depreciation Fund	18,503
		Government Grant Invested	10,348
		Other	10,649
Total Receipts	313,872	Total Expenditure	323,756
Cash in hand or in Bank at 1st		Bank Overdraft at 1st January,	
January, 1940	43,564	1940	13,589
Bank Overdraft at 31st December,		Cash in hand or in Bank at 31st	
1940	25,648	December, 1940	45,739
	383,084		383,084

All loan moneys are provided by the Treasurer of Victoria. At 30th June, 1942, the loan liability of Waterworks Trusts amounted to £1,439,111 (including £45,990 on account of loans from Unemployment Relief Funds).

MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST.

This Trust, which was constituted under the provisions of the Mildura Irrigation Trusts Acts, supplies water for domestic use in the City of Mildura. The receipts and expenditure of this authority for the year ended 30th June, 1941, were as follows:—

**MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST—RECEIPTS AND
EXPENDITURE, 1940-41.**

Receipts.	Expenditure.
£	£
Water Rates (including arrears) 4,679	Administrative Expenses .. 1,082
Water Sales (including arrears) 2,286	New Works 1,154
Interest on overdue Rates .. 30	Meters 463
Other 602	Maintenance and Repairs .. 3,211
	Redemption of Loans .. 162
	Sinking Fund Instalments .. 74
	Interest on Loans .. 505
	Depreciation Fund .. 435
	Other 278
Total 7,597	Total 7,364

At 30th June, 1941, the loan liability of the Trust amounted to £12,378, of which £10,378 was due to the Government.

SEWERAGE AUTHORITIES.

In districts outside the areas under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust (which bodies were constituted under special Acts), sewerage authorities may be constituted in Victoria under the provisions of the Sewerage Districts Acts. At 31st December, 1941, thirty-eight such authorities had been constituted.

The following statement gives general statistical information relating to all authorities (including the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust) in whose districts the sewerage systems were in operation in 1941.

SEWERAGE SYSTEMS IN OPERATION IN VICTORIA, 1941.

Authority.	Year of Con-stitution.	Estimated Population Served by System.†	Number of Properties Connected to Sewers.	Sewerage Rate Levied in £ of Net Annual Municipal Value.
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works*	1890	1,116,710	281,288	s. d. 1 2
Ararat	1935	4,500	1,100	2 0
Bairnsdale	1932	3,500	1,050	1 4
Ballarat	1920	39,350	8,745	1 7
Benalla	1934	3,940	1,123	2 0
Bendigo	1916	26,000	6,523	1 5
Castlemaine	1934	4,750	1,086	2 0
Colac	1923	5,450	1,438	1 9
Dandenong	1935	5,000	1,010	1 9
Dimboola	1938	116	29	..
Echuca	1927	4,000	1,090	2 0
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust*	1908	50,470	12,337	1 3
Hamilton	1935	5,500	1,478	1 7
Horsham	1926	5,030	1,261	1 6
Kerang	1932	2,800	625	2 3
Kyneton	1933	2,200	620	1 6
Mildura	1928	6,750	1,720	1 3
Mornington	1939	484	121	1 9
Morwell	1939	200	61	1 9
Murtoa	1938	1,200	273	1 6
Shepparton	1934	6,800	2,200	1 6
Swan Hill	1926	4,500	859	2 0
Wangaratta	1933	4,800	1,220	1 7
Warracknabeal	1938	2,800	758	1 10
Warragul	1935	3,000	600	1 10
Warnambool	1929	7,750	2,055	0 9
Total .. ..	..	1,317,600	330,670	..

* Sewerage finance only.

† As estimated by the authorities concerned.

In addition to those enumerated in the above table, sewerage authorities had been constituted in the following districts, in which, at the end of 1941, preliminary works or detailed surveys were being carried out:—Beechworth constituted in 1939; Euroa in 1939; Kyabram in 1938; Leongatha in 1939; Lorne in 1938; Maffra in 1938; Nhill in 1938; Portland in 1938; Sale in 1936; Traralgon in 1939; Werribee in 1939; Wodonga in 1939; Yarram in 1939; and Yarrawonga in 1938. At Beechworth, Euroa, Lorne, Sale, Werribee, Wodonga, and Yarram operations have been suspended for the duration of the war.

A concise statement of the principal provisions of the *Local Government (Septic Tanks) Act 1938* is given in the *Year-Book* for 1939-40, page 173.

Yallourn. Under the provisions of the State Electricity Commission Acts, a scheme of sewerage for Yallourn has been adopted after the approval by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission and the Public Health Department. At 30th June, 1941, the erection of the treatment plant, pump house and pipe-testing depot was completed. Construction of the reticulation sewers and effluent outfall line was commenced and satisfactory progress was being made.

FIRE BRIGADES BOARDS.

Constitution of Fire Brigades Boards. Under the *Fire Brigades Act 1928* there are constituted a metropolitan fire district, controlled by the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board, and nine country fire districts, controlled by the Country Fire Brigades Board. Particulars of the principal provisions of the *Fire Brigades Act 1937* are given in the *Year Book* for 1937-38, page 164.

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

The Board on 30th June, 1942, had under its control the following :—
42 stations, 361 members of permanent staff, 105 members of special service staff, 14 members of clerical staff, 66 men engaged in the workshops, 15 employees engaged in the tailoring department, and 175 partially paid firemen.

During 1941–42 the cost of maintenance of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade was £205,284, one-third being contributed by each of the contributing bodies, viz., Government of Victoria, municipalities within the Metropolitan Fire District, and the fire insurance companies carrying on business in that district. The municipalities' contribution was equal to .773d. in the pound on the annual value of £21,250,676 of property within the Fire District, and that of the insurance companies to £6 6s. 11.27d. for every £100 of premiums on insured property. The premiums received in the Metropolitan Fire District in 1940 amounted to £1,078,123.

**Country Fire
Brigades
Board.** The Country Fire Brigades Board, which was constituted in 1891, consists of nine members. Three are appointed by the Governor in Council, two are elected by the municipal councils of the districts in which there are brigades registered under the Board, two by the fire insurance companies carrying on business in such districts, and two by the registered fire brigades. The Board's revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1942, was £36,531. This was made up of equal contributions of £11,841 from the Government, the municipalities, and the insurance companies, and £1,008 from other sources. The expenditure for the same year amounted to £37,772. There are 135 municipal councils and 111 insurance companies included in the operation of the Act. The premiums received by the insurance companies in country districts during the year 1940 amounted to £418,944. The annual value of rateable property assessed within the Board's districts in 1941 was £4,515,408. All brigades under the control of the Board are volunteer brigades but, in the large centres, a few permanent stationkeepers and auxiliaries are employed. There are 161 registered brigades and the number of registered firemen is 2,754. In most brigades there is, in addition to the registered firemen, a number of "reserve" members, and in June, 1942, the number of A.R.P. emergency firemen was 531.

Receipts and expenditure. Particulars of receipts and expenditure of both Fire Brigades Boards for the last five years are as follows:—

VICTORIA—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF FIRE BRIGADES BOARDS, 1937-38 TO 1941-42.

Heads of Receipts and Expenditure.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
<i>Ordinary Receipts.</i>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Contributions— Government, Municipal, and Insurance	217,244	216,468	222,109	224,057	240,796
Receipts for Services ..	30,549	28,905	30,393	32,613	46,379
Interest and Sundries ..	21,835	21,006	19,243	23,232	26,092
Total	269,628	266,379	271,745	279,902	313,267
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries	162,079	161,312	166,250	166,921	182,988
Fire Expenses	4,428	4,429	4,390	4,265	4,264
Administrative Charges, &c.	41,252	42,888	40,797	44,418	49,746
Plant—Purchase and Repairs	16,582	15,580	16,393	18,608	23,159
Interest	10,107	10,484	11,720	12,410	12,439
Repayment of Loans ..	12,235	14,977	15,753	15,534	16,436
Superannuation Fund ..	6,012	5,943	6,149	6,138	6,437
Miscellaneous	10,398	8,386	6,801	10,814	18,442
Total	263,093	263,999	268,253	279,108	313,911
<i>Loan Expenditure.</i>					
Purchase of Land and Erection of Buildings, &c.	8,073	45,342	28,230	39,881	8,223

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL BODIES.

In the following statement particulars are given of the new money loan raisings during 1940-41 by Local Government and Semi-Governmental and Other Public Bodies. Information in respect of the amount of loans outstanding (excluding overdrafts) at 30th June, 1941, is also shown.

VICTORIA—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—NEW MONEY LOAN RAISINGS 1940-41, AND LOANS OUTSTANDING AT 30TH JUNE, 1941.

Authority.	New Money Loan Raisings during year ended 30th June, 1941.		Loans Outstanding (excluding Overdrafts) at 30th June, 1941.		Accumulated Sinking Funds at 30th June, 1941.
	From Central Government.	From Public Creditor.	Due to—		
			Central Government.	Public Creditor.	
	£	£	£	£	£
LOCAL GOVERNMENT.					
Metropolitan Municipalities ..	..	234,575	166,439	9,407,011	929,412
Ex-Metropolitan Municipalities ..	3,741	112,674	382,140	2,803,611	93,058
Total Local Government ..	3,741	347,249	548,579	12,210,622	1,022,470
SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES.					
Water Supply and Sewerage—					
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works ..	..	150,000	165,500	26,074,970a	2,475,052
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust ..	..	..	..	1,261,750	10,231
Other Sewerage Authorities ..	..	275,647	230,165	2,303,081	..
Ballarat Water Commission ..	5,350	..	288,247	..	..
Waterworks Trusts ..	53,540	..	1,458,010	..	..
Mildura Urban Water Trust ..	..	..	10,378	2,000	151
Total Water Supply and Sewerage ..	58,890	425,647	2,152,300	29,641,801	2,485,434
Irrigation and Drainage—					
First Mildura Irrigation Trust ..	..	5,600	41,986	50,975	48,614
Trafalgar Meadows Drainage Trust ..	..	..	..	663	..
Total Irrigation and Drainage ..	..	5,600	41,986	57,638	48,614
Harbors—					
Melbourne Harbor Trust ..	..	..	..	4,028,881b	136,475
Geelong Harbor Trust ..	35,000	..	355,787	205,600	30,730
Total Harbors ..	35,000	..	355,787	4,234,481	167,205
Tramways—					
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board ..	..	..	..	4,384,712c	219,806
Electricity Supply—					
State Electricity Commission ..	..	300,000	d	3,633,365e	13,164
Fire Brigades—					
Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board ..	..	40,000	..	233,847	..
Country Fire Brigades Board ..	..	..	..	63,197	..
Total Fire Brigades ..	..	40,000	..	297,044	..

a Including £3,754,000 payable in London.

b Including £968,400 payable in London.

c Including £1,000,000 payable in London.

d Excluding liability to the State of Victoria (£17,038,974) and to the Unemployment Relief Fund (£74,460).

e Including £917,080 payable in London.

VICTORIA—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—NEW MONEY LOAN RAISINGS 1940-41, AND LOANS OUTSTANDING AT 30TH JUNE, 1941—*continued.*

Authority.	New Money Loan Raisings during year ended 30th June, 1941.		Loans Outstanding (excluding Overdrafts) at 30th June, 1941.		Accumulated Sinking Funds at 30th June, 1941.
	From Central Government.	From Public Creditor.	Due to—		
			Central Government.	Public Creditor.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Marketing— Western Metropolitan Market Trust .. .. .	..	..	..	33,289	..
Housing— State Savings Bank (Credit Foncier Department) Housing Commission Total Housing .. .. .	.. 352,853 ..	.. .. ..	.. 1,302,193 1,302,193	.. 19,754,930 168,878 19,923,808	.. .. 12,409 12,409
Bulk Handling of Wheat— Grain Elevators Board .. .. .	..	150,000	650,739	1,412,600	26,782
Hospital— Royal Melbourne Hospital Total Semi-Governmental and Other Public Bodies Grand Total .. .. .	.. 27,197 473,940 477,681	.. 275,000 1,196,247 1,543,496	.. 75,000 4,578,005 5,126,584	.. 273,559 63,892,297 76,102,919	.. .. 2,973,414 3,995,884

Particulars relating to the new money loan raisings by the above authorities during each of the last five years are summarized below. Comparable information for the years prior to 1936-37 is not available.

VICTORIA—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—NEW MONEY LOAN RAISINGS, 1936-37 TO 1941-42.

Heading.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.
LOCAL GOVERNMENT.	£	£	£	£	£
Due to Government	32,493	6,501	13,737	6,272	3,741
Due to Public Creditor	485,577	792,542	795,211	624,178	347,249
Total Local Government	518,070	799,043	808,948	630,450	350,990
SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL, ETC.					
Due to Government	138,235	42,773	405,529	674,057	473,940
Due to Public Creditor	565,374	1,381,774	1,478,846†	3,210,930†	1,196,247†
Total Semi-Governmental, &c.	703,609	1,424,547	1,884,369	3,884,987	1,670,187
ALL AUTHORITIES.					
Due to Government	170,728	49,274	419,266	680,329	477,681
Due to Public Creditor	1,050,951	2,174,316	2,274,051	3,835,103	1,543,496
Grand Total	1,221,679	2,223,590	2,693,317	4,515,437	2,021,177

† Including the following amounts borrowed to repay loans from Government—£100,000 in 1938-39, £500,000 in 1939-40, and £50,000 in 1940-41.

HOUSING.

**Housing and
Reclamation
by
municipal-
ties.**

The Council of any municipality may, under existing statutory power, erect or purchase dwelling-houses for eligible persons at a cost not exceeding £850, including the cost of the land, if the dwelling be of wood, or £950 if it be of brick, stone, or concrete. An eligible person, within the meaning of the *Local Government Act* 1928, is one who does not own a dwelling-house in Victoria or elsewhere and who is in receipt of an income not exceeding £400 a year.

**Erection of
dwelling
houses by
State Savings
Bank
Commissioners.**

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

**War Service
Homes.**

The Commonwealth Government assists eligible members of the Australian Defence Forces and their female dependants to acquire homes, the operations being conducted under the *War Service Homes Act* 1918-1941. A summary of the activities of the War Service Homes Commission in Victoria to 30th June, 1942, discloses that 10,660 applications had been approved, 5,014 homes erected, 3,785 homes purchased, and 470 mortgages discharged. The sums paid as instalments of principal and interest amounted to £6,592,639, whilst the arrears of instalments totalled £105,814, the percentage of arrears to the total amount due being 1.57.

**Housing
Commission.**

Particulars relating to the constitution, powers, and duties of the Housing Commission will be found in Part "Social Condition" of this *Year-Book*.

Information in respect of the contracts let by the Commission during 1940, 1941, and 1942 for the erection of dwelling-houses is given in the following statement. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION
DURING 1940 TO 1942.

Municipality.	1940.		1941.		1942.	
	Dwelling Units.	Value.	Dwelling Units.	Value.	Dwelling Units.	Value.
	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£
Metropolitan—						
Cities—						
Brunswick .. ..	..	..	58	34,669	5	3,105
Coburg* .. ..	..	..	..	..	124†	100,276
Northcote .. ..	..	..	42	31,044	..	..
Port Melbourne ..	404	236,894	2†	8,704	..	..
Preston	266	159,550	16	10,653	1	560
Richmond .. ..	..	..	138	93,157	..	..
Williamstown ..	..	..	76	53,584	..	..
Shire—						
Braybrook* .. ..	..	..	234	179,229	..	..
Total Metropolitan ..	670	396,444	566	411,040	130	103,941
Outside Metropolitan Area—						
Warrnambool City ..	..	..	40	29,870	..	..
Newtown and Chilwell Town	54	33,495	..	..	..	..
Swan Hill Borough ..	..	..	11	8,356	..	..
Mildura Shire .. ..	..	..	30	19,562	..	..
Total outside Metropolitan Area ..	54	33,495	81	57,788	..	..
Grand Total	724	429,939	647	468,828	130	103,941

* Houses for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust.

† Thirty-four (34) houses only to be completed.

‡ In addition, contracts were let for the erection of eight shops.

**Building
permits.**

Information relating to the value of building permits issued by municipal councils gives a reliable indication of the effect of varying economic conditions on the building industry. The particulars represent the values recorded, but, owing to the variation in building costs during the periods under review, a complete comparison cannot be made. As the Crown is exempt from municipal regulations in respect of building permits, particulars of Government buildings erected during the periods under notice are not included in the following statements.

The value of permits issued by municipalities in Greater Melbourne for all classes of buildings, i.e., dwellings, other new buildings, and alterations and additions to existing buildings, during the period of twelve months ended on 31st December in each of the fourteen years 1929-1942 was as follows:—

Year ended 31st December—	Value of Permits Issued.				Index to Total Value = 100 in 1929.
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.)	Other New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	
1929	4,187,832	1,991,927	1,033,018	7,212,777	100·00
1930	1,308,976	852,079	578,521	2,739,576	37·98
1931	418,572	364,339	342,990	1,125,901	15·61
1932	1,033,844	908,761	496,011	2,438,616	33·81
1933	1,661,722	883,500	763,660	3,308,882	45·88
1934	2,588,426	902,245	1,293,794	4,784,465	66·33
1935	3,721,608	1,384,773	1,454,323	6,560,704	90·96
1936	4,172,779	1,810,825	1,435,625	7,419,229	102·86
1937	4,648,987	1,817,369	1,732,083	8,198,439	113·67
1938	5,131,951	1,634,079	1,436,354	8,202,384	113·72
1939	5,187,662	1,654,465	1,634,872	8,476,999	117·53
1940	6,625,287	2,143,770	1,445,743	10,214,800	141·62
1941	6,572,600	900,661	1,391,603	8,864,864	122·91
1942	186,014	241,206	619,194	1,046,414	14·51

The following tables give detailed information relating to the number and value of building permits issued by the municipalities in Greater Melbourne during the years specified.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN GREATER MELBOURNE,
1941 AND 1942.

Class of Permit.	1941.		1942.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
New Buildings.				
Buildings for Habitation—		£		£
Private Dwellings—				
Brick, concrete, &c. ..	2,280	2,658,952	26	32,445
Brick veneer	1,343	1,369,045	36	38,965
Wood, fibro-cement, &c. ..	1,868	1,375,260	136	105,754
Flats	359	1,134,994	1	8,500
Other (Hotels, Guest Houses, &c.)	5	34,349	1	350
Total, Buildings for Habitation	5,855	6,572,600	200	186,014
Commercial Buildings—				
With Residence—				
Shops	54	64,435	..	..
Garages .. ..	..	..	..	..
Factories	2	2,200	..	..
Other	4	13,150	..	..
Without Residence—				
Shops	25	16,620	1	450
Garages	3	13,500	..	..
Factories	115	466,195	40	200,671
Other	21	186,797	14	40,085
Public Buildings—				
Hospitals	3	63,940	..	..
Churches	5	9,700	..	..
Schools	5	19,816	..	..
Theatres .. ..	..	..	..	..
Other	9	44,308	..	..
Total, Commercial and Public Buildings	246	900,661	55	241,206
Alterations and Additions—				
Private Dwellings	4,265	365,414	1,410	60,625
Flats	18	12,414	2	370
Other Buildings for Habitation	33	31,200	70	3,311
Shops	217	96,581	57	6,920
Garages (Commercial)	7	5,463	5	9,505
Factories	481	682,470	340	468,551
Other Business Premises	157	115,322	90	56,959
Public Buildings	81	82,739	33	12,953
Total, Alterations and Additions	5,259	1,391,603	2,007	619,194
Grand Total, Building Permits	11,360	8,864,864	2,262	1,046,414

NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW
PRIVATE DWELLINGS, FLATS, HOTELS, ETC, IN
GREATER MELBOURNE, 1936 TO 1942.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—						
	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
CITIES.							
Box Hill	83	99	152	170	177	287	9
Brighton	207	216	360	336	357	324	5
Brunswick	130	121	149	107	143	113	2
Camberwell	697	808	882	845	701	762	14
Caulfield	352	319	386	312	434	414	9
Chelsea	34	45	56	66	73	83	2
Coburg	229	261	304	304	275	336	14
Collingwood	19	26	20	15	17	9	..
Essendon	165	214	238	249	248	266	31
Fitzroy	10	14	13	16	16	7	..
Footscray	198	253	322	251	218	269	18
Hawthorn	183	150	139	141	157	132	2
Heidelberg (exclusive of Greensborough Ward) ..	117	188	205	199	284	287	4
Kew	127	134	131	152	217	244	5
Malvern	132	141	137	165	212	282	3
Melbourne	60	68	62	74	132	122	..
Moorabbin	167	196	239	275	318	361	12
Mordialloc	56	88	93	78	116	132	4
Northcote	92	92	120	135	143	217	2
Oakleigh	48	83	86	89	109	150	6
Port Melbourne	2	17	20	31	19	29	1
Prahran	231	177	160	110	156	118	1
Preston	165	228	298	302	281	317	11
Richmond	27	31	37	48	67	33	1
Sandringham	98	121	164	163	163	171	5
South Melbourne	16	12	18	15	12	16	..
St. Kilda	108	98	96	63	120	107	1
Williamstown	65	89	98	79	101	84	9
SHIRE.							
Braybrook (exclusive of Western Riding) ..	44	65	101	112	156	183	29
Total	3,862	4,354	5,086	4,902	5,422	5,855	200

NOTE.—Excluding contracts let by the Housing Commission for the erection of dwellings (see page 370).

VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR ALL
BUILDINGS IN GREATER MELBOURNE DURING THE
YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1938 TO 1942.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—				
	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
CITIES.					
	£	£	£	£	£
Box Hill	137,083	151,386	180,597	264,479	18,588
Brighton	459,965	360,504	432,061	395,526	18,063
Brunswick	222,563	146,860	187,300	188,693	49,573
Camberwell	1,097,766	1,068,578	952,062	1,077,524	31,408
Caulfield	464,885	399,163	502,016	503,737	14,771
Chelsea	52,469	48,015	72,205	67,312	2,750
Coburg	316,782	265,482	311,078	344,396	14,694
Collingwood	127,701	66,268	95,182	171,778	30,754
Essendon	245,033	243,655	285,498	268,466	27,095
Fitzroy	73,770	103,851	52,720	50,231	5,189
Footscray	294,192	362,067	315,486	375,192	72,706
Hawthorn	234,869	242,954	319,433	222,569	14,552
Heidelberg (exclusive of Greens- borough Ward)	263,690	232,643	337,959	341,031	10,055
Kew	194,181	310,035	364,455	372,098	7,911
Malvern	235,515	249,953	371,253	366,357	7,110
Melbourne	1,260,496	1,817,715	1,977,400	956,242	135,554
Moorabbin	206,199	230,221	294,365	321,339	19,803
Mordialloc	88,010	78,018	108,466	138,543	6,676
Northcote	111,772	108,336	127,207	198,857	7,504
Oakleigh	80,513	93,746	96,841	137,729	10,882
Port Melbourne	130,447	181,815	115,778	66,994	152,015
Prahran	511,078	411,880	770,053	379,788	11,588
Preston	252,601	245,659	260,342	284,649	33,590
Richmond	152,928	129,942	229,131	187,597	66,941
Sandringham	156,773	175,529	177,409	201,635	10,298
South Melbourne	338,290	183,928	393,116	183,040	65,010
St. Kilda	260,127	246,381	490,364	366,661	11,817
Williamstown	106,491	102,609	177,881	137,138	68,505
SHIRE.					
Braybrook (exclusive of Western Riding)	126,195	219,806	217,142	295,263	121,012
Total	8,202,384	8,476,999	10,214,800	8,864,864	1,046,414

Building permits issued by provincial municipalities.

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

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1938 TO 1942.

Municipality.	Period.	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Ballaarat City ..	1938	127	86,570	12	11,620	144	52,490	283	150,680
	1939	126	88,640	5	9,960	143	43,520	274	142,120
	1940	103	68,090	6	94,520	120	27,298	229	189,908
	1941	118	84,672	9	17,105	109	32,927	236	134,704
	1942	16	12,700	..	..	39	4,743	55	17,443
Bendigo City ..	1938	63	45,180	3	6,060	192	27,835	258	79,075
	1939	74	47,824	5	11,050	138	16,016	217	74,890
	1940	78	52,730	3	13,450	102	16,004	183	82,184
	1941	95	70,725	4	8,060	84	15,323	183	94,108
	1942	12	6,640	1	2,000	49	5,568	62	14,208
Geelong City ..	1938	35	29,277	12	43,349	102	33,093	149	105,719
	1939	36	22,970	7	30,780	113	29,827	156	83,577
	1940	24	18,913	6	26,785	96	37,542	126	83,240
	1941	28	22,057	6	5,455	86	15,896	120	43,408
	1942	2	1,505	6	14,805	41	3,614	49	19,924
Geelong West City ..	1938	91	59,400	3	5,115	16	5,535	110	70,050
	1939	85	62,729	5	4,004	19	3,350	109	70,083
	1940	75	54,068	1	300	30	7,523	106	61,891
	1941	80	71,144	3	1,450	71	6,665	154	79,259
	1942	7	6,087	..	..	34	3,252	41	9,339
Horsham Town ..	1938	52	29,370	7	36,975	25	10,782	84	77,127
	1939	55	31,901	9	11,150	22	4,244	86	47,295
	1940	36	18,193	3	16,500	14	5,872	53	40,565
	1941	5	2,710	2	50,099	7	3,908	14	56,717
	1942	2	780	1	1,000	16	1,035	19	2,815
Mildura City ..	1938	88	50,612	12	45,357	31	28,638	131	124,607
	1939	97	70,663	10	9,510	33	10,178	140	90,351
	1940	33	21,095	3	3,300	32	7,683	68	32,078
	1941	4	2,307	2	750	19	2,948	25	6,005
	1942	4	2,520	..	..	8	281	12	2,801
Newtown and Chilwell Town	1938	50	41,915	5	19,790	26	8,476	81	70,181
	1939	46	36,223	..	..	42	7,185	88	43,413
	1940*	38	29,436	1	300	50	10,284	89	40,020
	1941	42	47,957	2	15,882	75	24,260	119	88,099
	1942	4	3,314	1	900	27	5,723	32	9,937

* Exclusive of contracts let by the Housing Commission for the erection of 54 dwellings valued at £33,495.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY CERTAIN
PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES 1938 TO 1942—*continued.*

Municipality.	Period.	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Sale Town	1938	32	19,469	14	24,362	29	1,765	75	45,596
	1939	28	18,433	2	5,100	40	2,308	70	25,841
	1940	15	10,495	1	4,969	11	2,195	27	17,670
	1941	10	8,170	1	390	12	2,964	23	11,524
	1942	..	..	1	777	17	867	14	1,644
Shepparton Borough ..	1938	81	49,180	18	37,126	69	20,678	168	106,984
	1939	51	30,888	6	7,286	54	23,823	111	61,997
	1940	40	32,130	6	8,364	54	5,493	100	45,987
	1941	19	19,442	1	575	32	5,128	52	25,145
	1942	8	5,820	1	480	22	2,173	31	8,473
Warrnambool City ..	1938	39	29,855	1	13,000	16	21,456	56	64,311
	1939	49	50,010	10	18,239	15	12,821	74	81,070
	1940	39	40,606	2	29,000	23	12,899	64	82,505
	1941*	23	22,043	1	150	35	6,433	59	28,626
	1942	2	1,750	1	450	11	1,249	14	3,449

* Exclusive of contracts let by the Housing Commission for the erection of 40 dwellings valued at £29,870.