

## CHAPTER XVI. PRIVATE FINANCE.

### A. GENERAL.

In issues of the Official Year Book prior to No. 25 information relating to Private Finance was included in the Chapter dealing with Finance generally. Commencing with that issue, however, a separate chapter is devoted to the subject of Private Finance which is subdivided into the following sections :—

Banking, including Savings Banks ;  
Companies ;  
Insurance ;  
Friendly Societies ; and  
Probates.

### B. BANKING.

#### § 1. Cheque-Paying Banks:

1. **Banking Legislation.**—(i) *Commonwealth Legislation.* Under Section 51 of the *Commonwealth Constitution Act*, the Commonwealth Parliament has power to legislate with respect to "Banking, other than State banking, also State banking extending beyond the limits of the State concerned, the incorporation of banks, and the issue of paper money." Legislation under this authority comprises the following Acts: No. 27 of 1909, dealing with Bills of Exchange, Cheques, and Promissory Notes; No. 11 of 1910, dealing with Australian Notes; and No. 14 of 1910, a Bank Notes Tax Act. The Notes Act and the Bank Notes Tax Act were supplemented in the following year by the passing of Act No. 18 of 1911, "*An Act to provide for a Commonwealth Bank*," which passed both Houses and was assented to on 22nd December, 1911. The *Commonwealth Bank Act* 1924, assented to on the 20th August, 1924, and brought into operation on the 10th October, 1924, provided for a broadening of the scope of the Commonwealth Bank. Several amendments to the original Act were included in this measure and a further amendment in 1927 provided for the separation of the Savings Bank from the General Bank.

(ii) *State Legislation.* The Acts under which the various banks are incorporated differ somewhat. While most of the older banks were incorporated by special Act or Charter, e.g., the Bank of New South Wales, by Act of Council 1817; the Bank of Australasia, by Royal Charter; the Bank of Adelaide, by Act of the South Australian Parliament; and the Bank of New Zealand, by Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand, the newer banks are generally registered under a "Companies Act," or some equivalent Act. This is also the case with those banks which, after the crisis of 1893, were reconstructed. Banks transacting business in any State are obliged under the existing State laws to furnish a quarterly statement of their assets and liabilities, and they have since the year 1908 furnished to the Commonwealth Statistician under the *Census and Statistics Act* 1905-1930 quarterly statements which contain the average of the thirteen weekly statements prepared by each bank. These returns form the basis on which the statistics included herein have been compiled.

2. **Presentation of Banking Statistics.**—In presenting statistical tabulations relating to average liabilities and assets, it is considered desirable to show the figures for the Commonwealth Bank separately from those of other Cheque-paying Banks. The aggregate business of all trading banks is, however, given in additional paragraphs. Previously it was customary to show separate figures for each State, but this practice has now been discontinued. The figures quoted in all cases refer to the average liabilities and assets within the Commonwealth of Australia.

3. Banks in Operation, Capital Resources, etc.—(i) Year 1933. The paid-up capital of Cheque-paying Banks, together with their reserve funds, the dividend rate per cent., and the amount of their last dividends are shown in the following table. The information relates to the balance-sheet last preceding the 30th June, 1933. In regard to the reserve funds it must be noted that in the case of some of the banks these are invested in Government securities, while in other cases they are used in the ordinary business of the banks, and in a few instances they are partly invested and partly used in business :—

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.—CAPITAL RESOURCES, 30TH JUNE, 1933.

| Bank.  | Paid-up Capital.  | Reserves.         | Balance on Profit and Loss Account. | Total Shareholders' Funds. | Reserve Liability of Shareholders. | Dividends.       |                        |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
|  |                   |                   |                                     |                            |                                    | Amount for year. | Average Rate per cent. |
|  | £                 | £                 | £                                   | £                          | £                                  | £                | %                      |
| <b>Australian Joint-Stock Banks—</b>                             |                   |                   |                                     |                            |                                    |                  |                        |
| Bank of New South Wales ..                                       | 8,780,000         | 6,150,000         | 225,346                             | 15,155,346                 | 8,780,000                          | 460,950          | 5½                     |
| Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney Ltd.                            | 4,739,012         | 4,300,000         | 238,048                             | 9,277,060                  | 4,739,013                          | 236,950          | 5                      |
| National Bank of Australasia Ltd. ..                             | 5,000,000         | 3,300,000         | 272,895                             | 8,572,895                  | 1,800,000                          | 250,000          | 5                      |
| Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd. ..                             | 4,117,350         | 2,250,000         | 171,599                             | 6,538,949                  | ..                                 | 184,694          | 5 Ord.<br>4 Pref.      |
| Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. ..                                     | 153,000           | 92,500            | 14,278                              | 259,778                    | 87,000                             | 7,650            | 5                      |
| Queensland National Bank Ltd. ..                                 | 1,750,000         | 860,000           | 56,684                              | 2,666,684                  | ..                                 | 70,000           | 4                      |
| Brisbane Permanent Building and Banking Co. Ltd. ..              | 682,600           | 125,000           | 46,416                              | 854,016                    | ..                                 | 26,042           | 4                      |
| Bank of Adelaide ..  | 1,250,000         | 1,000,000         | 69,298                              | 2,319,298                  | 1,250,000                          | 50,000           | 4                      |
| Bank of Australasia ..   | 4,500,000         | 4,475,000         | 304,783                             | 9,279,783                  | 4,500,000                          | 236,250          | (f) 5½                 |
| Union Bank of Australia Ltd. ..                                  | 4,000,000         | 4,850,000         | 220,523                             | 9,070,523                  | 8,000,000                          | 200,000          | 5                      |
| English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd.                       | 3,000,000         | 3,220,000         | 404,181                             | 6,624,181                  | 2,000,000                          | 150,000          | 5                      |
| <b>Total Australian Joint-Stock Banks</b>                        | <b>37,971,962</b> | <b>30,622,500</b> | <b>2,024,051</b>                    | <b>70,618,513</b>          | <b>31,156,013</b>                  | <b>1,872,536</b> | <b>..</b>              |
| <b>Other Cheque-paying Banks—Commonwealth Bank of Australia—</b> |                   |                   |                                     |                            |                                    |                  |                        |
| General Bank ..  | 4,000,000         | 1,593,822         | ..                                  | 5,593,822                  | ..                                 | ..               | ..                     |
| Rural Credits ..   | 2,000,000         | 254,290           | ..                                  | 2,254,290                  | ..                                 | ..               | ..                     |
| Rural Bank of New South Wales (e) ..                             | 413,970,200       | 586,351           | ..                                  | 14,556,551                 | ..                                 | ..               | ..                     |
| State Bank of South Australia ..                                 | 61,809,000        | ..                | ..                                  | 1,809,000                  | ..                                 | ..               | ..                     |
| <b>Total Australian Banks</b>                                    | <b>59,751,162</b> | <b>33,056,963</b> | <b>2,024,051</b>                    | <b>94,832,176</b>          | <b>31,156,013</b>                  | <b>1,872,536</b> | <b>..</b>              |
| <b>Bank of New Zealand ..</b>                                    | <b>6,858,113</b>  | <b>3,575,000</b>  | <b>344,795</b>                      | <b>10,777,908</b>          | <b>..</b>                          | <b>644,531</b>   | <b>(c)</b>             |
| Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris d ..                       | 3,225,806         | 4,300,000         | 117,445                             | 7,643,251                  | ..                                 | 322,580          | 10                     |
| Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd. d ..                                   | 10,000,000        | 11,975,000        | 585,946                             | 22,560,946                 | ..                                 | 500,000          | 10                     |
| <b>Grand Total ..</b>  | <b>79,835,081</b> | <b>52,906,963</b> | <b>3,072,237</b>                    | <b>135,814,281</b>         | <b>31,156,013</b>                  | <b>3,339,647</b> |                        |

(a) Stock and debentures issued. (b) Capital advanced by Government of South Australia and Sale of Bonds. (c) Preference "A," 10 per cent.; Preference "B," 8 43/44 per cent.; "C" Long Term Mortgage, 6 per cent.; "D" Long Term Mortgage, 7½ per cent., Ordinary, 11½ per cent.; and Guaranteed Stock, 4 per cent. (d) Approximate. (e) See letterpress (11) (a) following. (f) 7 per cent. less British Income Tax of 5s. in £.

(ii) *Suspension of Payments.* (a) *Rural Bank Department, Government Savings Bank of New South Wales.*—Particulars regarding the suspension of payments by the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales in 1931 and its subsequent absorption were given in the previous issue on page 437. Steps for the rehabilitation of the Rural Bank Department reached fruition in December, 1932, when assent was given to an Act (No. 63, 1932) which provided for the reconstitution of the Government Savings Bank under the new title of "Rural Bank of New South Wales". It also provided for the creation of a Government Agency Department and conferred on the bank certain powers of management and of borrowing, etc.

(b) *Primary Producers' Bank of Australia Ltd.* On the 24th August, 1931, the Primary Producers' Bank of Australia Ltd. was forced to close and at the end of September, 1931, steps were taken for the winding up of the bank's business.

(iii) *Amalgamations.* The Amalgamation of the Australian Bank of Commerce Ltd. with the Bank of New South Wales became effective from the 17th November, 1931.

On the 12th November, 1931, the Brisbane Permanent Building and Banking Co. Ltd., and the Queensland Deposit Bank amalgamated, and in March, 1932, the Brisbane Permanent Building and Banking Co. Ltd. absorbed the Federal Deposit Bank which had suspended payments in September, 1931.

4. *Commonwealth Bank.*—(i) *General.* A brief account of the foundation of the Commonwealth Bank was given in Nos. 6 to 10 of the Official Year Book. Although Savings Bank business was transacted in some States from July, 1912, the Bank was formally opened for general and Savings Bank business on the 20th January, 1913, and as no capital was advanced and the initial expenses were heavy, the operations in the early years resulted in a small loss. The increasing prosperity of the institution due to Savings Bank business, the holding of Government accounts and the stimulus of War finance soon enabled the early deficits to be reduced until on 30th June, 1915, they were entirely extinguished.

An important stage in the history of the Bank was the passing of the *Commonwealth Bank Act* 1924, which was assented to on the 20th August, 1924, and brought into operation on the 10th October, 1924. This Act was passed to broaden the scope of the Commonwealth Bank and to enable it to perform the functions for which it had been established. Five main amendments to the *Bank Act* 1911-1920 were included, in accordance with which the following changes were made:—(1.) A Board of Directors was appointed to control not only the general business, but also that of the note issue. The Board consists of the Governor of the Bank, the Secretary to the Treasury, and six others who are or have been actively engaged in agriculture, commerce, finance or industry. In addition to the above Board there is a Board of Advice in London. (2.) The Bank was strengthened by the capitalization of £4,000,000 of the accumulated profits, and the Treasurer was authorized to raise by loans sums aggregating £6,000,000 and to lend the proceeds to the Commonwealth Bank as additional capital. The authority already included in the Commonwealth Bank Act to issue debentures up to £10,000,000 remains unaltered. (3.) The Board is to fix and publish its discount rate. (4.) The associated banks settle their exchanges through the Commonwealth Bank. (5.) The associated banks supply to the Treasurer each quarter a statement of average weekly liabilities and assets in accordance with the schedule prescribed. The operations of the Bank, which holds in addition to the Commonwealth Government's accounts, those of the States of Victoria (portion only), Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania, and many local governing bodies, have developed towards those of a Central Bank. Unlike ordinary commercial banks, it does not offer special inducements to attract private accounts.

The Bank has played a most important part in the financing of Government deficits during the years 1930-31 to 1933-34. References to this aspect of its business are given in the Appendix (see under "Financial Crisis"). It may be mentioned here that in December, 1931, the Bank Board undertook the responsibility of regulating sterling exchange and announcing rates each week.

A further amending act—The *Commonwealth Bank Act* 1927—provided for the separation of the Savings Bank Department from the General Bank and its establishment as a separate institution, and the transfer to the "Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia" of all assets and liabilities of the Savings Bank Department. The date on which this amending act became operative was fixed by proclamation as the 9th June, 1928.

The amount of capital and reserves at the date of separation was allocated as follows, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Capital £4,000,000; Reserve Fund, £303,857; Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia, Reserve Fund, £1,075,298.

Since the 1st July, 1927, the Bank has published a weekly statement of the accounts of the note issue and general banking departments of the Bank.

Particulars of the aggregate net profits from the initiation of the Bank to the end of each of the last five financial years are as follow :—

#### COMMONWEALTH BANK.—AGGREGATE PROFITS.

| Date               | Aggregate Net Profit to Date. |               |                           |            |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|------------|
|                    | General Bank.                 | Savings Bank. | Rural Credits Department. | Total.     |
|                    | £                             | £             | £                         | £          |
| 30th June, 1929 .. | 5,367,950                     | 2,037,057     | 109,928                   | 7,514,935  |
| " 1930 ..          | 5,868,398                     | 2,288,389     | 179,337                   | 8,336,124  |
| " 1931 ..          | 6,502,217                     | 2,522,576     | 265,890                   | 9,290,683  |
| " 1932 ..          | 6,943,943                     | 2,781,996     | 328,078                   | 10,054,017 |
| " 1933 ..          | 7,318,425                     | 3,052,511     | 370,962                   | 10,741,898 |

In accordance with the provisions of section 30 of the Bank Act and section 9 (2) of the *National Debt Sinking Fund Act*, half of the net profits of the Bank have been placed to the credit of the Bank's Reserve Fund and half to the credit of the National Debt Sinking Fund. Up to 30th June, 1933, the latter fund had benefited to the extent of £2,983,474.

(ii) *Liabilities in Australia, 1933-34.* The following table gives particulars of the average liabilities for each quarter from September, 1933, to June, 1934 :—

#### COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.—LIABILITIES, QUARTERLY AVERAGES.

| Quarter Ended— | Bills in Circulation. | Balances Due to Other Banks.<br>(b) | Deposits.                |                   |                 | Total Liabilities. |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|                |                       |                                     | Not Bearing Interest.(a) | Bearing Interest. | Total Deposits. |                    |
|                | £                     | £                                   | £                        | £                 | £               | £                  |
| 30.9.33 ..     | 381,603               | 22,611,923                          | 6,280,043                | 32,001,004        | 38,281,047      | 61,274,573         |
| 31.12.33 ..    | 191,350               | 25,059,505                          | 7,236,617                | 32,236,237        | 39,472,854      | 64,723,709         |
| 31.3.34 ..     | 209,417               | 30,874,937                          | 9,588,509                | 27,866,131        | 37,454,640      | 68,538,994         |
| 30.6.34 ..     | 317,141               | 38,367,104                          | 12,374,013               | 28,589,797        | 40,963,810      | 79,648,055         |

(a) Government "Set off" Accounts (Interstate) deducted.  
Cheque-paying Banks".

(b) Includes deposits of "Other

(iii) *Liabilities in Australia, June Quarter, 1930 to 1934.* The average liabilities for the June quarter of the years 1930 to 1934 are given in the table below. In any comparisons with previous years, it should be noted that the Savings Bank Department operated independently from the 9th June, 1928.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.—AVERAGE LIABILITIES, JUNE QUARTERS.(c)

| Quarter ended<br>30th June— | Bills<br>in<br>Circulation. | Balances<br>Due to<br>Other<br>Banks.<br>(b) | Deposits.                   |                      |                    | Total<br>Liabilities. |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
|                             |                             |  | Not<br>Bearing<br>Interest. | Bearing<br>Interest. | Total<br>Deposits. |                       |
|                             | £                           | £  | £                           | £                    | £                  | £                     |
| 1930 ..                     | 278,860                     | 16,937,846                                   | 12,279,194                  | 13,090,193           | 25,369,387         | 42,586,093            |
| 1931 ..                     | 265,871                     | 32,234,744                                   | a 8,425,860                 | 14,785,744           | 23,211,604         | 55,712,219            |
| 1932 ..                     | 449,679                     | 29,119,080                                   | a 8,606,629                 | 26,609,760           | 35,216,389         | 64,785,148            |
| 1933 ..                     | 1,416,206                   | 23,553,055                                   | a 6,336,555                 | 33,088,720           | 39,425,275         | 64,394,536            |
| 1934 ..                     | 317,141                     | 38,367,104                                   | a 12,374,013                | 28,589,797           | 40,963,810         | 79,648,055            |

(a) Government "Set-off" Accounts (Interstate) deducted. (b) Includes deposits of "Other Cheque paying Banks". (c) Excluding Commonwealth Savings Bank.

(iv) *Assets in Australia, 1933-34.* The average assets for each quarter of the year 1933-34, were as follow :—

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.—ASSETS, QUARTERLY AVERAGES.

| Quarter<br>Ended— | Coin.   | Bullion. | Austra-<br>lian<br>Notes. | Government<br>and<br>Municipal<br>Securities.<br>(a) | Landed<br>and<br>House<br>Property. | Balances<br>Due from<br>Other<br>Banks. | Notes<br>and Bills<br>of Other<br>Banks. | Discounts,<br>Overdrafts,<br>and all other<br>Assets (not<br>including<br>Contingent<br>Assets). | Total<br>Assets. |
|-------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|------------------|
|                   | £       | £        | £                         | £  | £                                   | £                                       | £  | £  | £                |
| 30.9.33           | 783,657 | 86,435   | 5,347,287                 | 46,868,406   | 966,262                             | 72,946                                  | 7,861                                    | 6,486,474  | 60,619,328       |
| 31.12.33          | 698,383 | 77,331   | 4,705,357                 | 48,718,947   | 933,099                             | 66,699                                  | 17,074                                   | 6,125,570  | 61,342,460       |
| 31.3.34           | 750,416 | 67,582   | 5,230,489                 | 46,305,786   | 931,261                             | 66,684                                  | 20,779                                   | 6,509,525  | 59,942,522       |
| 30.6.34           | 726,573 | 111,262  | 6,386,613                 | 45,579,777   | 910,979                             | 83,506                                  | 8,426                                    | 6,919,074  | 60,726,210       |

(a) Includes short-term loans in Australia. Government "Set-off" accounts (Interstate) deducted.

(v) *Assets in Australia, June Quarter, 1930 to 1934.*—Particulars of the assets for the June quarter of the last five years are given in the following table :—

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.—AVERAGE ASSETS,  
JUNE QUARTERS.(a)

| Quarter<br>Ended—<br>30th June— | Coin.     | Bullion. | Austra-<br>lian<br>Notes. | Government<br>and<br>Municipal<br>Securities.<br>(b) | Landed<br>and<br>House<br>Property. | Balances<br>Due from<br>Other<br>Banks. | Notes<br>and Bills<br>of Other<br>Banks. | Discounts,<br>Overdrafts,<br>and all other<br>Assets (not<br>including<br>Contingent<br>Assets). | Total<br>Assets. |
|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|------------------|
|                                 | £         | £        | £                         | £  | £                                   | £                                       | £  | £  | £                |
| 1930 ..                         | 1,376,712 | 1,760    | 5,743,707                 | 23,282,564   | 540,053                             | 170,345                                 | 3,025                                    | 15,111,842   | 46,230,008       |
| 1931 ..                         | 537,201   | 29,649   | 4,136,174                 | 39,977,658   | 683,075                             | 127,289                                 | 10,614                                   | 13,113,024   | 58,614,774       |
| 1932 ..                         | 850,787   | 67,508   | 6,028,267                 | 36,543,934   | 928,096                             | 648,350                                 | 6,375                                    | 11,792,021   | 56,870,358       |
| 1933 ..                         | 843,572   | 87,834   | 5,602,312                 | 47,001,964   | 939,279                             | 92,514                                  | 6,458                                    | 7,108,522  | 61,682,455       |
| 1934 ..                         | 726,573   | 111,262  | 6,386,613                 | 45,579,777   | 910,979                             | 83,506                                  | 8,426                                    | 6,919,074  | 60,726,210       |

(a) Excludes Commonwealth Savings Bank. (b) Includes short-term loans in Australia.  
(c) Government "Set-off" accounts (Interstate) deducted.

5. **Other Cheque-paying Banks.**—(i) *General.* The term "Other Cheque-paying Banks" has been adopted in preference to "Joint-stock Banks." The latter term, although used for some time, was not strictly correct, as the statistics relating thereto for recent years included returns for the Rural Bank Department of the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales (now Rural Bank of New South Wales) and the State Bank of South Australia, both of which are governmental banking institutions. The figures showing average liabilities and assets given in paragraphs (ii) to (v) immediately following are, however, comparable with those given under "Joint-stock Banks" in previous issues of the Official Year Book.

(ii) *Liabilities in Australia, 1933-34.* Particulars of the average liabilities of "Other Cheque-paying Banks" for each quarter from September, 1933, to June, 1934, are given in the table following:—

**OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.—LIABILITIES, QUARTERLY AVERAGES.**

| Quarter ended— | Notes in Circulation not Bearing Interest. | Bills in Circulation not Bearing Interest. | Balances Due to Other Banks. | Deposits.             |                   |             | Total Liabilities. |
|----------------|--|--|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|
|                |  |  |                              | Not Bearing Interest. | Bearing Interest. | Total.      |                    |
|                | £  | £  | £                            | £                     | £                 | £           | £                  |
| 30.9.33        | 174,915                                    | 2,219,082                                  | 1,442,723                    | 86,233,953            | 188,126,265       | 274,360,218 | 278,196,938        |
| 31.12.33       | 174,700                                    | 2,563,328                                  | 1,676,855                    | 94,719,429            | 189,635,485       | 284,354,914 | 288,769,797        |
| 31.3.34        | 173,662                                    | 2,412,378                                  | 1,602,998                    | 102,778,080           | 194,576,832       | 297,354,912 | 301,543,950        |
| 30.6.34        | 173,590                                    | 2,376,476                                  | 1,525,842                    | 101,853,623           | 201,217,703       | 303,071,326 | 307,147,234        |

(iii) *Liabilities in Australia, June Quarters, 1930 to 1934.* The next table shows the average liabilities of "Other Cheque-paying Banks" for the quarters ended 30th June, 1930 to 1934.

**OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.—AVERAGE LIABILITIES, JUNE QUARTERS.**

| Quarter ended 30th June. | Notes in Circulation not Bearing Interest. | Bills in Circulation not Bearing Interest. | Balances Due to Other Banks. | Deposits.             |                   |             | Total Liabilities. |
|--------------------------|--|--|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|
|                          |  |  |                              | Not Bearing Interest. | Bearing Interest. | Total.      |                    |
|                          | £  | £  | £                            | £                     | £                 | £           | £                  |
| 1930 ..                  | 199,337                                    | 2,829,140                                  | 2,938,944                    | 91,688,866            | 193,506,073       | 285,194,939 | 291,162,360        |
| 1931 ..                  | 198,478                                    | 2,330,632                                  | 1,727,353                    | 82,620,931            | 195,855,323       | 278,476,254 | 282,732,717        |
| 1932 ..                  | 197,121                                    | 2,131,777                                  | 1,398,712                    | 87,830,372            | 196,194,572       | 284,024,944 | 287,752,554        |
| 1933 ..                  | 180,937                                    | 2,161,091                                  | 1,706,020                    | 89,463,673            | 190,887,142       | 280,350,815 | 284,398,863        |
| 1934 ..                  | 173,590                                    | 2,376,476                                  | 1,525,842                    | 101,853,623           | 201,217,703       | 303,071,326 | 307,147,234        |

(iv) *Assets in Australia, 1933-34.* The average assets of the banks are shown in the following table:—

**OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.—ASSETS, QUARTERLY AVERAGES.**

| Quarter ended. | Coin.     | Bullion. | Australian Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank. | Government and Municipal Securities. | Landed and House Property. | Balances Due from Other Banks. | Notes and Bills of Other Banks. | Discounts, Overdrafts, and all other Assets. | Total Assets. |
|----------------|-----------|----------|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------|
|                | £         | £        | £   | £                                    | £                          | £                              | £                               | £  | £             |
| 30.9.33..      | 1,619,511 | 233,377  | 38,445,159  | 51,521,428                           | 8,135,264                  | 3,981,365                      | 1,436,914                       | 255,860,869                                  | 361,233,887   |
| 31.12.33       | 1,624,060 | 238,913  | 40,991,592  | 50,216,893                           | 8,152,693                  | 3,799,005                      | 1,740,804                       | 258,568,136                                  | 365,332,096   |
| 31.3.34..      | 1,727,233 | 219,394  | 46,041,179  | 52,861,754                           | 8,220,524                  | 4,126,833                      | 1,651,022                       | 254,758,194                                  | 369,606,133   |
| 30.6.34..      | 1,642,411 | 243,659  | 51,972,774  | 53,041,964                           | 8,285,489                  | 4,089,342                      | 1,592,633                       | 255,796,072                                  | 376,664,344   |

(v) *Assets in Australia, June Quarter, 1930 to 1934.* The average assets of the banks for the June quarters of each of the years 1930 to 1934 are given below.

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.—AVERAGE ASSETS, JUNE QUARTER.

| June Quarter. | Gold and Silver and Other Metals, Coins, Bullion or Bars. | Australian Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank. | Government and Municipal Securities. | Landed and House Property. | Balances Due from Other Banks. | Notes and Bills of Other Banks. | Discounts, Overdrafts, and all Other Assets. | Total Assets. |
|---------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------|
|               | £   | £   | £                                    | £                          | £                              | £                               | £  | £             |
| 1930          | 4,752,840   | 33,462,049  | 20,466,859                           | 7,939,765                  | 6,674,517                      | 1,870,263                       | 284,283,139                                  | 359,449,432   |
| 1931          | 1,978,535   | 51,314,263  | 22,674,055                           | 8,347,211                  | 5,110,114                      | 1,362,381                       | 263,471,760                                  | 354,258,319   |
| 1932          | 1,963,731   | 47,933,637  | 44,349,844                           | 8,242,497                  | 5,528,715                      | 1,295,806                       | 249,125,494                                  | 358,439,724   |
| 1933          | 1,875,381   | 39,536,446  | 53,454,043                           | 8,124,229                  | 4,771,710                      | 1,421,115                       | 252,804,616                                  | 361,987,540   |
| 1934          | 1,886,070   | 51,972,774  | 53,041,964                           | 8,285,489                  | 4,089,342                      | 1,592,633                       | 255,796,072                                  | 376,664,344   |

6. All Cheque-paying Banks.—(i) *General.* Particulars of the aggregate average liabilities and assets of all Cheque-paying Banks in the Commonwealth, including the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, are given in the subjoined paragraphs.

(ii) *Liabilities in Australia, 1933-34.* The average liabilities of all cheque-paying banks for each quarter of the year ending June, 1934, were as follow :—

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.—LIABILITIES—QUARTERLY AVERAGES.

| Quarter ended— | Notes in Circulation. | Bills in Circulation. | Balances Due to Other Banks.(b) | Deposits.                |                   |                 | Total Liabilities. |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|                |                       |                       |                                 | Not Bearing Interest.(a) | Bearing Interest. | Total Deposits. |                    |
|                | £                     | £                     | £                               | £                        | £                 | £               | £                  |
| 30.9.33 ..     | 174,915               | 2,600,685             | 24,054,646                      | 92,513,996               | 220,127,269       | 312,641,265     | 339,471,511        |
| 31.12.33 ..    | 174,700               | 2,754,678             | 26,736,360                      | 101,956,046              | 221,871,722       | 323,827,768     | 353,493,506        |
| 31.3.34 ..     | 173,662               | 2,621,795             | 32,477,935                      | 112,366,589              | 222,442,963       | 334,809,552     | 370,082,944        |
| 30.6.34 ..     | 173,590               | 2,693,617             | 39,892,946                      | 114,227,636              | 229,807,500       | 344,035,136     | 386,795,289        |

(a) Government "Set-off" accounts, Interstate (Commonwealth Bank) deducted. (b) Deposits of Other Cheque-paying Banks with Commonwealth Bank are treated in returns as "Balances due to Other Banks".

(iii) *Liabilities in Australia, June Quarters, 1930 to 1934.* The next table shows the average liabilities in Australia for the June quarter of the years 1930 to 1934.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.—AVERAGE LIABILITIES, JUNE QUARTERS.

| Quarter Ended 30th June— | Notes in Circulation. | Bills in Circulation. | Balances due to Other Banks. (b) | Deposits.(a)          |                   |             | Total Liabilities. |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|
|                          |                       |                       |                                  | Not Bearing Interest. | Bearing Interest. | Total.      |                    |
|                          | £                     | £                     | £                                | £                     | £                 | £           | £                  |
| 1930 ..                  | 199,337               | 3,108,000             | 19,876,790                       | 103,968,060           | 206,596,266       | 310,564,326 | 333,748,453        |
| 1931 ..                  | 198,478               | 2,596,503             | 33,962,097                       | 91,046,791            | 210,641,067       | 301,687,858 | 338,444,936        |
| 1932 ..                  | 197,121               | 2,581,456             | 39,517,792                       | 96,437,001            | 222,804,332       | 319,241,333 | 352,537,702        |
| 1933 ..                  | 180,937               | 3,577,297             | 25,259,075                       | 95,800,228            | 223,075,862       | 319,776,090 | 348,793,309        |
| 1934 ..                  | 173,590               | 2,693,617             | 39,892,946                       | 114,227,636           | 229,807,500       | 344,035,136 | 386,795,289        |

(a) Excludes deposits with the Commonwealth Savings Bank, which was created a separate department of the Commonwealth Bank on 9th June, 1928. (b) Deposits of Other Cheque-paying Banks with Commonwealth Bank are treated in returns as "Balances due to Other Banks." (c) Government "Set-off" Accounts, Interstate (Commonwealth Bank) deducted.

(iv) *Assets in Australia, 1933-34.* Particulars of the average assets in Australia for each quarter from September, 1933, to June, 1934, are given in the following table :—

**ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.—ASSETS, QUARTERLY AVERAGES.**

| Quarter Ended— | Coin.     | Bullion. | Australian Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank. | Government and Municipal Securities. (a) | Landed and House Property. | Balances Due from Other Banks. | Notes and Bills of Other Banks. | Discounts, Overdrafts, and all other Assets (not including Contingent Assets). | Total Assets. |
|----------------|-----------|----------|---|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------|
|                | £         | £        | £   | £  | £                          | £                              | £                               | £  | £             |
| 30.9.33 ..     | 2,403,168 | 319,812  | 43,792,446  | 98,389,834                               | 9,101,526                  | 4,054,311                      | 1,444,775                       | 262,347,343  | 421,853,215   |
| 31.12.33..     | 2,322,443 | 316,244  | 45,696,949  | 98,935,840                               | 9,085,792                  | 3,865,704                      | 1,757,878                       | 264,693,706  | 426,674,556   |
| 31.3.34 ..     | 2,477,649 | 286,976  | 51,271,668  | 99,227,540                               | 9,151,785                  | 4,193,517                      | 1,671,801                       | 261,267,719  | 429,548,653   |
| 30.6.34 ..     | 2,368,984 | 354,921  | 58,359,387  | 98,621,741                               | 9,196,468                  | 4,172,848                      | 1,601,059                       | 262,715,146  | 437,390,174   |

(a) Includes short-term loans in Australia. Government "Set-off" Accounts Interstate (Commonwealth Bank) deducted.

(v) *Assets in Australia, June Quarters, 1930 to 1934.* The average assets in Australia for the June quarters of the years 1930 to 1934 were as follow :—

**ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.—AVERAGE ASSETS, JUNE QUARTERS.**

| Quarter ended 30th June— | Coin and Bullion. | Australian Notes. (a) | Government and Municipal Securities. | Landed and House Property. | Balances Due from Other Banks. | Notes and Bills of Other Banks. | Advances and all other Assets. | Total Assets. |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
|                          | £                 | £                     | £                                    | £                          | £                              | £                               | £                              | £             |
| 1930..                   | 6,131,312         | 39,205,756            | 43,749,423                           | 8,479,818                  | 6,844,862                      | 1,873,288                       | 299,394,981                    | 405,679,440   |
| 1931..                   | 2,545,475         | 55,450,437            | 62,651,713                           | 9,030,286                  | 5,237,403                      | 1,372,995                       | 276,584,784                    | 412,873,093   |
| 1932..                   | 2,882,026         | 53,961,904            | 68,089,798                           | 9,170,593                  | 6,177,065                      | 1,302,181                       | 260,917,515                    | 415,310,082   |
| 1933..                   | 2,806,787         | 45,138,758            | 61,004,560                           | 9,063,568                  | 4,864,224                      | 1,427,573                       | 259,913,138                    | 423,669,995   |
| 1934..                   | 2,723,905         | 58,359,387            | 69,621,741                           | 9,196,468                  | 4,172,848                      | 1,601,059                       | 262,715,146                    | 437,390,554   |

(a) Includes Cash with Commonwealth Bank. (Commonwealth Bank) deducted.

(b) Government "Set-off" Accounts, Interstate

(vi) *Cash Reserves Ratios.*—The following table shows for the June quarters of the years 1925 to 1934 the percentages of cash on liabilities "at call" and "total liabilities" respectively for the Commonwealth Bank and the Other Cheque-paying Banks. These percentages relate throughout to business within Australia.

(a) *Commonwealth Bank.*—Cash reserves comprise coin, bullion and Australian notes. "Call" liabilities comprise deposits not bearing interest and (from and including the June quarter of 1925, balances due to other banks. The latter item is assumed to be approximately equivalent to the cash with Commonwealth Bank of the Other Cheque-paying Banks which is included in their quarterly statements with Australian Notes.

In interpreting the percentages it should be noted that the Commonwealth Savings Bank was not created a separate department of the Commonwealth Bank until the 9th June, 1928. Savings Bank deposits are included in the total liabilities of the Commonwealth Bank up to this date, but, obviously, did not come into "call" liabilities.



(b) *Other Cheque-paying Banks.*—Cash reserves comprise coin, bullion and Australian notes and cash with the Commonwealth Bank, while "call" liabilities include deposits not bearing interest and notes in circulation. In computing the percentages in this table particulars relating to the Rural Bank of New South Wales have been excluded.

It is not strictly correct to assume that a division of deposits with Cheque-paying Banks into those bearing interest and not bearing interest would in all cases coincide with a definite division into fixed deposits and current accounts respectively, but in the absence of the data required to permit of an accurate apportionment, such a division has been adopted for the purposes of this analysis.

## CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.—CASH RESERVE RATIOS.

| Quarter ended 30th June— |    |    |    | On Liabilities "At Call." |                            | On Total Liabilities. |                            |
|--------------------------|----|----|----|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
|                          |    |    |    | Commonwealth Bank.        | Other Cheque-paying Banks. | Commonwealth Bank.    | Other Cheque-paying Banks. |
|                          |    |    |    | %                         | %                          | %                     | %                          |
| 1925                     | .. | .. | .. | 68.4                      | 46.2                       | 24.8                  | 19.6                       |
| 1926                     | .. | .. | .. | 62.0                      | 44.2                       | 22.8                  | 18.2                       |
| 1927                     | .. | .. | .. | 29.7                      | 44.3                       | 10.3                  | 17.7                       |
| 1928                     | .. | .. | .. | 19.7                      | 47.4                       | 6.5                   | 18.1                       |
| 1929                     | .. | .. | .. | 19.7                      | 43.8                       | 14.1                  | 15.8                       |
| 1930                     | .. | .. | .. | 24.4                      | 41.9                       | 16.7                  | 13.5                       |
| 1931                     | .. | .. | .. | 11.6                      | 65.3                       | 8.4                   | 19.6                       |
| 1932                     | .. | .. | .. | 18.4                      | 56.7                       | 10.7                  | 17.3                       |
| 1933                     | .. | .. | .. | 21.9                      | 46.2                       | 10.1                  | 14.6                       |
| 1934                     | .. | .. | .. | 14.2                      | 52.5                       | 9.1                   | 17.4                       |

(vii) *Advances, and Advances and Securities.*—Percentage on Total Deposits. The percentages of advances, and of advances and securities on total deposits, respectively, for the Commonwealth Bank, the Other Cheque-paying Banks, and for all Cheque-paying Banks, are shown in the following table. The data on which the percentages are based relate only to business within Australia.

For the Commonwealth Bank and Other Cheque-paying Banks, "Advances" are represented by the item "Discounts, overdrafts, and all other assets (not including contingent assets)," which are combined with "Government and Municipal Securities" (including short-term loans in Australia) under the heading "Advances and Securities." "Deposits" include deposits of all kinds except those of Other Cheque-paying Banks with the Commonwealth Bank, i.e., "Cash with Commonwealth Bank." "Savings Bank Deposits" with the Commonwealth Bank, and "Advances and Securities" from these deposits are included prior to the separation of the Savings Bank business from the general business of the present Banking Department on 9th June, 1928.

In computing the percentages in this table, particulars relating to the Rural Bank of New South Wales have been excluded.

**CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS—PERCENTAGE OF ADVANCES AND ADVANCES AND SECURITIES ON TOTAL DEPOSITS.**

| Quarter ended<br>30th June— | Advances on Total Deposits. |                                      |        | Advances and Securities on Total Deposits. |                                      |        |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|--|--------------------------------------|--------|
|                             | Common-<br>wealth<br>Bank.  | Other<br>Cheque-<br>paying<br>Banks. | Total. | Common-<br>wealth<br>Bank.                 | Other<br>Cheque-<br>paying<br>Banks. | Total. |
|                             | %                           | %                                    | %      | %  | %                                    | %      |
| 1925.. ..                   | 16.8                        | 78.8                                 | 65.1   | 71.5                                       | 84.0                                 | 81.3   |
| 1926.. ..                   | 17.8                        | 80.5                                 | 66.9   | 75.3                                       | 87.0                                 | 84.5   |
| 1927.. ..                   | 23.4                        | 87.4                                 | 73.8   | 96.0                                       | 93.0                                 | 93.6   |
| 1928.. ..                   | 23.9                        | 81.1                                 | 71.6   | 105.3                                      | 89.5                                 | 94.1   |
| 1929.. ..                   | 52.8                        | 86.9                                 | 83.9   | 101.9                                      | 95.1                                 | 95.7   |
| 1930.. ..                   | 59.6                        | 98.2                                 | 95.0   | 151.3                                      | 105.5                                | 109.4  |
| 1931.. ..                   | 56.5                        | 92.8                                 | 89.9   | 228.7                                      | 101.1                                | 111.3  |
| 1932.. ..                   | 33.5                        | 82.7                                 | 77.3   | 137.3                                      | 98.1                                 | 102.4  |
| 1933.. ..                   | 18.0                        | 85.3                                 | 77.0   | 137.2                                      | 104.1                                | 108.2  |
| 1934.. ..                   | 16.9                        | 79.9                                 | 72.4   | 128.2                                      | 97.2                                 | 100.9  |

(viii) *Deposits per head of Population.* Particulars of the average deposits per head of population, calculated on the mean population of the quarter, are given for the June quarter of each of the last five years in the following table. The figures given, which are based on the aggregate for all Cheque-paying Banks in each State, are not adjusted on account of the Government "set-off" accounts of the Commonwealth Bank.

**ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.—DEPOSITS PER HEAD OF POPULATION.**

| Quarter ended<br>30th June— | New<br>South<br>Wales. (a) | Victoria. | Queens-<br>land. | South<br>Australia. | Western<br>Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern<br>Territory. | Total. |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------|--------|
|                             | £                          | £         | £                | £                   | £                     | £         | £                      | £      |
| 1930 ..                     | 51.6                       | 52.2      | 48.7             | 39.2                | 28.5                  | 33.6      | 35.1                   | 48.1   |
| 1931 ..                     | 47.6                       | 53.8      | 47.4             | 39.1                | 29.6                  | 32.0      | 33.0                   | 46.8   |
| 1932 ..                     | 43.2                       | 67.0      | 46.6             | 42.2                | 34.4                  | 35.4      | 31.4                   | 49.3   |
| 1933 ..                     | 48.8                       | 63.2      | 47.1             | 42.7                | 35.5                  | 35.4      | 28.8                   | 48.8   |
| 1934 ..                     | 46.9                       | 69.1      | 46.2             | 44.3                | 39.8                  | 36.4      | 31.5                   | 51.8   |

(a) Includes Federal Capital Territory.

It may be mentioned here that deposits of "other Cheque-paying Banks" with the Commonwealth Bank are treated in the returns as "balances due to Other Banks."

(ix) *Proportion of Non-Interest Bearing Deposits to Total Deposits.* The sub-joined table shows for each State the proportion of non-interest bearing deposits to the total deposits during the June quarter of each of the years 1930 to 1934. The figures relate to all Cheque-paying Banks and no adjustment has been made in respect of Government "set-off" accounts of the Commonwealth Bank.

## ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.—PROPORTION OF NON-INTEREST BEARING DEPOSITS TO TOTAL DEPOSITS.

| Quarter ended 30th June— | New South Wales. (a) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Total. |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|--------|
|                          | %                    | %         | %           | %                | %                  | %         | %                   | %      |
| 1930 ..                  | 37.0                 | 28.3      | 33.8        | 28.8             | 43.9               | 36.2      | 52.2                | 33.5   |
| 1931 ..                  | 34.0                 | 26.3      | 33.0        | 25.8             | 40.2               | 29.1      | 49.2                | 31.0   |
| 1932 ..                  | 37.1                 | 25.0      | 33.1        | 26.5             | 39.9               | 31.6      | 49.3                | 31.2   |
| 1933 ..                  | 34.7                 | 26.9      | 32.3        | 23.9             | 37.3               | 29.9      | 46.1                | 30.8   |
| 1934 ..                  | 38.6                 | 28.4      | 37.7        | 24.8             | 37.6               | 33.1      | 54.3                | 33.6   |

(a) Includes Federal Capital Territory.

7. Deposit Rates.—Particulars of interest rates for deposits since 1913 are given hereunder :—

## BANK DEPOSIT RATES.

| Dates.                    | Deposit Rates for— |             |                |            |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|------------|
|                           | Three Months.      | Six Months. | Twelve Months. | Two Years. |
|                           | %                  | %           | %              | %          |
| January, 1913 .. ..       | ..                 | 2           | 3              | 3½         |
| January, 1920 .. ..       | ..                 | 2½          | 4              | 4          |
| October, 1923 .. ..       | ..                 | 3           | 4              | 4½         |
| January, 1924 .. ..       | ..                 | 4           | 4½             | 5          |
| September, 1927 .. ..     | 4                  | 4           | 4½             | 5.         |
| February, 1930 .. ..      | 4½                 | 4½          | 5              | 5½         |
| 26th June, 1931 .. ..     | 3½                 | 3½          | 4              | 4½         |
| 27th November, 1931 .. .. | 3                  | 3½          | 3½             | 4          |
| 8th March, 1932 .. ..     | 2½                 | 3           | 3½             | 4          |
| May-June, 1932 (a) .. ..  | 2½                 | 3           | 3½             | 3½         |
| 1st November, 1932 .. ..  | 2½                 | 2½          | 3              | 3½         |
| 7th February, 1933 .. ..  | 2                  | 2½          | 2½             | 3          |
| 12th April, 1934 ... ..   | 2                  | 2½          | 2½             | 2½         |

(a) All Banks did not take simultaneous action.

The "Premiers' Plan" for financial rehabilitation included, *inter alia*, provisions for the reduction of bank interest rates for deposits and advances and the steps taken in this direction are referred to in the Appendix to this volume.

8. Clearing House Returns.—Particulars of the aggregate bank clearings for each capital city, as furnished by the Associated Banks, Melbourne, are given in the following table. Since October, 1929, transactions connected with the issue and redemption of Treasury Bills have resulted in largely inflated clearings. These transactions are of an abnormal character, and for the years 1929 to 1933 are shown separately. A weekly average of bank clearings is compiled from information supplied by the Commonwealth Bank, Sydney, and published in the Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics.

## CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.—VALUE OF BILLS, CHEQUES, ETC., 1870 TO 1933.

| Year.           | Sydney.   | Melbourne. | Brisbane. | Adelaide. | Perth.  | Hobart. | Total.    |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|
|                 | £'000.    | £'000.     | £'000.    | £'000.    | £'000.  | £'000.  | £'000.    |
| 1870 .. ..      | ..        | (a)64,532  | ..        | ..        | ..      | ..      | 64,532    |
| 1880 .. ..      | ..        | (a)85,877  | ..        | ..        | ..      | ..      | 85,877    |
| 1890 .. ..      | ..        | 315,190    | ..        | ..        | ..      | ..      | 315,190   |
| 1895 .. ..      | 108,509   | 130,787    | ..        | ..        | ..      | ..      | 239,296   |
| 1900 .. ..      | 144,080   | 159,949    | ..        | ..        | ..      | ..      | 304,029   |
| 1905 .. ..      | 189,826   | 187,632    | 32,255    | ..        | ..      | ..      | 409,713   |
| 1910 .. ..      | 274,344   | 261,383    | 61,060    | ..        | ..      | ..      | 596,787   |
| 1915 .. ..      | 357,803   | 299,295    | 96,291    | 60,950    | ..      | ..      | 814,339   |
| 1920 .. ..      | 764,546   | 725,006    | 160,539   | 166,011   | 80,758  | ..      | 1,896,860 |
| 1925 .. ..      | 909,114   | 803,083    | 192,968   | 171,092   | 101,085 | 25,557  | 2,202,899 |
| 1926 .. ..      | 954,253   | 790,111    | 195,710   | 178,898   | 103,523 | 25,691  | 2,248,186 |
| 1927 .. ..      | 1,034,894 | 825,676    | 192,274   | 186,752   | 111,454 | 26,805  | 2,377,855 |
| 1928 .. ..      | 1,033,511 | 762,851    | 196,566   | 164,166   | 112,503 | 28,226  | 2,297,823 |
| 1929—           |           |            |           |           |         |         |           |
| Ordinary Trans- |           |            |           |           |         |         |           |
| actions .. ..   | 1,043,320 | 812,105    | 196,253   | 156,686   | 114,587 | 27,365  | 2,350,316 |
| Treasury Bills  |           |            |           |           |         |         |           |
| Transactions .. | ..        | 2,566      | ..        | ..        | ..      | ..      | 2,566     |
| Total .. ..     | 1,043,320 | 814,671    | 196,253   | 156,686   | 114,587 | 27,365  | 2,352,882 |
| 1930—           |           |            |           |           |         |         |           |
| Ordinary Trans- |           |            |           |           |         |         |           |
| actions .. ..   | 872,390   | 697,641    | 167,999   | 125,684   | 89,034  | 23,092  | 1,975,840 |
| Treasury Bills  |           |            |           |           |         |         |           |
| Transactions .. | 20,771    | 28,274     | ..        | ..        | ..      | ..      | 49,045    |
| Total .. ..     | 893,161   | 725,915    | 167,999   | 125,684   | 89,034  | 23,092  | 2,024,885 |
| 1931—           |           |            |           |           |         |         |           |
| Ordinary Trans- |           |            |           |           |         |         |           |
| actions .. ..   | 683,176   | 566,865    | 144,814   | 96,867    | 71,356  | 18,057  | 1,581,135 |
| Treasury Bills  |           |            |           |           |         |         |           |
| Transactions .. | 151,512   | 85,999     | ..        | ..        | ..      | ..      | 237,511   |
| Total .. ..     | 834,688   | 652,864    | 144,814   | 96,867    | 71,356  | 18,057  | 1,818,646 |
| 1932—           |           |            |           |           |         |         |           |
| Ordinary Trans- |           |            |           |           |         |         |           |
| actions .. ..   | 588,733   | 592,356    | 141,511   | 106,865   | 75,678  | 19,259  | 1,524,402 |
| Treasury Bills  |           |            |           |           |         |         |           |
| Transactions .. | 143,908   | 63,791     | ..        | ..        | ..      | ..      | 207,699   |
| Total .. ..     | 732,641   | 656,147    | 141,511   | 106,865   | 75,678  | 19,259  | 1,732,101 |
| 1933—           |           |            |           |           |         |         |           |
| Ordinary Trans- |           |            |           |           |         |         |           |
| actions .. ..   | 641,400   | 619,230    | 148,335   | 112,250   | 79,689  | 19,864  | 1,620,768 |
| Treasury Bills  |           |            |           |           |         |         |           |
| Transactions .. | 251,477   | 60,733     | ..        | ..        | ..      | ..      | 312,210   |
| Total .. ..     | 892,877   | 679,963    | 148,335   | 112,250   | 79,689  | 19,864  | 1,932,978 |

(a) Figures now published for these years exclude payments in coin.

9. Rates of Exchange.—(i) *Australia on London.* The following statement, which has been prepared from data very kindly supplied by the General Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, Sydney, gives particulars of the various rates of exchange, Australia on London, in operation since 16th October, 1913. The details given show the value

in Australia of £100 in London according to the rates quoted by the Associated Banks for buying and selling £100 in London of telegraphic transfer. Prior to 30th October, 1920, when "T.T." buying rates were not quoted, the rate was determined approximately by applying the difference between the buying and selling rates for "On Demand" drafts to the quoted "T.T." selling rate.

EXCHANGE RATES.—AUSTRALIA ON LONDON, TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER,  
FROM OCTOBER, 1913.

| Date on which Rate began to Operate. | Exchange.  |   |      |         | Commission for £100 (Sterling). |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---|------|---------|---------------------------------|
|                                      | London.    | Australia (Mean of Buying and Selling Rates). |      |         |                                 |
|                                      | £ sterling | £   | plus | £ s. d. | s. d.                           |
| 16th October, 1913 .. ..             | 100        | 100   |      | 0 6 3   | 8 9                             |
| 19th August, 1914 .. ..              | ..         | ..  | ..   | 0 10 0  | 15 0                            |
| 29th September, 1914 ..              | ..         | ..  | ..   | 0 15 0  | 15 0                            |
| 24th October, 1914 .. ..             | ..         | ..  | ..   | 1 0 0   | 15 0                            |
| 12th May, 1915 .. ..                 | ..         | ..  | ..   | 0 17 6  | 15 0                            |
| 30th September, 1915 ..              | ..         | ..  | ..   | 1 0 0   | 12 6                            |
| 23rd February, 1916 ..               | ..         | ..  | ..   | 1 5 0   | 12 6                            |
| 15th November, 1916 ..               | ..         | ..  | ..   | 0 18 9  | 13 9                            |
| 29th May, 1917 .. ..                 | ..         | ..  | ..   | 0 12 6  | 15 0                            |
| 3rd October, 1917 .. ..              | ..         | ..  | ..   | 0 7 6   | 15 0                            |
| 12th January, 1920 .. ..             | ..         | ..  | ..   | 0 2 6   | 15 0                            |
| 8th October, 1920 .. ..              | ..         | ..  | ..   | 0 15 0  | 15 0                            |
| 14th October, 1920 .. ..             | ..         | ..  | ..   | 0 13 9  | 16 3                            |
| 30th October, 1920 .. ..             | ..         | ..  | ..   | 1 5 0   | 15 0                            |
| 10th December, 1920 ..               | ..         | ..  | ..   | 1 15 0  | 15 0                            |
| 23rd December, 1921 ..               | ..         | ..  | ..   | 1 10 0  | 15 0                            |
| 17th February, 1922 ..               | ..         | ..  | ..   | 1 2 6   | 12 6                            |
| 6th April, 1922 .. ..                | ..         | ..  | ..   | 0 15 0  | 15 0                            |
| 15th May, 1922 .. ..                 | ..         | ..  | ..   | 0 10 0  | 15 0                            |
| 14th July, 1922 .. ..                | ..         | ..  | ..   | 0 2 6   | 15 0                            |
| 8th September, 1922 ..               | ..         | 100   | less | 0 3 9   | 13 9                            |
| 10th October, 1922 .. ..             | ..         | ..  | ..   | 0 7 6   | 12 6                            |
| 7th November, 1922 ..                | ..         | ..  | ..   | 0 10 0  | 15 0                            |
| 14th January, 1924 .. ..             | ..         | ..  | ..   | 1 0 0   | 10 0                            |
| 22nd February, 1924 ..               | ..         | ..  | ..   | 1 5 0   | 10 0                            |
| 10th March, 1924 .. ..               | ..         | ..  | ..   | 1 10 0  | 10 0                            |
| 8th May, 1924 .. ..                  | ..         | ..  | ..   | 2 0 0   | 10 0                            |
| 5th September, 1924 ..               | ..         | ..  | ..   | 2 5 0   | 10 0                            |
| 29th September, 1924 ..              | ..         | ..  | ..   | 2 10 0  | 10 0                            |
| 15th October, 1924 .. ..             | ..         | ..  | ..   | 3 0 0   | 10 0                            |
| 6th May, 1925 .. ..                  | ..         | ..  | ..   | 0 12 6  | 2 6                             |
| 10th June, 1925 .. ..                | ..         | ..  | ..   | 0 2 6   | 2 6                             |
| 9th June, 1926 .. ..                 | ..         | ..  | ..   | 0 1 3   | 3 9                             |
| 20th April, 1927 .. ..               | ..         | 100   | plus | 0 6 3   | 3 9                             |
| 27th June, 1927 .. ..                | ..         | ..  | ..   | 0 8 9   | 3 9                             |
| 8th July, 1927 .. ..                 | ..         | ..  | ..   | 0 11 3  | 3 9                             |
| 19th March, 1928 .. ..               | ..         | ..  | ..   | 0 15 0  | 5 0                             |
| 22nd July, 1929 .. ..                | ..         | ..  | ..   | 1 0 0   | 5 0                             |
| 3rd September, 1929 ..               | ..         | ..  | ..   | 1 5 0   | 5 0                             |
| 10th October, 1929 .. ..             | ..         | ..  | ..   | 1 10 0  | 5 0                             |
| 18th December, 1929 ..               | ..         | ..  | ..   | 1 17 6  | 5 0                             |
| 28th January, 1930 ..                | ..         | ..  | ..   | 2 6 3   | 6 3                             |
| 17th February, 1930 ..               | ..         | ..  | ..   | 2 16 3  | 6 3                             |
| 10th March, 1930 .. ..               | ..         | ..  | ..   | 3 16 3  | 6 3                             |
| 24th March, 1930 .. ..               | ..         | ..  | ..   | 6 6 3   | 3 9                             |
| 9th October, 1930 .. ..              | ..         | ..  | ..   | 8 15 0  | 5 0                             |
| 6th January, 1931 .. ..              | ..         | ..  | ..   | 15 6 3  | 3 9                             |
| 13th January, 1931 .. ..             | ..         | ..  | ..   | 18 3 9  | 3 9                             |
| 17th January, 1931 .. ..             | ..         | ..  | ..   | 25 5 0  | 5 0                             |
| 29th January, 1931 .. ..             | ..         | ..  | ..   | 30 5 0  | 5 0                             |
| 3rd December, 1931 .. ..             | ..         | ..  | ..   | 25 5 0  | 5 0                             |

The "Commission" which represents the Banks' "turn" on each £100 sterling exchanged has been computed by taking half the difference between the buying and selling rates.

(ii) *Sterling-Dollar rates.* The average of the daily quotations of the London-New York exchange rates are given for each month of the years 1931 to December, 1934, in the subjoined table.

**STERLING-DOLLAR RATES.—AVERAGE RATE FOR EACH MONTH.**

| Month.          | 1931.        | 1932.        | 1933.        | 1934.        |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                 | \$ to £ Stg. | \$ to £ Stg. | \$ to £ Stg. | \$ to £ Stg. |
| January .. ..   | 4.855        | 3.430        | 3.372        | 5.056        |
| February .. ..  | 4.857        | 3.459        | 3.422        | 5.019        |
| March .. ..     | 4.859        | 3.634        | 3.436        | 5.089        |
| April .. ..     | 4.860        | 3.752        | 3.587        | 5.154        |
| May .. ..       | 4.864        | 3.676        | 3.933        | 5.105        |
| June .. ..      | 4.865        | 3.649        | 4.141        | 5.059        |
| July .. ..      | 4.857        | 3.552        | 4.643        | 5.042        |
| August .. ..    | 4.857        | 3.476        | 4.503        | 5.067        |
| September .. .. | 4.542        | 3.471        | 4.660        | 4.996        |
| October .. ..   | 3.886        | 3.399        | 4.668        | 4.942        |
| November .. ..  | 3.719        | 3.277        | 5.136        | 4.991        |
| December .. ..  | 3.372        | 3.276        | 5.118        | 4.947        |

(iii) *Interstate.* Exchange rates between the several capital cities of the States at 30th June, 1933, were as follow:—

**INTERSTATE EXCHANGE RATES, 30TH JUNE, 1933.**

| Between.                    | And—         |              |              |              |              |                        |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|
|                             | Sydney.      | Melbourne.   | Brisbane.    | Adelaide.    | Perth.       | Hobart and Launceston. |
|                             | <i>s. d.</i> | <i>s. d.</i> | <i>s. d.</i> | <i>s. d.</i> | <i>s. d.</i> | <i>s. d.</i>           |
| Sydney .. ..                | ..           | 2 6          | 2 6          | 5 0          | 10 0         | 5 0                    |
| Melbourne .. ..             | 2 6          | ..           | 7 6          | 2 6          | 7 6          | 5 0                    |
| Brisbane .. ..              | 2 6          | 7 6          | ..           | 10 0         | 12 6         | 10 0                   |
| Adelaide .. ..              | 5 0          | 2 6          | 10 0         | ..           | 5 0          | 7 6                    |
| Perth .. ..                 | 10 0         | 7 6          | 12 6         | 5 0          | ..           | 12 6                   |
| Hobart and Launceston .. .. | 5 0          | 5 0          | 10 0         | 7 6          | 12 6         | ..                     |

**§ 2. Savings Banks.**

1. *General.*—The inauguration of Savings Banks in Australia dates from the year 1819, when a private Savings Bank was opened in Sydney, New South Wales. In 1832 the legislature created “the Savings Bank of New South Wales” under the control of trustees, and shortly after its establishment, the funds of the private Savings Bank were transferred to the new institution. In the other States provision for placing deposits with Savings Banks dates from 1841 in Victoria; 1854 in Queensland; 1840 in South Australia; 1863 in Western Australia (a Savings Bank was opened in 1856 but was closed a year later); 1835 in Launceston; and 1845 in Hobart. These early banks functioned as trustee Savings Banks, but were later absorbed by or amalgamated with Government Savings Banks, except the Hobart and Launceston institutions.

Post Office Savings Banks were established in all States except South Australia dating from 1863 onwards. After the Federation of the Australian States in 1900, Post Offices were controlled by the Commonwealth Government but they continued to act as Savings Bank agencies for State institutions until the establishment of the Commonwealth Bank in 1912 when they acted as agents for that institution.

Savings Banks at present operating are the Commonwealth Savings Bank (all States); State Savings Bank of Victoria; State Savings Bank of South Australia; and the two trustee Banks—Hobart and Launceston.

2. **The Commonwealth Savings Bank.**—The Commonwealth Savings Bank opened for business in Victoria on the 15th July, 1912; in Queensland on the 16th September, 1912; in the Northern Territory on the 21st October, 1912; and in New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia on the 13th January, 1913. The Tasmanian State Savings Bank was absorbed by the Commonwealth Bank in January, 1913, and the Queensland State Savings Bank was taken over in 1920. The Savings Bank Department was separated from the General Bank on 9th June, 1928, and has since then operated independently, publishing its own balance-sheets and profit and loss accounts.

3. **Recent Amalgamations.**—(i) *Government Savings Bank of New South Wales.*—Owing to the depletion of the liquid assets of the bank consequent upon the continuous demands of depositors, the Commissioners, after abortive negotiations for the absorption of the institution by the Commonwealth Savings Bank, decided to suspend payments to depositors from the 22nd April, 1931, until further notice.

On the 7th September, 1931, the Government appointed new Commissioners, and the Savings Bank re-opened, accepting deposits repayable on demand in what were termed "new business" accounts. No arrangements had then been completed to enable depositors in the "old business" division to withdraw deposits, although transfers from one account to another in that division were permitted.

Negotiations for the absorption of the Government Savings Bank by the Commonwealth Savings Bank were re-opened by the new Commissioners, and early in December, 1931, the transfer was arranged. The full terms of the agreement are contained in the New South Wales Act No. 62 of 1931. The Commonwealth Savings Bank on and from the 15th December, 1931, provided relief to depositors in the "old business" division to the extent of up to £10 or 10 per cent. of their deposits, whichever was the greater, and one month later depositors were allowed full access to their deposits.

(ii) *State Savings Bank of Western Australia.*—During August, 1931, increasing withdrawals caused the Government of Western Australia to negotiate for the amalgamation of the State Savings Bank with the Commonwealth Savings Bank, and the transfer was effected in October, 1931.

4. **Extension of Facilities.**—The prime object of the foundation of Savings Banks in Australia was the encouragement of thrift—deposits of one shilling and upwards being accepted—nevertheless the facilities offered, while preserving the original object, have led to developments in another direction. Although depositors may not operate on their accounts by means of cheques, they have practically all the other advantages of a current account, in addition to receiving interest on their minimum monthly balances, while no charge is made by the banks for keeping the accounts.

For many years considerable use has been made of the Savings Bank account as an alternative to maintaining a fixed deposit with a Cheque-paying Bank. Deposits in Savings Banks may be withdrawn at any time with a minimum loss of interest, the rate of which is now about the same as that offered by trading banks for six months' deposits.

5. **Classification of Depositors' Balances.**—The classification of deposits published by Savings Banks does not permit of a fully detailed analysis with respect to Australia as a whole, but information supplied by four State institutions shows that at 30th June, 1931, the amount on deposit in accounts with balances of less than £100 represented 21 per cent. of the total deposits; balances of over £100 but under £500, 48 per cent.; over £500 but under £750, 16 per cent.; over £750 but under £1,000, 8 per cent.; while those of over £1,000 accounted for 7 per cent. School, Penny Bank, and Special Purpose accounts have been excluded in determining the above percentages. At 30th June, 1930, it was estimated that approximately 95 per cent. of the accounts open had balances of under £300, while the deposits in such accounts represented about 48 per cent. of the total amount on deposit. In the absence of complete information, therefore, inferences respecting the amount of deposits per head of population must be made with caution.

6. Number of Accounts.—No statement is shown herein regarding the number of accounts because, in some States, it is possible for the same person to have an account in the Commonwealth Savings Bank as well as in the State Savings Bank. The effect of this multiplication of accounts was demonstrated by the reduction of numbers which followed the amalgamations referred to in para. 3 *ante*.

7. Rates of Interest on Deposits.—The "Premiers' Plan" of 1931, which is dealt with in the Appendix to this volume, provided, *inter alia*, for the reduction of the Banks' rate of interest on deposits and advances. The Commonwealth Savings Bank reduced the rate of interest on depositors' balances by one per cent. from 1st July, 1931, and the other Savings Banks have since taken similar action. The statements given hereunder show the rates of interest allowed at 30th June, 1931, 1932, 1933 and 1934, respectively (i) by State or Trustee Banks and (ii) by the Commonwealth Bank.

The table hereunder refers to interest rates allowed by State Savings Banks :—

#### STATE SAVINGS BANKS—INTEREST RATES ON DEPOSITS.

| State.            | Interest-bearing Limit. | Rates at—  |                  |                  |                  |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                   |                         | 30th June, 1931.                                   | 30th June, 1932. | 30th June, 1933. | 30th June, 1934. |
|                   | £                       | %  | %                | %                | %                |
| New South Wales   | 1,000                   | 4  | (d)              | (d)              | (d)              |
| Victoria ..       | 1,000                   | 4 (a)  | 3 ; (b) 3½       | 2½               | 2½               |
| Queensland ..     | (e)                     | (e)  | (e)              | (e)              | (e)              |
| South Australia   | 1,000                   | 4½   | 3½               | 3                | 3 ; 2½ (g)       |
| Western Australia | Unlimited               | £1-£500.. 4<br>£501-£1,000.. 3½<br>Over £1,000.. 3 | (d)              | (d)              | (d)              |
| Tasmania (f)—     |                         |  |                  |                  |                  |
| Hobart ..         | 300                     | 4½ ; (c) 5   | 3 ; (c) 4        | 2½ ; (c) 3       | 2½ ; (c) 3       |
| Launceston ..     | 300                     | 4½   | 3½               | 2½               | 2½               |

(a) Similar rate for Deposit Stock. (b) Deposit Stock. (c) Fixed Deposits, twelve months. (d) Absorbed by Commonwealth Bank, see following table. (e) State Savings Bank amalgamated with Commonwealth Bank in 1920. (f) Trustee Savings Banks. (g) 2½ per cent. on Deposits in excess of £500 to £1,000 and on accounts closed during year.

Particulars regarding the rates allowed by the Commonwealth Savings Bank are incorporated in the following table :—

#### COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK—INTEREST RATES ON DEPOSITS.

| State.            | Interest-bearing Limit. | Rates at—         |                  |                  |                  |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                   |                         | 30th June, 1931.  | 30th June, 1932. | 30th June, 1933. | 30th June, 1934. |
|                   |                         | %                 | %                | %                | %                |
| New South Wales   | £1,300                  | £1-£500 .. 4      | 3                | 2½               | 2½               |
| Victoria ..       |                         | £501-£1,000 .. 3½ | 2½               | 2                | 1½               |
| South Australia   |                         | £1,001-£1,300 3   | 2                |                  |                  |
| Western Australia |                         |                   |                  |                  |                  |
| Tasmania ..       | £2,000                  | £1-£500 .. 4      | 3                | 2½               | 2½               |
| Queensland ..     |                         | £501-£2,000 .. 3½ | 2½               | 2                | 1½               |

On 1st July, 1932, a reduction of one-quarter of one per cent. in the rate of interest allowed on deposits became effective, followed by a similar reduction from 1st November, 1932. A further reduction of one-quarter of 1 per cent. operated from 1st June, 1934.



8. **Statistical Returns.**—Commencing from July, 1931, monthly returns have been furnished by Savings Bank authorities, and the collated data are disseminated in the form of monthly press notices. In addition, the particulars are published in the Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics issued by the Commonwealth Statistician. The information given in the following paragraphs relates to the deposits at the 30th June in each year. For convenience of reference the information has been grouped under the following headings :—

- (i) All Savings Banks ;
- (ii) Commonwealth Savings Banks ; and
- (iii) State (including Trustee Banks in Tasmania) Savings Banks.

9. **All Savings Banks.**—(i) *Returns for Year 1932-33.* The following statement gives details of the business transacted by all Savings Banks for the year 1932-33.

#### ALL SAVINGS BANKS.—PARTICULARS, 1932-33.

| States and Territories.      | Amount on Deposit at 30th June, 1932. | Amount Deposited during year 1932-33. | Interest Added during year 1932-33. | Total.      | Amounts Withdrawn during year 1932-33. | Amount on Deposit at 30th June, 1933. |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|--|---------------------------------------|
|                              | £                                     | £                                     | £                                   | £           | £                                      | £                                     |
| New South Wales              | 71,647,869                            | 53,506,994                            | 1,720,183                           | 126,875,046 | 54,567,361                             | 72,307,685                            |
| Victoria ..                  | 65,680,220                            | 46,133,143                            | 1,743,538                           | 113,556,901 | 45,743,358                             | 67,813,543                            |
| Queensland ..                | 22,951,758                            | 21,108,453                            | 556,635                             | 44,616,846  | 21,163,829                             | 23,453,017                            |
| South Australia ..           | 21,566,825                            | 13,029,958                            | 618,542                             | 35,215,325  | 12,700,037                             | 22,515,288                            |
| Western Australia            | 10,217,739                            | 10,491,448                            | 265,187                             | 20,974,374  | 10,909,910                             | 10,064,464                            |
| Tasmania ..                  | 5,586,620                             | 3,852,767                             | 161,703                             | 9,601,090   | 3,736,283                              | 5,864,807                             |
| Northern Territory           | 40,440                                | 26,908                                | 976                                 | 68,324      | 29,913                                 | 38,411                                |
| Federal Capital Territory .. | 274,836                               | 179,524                               | 5,630                               | 459,990     | 234,936                                | 225,054                               |
| Total ..                     | 197,966,307                           | 148,329,195                           | 5,072,394                           | 351,367,896 | 149,085,627                            | 202,282,269                           |

(ii) *Deposits—Years 1929 to 1934.* The table hereunder shows for all Savings Banks the amount at credit of depositors and the average deposits per head of population at 30th June, 1929 to 1934.

#### ALL SAVINGS BANKS.—DEPOSITS.

| 30th June. | N.S.W.     | Victoria.  | Q'land.    | S. Aust.   | W. Aust.   | Tas.      | N. Ter. | Fed. Cap. Ter. | All States. |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|---------|----------------|-------------|
| TOTAL.     |            |            |            |            |            |           |         |                |             |
|            | £          | £          | £          | £          | £          | £         | £       | £              | £           |
| 1929       | 85,727,513 | 72,706,991 | 24,075,504 | 25,228,402 | 11,609,190 | 5,811,458 | 47,291  | 279,355        | 225,485,704 |
| 1930       | 82,465,430 | 69,307,253 | 23,901,136 | 24,012,176 | 11,728,617 | 5,699,321 | 48,913  | 287,671        | 217,510,517 |
| 1931       | 69,810,769 | 63,242,528 | 22,354,325 | 21,422,058 | 10,867,421 | 5,365,824 | 43,258  | 269,214        | 193,375,397 |
| 1932       | 71,647,869 | 65,680,220 | 22,951,758 | 21,566,825 | 10,217,739 | 5,586,620 | 40,440  | 274,836        | 197,966,307 |
| 1933       | 72,307,685 | 67,813,543 | 23,453,017 | 22,515,288 | 10,064,464 | 5,864,807 | 38,411  | 225,054        | 202,282,269 |
| 1934       | 75,714,070 | 69,971,411 | 24,834,273 | 23,437,506 | 10,398,972 | 6,039,128 | 44,251  | 236,436        | 210,676,047 |

#### PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

|      | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d.  | £ s. d.  | £ s. d. | £ s. d.  | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
|------|---------|---------|----------|----------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1929 | 34 5 1  | 41 2 2  | 26 15 0  | 44 1 6   | 27 11 4 | 26 16 10 | 10 11 7 | 73 17 9 | 35 5 3  |         |
| 1930 | 32 12 0 | 38 17 4 | 26 4 0   | 41 17 11 | 27 6 7  | 25 18 2  | 9 11 6  | 63 18 4 | 33 13 1 |         |
| 1931 | 27 6 6  | 35 2 10 | 24 2 3   | 37 4 0   | 25 2 10 | 23 19 1  | 8 12 0  | 31 3 0  | 29 12 6 |         |
| 1932 | 27 15 9 | 36 6 7  | 24 9 5   | 37 6 2   | 23 9 7  | 24 13 6  | 8 4 4   | 43 2 0  | 30 1 11 |         |
| 1933 | 27 16 0 | 37 5 1  | 24 14 11 | 38 15 1  | 22 18 7 | 25 15 4  | 7 18 1  | 125 3 1 | 30 10 2 |         |
| 1934 | 28 17 7 | 38 4 10 | 25 18 6  | 40 3 7   | 23 10 5 | 26 9 10  | 8 19 10 | 25 8 10 | 31 11 0 |         |

For the year ended 30th June, 1934, all States showed increases in deposits aggregating £8,393,778 or about 4 per cent. In Queensland the increase amounted to almost 6 per cent.; in South Australia to about 5 per cent.; in New South Wales to 4.7 per cent.; in Western Australia to 3.3 per cent.; in Victoria to 3.2 per cent.; and in Tasmania to 3 per cent.

Since the year 1921, deposits per head increased at the rate of roughly 3 per cent. per annum up to a high point of over £35 per head in 1929. (In the war years before 1921 the rate of increase was even more rapid.) This was followed by a sharp decline of 16.1 per cent. to £29 12s. 6d. per head during the two years to 1931, when the downward trend was reversed and at June, 1934, the recovery to £31 11s. per head represented an increase of over 6 per cent. on the 1921 figure, and was slightly less than the rate per head in 1925, viz., £31 16s. 4d. The present level of deposits has been exceeded only in the three years 1927-28 to 1929-30.

Considered in relation to purchasing power, the figures are more satisfactory. Retail prices (food and housing) have fallen 20 per cent. since 1925, while the nominal value of deposits per head had increased to £29.6 per head in 1931 and then increased to £31.5 in 1934. The purchasing power of deposits in terms of food and housing has actually increased by about 27 per cent. It should be remembered in interpreting the above figures that Savings Bank accounts are used to some extent by institutions and small traders for business purposes as well as by individuals for the investment of personal savings. The relative extent to which Savings Bank accounts are used for business purposes, etc., probably fluctuates considerably from time to time.

10. Commonwealth Savings Bank.—(i) *Returns for Year 1932-33.* Returns for the States and Territories for the year 1932-33 have been incorporated in the table below.

#### COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK.—RETURNS, 1932-33.

| States and Territories. | Amount on Deposit at 30th June, 1932. | Amount Deposited during Year 1932-33. | Interest Added during Year 1932-33. | Total.      | Amounts Withdrawn during Year 1932-33. | Amount on Deposit at 30th June, 1933. |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|--|---------------------------------------|
|                         | £                                     | £                                     | £                                   | £           | £                                      | £                                     |
| New South Wales         | 71,647,869                            | 53,506,994                            | 1,720,183                           | 126,875,046 | 54,567,361                             | 72,307,685                            |
| Victoria ..             | 7,098,817                             | 7,891,362                             | 173,595                             | 15,163,774  | 7,576,302                              | 7,587,472                             |
| Queensland ..           | 22,951,758                            | 21,108,453                            | 556,635                             | 44,616,846  | 21,163,829                             | 23,453,017                            |
| South Australia ..      | 2,127,288                             | 1,940,400                             | 51,329                              | 4,119,017   | 1,914,095                              | 2,204,022                             |
| Western Australia       | 10,217,739                            | 10,491,448                            | 265,187                             | 20,974,374  | 10,909,910                             | 10,064,464                            |
| Tasmania ..             | 1,581,718                             | 1,217,179                             | 38,477                              | 2,837,374   | 1,192,321                              | 1,645,053                             |
| Northern Territory      | 40,440                                | 26,908                                | 976                                 | 68,324      | 29,913                                 | 38,411                                |
| Federal Cap. Ter.       | 274,836                               | 179,524                               | 5,630                               | 459,990     | 234,936                                | 225,054                               |
| Total ..                | 115,940,465                           | 96,362,268                            | 2,812,012                           | 215,114,745 | 97,589,567                             | 117,525,178                           |

(ii) *Deposits—Years 1929 to 1934.* The amount on deposit with the Commonwealth Savings Bank in each State, in the Territories of Papua and New Guinea, and in London, at the 30th June in each of the years 1929 to 1934 was as follows:—

## COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK.—DEPOSITS.

| Place of Deposit.            | At 30th June— |            |            |                |             |             |
|------------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
|                              | 1929.         | 1930.      | 1931.      | 1932.          | 1933.       | 1934.       |
|                              | £             | £          | £          | £              | £           | £           |
| New South Wales              | 11,832,307    | 11,899,198 | 14,492,937 | (a) 71,647,869 | 72,307,685  | 75,714,070  |
| Victoria ..                  | 6,577,350     | 6,424,278  | 6,104,264  | 7,098,817      | 7,587,472   | 8,361,264   |
| Queensland ..                | 24,075,504    | 23,901,136 | 22,354,325 | 22,951,758     | 23,453,017  | 24,834,273  |
| South Australia              | 2,296,777     | 2,145,811  | 1,951,151  | 2,127,288      | 2,204,022   | 2,304,751   |
| Western Australia            | 3,214,231     | 3,240,252  | 2,788,373  | (a) 10,217,739 | 10,064,464  | 10,398,972  |
| Tasmania ..                  | 1,801,289     | 1,682,727  | 1,519,418  | 1,581,718      | 1,645,033   | 1,714,882   |
| Northern Territory           | 47,291        | 48,913     | 43,258     | 40,440         | 38,411      | 44,251      |
| Federal Capital Territory .. | 213,882       | 220,559    | 219,935    | (a) 274,836    | 225,054     | 236,436     |
| Total ..                     | 50,058,631    | 49,562,874 | 49,473,661 | 115,940,465    | 117,525,178 | 123,608,899 |
| Papua and New Guinea (b) ..  | 112,583       | 114,914    | 107,919    | 125,931        | 135,749     | 145,900     |
| London (b) ..                | 434,141       | 371,936    | 236,151    | 233,605        | 282,554     | 310,579     |
| Grand Total ..               | 50,605,35     | 50,049,724 | 49,817,731 | 116,300,001    | 117,943,481 | 124,065,378 |

(a) State Savings Bank absorbed during 1931-32. (b) Not included in the figures given in paras. 9 (i) and (ii) and 10 (i).

(iii) *Balance Sheet, 30th June, 1933.* The Commonwealth Savings Bank publishes a half-yearly balance-sheet, and the statement hereunder shows the position at the 30th June, 1933.

## COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK.(a).—BALANCE-SHEET, 30TH JUNE, 1933.

| Liabilities.            |             | Assets.   |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|---|-------------|
|                         | £           |   | £           |
| Reserve Fund .. ..      | 1,793,640   | Coin and Cash Balances ..                               | 4,567,357   |
| Depositors' Balances .. | 117,943,481 | Australian Notes .. ..                                  | 128,242     |
| Other Liabilities .. .. | 4,184,752   | Government Securities ..                                | 81,513,994  |
|                         |             | Securities of Municipal and Other Public Authorities .. | 31,092,878  |
|                         |             | Other Assets .. ..                                      | 6,619,402   |
|                         | 123,921,873 |   | 123,921,873 |

(a) Includes London, Papua and Territory of New Guinea Branches.

(iv) *Profits.* For the year ended 30th June, 1933, the profits earned by the Commonwealth Savings Bank were £270,516, one-half of which was paid to the National Debt Sinking Fund and the remainder carried to reserves. The aggregate net profit from the inception of the bank to the 30th June, 1933, was £3,052,512.

II. *State Savings Banks.*—(i) *Returns for 1932-33.* Particulars of the transactions of all State Savings Banks for the year 1932-33 are given hereunder. Throughout the following tables the figures for Tasmania refer to the Trustee Savings Banks in Hobart

and Launceston. Although the accounts of these institutions are made up for half-yearly periods ending 28th February and 31st August, the managements have furnished particulars of deposits at 30th June in each year since and including 1929.

## STATE SAVINGS BANKS.—RETURNS, 1932-33.

| State or Territory.              | Amount on Deposit at 30th June, 1932. | Deposits during 1932-33. | Interest added 1932-33. | Total.      | Withdrawals during 1932-33. | Total Deposits 30th June, 1933. |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                  | £                                     | £                        | £                       | £           | £                           | £                               |
| New South Wales (d) ..           | ..                                    | ..                       | ..                      | ..          | ..                          | ..                              |
| Victoria ..                      | 58,581,403                            | 38,241,781               | 1,569,943               | 98,393,127  | 38,167,056                  | 60,226,071                      |
| Queensland (a) ..                | ..                                    | ..                       | ..                      | ..          | ..                          | ..                              |
| South Australia ..               | 19,439,537                            | 11,089,558               | 567,213                 | 31,096,308  | 10,785,042                  | 20,311,266                      |
| Western Australia (d) ..         | ..                                    | ..                       | ..                      | ..          | ..                          | ..                              |
| Tasmania (b) ..                  | 4,004,902                             | 2,635,588                | 123,226                 | 6,763,716   | 2,543,962                   | 4,219,754                       |
| Northern Territory (c) ..        | ..                                    | ..                       | ..                      | ..          | ..                          | ..                              |
| Federal Capital Territory (d) .. | ..                                    | ..                       | ..                      | ..          | ..                          | ..                              |
| Total ..                         | 82,025,842                            | 51,966,927               | 2,260,382               | 136,253,151 | 51,496,060                  | 84,757,091                      |

(a) State Savings Bank absorbed by Commonwealth Savings Bank in 1920. (b) Trustee Savings Banks, Hobart and Launceston. (c) No State Savings Bank in operation. (d) State Savings Bank Amalgamated with Commonwealth Savings Bank in 1931.

(ii) *Deposits—Years 1929 to 1934.* The following statement shows the amount on deposit with State Savings Banks at the 30th June in each of the years 1929 to 1934.

## STATE SAVINGS BANKS.—DEPOSITS.

| State or Territory.       | At 30th June— |             |             |            |            |            |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                           | 1929.         | 1930.       | 1931.       | 1932.      | 1933.      | 1934.      |
|                           | £             | £           | £           | £          | £          | £          |
| New South Wales ..        | 73,895,206    | 70,566,232  | 55,317,832  | (d)        | (d)        | (d)        |
| Victoria ..               | 66,129,641    | 62,942,975  | 57,138,264  | 58,581,403 | 60,226,071 | 61,610,147 |
| Queensland (a) ..         | ..            | ..          | ..          | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| South Australia ..        | 22,931,625    | 21,866,365  | 19,470,907  | 19,439,537 | 20,311,266 | 21,132,755 |
| Western Australia ..      | 8,394,959     | 8,488,365   | 8,079,048   | (d)        | (d)        | (d)        |
| Tasmania (c) ..           | 4,010,169     | 4,016,594   | 3,846,406   | 4,004,902  | 4,219,754  | 4,324,246  |
| Northern Territory (b) .. | ..            | ..          | ..          | ..         | ..         | ..         |
| Federal Capital Territory | 65,473        | 67,112      | 49,279      | (d)        | (d)        | (d)        |
| Total ..                  | 175,427,073   | 167,947,643 | 143,901,736 | 82,025,842 | 84,757,091 | 87,067,148 |

(a) State Savings Bank amalgamated with Commonwealth Bank in 1920. (b) No State Savings Bank in operation. (c) Trustee Savings Banks, Hobart and Launceston. (d) State Savings Bank amalgamated with Commonwealth Savings Bank.

(iii) *Assets.* At 30th June, 1933, the assets of all State Savings Banks amounted to £91,098,779, distributed as shown hereafter.

## STATE SAVINGS BANKS.—ASSETS, 30TH JUNE, 1933.

| Particulars.   | New South<br>Wales.<br>(b) | Victoria.  | Queens-<br>land.<br>(a) | South<br>Australia. | Western<br>Australia.<br>(b) | Tasmania.<br>(c) | Total.     |
|--|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|
|  | £                          | £          | £                       | £                   | £                            | £                | £          |
| Government Securities ..                                   | ..                         | 28,811,745 | ..                      | 10,324,895          | ..                           | 2,045,648        | 41,182,288 |
| Municipal Securities ..                                    | ..                         | 2,292,766  | ..                      | 328,749             | ..                           | 419,254          | 3,040,769  |
| Other Public Securities ..                                 | ..                         | 16,027,379 | ..                      | ..                  | ..                           | ..               | 16,027,379 |
| Mortgages ..   | ..                         | 1,551,076  | ..                      | 6,024,334           | ..                           | 969,585          | 8,544,995  |
| Other Investments ..                                       | ..                         | 36,454     | ..                      | ..                  | ..                           | ..               | 36,454     |
| Outstanding Interest,<br>Dividends and Rents ..            | ..                         | 650,051    | ..                      | 269,048             | ..                           | 48,599           | 967,698    |
| War Service Homes<br>Landed and House<br>Property ..       | ..                         | 149,228    | ..                      | ..                  | ..                           | ..               | 149,228    |
| Fixed Deposits ..  | ..                         | 824,781    | ..                      | 90,974              | ..                           | 10,587           | 926,342    |
| Cash in hand, in trans-<br>it and on Current<br>Account .. | ..                         | 11,470,000 | ..                      | 2,813,500           | ..                           | 603,000          | 14,886,500 |
| All other Assets ..  | ..                         | 2,793,297  | ..                      | 1,995,082           | ..                           | 541,670          | 5,330,049  |
|  | ..                         | 5,587      | ..                      | 59                  | ..                           | 1,431            | 7,077      |
| <b>Total Assets ..</b>                                     | ..                         | 64,612,364 | ..                      | 21,846,641          | ..                           | 4,639,774        | 91,098,779 |

(a) State Savings Bank amalgamated with Commonwealth Bank in 1920. (b) Amalgamated with Commonwealth Savings Bank in 1931. (c) Year ended 31st August, 1933. See para. (1).

(iv) *Profit and Loss Accounts 1932-33.* Details of the Profit and Loss Accounts of the several State Savings Banks for the year 1932-33 are given in the following table:—

STATE SAVINGS BANKS.—PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR  
ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1933.

| Particulars.   | New South<br>Wales.<br>(a) | Victoria.   | Queens-<br>land.<br>(b) | South<br>Australia. | Western<br>Australia.<br>(a) | Tasmania.<br>(c) | Total.    |
|--|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
|  | £                          | £           | £                       | £                   | £                            | £                | £         |
| <i>Dr.</i>   |                            |             |                         |                     |                              |                  |           |
| Interest allotted to<br>Depositors ..                          | ..                         | 1,569,943   | ..                      | 567,213             | ..                           | 123,541          | 2,260,697 |
| Amount carried to Re-<br>serves and Deprecia-<br>tion Funds .. | ..                         | ..          | ..                      | 196,966             | ..                           | 17,000           | 213,966   |
| Writing off Bank Pre-<br>mises ..                              | ..                         | 4,400       | ..                      | ..                  | ..                           | 2,000            | 6,400     |
| Expenses of Manage-<br>ment ..                                 | ..                         | 487,975     | ..                      | 111,080             | ..                           | 31,027           | 630,082   |
| All other Expenses ..  | ..                         | (e) 237,510 | ..                      | (d) 50,261          | ..                           | 1,500            | 289,271   |
| Balance carried<br>forward ..                                  | ..                         | 216,746     | ..                      | 97,355              | ..                           | 81,403           | 395,504   |
| <b>Total ..</b>  | ..                         | 2,516,574   | ..                      | 1,022,875           | ..                           | 256,471          | 3,795,920 |
| <i>Cr.</i>   |                            |             |                         |                     |                              |                  |           |
| Balance brought for-<br>ward ..                                | ..                         | 199,878     | ..                      | 96,743              | ..                           | 80,266           | 376,887   |
| Interest, Dividends,<br>and Rents ..                           | ..                         | 2,316,696   | ..                      | 886,132             | ..                           | 176,205          | 3,379,033 |
| All other Receipts ..  | ..                         | ..          | ..                      | 40,000              | ..                           | ..               | 40,000    |
| <b>Total ..</b>  | ..                         | 2,516,574   | ..                      | 1,022,875           | ..                           | 256,471          | 3,795,920 |

(a) State Savings Bank amalgamated with Commonwealth Savings Bank in 1931-32. (b) State Savings Bank amalgamated with Commonwealth Bank in 1920. (c) Year ended 31st August, 1933; see para. (1). (d) Includes £40,000, provision for interest accrued on Depositors' Balances from 7th to 30th June, 1933. (e) Includes £150,000 to Interest Fluctuation Account.

## C. COMPANIES.

## § 1. General.

Statistics available in regard to registered companies embrace (a) Returns relating to Trustees, Executors and Agency Companies; (b) Returns relating to Registered Building and Investment Societies; and (c) Returns relating to Registered Co-operative Societies.

## § 2. Trustees, Executors and Agency Companies.

Returns for 1933 are available for eight Victorian, two New South Wales, one Queensland, four South Australian, two Western Australian, and four Tasmanian companies. The paid-up capital of these twenty-one companies amounted to £1,355,952; reserve funds and undivided profits to £1,055,232; other liabilities, £411,529; total liabilities, including capital, £2,822,713. Among the assets are included—Deposits with Governments, £231,594; other investments in public securities, fixed deposits, etc., £626,397; loans on mortgage, £463,594; property owned, £1,038,899; other assets, £462,229. Of the twenty-one companies, ten show the total amount of the estates, etc., under administration, the total for 1933 being approximately £138 millions. In respect of the twenty-one companies, net profits for the year totalled £118,238, of which £93,893 was paid in dividends.

## § 3. Registered Building and Investment Societies.

i. Summary.—Returns have been received relating to 210 Societies, but the information is not exhaustive, as particulars regarding unimportant organizations are not included.

## REGISTERED BUILDING AND INVESTMENT SOCIETIES.—SUMMARY, 1932.

| Particulars.                        | N.S.W. (d)<br>1931-32. | Vic.<br>1931-32. | Q'land.<br>1931-32. | S. Aust.<br>1931-32. | W. Aust.<br>1931-32. | Tas.<br>1932. | Total.     |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| Societies making returns—           |                        |                  |                     |                      |                      |               |            |
| Permanent .. No.                    | 7                      | 22               | 7                   | 8                    | 5                    | } 4           | 210        |
| Terminating .. No.                  | 125                    | 4                | 6                   | 16                   | 7                    |               |            |
| Total .. No.                        | 132                    | (e) 25           | 13                  | 24                   | 12                   | 4             | 210        |
| Number of shareholders ..           | (c) 2,363              | 9,092            | 8,789               | 11,869               | 17,133               | 4,521         | 53,767     |
| Number of shares ..                 | (e) 28,765             | (a)              | 2,175,856           | 44,813               | (a)                  | 46,674        | 62,296,108 |
| Number of borrowers ..              | (c) 4,655              | 11,189           | 6,054               | 2,870                | 3,274                | 1,592         | 29,634     |
| Income for year from                |                        |                  |                     |                      |                      |               |            |
| Interest .. £                       | 153,963                | 278,870          | 106,129             | 20,453               | 52,087               | 44,721        | 656,223    |
| Working expenses for year £         | 92,546                 | 177,305          | 16,638              | 10,646               | 49,409               | 6,861         | 353,405    |
| Amount of deposits during year .. £ | 326,489                | 1,208,090        | 177,313             | 116,076              | 209,739              | 36,350        | 2,074,057  |
| Repayment of loans during year .. £ | 510,252                | 697,317          | 251,141             | 80,084               | 196,810              | 102,261       | 1,837,865  |
| Loans granted during year £         | 345,599                | 241,645          | 153,889             | 61,797               | 139,993              | 50,833        | 993,756    |

(a) Not available. (b) Exclusive of Victoria and Western Australia. (c) Permanent Societies only. (d) Excludes six Terminating Societies and five Investment Societies for which complete details are not available. (e) One Society has both a Permanent and Star Bowkett Branch.

2. **Liabilities and Assets.**—The balance-sheets of the companies in respect of which particulars of liabilities and assets are stated hereunder cover periods ended during the year 1932. The figures quoted for the State of Tasmania refer to the calendar year 1932, while those for the remaining States are for the fiscal year 1931-32.

## REGISTERED BUILDING AND INVESTMENT SOCIETIES.—LIABILITIES, 1932.

| State.               | Paid-up<br>Capital or<br>Subscriptions. | Reserve<br>Funds.<br>(a) | Deposits.        | Bank<br>Overdrafts<br>and other<br>Liabilities. | Total<br>Liabilities. |
|----------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------|---|-----------------------|
|                      | £                                       | £                        | £                | £   | £                     |
| New South Wales ..   | 2,689,530                               | 693,592                  | 597,170          | 74,970  | 4,055,262             |
| Victoria ..          | 2,026,594                               | 923,332                  | 1,560,771        | 116,381   | 4,627,078             |
| Queensland ..        | 1,507,783                               | 46,615                   | 7,946            | 81,342  | 1,643,686             |
| South Australia ..   | 690,904                                 | 57,231                   | 53,575           | 17,731  | 819,441               |
| Western Australia .. | 987,870                                 | 30,913                   | 85,719           | 7,042   | 1,111,544             |
| Tasmania ..          | 335,091                                 | 97,997                   | 290,267          | 8,665   | 732,020               |
| <b>Total ..</b>      | <b>8,237,772</b>                        | <b>1,849,680</b>         | <b>2,595,448</b> | <b>306,131</b>                                  | <b>12,989,031</b>     |

(a) Includes Profit and Loss Account.

## REGISTERED BUILDING AND INVESTMENT SOCIETIES.—ASSETS, 1932.

| State.                  | Advances on<br>Mortgage. | Landed and<br>House Pro-<br>perty, Furni-<br>ture, etc. | Cash in Hand<br>and on<br>Deposit and<br>other Assets. | Total<br>Assets.  |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|-------------------|
|                         | £                        | £   | £  | £                 |
| New South Wales .. ..   | 3,382,719                | (a)   | (b) 672,543  | 4,055,262         |
| Victoria .. ..          | 4,066,288                | 322,074   | 238,716  | 4,627,078         |
| Queensland .. ..        | 1,539,928                | 7,084   | 96,674   | 1,643,686         |
| South Australia .. ..   | 746,518                  | 46,811  | 26,112   | 819,441           |
| Western Australia .. .. | 1,015,893                | 29,784  | 65,867   | 1,111,544         |
| Tasmania .. ..          | 609,396                  | 10,150  | 112,474  | 732,020           |
| <b>Total .. ..</b>      | <b>11,360,742</b>        | <b>415,903</b>  | <b>1,212,386</b>                                       | <b>12,989,031</b> |

(a) Included in next column.

(b) Includes Landed and House Property, Furniture, &c.

## § 4. Co-operative Societies.

1. **General.**—The returns relating to Co-operative Societies have, prior to 1931, been divided into two classes—(i) those engaged in the manufacture and marketing of primary products and trade requirements; and (ii) those engaged in retailing general household requirements. The former may be described briefly as Producers' Co-operative and the

latter as Consumers' Co-operative Societies. Particulars of those Producers' Societies which are also Consumers' Societies were compiled separately for the first time for the year 1931. The particulars given for New South Wales relate to societies registered under the *Co-operation Act* 1923-1929.

## CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.—SUMMARY, 1932.

| Particulars. | N.S.W.<br>1932.(a) | Vic.<br>1931-32. | Qld.<br>1931-32. | S.A.<br>1932. | W.A.<br>1931-32. | Tas.<br>1931-32. | Total. |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|--------|
|--------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|--------|

## PRODUCERS' SOCIETIES.

|                               |            |           |           |         |         |         |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Number of Societies ..        | 102        | 63        | 46        | 32      | 3       | 12      | 258        |
| Number of Branches ..         | (c) 19     | 19        | 34        | 9       | 7       | 18      | 87         |
| Number of Members ..          | 44,904     | 38,967    | 33,168    | 6,889   | 3,586   | 6,268   | 133,782    |
| Gross Turnover (Sales) £      | 12,636,524 | 5,555,337 | 4,494,519 | 654,054 | 408,404 | 398,127 | 24,146,965 |
| Other Income .. £             | 236,708    | 710,869   | 438,150   | 93,700  | 19,623  | 21,752  | 1,520,802  |
| Total Income .. £             | 12,873,232 | 6,266,206 | 4,932,669 | 747,754 | 428,027 | 419,879 | 25,667,767 |
| Total Purchases during Year £ | 6,312,721  | 4,321,249 | 3,629,586 | 590,947 | 281,916 | 332,121 | 15,468,540 |
| Total Expenditure (b) £       | 8,732,508  | 5,887,700 | 4,875,376 | 819,574 | 386,116 | 415,565 | 21,116,839 |
| Rebates and Bonuses £         | 25,463     | 581       | 2,250     | 24,540  | 8,949   | 194     | 61,977     |
| Dividends on Share Capital £  | 14,588     | 26,400    | 19,119    | 11,961  | 140     | 1,455   | 73,662     |

## CONSUMERS' SOCIETIES.

|                               |           |         |        |         |        |        |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Number of Societies ..        | 46        | 28      | 7      | 9       | 5      | 3      | 98        |
| Number of Branches ..         | (c) 9     | 9       | 2      | 46      | ..     | 3      | 60        |
| Number of Members ..          | 41,845    | 12,122  | 23,726 | 39,795  | 1,535  | 509    | 119,532   |
| Gross Turnover (Sales) £      | 2,055,464 | 684,384 | 58,267 | 837,781 | 67,929 | 61,063 | 3,764,888 |
| Other Income .. £             | 26,228    | 18,966  | 17,873 | 19,927  | 1,495  | 815    | 85,304    |
| Total Income .. £             | 2,081,692 | 703,350 | 76,140 | 857,708 | 69,424 | 61,878 | 3,850,192 |
| Total Purchases during Year £ | 1,505,393 | 531,195 | 47,264 | 639,421 | 54,356 | 47,454 | 2,825,083 |
| Total Expenditure (b) £       | 1,987,100 | 656,387 | 75,169 | 815,456 | 65,700 | 55,818 | 3,655,630 |
| Rebates and Bonuses £         | 69,893    | 26,384  | 343    | 8,444   | 3,337  | 194    | 108,595   |
| Dividends on Share Capital £  | 20,927    | 4,476   | 1,153  | 16,088  | 486    | ..     | 43,130    |

(a) Particulars relate to Societies registered under *Co-operation Act* 1923-1929. (b) Working expenses and purchases. (c) Not available. (d) Excluding New South Wales.

## SOCIETIES WHICH ARE BOTH PRODUCERS' AND CONSUMERS'.

|                               |    |         |           |        |           |    |           |
|-------------------------------|----|---------|-----------|--------|-----------|----|-----------|
| Number of Societies ..        | .. | 8       | 9         | 3      | 55        | .. | 75        |
| Number of Branches ..         | .. | 9       | 30        | 1      | 53        | .. | 93        |
| Number of Members ..          | .. | 3,901   | 9,904     | 505    | 14,142    | .. | 28,452    |
| Gross Turnover (Sales) £      | .. | 926,491 | 1,712,895 | 80,283 | 1,201,126 | .. | 3,920,795 |
| Other Income .. £             | .. | 19,276  | 70,012    | 15,593 | 228,838   | .. | 333,719   |
| Total Income .. £             | .. | 945,767 | 1,782,907 | 95,876 | 1,429,964 | .. | 4,254,514 |
| Total Purchases during year £ | .. | 764,026 | 1,355,103 | 79,875 | 1,036,799 | .. | 3,235,803 |
| Total Expenditure (a) £       | .. | 932,371 | 1,722,734 | 92,521 | 1,437,445 | .. | 4,185,071 |
| Rebates and Bonuses £         | .. | 6,160   | 12,708    | 1,940  | 1,841     | .. | 22,649    |
| Dividends on Share Capital £  | .. | 2,349   | 6,683     | 1,041  | 3,323     | .. | 13,396    |

(a) Working expenses and purchases.

2. Liabilities and Assets.—The next table gives the liabilities and assets.



## CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.—LIABILITIES AND ASSETS, 1932.

| Particulars. | N.S.W.<br>1932.(a) | Vic.<br>1931-32. | Qld.<br>1931-32. | S.A.<br>1932. | W.A.<br>1931-32. | Tas.<br>1931-32. | Total. |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|--------|
|--------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|--------|

## PRODUCERS' SOCIETIES.

| Liabilities—                               | £                | £                | £                | £                | £              | £              | £                 |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Paid-up Capital ..                         | 906,029          | 942,696          | 455,335          | 183,058          | 51,045         | 86,787         | 2,624,950         |
| Loan Capital ..                            | ..               | 177,359          | 873,180          | 239,725          | 5,950          | 42,606         | 1,338,820         |
| Bank Overdraft ..                          | 299,071          | 1,085,276        | 160,192          | 94,091           | 8,181          | 29,842         | 1,676,653         |
| Accumulated Profits ..                     | 718,380          | 125,453          | 40,467           | 37,496           | 27,881         | 8,455          | 1,748,363         |
| Reserve Funds ..                           |                  | 260,819          | 331,585          | 155,208          | 27,582         | 15,037         |                   |
| Sundry Creditors ..                        | 1,184,611        | 409,939          | 423,105          | 374,507          | 30,232         | 32,105         | 2,845,427         |
| Other Liabilities ..                       |                  | 59,160           | 78,443           | 242,411          | 3,535          | 7,379          |                   |
| <b>Total Liabilities ..</b>                | <b>3,108,091</b> | <b>3,060,702</b> | <b>2,362,307</b> | <b>1,326,496</b> | <b>154,406</b> | <b>222,211</b> | <b>10,234,213</b> |
| Assets—                                    | £                | £                | £                | £                | £              | £              | £                 |
| Land and Buildings ..                      | 1,716,488        | 1,225,611        | 548,905          | 141,629          | 34,734         | 97,522         | 5,323,217         |
| Machinery, Plant and other fixed Assets .. |                  |                  | 1,201,824        | 272,691          | 41,024         | 42,789         |                   |
| Stocks ..                                  | 390,346          | 704,924          | 204,726          | 681,184          | 12,784         | 37,000         | 2,030,964         |
| Sundry Debtors ..                          | 774,800          | 804,096          | 314,887          | 79,723           | 29,526         | 28,539         | 2,031,571         |
| Cash in hand and on deposit ..             | 75,216           | 64,262           | 54,614           | 87,229           | 20,176         | 5,305          | 306,802           |
| Profit and Loss Account ..                 | ..               | 118,580          | 4,559            | 18,637           | 9,412          | 5,197          | 156,385           |
| Other Assets ..                            | 151,241          | 143,229          | 32,792           | 45,403           | 6,750          | 5,859          | 385,274           |
| <b>Total Assets ..</b>                     | <b>3,108,091</b> | <b>3,060,702</b> | <b>2,362,307</b> | <b>1,326,496</b> | <b>154,406</b> | <b>222,211</b> | <b>10,234,213</b> |

(a) Particulars relate to Societies registered under *Co-operation Act 1923-1929*.

## CONSUMERS' SOCIETIES.

| Liabilities—                               | £                | £              | £             | £              | £             | £             | £                |
|--|------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Paid-up Capital ..                         | 630,820          | 171,549        | 26,850        | 451,659        | 13,164        | 20,592        | 1,314,634        |
| Loan Capital ..                            | ..               | 58,402         | 9,846         | 137,724        | ..            | 6,245         | 212,217          |
| Bank Overdraft ..                          | 136,391          | 100,470        | 6,631         | 55,799         | 2,821         | 2,699         | 304,811          |
| Accumulated Profits ..                     | 325,867          | 12,009         | 6,472         | 1,254          | 2,052         | 2,029         | 647,748          |
| Reserve Funds ..                           |                  | 126,977        | 7,662         | 153,601        | 1,782         | 8,043         |                  |
| Sundry Creditors ..                        | 312,156          | 83,512         | 4,257         | 28,770         | 5,854         | 4,178         | 450,165          |
| Other Liabilities ..                       |                  | 7,647          | 752           | 614            | 238           | 2,187         |                  |
| <b>Total Liabilities ..</b>                | <b>1,405,234</b> | <b>560,566</b> | <b>62,470</b> | <b>829,421</b> | <b>25,911</b> | <b>45,973</b> | <b>2,929,575</b> |
| Assets—                                    | £                | £              | £             | £              | £             | £             | £                |
| Land and Buildings ..                      | 546,482          | 211,126        | 27,386        | 269,423        | 5,211         | 13,985        | 1,138,663        |
| Machinery, Plant and other fixed Assets .. |                  |                | 3,159         | 58,727         | 1,427         | 1,737         |                  |
| Stocks ..                                  | 337,034          | 130,080        | 16,065        | 220,009        | 7,274         | 12,604        | 723,066          |
| Sundry Debtors ..                          | 345,368          | 165,776        | 8,944         | 139,847        | 7,193         | 8,001         | 675,129          |
| Cash in hand and on deposit ..             | 14,777           | 36,949         | 4,051         | 40,560         | 3,199         | 9,193         | 108,729          |
| Profit and Loss Account ..                 | ..               | 7,952          | ..            | 22,382         | 289           | 337           | 30,960           |
| Other Assets ..                            | 161,573          | 8,683          | 2,865         | 78,473         | 1,318         | 116           | 253,028          |
| <b>Total Assets ..</b>                     | <b>1,405,234</b> | <b>560,566</b> | <b>62,470</b> | <b>829,421</b> | <b>25,911</b> | <b>45,973</b> | <b>2,929,575</b> |

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.—LIABILITIES AND ASSETS, 1932—*continued.*

| Particulars.  | N.S.W. (a)<br>1932. | Vic.<br>1931-32. | Qld.<br>1931-32. | S.A.<br>1932. | W.A.<br>1931-32. | Tas.<br>1931-32. | Total.    |
|---|---------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|
| SOCIETIES WHICH ARE BOTH PRODUCERS' AND CONSUMERS'. |                     |                  |                  |               |                  |                  |           |
| Liabilities—  |                     |                  |                  |               |                  |                  |           |
| Paid-up Capital ..                                  | ..                  | 69,430           | 142,587          | 16,901        | 405,317          | ..               | 634,235   |
| Loan Capital ..                                     | ..                  | 12,292           | ..               | 375           | 160,436          | ..               | 173,103   |
| Bank Overdraft ..                                   | ..                  | 49,989           | 14,775           | 13,623        | 426,555          | ..               | 504,942   |
| Accumulated Profits ..                              | ..                  | 40,584           | 16,418           | ..            | 10,407           | ..               | 67,409    |
| Reserve Funds ..                                    | ..                  | 47,587           | 58,457           | 6,522         | 107,702          | ..               | 220,268   |
| Sundry Creditors ..                                 | ..                  | 58,623           | 119,163          | 6,694         | 325,802          | ..               | 510,282   |
| Other Liabilities ..                                | ..                  | 8,699            | 7,242            | 597           | 47,427           | ..               | 63,965    |
| Total Liabilities ..                                | ..                  | 287,204          | 358,642          | 44,712        | 1,483,646        | ..               | 2,174,204 |
| Assets—   |                     |                  |                  |               |                  |                  |           |
| Land and Buildings ..                               | ..                  | 149,952          | 109,698          | 6,684         | 177,399          | ..               | 661,902   |
| Machinery, Plant and<br>other fixed Assets ..       | ..                  |                  |                  |               |                  |                  |           |
| Stocks ..   | ..                  |                  |                  |               |                  |                  |           |
| Sundry Debtors ..                                   | ..                  | 55,290           | 58,313           | 11,786        | 269,193          | ..               | 394,582   |
| Cash on hand and on<br>deposit ..                   | ..                  | 49,535           | 73,837           | 16,148        | 602,718          | ..               | 742,238   |
| Profit and Loss Account ..                          | ..                  | 3,957            | 12,575           | 237           | 21,404           | ..               | 38,173    |
| Other Assets ..                                     | ..                  | 7,885            | 352              | 170           | 57,987           | ..               | 66,394    |
|   | ..                  | 20,585           | 11,651           | 779           | 237,900          | ..               | 270,915   |
| Total Assets ..                                     | ..                  | 287,204          | 358,642          | 44,712        | 1,483,646        | ..               | 2,174,204 |

(a) Particulars relate to Societies registered under *Co-operation Act* 1923-1929.

## D. INSURANCE.

## § 1. General.

Although insurance business is conducted under State laws where such laws are in existence, or otherwise under various Companies Acts or Special Acts, Section 51 of the *Commonwealth Constitution Act* confers the necessary powers on the Commonwealth Parliament to legislate in regard to "insurance other than State insurance; also State insurance extending beyond the limits of the State concerned". In 1905, the Commonwealth Parliament passed "An Act relating to Assurance on the Lives of Children by Life Assurance Companies or Societies", but no further legislation relating to life assurance was enacted until 1932, when Act No. 4, "An Act relating to Insurance" was passed. The principal features of this latter Act are given hereunder.

Companies, persons or associations of persons carrying on insurance business in the Commonwealth or in any Territory are required to deposit money or approved securities with the Commonwealth Treasurer, to the extent specified in the schedule hereunder. In the case of a Company carrying on business at the commencement of the Act (25th March, 1932) the specified deposit was required to be made within six months thereafter and a new company had to lodge its deposit before conducting business. The penalty for failing to lodge the prescribed deposit is £2,000, and, in addition, £500 per day for each day on which business is unlawfully carried on.

## SCHEDULE OF DEPOSITS.

| Class of Company.                           | Life Assurance Business.   | Other Insurance Business.   |
|---|--|---|
| Existing companies (Australian and foreign) | £1,000 for every £5,000 of net liability up to a maximum deposit of £50,000  | £1,000, for each £5,000 of annual premium income. Maximum deposit £40,000   |
| New companies—Australia                     | £5,000 per annum until maximum of £50,000 is reached. For mutual companies, after the initial deposit of £5,000, £1,000 per annum until deposit reaches a maximum of £50,000 | Initial deposit, £5,000. £1,000, for every £5,000 by which the annual premium income exceeds £25,000 until deposit reaches a maximum of £40,000 |
| Overseas—                                   |  |   |
| British .. ..                               | £50,000 .. ..  | £50,000   |
| Foreign .. ..                               | £60,000 .. ..  | £60,000   |

Deposits in respect of existing Life Assurance Companies are based on their net liability and those in respect of other insurance business on the annual premium income.

Initial deposits must be accompanied by prescribed certified returns showing the extent of the business, and prescribed annual returns must also be submitted to the Treasurer by depositors. The penalty for false return is imprisonment for two years.

Money deposited is to be invested by the Treasurer in prescribed securities according to the selection of the depositor, and all interest accruing on deposits or securities is to be paid to depositors. Deposits are to remain as security against liability to policy-holders, and are to be available to satisfy judgments obtained in respect of policies.

If the value of money and approved securities deposited has depreciated below the value required by the Act, the Treasurer may require the depositor to lodge additional deposits to bring the total to the prescribed value.

After this Act became law, State laws governing insurance deposits ceased to operate. Deposits held by States on 1st February, 1932, could, however remain with the States subject to the conditions embodied in the laws of the States. Whilst deposits so remained with the State, the depositors, to the extent of the value of their deposits, were exempt from liability to make deposit under the Commonwealth Act, and the conditions of State laws continued to apply to the deposit until the Commonwealth Treasurer required their return to depositors who immediately had to make deposits with the Commonwealth to the prescribed extent.

The following are not regarded as insurance businesses under the Act :—

Staff superannuation schemes ;

Schemes of religious organizations solely for insurance of their property ; and  
Friendly Society, Union and Association schemes involving superannuation or insurance benefits to employees.

This Act does not apply to State insurance within the limits of the State concerned.

## § 2. Life Assurance.

1. **General.**—Statistical returns since 1907 have been collected from life assurance companies and societies, with results which are in the main satisfactory. The results for each of the earlier years may be found in the several Official Year Books and Finance Bulletins. The figures in the succeeding paragraphs refer to Australian business only, except where otherwise indicated.

2. **Companies Transacting Business.**—(i) *General.* The number of companies transacting life assurance business in Australia during 1932 was 29, four of which were overseas companies. Of the twenty-five Australian companies, six are purely mutual, and eighteen are public companies. One office is a State government institution.

(ii) *Ordinary and Industrial Business.* Of the societies enumerated in the preceding paragraph, fifteen transacted both ordinary and industrial business. Ordinary and industrial business have, where possible, been kept separate, and figures relating to companies whose head offices are outside Australia have been restricted to the Australian business.

3. **Australian Business, 1927–1932.**—(i) *Ordinary.* The subjoined table shows the ordinary life business in force for each of the last six years. While the total sum assured has increased by about 24 million pounds (about 9 per cent.), during the quinquennium the average per policy has increased from £303 to £330. The amount assured in 1932 represents an average of slightly less than £44 per head of population.

#### ORDINARY LIFE ASSURANCE.—AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS.

| Year. |    |    | Policies In Force. | Amount.     | Average per Policy. | Annual Premium Income. |
|-------|----|----|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------------|
|       |    |    | No.                | £           | £                   | £                      |
| 1927  | .. | .. | 866,710            | 262,276,366 | 303                 | 8,532,723              |
| 1928  | .. | .. | 889,521            | 276,391,009 | 311                 | 9,154,560              |
| 1929  | .. | .. | 908,807            | 290,313,414 | 319                 | 9,513,249              |
| 1930  | .. | .. | 901,645            | 294,267,070 | 326                 | 9,780,876              |
| 1931  | .. | .. | 871,089            | 285,164,656 | 327                 | 9,424,411              |
| 1932  | .. | .. | 866,084            | 286,188,696 | 330                 | 9,354,001              |

(ii) *Industrial.* Information in regard to industrial business is given in the following table.

The amount assured has increased by over 8½ million pounds (over 14 per cent.) in the 5 years. The average amount per policy in 1932 was £44, compared with an average of £41 in 1927.

#### INDUSTRIAL LIFE ASSURANCE.—AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS.

| Year. |    |    | Policies In Force. | Amount.    | Average per Policy. | Annual Premium Income. |
|-------|----|----|--------------------|------------|---------------------|------------------------|
|       |    |    | No.                | £          | £                   | £                      |
| 1927  | .. | .. | 1,481,044          | 60,732,865 | 41                  | 3,524,919              |
| 1928  | .. | .. | 1,564,081          | 65,966,754 | 42                  | 3,884,416              |
| 1929  | .. | .. | 1,640,989          | 71,053,864 | 43                  | 4,170,989              |
| 1930  | .. | .. | 1,598,877          | 69,977,444 | 44                  | 4,259,755              |
| 1931  | .. | .. | 1,549,877          | 67,440,828 | 44                  | 4,081,498              |
| 1932  | .. | .. | 1,595,347          | 69,409,234 | 44                  | 4,049,955              |

4. *Receipts and Expenditure.*—(i) *Ordinary Business.* The following table shows the aggregate Australian receipts for the last five years of all the societies doing business in Australia. In the latter year premiums—new and renewal—amounted to over 61 per cent., and interest, dividends, and rent to 35 per cent. of the Australian receipts.

## ORDINARY LIFE ASSURANCE.—AUSTRALIAN RECEIPTS.

| Heading.                          | Amount.    |            |            |            |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                                   | 1928.      | 1929.      | 1930.      | 1931.      | 1932.      |
|                                   | £          | £          | £          | £          | £          |
| Premiums—New ..                   | 1,133,529  | 1,067,895  | 1,021,764  | 815,249    | 878,085    |
| Renewal ..                        | 8,021,031  | 8,445,354  | 8,759,112  | 8,609,162  | 8,475,916  |
| Consideration for annuities ..    | 83,941     | 92,841     | 69,969     | 75,569     | 178,928    |
| Interest, dividends, and rents .. | 6,070,259  | 6,469,996  | 6,808,125  | 6,102,804  | 5,367,434  |
| Other receipts ..                 | 686,337    | 341,546    | 371,218    | 365,225    | 385,253    |
| Total Receipts ..                 | 15,995,097 | 16,417,632 | 17,030,188 | 15,968,009 | 15,285,616 |

In 1932 expenditure which had steadily increased to almost £13 million in 1931, decreased by about £1 million to £11,874,022 in 1932. Claims accounted for 49 per cent. of the total expenditure; surrenders 20 per cent.; and expenses of management, and licence fees and taxes, each 8 per cent.

## ORDINARY LIFE ASSURANCE.—AUSTRALIAN EXPENDITURE.

| Heading.                                | Amount.   |           |            |            |            |
|---|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
|   | 1928.     | 1929.     | 1930.      | 1931.      | 1932.      |
|   | £         | £         | £          | £          | £          |
| Claims .. ..                            | 4,990,017 | 5,389,720 | 5,356,945  | 5,733,128  | 5,834,098  |
| Surrenders .. ..                        | 1,049,259 | 1,164,504 | 1,761,192  | 2,554,249  | 2,379,753  |
| Annuities .. ..                         | 101,752   | 116,015   | 103,451    | 103,560    | 106,890    |
| Commission .. ..                        | 752,344   | 769,252   | 681,424    | 572,887    | 586,092    |
| Expenses of management .. ..            | 963,876   | 928,696   | 932,179    | 925,439    | 947,420    |
| Licence fees and taxes .. ..            | 186,952   | 425,202   | 509,337    | 906,134    | 982,386    |
| Shareholders' dividends .. ..           | 78,263    | 102,367   | 92,953     | 73,289     | 62,571     |
| Cash bonuses paid to shareholders .. .. | 483,033   | 579,490   | 758,991    | 878,310    | 726,721    |
| All other expenditure .. ..             | 350,866   | 395,726   | 1,056,318  | 1,113,645  | 248,091    |
| Total Expenditure .. ..                 | 8,956,362 | 9,870,972 | 11,252,790 | 12,860,641 | 11,874,022 |

The excess of receipts over expenditure during the past five years was as follows :—1928, £7,038,735; 1929, £6,546,660; 1930, £5,777,398; 1931, £3,107,368; and 1932, £3,411,594. During each of the above years the proportions that expenditures bore to receipts were as follow :—1928, 56 per cent.; 1929, 60 per cent.; 1930, 66 per cent.; 1931, 80 per cent.; and 1932, 78.7 per cent.

(ii) *Industrial Business.* The aggregate Australian receipts for the years 1928 to 1932 of societies transacting industrial business were as follow :—

#### INDUSTRIAL LIFE ASSURANCE.—AUSTRALIAN RECEIPTS.

| Heading.                          | Amount.          |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                   | 1928.            | 1929.            | 1930.            | 1931.            | 1932.            |
|                                   | £                | £                | £                | £                | £                |
| Premiums—New and Renewal ..       | 3,884,416        | 4,170,989        | 4,259,755        | 4,081,498        | 4,049,955        |
| Consideration for annuities ..    | 13               | 14               | ..               | ..               | ..               |
| Interest, dividends, and rents .. | 981,444          | 1,105,141        | 1,205,959        | 1,239,068        | 1,062,294        |
| Other receipts ..                 | 17,328           | 18,732           | 17,477           | 16,220           | 20,434           |
| <b>Total Receipts ..</b>          | <b>4,883,201</b> | <b>5,294,876</b> | <b>5,483,191</b> | <b>5,336,786</b> | <b>5,132,683</b> |

Expenditure during 1932 totalled £3,685,538. Claims amounted to almost 45 per cent. ; commission to nearly 23 per cent. ; and expenses of management to over 13 per cent.

#### INDUSTRIAL LIFE ASSURANCE.—AUSTRALIAN EXPENDITURE.

| Heading.                  | Amount.          |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                           | 1928.            | 1929.            | 1930.            | 1931.            | 1932.            |
|                           | £                | £                | £                | £                | £                |
| Claims ..                 | 1,278,853        | 1,408,735        | 1,586,080        | 1,584,875        | 1,656,710        |
| Surrenders ..             | 150,508          | 194,202          | 317,384          | 420,115          | 226,430          |
| Annuities ..              | 254              | 195              | 195              | 285              | 231              |
| Commission ..             | 944,909          | 988,565          | 895,421          | 812,153          | 840,422          |
| Expenses of management .. | 464,057          | 508,883          | 520,102          | 492,595          | 496,207          |
| Licence fees and taxes    | 33,549           | 87,186           | 106,229          | 189,408          | 229,814          |
| Shareholders' dividends   | 70,034           | 68,980           | 66,705           | 64,596           | 54,860           |
| All other expenditure     | 87,040           | 129,597          | 238,508          | 403,070          | 180,864          |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>  | <b>3,029,204</b> | <b>3,386,343</b> | <b>3,730,624</b> | <b>3,967,097</b> | <b>3,685,538</b> |

The excess of receipts over expenditure for each of the last five years was :—1928, £1,853,997 ; 1929, £1,908,533 ; 1930, £1,752,567 ; 1931, £1,369,689 ; and 1932, £1,447,145.

The proportions that expenditures bore to receipts during each of the above years were—1928, 62 per cent. ; 1929, 64 per cent. ; 1930, 68 per cent. ; 1931, 74 per cent. ; and 1932, 72 per cent.

5. *Liabilities and Assets, 1932.*—(i) *General.* The liabilities of the Australian societies consist mainly of their assurance funds ; but in the case of public companies there is a further liability on account of the shareholders' capital. The assets consist chiefly of loans on mortgage and policies ; government, municipal, and similar securities ; shares ; freehold property, etc. Loans on personal security are granted by very few of the Australian societies.

(ii) *Ordinary and Industrial Business.* For various reasons several societies do not attempt the division of liabilities and assets between the industrial and ordinary branches, and a few societies cannot state the amount of liabilities in Australia. In the following table, therefore, the figures relate to ordinary and industrial branches combined.

### ORDINARY AND INDUSTRIAL LIFE ASSURANCE.—AUSTRALIAN LIABILITIES.

| Heading.                                   | Amount.           |                    |                    |                    |                    |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|  | 1928.             | 1929.              | 1930.              | 1931.              | 1932.              |
|  | £                 | £                  | £                  | £                  | £                  |
| Shareholders' capital, paid up .. ..       | 1,965,386         | 1,729,408          | 1,706,160          | 1,445,045          | 1,426,306          |
| Assurance and annuity funds .. ..          | 85,295,617        | 91,938,296         | 90,551,713         | 90,325,856         | 93,798,818         |
| Other funds .. ..                          | 8,330,742         | 9,532,291          | 11,098,669         | 13,022,705         | 13,430,486         |
| Claims admitted but not paid .. ..         | 891,849           | 920,549            | 884,365            | 941,450            | 1,042,886          |
| All other liabilities ..                   | 2,619,086         | 2,521,056          | 2,684,814          | 2,346,360          | 2,329,505          |
| <b>Total Australian Liabilities (a) ..</b> | <b>99,102,680</b> | <b>106,641,600</b> | <b>106,925,721</b> | <b>108,081,416</b> | <b>112,028,001</b> |

(a) Excluding Mutual Life and Citizens, National Mutual, Western Australian, Liverpool and London and Globe, and Mutual Life of United States of America

Assets for the years specified are set out in detail in the table hereunder :—

### ORDINARY AND INDUSTRIAL LIFE ASSURANCE.—AUSTRALIAN ASSETS.

| Heading.                                   | Amount.            |                    |                    |                    |                    |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|  | 1928.              | 1929.              | 1930.              | 1931.              | 1932.              |
|  | £                  | £                  | £                  | £                  | £                  |
| Government and municipal securities ..     | 65,206,148         | 70,578,790         | 72,777,464         | 74,317,848         | 79,472,958         |
| Mortgages .. ..                            | 32,378,820         | 34,632,357         | 37,852,782         | 37,354,976         | 36,543,532         |
| Loans on companies' policies .. ..         | 12,644,271         | 13,864,243         | 16,795,179         | 19,122,781         | 19,814,898         |
| Landed and house property .. ..            | 4,944,345          | 5,327,568          | 5,691,395          | 5,954,157          | 6,330,864          |
| Life interests and reversions ..           | 143,710            | 151,724            | 175,093            | 205,560            | 315,043            |
| Other investments ..                       | 3,089,755          | 3,195,550          | 3,404,720          | 3,127,424          | 3,557,292          |
| Outstanding premiums                       | 1,001,740          | 1,052,187          | 1,170,984          | 1,122,747          | 1,073,141          |
| Outstanding interest, dividends, and rents | 1,303,410          | 1,425,585          | 1,525,703          | 1,582,472          | 1,588,516          |
| Cash .. ..                                 | 2,724,952          | 2,015,003          | 2,169,606          | 3,135,283          | 2,860,915          |
| Establishment and organization accounts    | 1,320,700          | 1,259,921          | 1,084,240          | 1,082,056          | 1,017,443          |
| All other assets ..                        | 2,286,136          | 1,096,050          | 1,308,602          | 1,289,439          | 1,221,284          |
| <b>Total Australian Assets (a) ..</b>      | <b>127,043,987</b> | <b>134,598,978</b> | <b>143,955,768</b> | <b>148,294,743</b> | <b>153,795,886</b> |

(a) Excludes Australian assets of Liverpool and London and Globe Coy. Assets of other companies referred to in footnote to the preceding table are included herein.

(iii) *Total Assets.* It has been thought desirable to restrict the figures relating to life assurance to business in Australia. Several of the companies whose head offices are in Australia transact, however, a large amount of business elsewhere, viz., in New Zealand, in South Africa, and in the United Kingdom, while in the case of the foreign companies, the Australian business is insignificant compared with that done elsewhere. Particulars as to this foreign business of both Australian and foreign companies will be found in "Finance Bulletin No. 24."

The total assets of all life companies operating in Australia amounted to £539,465,255 in 1932, of which government and municipal securities (£162,252,653), and mortgages (£120,132,376), represented more than 50 per cent. The substantial increases in these figures over those for 1931 are due to the inclusion of returns relating to the Prudential Insurance Co. Ltd., London, which commenced business in Australia in 1932.

6. *New Policies issued in Australia, 1932.*—(i) *Ordinary Business.* During 1932 72,532 new policies were issued for £25,698,876. The average amount per policy was over £354, which compares with an average of £330 per policy for all policies which were in existence at the end of 1932.

(ii) *Industrial Business.* New policies to the number of 279,572 were issued during the year, for a total of £12,619,527. The average per policy was over £45—slightly more than the average for all industrial policies which were current at the end of 1932.

7. *Policies Discontinued in Australia.*—(i) *Ordinary Business.* The volume of business which from various causes becomes void in each year is always large. The number and amount of policies, including annuities, discontinued in the last three years, and the reasons for discontinuance are given in the following table:—

ORDINARY LIFE ASSURANCE.—POLICIES DISCONTINUED IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

| Mode.                | 1930.            |            | 1931.            |            | 1932.            |            |
|----------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
|                      | No. of Policies. | Amount.    | No. of Policies. | Amount.    | No. of Policies. | Amount.    |
|                      |                  | £          |                  | £          |                  | £          |
| Death or maturity .. | 17,151           | 3,838,242  | 18,266           | 4,159,657  | 19,055           | 4,181,929  |
| Surrender ..         | 19,928           | 6,192,092  | 30,259           | 9,411,471  | 27,061           | 8,407,828  |
| Forfeiture ..        | 33,566           | 13,789,977 | 38,061           | 15,807,637 | 31,618           | 12,200,641 |
| Total ..             | 70,645           | 23,820,311 | 86,586           | 29,378,765 | 77,734           | 24,790,398 |

(a) Includes Annuities.

(ii) *Industrial Business.* The number of policies discontinued in this branch each year is also very large. Of the total amount of discontinuance during 1932 only about 14 per cent. was due to death or maturity, while roughly 80 per cent. was due to forfeiture.



## INDUSTRIAL LIFE ASSURANCE.—POLICIES DISCONTINUED IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

| Mode.                | 1930.            |            | 1931.            |            | 1932.            |            |
|----------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
|                      | No. of Policies. | Amount.    | No. of Policies. | Amount.    | No. of Policies. | Amount.    |
|                      |                  | £          |                  | £          |                  | £          |
| Death or maturity .. | 61,159           | 1,555,890  | 54,274           | 1,482,544  | 53,060           | 1,512,020  |
| Surrender ..         | 16,915           | 830,367    | 27,783           | 1,316,062  | 19,486           | 918,230    |
| Forfeiture ..        | 231,991          | 12,253,600 | 215,506          | 11,215,543 | 161,580          | 8,222,148  |
| Total ..             | 310,065          | 14,639,857 | 297,563          | 14,014,149 | 234,126          | 10,652,398 |

(a) Includes Annuities.

8. *Conspectus of Australian Life Assurance Legislation.*—A conspectus of Australian Life Assurance Legislation as then existing appeared in Official Year Book No. 18, pp. 1041 to 1059.

## § 3. Fire, Marine, and General Insurance.

1. *Australasian Companies\*.*—(i) *General.* Returns in some detail are available showing the revenue and expenditure, assets and liabilities, and investments of 40 insurance companies having their head offices either in Australia, New Zealand, or Fiji. The business transacted by these companies represents from 55 to 60 per cent. of the aggregate Australian business, some particulars of which are given in para. 2 following.

(ii) *Revenue and Expenditure.* The most important items of revenue and expenditure are given below. The trade surplus in 1932–33 was £350,690, or 5.94 per cent. of premium income.

## FIRE, MARINE, AND GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANIES.—SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

| Heading.                        | 1928–29.  | 1929–30.  | 1930–31.  | 1931–32.  | 1932–33.  |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| No. of Companies ..             | 42        | 41        | 39        | 38        | 40        |
|                                 | £         | £         | £         | £         | £         |
| Premiums, less reinsurances ..  | 8,321,762 | 8,304,632 | 6,975,834 | 5,964,532 | 5,891,040 |
| Losses ..                       | 4,993,394 | 4,829,345 | 4,293,384 | 3,560,972 | 3,262,215 |
| Expenses, commission, and taxes | 2,812,676 | 2,795,130 | 2,549,181 | 2,297,928 | 2,278,135 |
| Trade surplus ..                | 515,692   | 680,157   | 133,269   | 105,632   | 350,690   |
| Interest, rent, etc. ..         | 779,314   | 829,410   | 787,978   | 745,519   | 684,674   |
| Total surplus ..                | 1,295,006 | 1,509,567 | 921,247   | 851,151   | 1,035,364 |
| Dividends and Bonuses paid ..   | 659,704   | 653,595   | 574,626   | 546,822   | 571,134   |
| Ratio to premium income of—     |           |           |           |           |           |
| (a) Losses .. per cent.         | 60.00     | 58.15     | 61.55     | 59.70     | 55.38     |
| (b) Expenses, etc. .. per cent. | 33.80     | 33.66     | 36.54     | 38.53     | 38.67     |
| (c) Trade surplus .. per cent.  | 6.20      | 8.19      | 1.91      | 1.77      | 5.95      |

(iii) *Liabilities and Assets.* The liabilities and assets for the same period are set out in the following tables. Comparison of the results for 1932–33 with those for 1928–29 shows that paid-up capital decreased by 2 per cent, while reserves increased by 4 per cent. Government securities represent an increasing proportion of assets.

\* The statistical information in this paragraph has been extracted from the "Australasian Insurance and Banking Record".

## FIRE, MARINE, AND GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANIES.

| Heading.                                    | 1928-29.   | 1929-30.   | 1930-31.   | 1931-32.   | 1932-33.   |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| PAID-UP CAPITAL, RESERVES, AND LIABILITIES. |            |            |            |            |            |
|   | £          | £          | £          | £          | £          |
| Paid-up capital .. ..                       | 6,423,425  | 6,541,033  | 6,479,866  | 6,235,241  | 6,308,179  |
| Reserves and reinsurance funds (a) .. ..    | 10,048,875 | 10,136,075 | 10,236,760 | 10,279,065 | 10,416,126 |
| Undivided profits .. ..                     | 766,041    | 784,695    | 622,801    | 662,229    | 735,443    |
| Losses unsettled .. ..                      | 935,219    | 974,016    | 933,350    | 851,417    | 929,467    |
| Sundry creditors, etc. ..                   | 2,417,780  | 2,419,285  | 1,979,736  | 1,754,254  | 1,691,647  |
| Dividends, etc., to pay ..                  | 405,109    | 376,091    | 354,279    | 339,803    | 369,438    |
| Life assurance funds (b) ..                 | 2,008,769  | 2,331,665  | 2,603,598  | 2,805,673  | 3,022,937  |
| Total Liabilities ..                        | 23,005,218 | 23,562,860 | 23,210,390 | 22,927,682 | 23,473,237 |

## INVESTMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS.

|                                       |            |            |            |            |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                                       | £          | £          | £          | £          | £          |
| Loans on mortgage .. ..               | 768,378    | 829,079    | 845,085    | 745,445    | 797,417    |
| Government securities, etc. ..        | 13,331,925 | 13,932,258 | 14,464,207 | 14,470,341 | 14,878,208 |
| Landed and other property ..          | 3,550,460  | 3,584,044  | 3,397,399  | 3,304,802  | 3,236,307  |
| Fixed deposits, etc. .. ..            | 1,850,771  | 2,194,546  | 1,667,753  | 1,808,276  | 1,709,384  |
| Loans on life policies (b) ..         | 104,175    | 136,899    | 182,574    | 223,222    | 254,077    |
| Investments .. ..                     | 239,496    | 149,841    | 165,630    | 155,952    | 203,182    |
| Cash and bills receivable ..          | 769,923    | 670,078    | 603,896    | 703,721    | 972,852    |
| Sundry debtors and other assets .. .. | 2,390,090  | 2,066,115  | 1,883,846  | 1,515,923  | 1,421,810  |
| Total Assets ..                       | 23,005,218 | 23,562,860 | 23,210,390 | 22,927,682 | 23,473,237 |

(a) Including amount required as reserves against unexpired risks.  
transact Life Business.

(b) Some of the companies

(iv) *Marine Insurance.* The Act No. 11 of 1909, "*An Act relating to Marine Insurance*" passed by the Commonwealth Parliament, and assented to on the 11th November, 1909, altered the conditions under which marine policies had been issued under certain Imperial and State Acts.

2. *Aggregate Australian Business.*—(i) *States.* While the foregoing statements relate to those companies only whose head offices are located in Australia, New Zealand or Fiji, the following particulars which are somewhat restricted in the range of information are in respect of all companies operating in Australia.

The appended table shows for each State the aggregate premium income, less reinsurances and returns, and claims paid, less reinsurances, together with the proportions of losses on premiums for all classes of insurance other than life for the years 1931-32 and 1932-33. It should be mentioned that the figures for 1931-32 include for the first time the business transacted by Lloyds Brokers, and this fact should be borne in mind in making any comparisons between these figures and those for previous years.

## FIRE, MARINE, AND GENERAL INSURANCE—PREMIUMS AND LOSSES.

| State.               | Premiums, less reinsurance and returns. |            | Losses, less reinsurance. |           | Proportion of Losses on Premiums. |          |
|----------------------|---|------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------|
|                      | 1931-32.                                | 1932-33.   | 1931-32.                  | 1932-33.  | 1931-32.                          | 1932-33. |
|                      | £                                       | £          | £                         | £         | %                                 | %        |
| New South Wales ..   | 4,334,226                               | 4,335,774  | 2,314,044                 | 1,882,953 | 53.39                             | 43.43    |
| Victoria ..          | 3,069,444                               | 3,078,295  | 1,335,781                 | 1,204,754 | 43.52                             | 36.96    |
| Queensland ..        | 1,358,044                               | 981,519    | 783,912                   | 479,676   | 57.72                             | 48.93    |
| South Australia ..   | 793,906                                 | 804,493    | 230,482                   | 206,155   | 29.03                             | 25.63    |
| Western Australia .. | 846,498                                 | 893,218    | 327,445                   | 397,817   | 39.68                             | 44.54    |
| Tasmania ..          | 269,338                                 | 254,753    | 100,894                   | 107,765   | 37.46                             | 42.30    |
| All States ..        | 10,671,456                              | 10,348,052 | 5,092,558                 | 4,279,120 | 47.72                             | 41.35    |

(ii) *Classes of Insurance.* The statement hereunder shows premiums and losses in respect of the principal classes of risks, with the proportions of losses on premiums for the years 1931-32 and 1932-33.

## FIRE, MARINE, AND GENERAL INSURANCE.—PREMIUMS AND LOSSES, PRINCIPAL CLASSES OF RISK.

| Class of Risk.           | Premiums, less reinsurance and returns. |            | Losses, less reinsurance. |           | Proportion of Losses on Premiums. |          |
|--------------------------|---|------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------|
|                          | 1931-32.                                | 1932-33.   | 1931-32.                  | 1932-33.  | 1931-32.                          | 1932-33. |
|                          | £                                       | £          | £                         | £         | %                                 | %        |
| Fire ..                  | 5,526,649                               | 5,353,896  | 2,066,048                 | 1,732,623 | 37.38                             | 32.36    |
| Workers' Compensation .. | 1,697,176                               | 1,450,979  | 1,312,047                 | 1,098,179 | 77.31                             | 75.69    |
| Motor Vehicle ..         | 1,644,590                               | 1,613,427  | 841,485                   | 760,533   | 51.17                             | 47.14    |
| Marine ..                | 696,399                                 | 720,013    | 415,003                   | 235,866   | 59.59                             | 32.76    |
| Personal Accident ..     | 300,695                                 | 306,061    | 142,818                   | 131,320   | 47.49                             | 42.91    |
| All other ..             | 805,947                                 | 903,676    | 315,157                   | 320,599   | 39.01                             | 35.47    |
| Total ..                 | 10,671,456                              | 10,348,052 | 5,092,558                 | 4,279,120 | 47.72                             | 41.35    |

The volume of business measured by the amounts of premium income shows that fire insurances represented about 51 per cent. of the total during each of the above years. While next in importance were Motor Vehicle (16 per cent.), and Workers' Compensation (14 per cent.).

For several years to 1930-31 slightly more than 50 per cent. of the premium income was absorbed in satisfaction of claims. In 1931-32 the proportion was reduced to about 48 per cent. and in 1932-33 slightly over 41 per cent. only was required to meet losses.

## E. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

1. *General.*—Friendly societies are an important factor in the social life of the community, as probably more than one-third of the total population of Australia comes either directly or indirectly under their influence. Their total membership is almost 600,000, but as certain benefits, such as medical attendance and free medicines, and in many cases funeral expenses, are granted to members' families as well as to members themselves, this figure must, even when due allowance is made for young and unmarried members be more than doubled to arrive at an estimate of the number of persons who receive some direct benefit from these societies. Legislation has conferred certain privileges on friendly societies, but, on the other hand, it insists on their registration,

and it is the duty of the Registrars in the various States, prior to registering a new society, to see that its proposed rules are conformable to the law, and that the scale of contribution is sufficient to provide the promised benefits. Societies are obliged to forward annual returns as to their membership and their finances to the Registrar, and reports are published in most of the States dealing with the returns received. Up to and including the year 1930, returns for South Australia were for calendar years. The basis was then changed and the next statistical returns were for the eighteen months ended 30th June, 1932. The figures in the tables relating to sickness and deaths, and revenue and expenditure represent two-thirds of the totals for that period.

2. Number of Societies, Lodges, and Members.—The number of different societies and lodges, the total number of benefit members at the end of the year, and their average number during the year are shown in the following table:—

**FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.—SOCIETIES, LODGES, AND MEMBERS, 1932.**

| State.                    | Number of Registered Friendly Societies. | Number of Lodges. | Benefit Members at End of Year. | Average No. of Benefit Members during the Year. |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| New South Wales .. ..     | (c) 31                                   | (c) 2,497         | 225,331                         | 233,837   |
| Victoria .. ..            | 52                                       | 1,473             | 158,920                         | 160,184   |
| Queensland .. ..          | 60                                       | (a) 607           | 66,166                          | 66,953  |
| South Australia (a) .. .. | 17                                       | 814               | 72,133                          | 74,248  |
| Western Australia .. ..   | 15                                       | 348               | 22,564                          | 23,118  |
| Tasmania .. ..            | 19                                       | 191               | 25,352                          | (b) 25,747                                      |
| Total .. ..               | ..                                       | 5,930             | 570,466                         | 584,087   |

(a) Excluding Juvenile Branches. (b) Estimated. (c) Exclusive of twenty miscellaneous societies consisting of Medical Institutes, Dispensaries, and Accident and Burial Societies.

The total number of registered Friendly Societies is not given for Australia, as many of the societies operate in all the States.

3. Sickness and Death Returns.—Sick pay is generally granted for a number of months at full rates, then for a period at half rates, and in some societies is finally reduced to quarter rates. The following table shows the total number of members who received sick pay during the year, the number of weeks for which they received pay in the aggregate, and the average per member sick, and further the number of benefit members who died during the year, together with the proportion of deaths per thousand average members:—

**FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.—SICKNESS AND DEATH RETURNS, 1932.**

| State.                    | Number of Members who received Sick Pay. | Total Number of Weeks Sick Pay Granted. | Average Number of Weeks per Member Sick. | Benefit Members. |   |
|---------------------------|--|---|--|------------------|---|
|                           |  |   |  | Deaths.          | Proportion of deaths per 1,000 (Average). |
| New South Wales .. ..     | (a) 44,710                               | (a) 465,723                             | 10.42                                    | (a) 2,021        | 8.64                                      |
| Victoria .. ..            | 37,816                                   | 423,910                                 | 11.21                                    | 1,724            | 10.02                                     |
| Queensland .. ..          | 12,050                                   | 128,921                                 | 10.70                                    | 589              | 8.80                                      |
| South Australia (b) .. .. | 13,296                                   | 200,059                                 | 15.05                                    | 810              | 10.91                                     |
| Western Australia .. ..   | 5,122                                    | 48,355                                  | 9.44                                     | 200              | 8.65                                      |
| Tasmania .. ..            | 5,294                                    | 59,767                                  | 11.29                                    | 275              | 10.68                                     |
| Total .. ..               | 118,288                                  | 1,326,735                               | 11.22                                    | 5,619            | 9.62                                      |

(a) Exclusive of Juvenile Branches.

(b) See paragraph 1.

4. *Revenue and Expenditure.*—(i) *Revenue.* The financial returns are not prepared in the same way in each State, but an attempt has been made in the subjoined table to group the revenue under the main headings:—

## FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.—REVENUE, 1932.

| State.                 | Year ended— | Entrance Fees, Members' Contributions, and Levies. | Interest, Dividends, and Rents. | All other Revenue. | Total Revenue. |
|------------------------|-------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
|                        |             | £  | £                               | £                  | £              |
| New South Wales ..     | 30.6.32     | 758,229  | 162,321                         | 86,043             | 1,006,593      |
| Victoria ..            | "           | 544,421  | 249,236                         | 63,227             | 856,884        |
| Queensland ..          | "           | 226,336  | 89,917                          | (a)                | 316,253        |
| South Australia (b) .. | "           | 231,344  | 119,183                         | 29,193             | 379,720        |
| Western Australia ..   | "           | 78,659   | 23,978                          | 4,102              | 106,739        |
| Tasmania ..            | 31.12.32    | 85,042   | 18,393                          | 12,956             | 116,391        |
| Total ..               | ..          | 1,924,031  | 663,028                         | 195,521            | 2,782,580      |

(a) Included in interest, dividends, and rents.

(b) See paragraph 1.

(ii) *Expenditure.* The returns relating to expenditure are in greater detail than those for revenue. The figures show that the excess of revenue for the year was £328,034 for Australia, representing about 11s. 3d. per average benefit member.

## FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.—EXPENDITURE, 1932.

| State.                 | Year ended— | Sick Pay. | Medical Attendance and Medicine. | Sums Paid at Death of Members and Members' Wives. | Adminis- tration. | All other Expendi- ture. | Total Expendi- ture. |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------------------------------|---|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
|                        |             | £         | £                                | £   | £                 | £                        | £                    |
| New South Wales ..     | 30.6.32     | 299,508   | 292,065                          | 78,144  | 153,500           | 67,548                   | 890,765              |
| Victoria ..            | "           | 258,897   | 223,869                          | 42,274  | 118,584           | 93,344                   | 736,968              |
| Queensland ..          | "           | 93,963    | 95,877                           | 32,105  | 53,808            | (a)                      | 275,753              |
| South Australia (b) .. | "           | 113,647   | 93,391                           | 36,955  | 52,611            | 40,032                   | 336,636              |
| Western Australia ..   | "           | 31,896    | 29,079                           | 10,088  | 20,184            | 11,680                   | 102,927              |
| Tasmania ..            | 31.12.32    | 34,103    | 28,316                           | 22,168  | 18,477            | 8,433                    | 111,497              |
| Total ..               | ..          | 832,014   | 762,597                          | 221,734   | 417,164           | 221,037                  | 2,454,546            |

(a) Included in administration.

(b) See paragraph 1.

It appears from the above figures that sick pay averaged about 28s. 6d. per average benefit member, but, as the returns include pay at half and quarter rates, and as the proportion of these to full rates is not stated, the average given is somewhat indefinite. Medical attendance and medicine also came to about 26s. per average benefit member.

5. *Funds.*—The two foregoing tables show that the surplus of revenue over expenditure in all States amounted to £328,034 for the year. Accumulations of profits arising in the sickness and funeral funds of these societies are invested pending claims by members, and at the end of the year 1932 the total funds of friendly societies amounted to £14,734,744 (£25 4s. 6d. per benefit members), of which approximately 14½ millions were invested, principally on mortgage, loans on members' homes, real estate, and in Government and Municipal securities.

## F. PROBATES.

1. Probates and Letters of Administration.—The value of the estates left by deceased persons gives some idea of the distribution of property among the general population. There were in 1932 approximately 47,572 deaths of adult persons, while the number of probates and letters of administration granted during the same period was 20,029. It would therefore appear that about 42 per cent. of the adults who died during the year were possessed of sufficient property to necessitate the taking out of probate. The details for each State are shown in the table hereunder :—

## PROBATES AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, 1932.

| —                          |     | New South Wales, 1932. | Victoria, 1932. | Queensland, 1931-32. | South Australia, 1932. | Western Australia, 1932. | Tasmania, 1932. | Total.     |
|----------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Probates—                  |     |                        |                 |                      |                        |                          |                 |            |
| Estates                    | No. | 8,089                  | 5,433           | 878                  | 1,750                  | (b) 985                  | (d) 544         | 17,679     |
| Gross Value                | £   | 17,504,038             | 18,820,899      | 3,456,991            | 5,120,861              | 2,141,464                | d1,768,047      | 48,812,300 |
| Net Value                  | £   | (e)                    | 16,422,194      | (e)                  | 4,246,116              | 1,786,922                | d1,536,814      | 23,992,046 |
| Letters of Administration— |     |                        |                 |                      |                        |                          |                 |            |
| Estates                    | No. | (a)                    | 1,420           | 180                  | (c) 327                | (b) 322                  | (d) 101         | 2,350      |
| Gross Value                | £   | (a)                    | (a)             | 277,110              | (c) 226,307            | 432,197                  | (d) 136,237     | 1,071,851  |
| Net Value                  | £   | (a)                    | (a)             | (e)                  | (c) 155,052            | 353,529                  | (d) 82,512      | 591,093    |
| Total—                     |     |                        |                 |                      |                        |                          |                 |            |
| Estates                    | No. | 8,089                  | 6,853           | 1,058                | (e) 2,077              | (b) 1,307                | (d) 645         | 20,029     |
| Gross Value                | £   | 17,504,038             | 18,820,899      | 2,734,101            | c5,347,168             | 2,573,661                | d1,904,284      | 48,884,151 |
| Net Value                  | £   | (e)                    | 16,422,194      | (e)                  | c4,401,268             | 2,140,451                | d1,619,326      | 24,583,139 |

(a) Included with Probates.  
placed under control of Public Trustee.

(b) Applications lodged.  
(d) Applications dealt with.

(c) Includes Intestate Estates  
(e) Not available.

2. Intestate Estates.—The number of intestate estates placed under the control of the Curator during the year, and the amount of unclaimed money paid into Consolidated Revenue in each State during the year 1932, are given hereunder :—

## INTESTATE ESTATES, 1932.

| Particulars.  | N.S.W. | Vic.   | Q'land. | S. Aust.    | W. Aust. | Tas.   | Total.    |
|---|--------|--------|---------|-------------|----------|--------|-----------|
| Intestate estates placed under control of Curator during 1932—          |        |        |         |             |          |        |           |
| Number .. ..  | (a)    | (b)    | 1,294   | (c) 176     | 405      | 100    | 1,975     |
| Gross Value ..  | (a)    | (b)    | 828,956 | (c) 103,564 | 40,648   | 32,297 | 1,005,465 |
| Net Value ..  | (a)    | (b)    | 688,315 | (c) 75,335  | (b)      | 24,621 | 788,271   |
| Unclaimed money paid into Consolidated Revenue by Curator during 1932 £ |        |        |         |             |          |        |           |
|   | (a)    | 19,856 | 8,442   | 5,554       | 14,665   | (b)    | 48,517    |

(a) Included with Probates.

(b) Not available.

(c) Included with Letters of Administration.