



## PART III.

### INTERCHANGE.

#### COMMERCE.

**The Customs Tariff.** By the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (section 51) the power to make laws with respect to trade and commerce with other countries was conferred on the Federal Parliament, and by the same Act (section 86) the collection and control of duties of Customs and Excise passed to the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on the 1st January, 1901. The first Commonwealth Customs Tariff was introduced by Resolution on the 8th October, 1901, from which date the duties came into effect. The Tariff Act was assented to on the 16th September, 1902. Since that date the Tariff has been extensively altered. The Tariff at present in operation is the Customs Tariff 1933-1939 as proposed to be amended by the following Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates:—

No. 7—5th March, 1942.

No. 8—2nd September, 1942.

No. 1—1st August, 1946.

No. 1—14th November, 1946.

The Australian Customs Tariff has been built up in conformity with the policy of protection of Australian industries and preference to goods the produce or manufacture of British countries, and with due regard to the revenue aspects. The principles for the determination of the margin of preference to be accorded to goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom were laid down in the *United Kingdom and Australia Trade Agreement Act 1932*.

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

**British Preferential Tariff.** The British Preferential Tariff applies to goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, subject to the conditions that the goods comply with the statutory requirements in force regarding the grant of British Preference and that they have been shipped in the United Kingdom and have not been transhipped or, if transhipped, then only if it is proved satis-

factorily that the intended destination of the goods when shipped from the United Kingdom was Australia. The benefits of the British Preferential Tariff may also be applied wholly or in part by trade agreement to any British Dominion. A number of non-self-governing British Colonies and Protectorates is also now obtaining the benefits of these provisions in respect to certain specified goods.

**Intermediate Tariff.** The Intermediate Tariff—a feature of the Australian Customs Tariff until 14th October, 1932—was reintroduced on 28th November, 1935, insofar as certain items were concerned, in order to facilitate the implementation of trade agreements. The benefits of this Tariff may be extended in whole or in part to any country by proclamation.

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

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

The benefits of the Intermediate Tariff have by proclamation also been conferred on countries other than those mentioned above, the latest addition being the United States of America as from 18th February, 1943. Trade, however, with enemy countries is subject to the provisions of the *Trading with the Enemy Act* 1939-1940.

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

**Reciprocal Agreements.** A reciprocal trade agreement, under which special Tariff rates are granted on certain goods the produce or manufacture of New Zealand, has been in force since 1922, the British Preferential Tariff being extended to all other New Zealand goods. A new agreement was made in 1933 and reviewed in 1934 and 1938. The schedule under which special rates are accorded certain goods the produce or manufacture of New Zealand is the Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1934 as amended by Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Proposals No. 4 of 5th March, 1942.

In 1925, a trade agreement between Australia and Canada was consummated. As this, however, covered only a limited number of items, a new agreement under which practically all goods of Canadian origin were accorded preference was completed in 1931. Amendments

were made to the latter agreement in 1934, 1936, 1938, and 1939. The schedules at present in operation are the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1931 and the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1939, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Proposals No. 3 of 5th March, 1942.

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

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

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

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

The *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933-1939* as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Proposals No. 3 of 5th March, 1942, varies the duty imposed by the Customs Tariff 1933-1939 in respect of a large range of goods which come within the British Preferential Tariff of specified items deemed to be protective in their incidence.

Since the enactment of this Act, the Tariff Board in its inquiries into the economics of Australian industries, adopted the principle of recommending protective rates of duty on the basis of—

- (a) reasonable and adequate protection necessary under existing conditions, after provision is made for the protective incidence due to Australian depreciated currency; and
- (b) reasonable and adequate protection necessary where exchange conditions, Australia on London, are at par.

Exchange  
Adjustment.

The Tariff Proposals of the 6th December, 1934, gave effect, for the first time, to the new principle of imposing rates of duty as recommended by the Tariff Board as in paragraph (a). Automatic increases in the rates of duty are, however, provided for during any stage in which Australian currency appreciates in relation to sterling, and thereby ensure the *pro rata* maintenance of the duty level recommended by the Tariff Board in its (b) recommendation for par exchange conditions. Recommendations of the Tariff Board in respect of items carrying protective rates of duty given effect to subsequent to the 6th December, 1934, have provided for automatic variations in duties in consonance with fluctuations in the rate of exchange and, consequently, such items have been removed from the provisions of the Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act.

In addition to duties imposed by the Customs Tariff 1933-1939, ad valorem primage duties at rates of 4 per cent., 5 per cent., or 10 per cent. are charged according to the type of goods and origin thereof. Goods, the produce or manufacture of New Zealand, Norfolk Island, Fiji, Papua, or the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, are exempt from primage duty, as are a number of specified goods for use by primary producers, whilst many machines, tools of trade and raw materials not manufactured in Australia are also free of primage duty. Primage duties at the rates applicable to the British Preferential Tariff are accorded to Canadian goods admissible under the British Preferential Tariff, and also to proclaimed commodities from the British non-self-governing colonies and protectorates. Primage duties at concessional rates (in most cases at the rate equivalent to the British Preferential Tariff rate) are payable on a limited number of goods the product of proclaimed countries, included among which is the United States of America.

The Customs Tariff (Special War Duty) Proposals No. 3 of 5th March, 1942, provided for the imposition of a special war duty of customs at the rate of 10 per centum of the total of all other duties collected (i.e., customs and primage duties). The only exceptions to this duty were petroleum and shale products covered by Tariff Item 229 (C) and unmanufactured tobacco classifiable under Tariff Items 18, 19, and 23. This duty first became operative in respect of all items other than Item 229 (C) on 3rd May, 1940. On 22nd November, 1940, unmanufactured tobacco was also excepted.

As on and from 15th November, 1946, Special War Duty has been removed on all goods.

**Recorded  
Value of  
Imports and  
Exports.**

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

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

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

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

- (a) *Goods sold to overseas buyers before export.*—The f.o.b. equivalent of the price at which the goods were sold—  
 (e.g., as regards wool, the actual price paid by the oversea buyer plus the cost of all services incurred by him in placing the wool on board ship).  
 (b) *Goods shipped on consignment.*—The Australian f.o.b. equivalent of the current price offering for similar goods of Australian origin in the principal markets of the country to which the goods are despatched for sale—  
 (as regards wool, the f.o.b. equivalent of the current price ruling in Australia will normally provide a sufficient approximation of the f.o.b. equivalent of the price ultimately received).

The Excise Tariff in operation is the Excise Tariff **Excise Tariff.** 1921-1939 as proposed to be amended by the following Excise Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates :—

- No. 5—5th March, 1942.  
 No. 6—25th March, 1942.  
 No. 7—2nd September, 1942.  
 No. 8—28th January, 1943.  
 No. 1—1st August, 1946.  
 No. 1—14th November, 1946.

Special legislation was also introduced on 14th November, 1946, to remove Excise duty on methylated spirits for certain purposes, carbonic acid gas and dry batteries and dry cells as on and from 15th November, 1946. Excise duties had been imposed on these goods during the war for revenue purposes.



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

**War-time  
Trading  
Legislation.**

Brief reference to the steps taken to control War-time trading are made in the paragraphs which follow.

**Exports—  
Monetary  
Control.**

Part IIA of the National Security (Exchange Control) Regulations superseded the Customs (Overseas Exchange) Regulations on 16th December, 1943, in the control of proceeds of exports. As was the case with the superseded regulations, these new regulations are designed primarily to control the exportation of capital in the form of goods. They are complementary to the action taken under the other parts of the National Security (Exchange Control) Regulations to control the movement out of Australia of capital in the form of securities, gold and currency, and ensure—

- (a) that the overseas funds (i.e., foreign exchange) accruing from the exportation of goods are made available to the Australian banking system for national purposes through the Commonwealth Bank of Australia; and
- (b) that payment for goods exported is made in a manner approved by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Provision is made in the regulations for the grant of export licences subject to such terms and conditions as are imposed; and, on the receipt in Australia by the Commonwealth Bank or by a Bank acting as agent for that Bank, of advice that the foreign currency has been paid to the Commonwealth Bank or to an agent of the Bank in respect of any goods exported in pursuance of a licence granted under the regulations, the Bank or agent of the Bank pays the licensee or such other person as is entitled to receive it an amount in Australian currency equivalent to the foreign currency received.

By Proclamation (Customs Proclamation No. 590) promulgated under the Customs Act on 16th December, 1943, the exportation of any goods is prohibited unless a licence granted under the regulations to export the goods is in force or the goods are excepted from the application of the regulations.

NOTE.—Part III. of the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations superseded Part IIA. National Security (Exchange Control) Regulations as from 1st January, 1947.

**Exports—  
Commodity  
Control.**

For various reasons the principal of which are—

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

a large range of commodities has been prohibited from exportation by proclamation promulgated under the Customs Act, unless the consent of the Minister for Trade and Customs has first been obtained. Exports of these commodities to approved destinations are permitted only when supplies are available for the purpose and the conditions imposed are complied with by the exporter.

The Customs (Import Licensing) Regulations, which were promulgated on 1st December, 1939, were originally applied only to imports from countries outside the sterling area. The primary object at that time was to eliminate non-essential items from Australia's import trade with non-sterling countries in order to conserve foreign exchange.

Some items were placed on the totally prohibited list while others were limited to a percentage of either the value or quantity of imports in the pre-war year 1938-39. Certain classes of goods, such as machinery, which could not be conveniently rationed on a quota basis, were placed "under administrative control", each application being dealt with on its merits without reference to past importations.

The restrictions applied to the importation of non-essential goods have been progressively tightened since the regulations were first brought down and many more classes of goods have been added to the lists of items subject to "total prohibition" and "administrative control."

Consequent upon changes in the general war situation and the intensification of the Australian war effort, it was found necessary in December, 1941, to bring certain classes of goods of sterling origin within the scope of the licensing regulations. The extension of the restrictions to sterling goods is a necessary corollary to the measures adopted in Australia and throughout the British Commonwealth to divert manpower, machinery, and raw materials to war production. Conservation of shipping space is also an important consideration. Since December, 1941, an increasing range of goods of sterling origin



has been brought under control, but at the present time, with the cessation of hostilities in Europe and the end of the Pacific war in sight, it is becoming possible to effect relaxations in the control of these goods.

The Import Procurement Division of the Department of Trade and Customs is responsible for the administration of the Customs (Import Licensing) Regulations.

A large proportion of Australia's essential wartime requirements from Canada and the United States is being supplied under mutual aid procedures. Where procurement under such procedures is not applicable, materials are obtained by commercial orders under import licence, unless there are special circumstances necessitating a Government cash purchase.

**Trading with the Enemy.**

Under the *Trading with the Enemy Act* 1939-40, machinery was set up to cut off all trade which might directly or indirectly benefit the enemy.

The trading with the enemy ban applies to transactions with all enemy countries except such transactions as are exempted by licence from the provisions of the *Trading with the Enemy Act* 1939-1940. Licences have been granted exempting the importation of goods from and the exportation of goods to Italy, Austria, Hungary, and Finland.

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

**The Tariff Board.**

*The Tariff Board Act* 1921-1934 provides for the appointment by the Governor-General of a Tariff Board. The Act came into operation in March, 1922.

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

**Lend Lease and Reciprocal Aid.**

A comprehensive statement is given in the *Year-Book* for 1942-43, pages 316 to 323 of the basic principles and procedure, the distribution of lend-lease goods and reciprocal aid by Australia in respect of the United States Lend-Lease Act, which became effective on 11th March, 1941.

In April, 1945, United States Congress extended the validity of the Act to 30th June, 1946, but made a proviso that the President was not thereby authorized to enter into any commitment for the provision to any foreign government of post-war relief or assistance.

The United States Government estimates the value of lend-lease aid to Australia to 30th June, 1945, at £A359,500,000. Australian expenditure up to the same date on reciprocal aid in the form of goods and services for the United States forces amounted to £A258,000,000.

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

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

**Aid received and given.** Goods and services supplied to Australia up to 30th June, 1945, under the Canadian Mutual Aid Act were valued by the Canadian Mutual Aid Board at \$76,000,000 or £A21,500,000. The chief single item in this expenditure was the provision of training to R.A.A.F. air and ground crews under the Empire Air Training Scheme, amounting to \$28,000,000. Other significant contributions have been :—

Automotive equipment and mechanical transport (\$17,000,000).  
Aircraft and parts (\$12,000,000).

The amount of aid given by Australia under the Mutual Aid Agreement has been small.

**Trade and Shipping Statistics.**

On account of censorship requirements, details of trade and shipping were excluded from the *Year-Books* for 1939-40 to 1941-42.

**Variation in External Exchange Position.**

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

**Oversea Trade of Victoria.**

The total values of oversea trade to and from Victorian ports for each of the five years 1940-41 to 1944-45 are set forth hereunder. Imports for which Customs entries have been delayed by war conditions, have been recorded in the year in which the entry has been passed. Exports do not include the value of stores shipped at Victorian ports on board oversea ships, particulars of which are shown on page 113.

OVERSEA TRADE.—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO  
AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1940-41 TO  
1944-45.

Year ended 30th June.				Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.*	Total.
IMPORTS (BRITISH CURRENCY).						
				£	£	£
1941 ..	..	..	..	45,529,833	701,382	46,231,215
1942 ..	..	..	..	59,054,017	727,001	59,781,018
1943 ..	..	..	..	109,471,254	961,790	110,433,044
1944 ..	..	..	..	89,214,923	1,037,389	90,252,312
1945 ..	..	..	..	64,507,613	260,929	64,768,542
EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY).†						
				£	£	£
1941 ..	..	..	..	36,742,855	8,604,708	45,347,563
1942 ..	..	..	..	42,622,218	135	42,622,353‡
1943 ..	..	..	..	34,549,851	..	34,549,851‡
1944 ..	..	..	..	36,546,893	..	36,546,893‡
1945 ..	..	..	..	40,070,161	..	40,070,161‡

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

† Estimated British Currency values in each year were £36,206,000 in 1940-41; £34,030,000 in 1941-42; £27,585,000 in 1942-43; £29,179,000 in 1943-44; and £31,992,000 in 1944-45.

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

Percentage  
of Common-  
wealth Trade.

That portion of the value of Commonwealth trade handled at Victorian ports for each of the five years 1940-41 to 1944-45 is shown in the table which follows:—

Year ended 30th June.	Commonwealth Trade—				Portion of Commonwealth Trade Handled at Victorian Ports—		
	Imports.	Exports.		Total British Currency.	Imports.	Exports.	Total.
		Australian Currency.	British Currency.				
	£	£A	£	£	%	%	%
1941 ..	111,917,514	157,163,867	125,515,455	237,432,969	41·3	28·8	34·7
1942 ..	152,004,900	168,977,284	134,926,676	286,931,576	39·3	25·2	32·7
1943 ..	214,442,239	123,057,238	98,249,291	312,691,530	51·5	28·1	44·1
1944 ..	214,224,533	146,681,650	117,111,097	331,335,630	42·1	24·9	38·3
1945 ..	188,483,095	155,271,489	123,969,252	312,452,347	34·5	25·8	31·0

Recorded  
Values of  
Principal  
Imports.

The recorded values of the principal articles imported from overseas countries into Victorian ports during each of the five years 1941-45 are shown in the order in which they appear in the statistical classification of 21 categories.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM  
OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS  
DURING EACH OF THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1940-41  
TO 1944-45.

(British Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
<b>CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS</b>	£	£	£	£	£
Cheese .. .. .	31	3,645	18,796	1	..
Fish—					
Preserved in Tins .. .. .	161,159	58,444	115,913	92,582	18,960
All other .. .. .	73,533	74,816	74,491	77,777	73,537
Meats .. .. .	65,882	135,483	89,091	47,636	117,069
All other Animal Foodstuffs ..	16,999	23,665	8,667	3,960	3,013
<b>Total, Class I.</b> ..	<b>317,604</b>	<b>296,053</b>	<b>306,958</b>	<b>221,956</b>	<b>212,579</b>
<b>CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.</b>					
Caramel, Cocoa Butter, &c. ..	21,041	3,401	561	..	..
Cocoa and Chocolate .. .. .	94,368	86,316	133,405	118,302	160,685
Coffee and Chicory .. .. .	35,183	47,876	297,619	206,249	244,961
Confectionery .. .. .	847	1,589	1,064	..	..
Fruits, Dried .. .. .	29,178	19,081	11	..	42,010
Fruits, Fresh .. .. .	505	93	307	..	189
Fruits, Preserved .. .. .	1,249	1,067	57	..	..
<b>Grain and Pulse—</b>					
Peas .. .. .	18,894	21,195	81,244	61,714	21,708
Rice .. .. .	2,934	4,337	..	..	..
All other .. .. .	18,833	58,174	38,441	19,242	17,796
Hops .. .. .	31,932	..	1,006	4,610	2,290
Mustard .. .. .	90	..	..	..	..
Nuts, Edible .. .. .	74,124	49,778	9,587	8,945	8,358
Pickles and Sauces .. .. .	1,468	961	45	8	3,300
Sago and Tapioca .. .. .	24,010	15,661	..	..	..
Seeds .. .. .	42,535	24,693	93,811	35,289	93,089
Spices .. .. .	33,298	45,080	81,252	54,675	76,941
Tea .. .. .	862,797	1,257,495	1,394,650	1,249,121	1,324,129
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs ..	51,151	48,040	20,036	17,833	32,216
<b>Total, Class II.</b> ..	<b>1,344,437</b>	<b>1,684,837</b>	<b>2,153,096</b>	<b>1,775,988</b>	<b>2,027,666</b>

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES  
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1940-41 TO 1944-45—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.</b>					
Ale, Beer, and Porter, &c. ..	4,204	2,903	2,792	13	38
Spirits (Beverages)—					
Brandy .. .. .	1,732	..	18	..	..
Gin .. .. .	980	1,141	99	6	31
Whisky .. .. .	82,401	66,004	18,382	10,748	52,096
Other .. .. .	6,475	4,332	269	75	2,652
Wine (Fermented)—					
Sparkling .. .. .	448	20	50	..	..
Other .. .. .	628	314	..	9	..
Total, Class III. ..	96,868	74,714	21,610	10,851	54,817
<b>CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.</b>					
Tobacco—					
Manufactured .. .. .	1,454	4,561	1,801	..	1
Unmanufactured .. .. .	291,139	422,156	385,216	1,335,813	1,085,929
Cigars .. .. .	145	160	163	..	14
Cigarettes .. .. .	11,144	12,392	16,674	119	452
Snuff .. .. .	322	428	..	..	..
Total, Class IV. ..	304,204	439,697	403,854	1,335,932	1,086,396
<b>CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS</b> ..	8,654	7,290	3,643	18,414	27,536
<b>CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.</b>					
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds ..	20,252	18,538	17,515	21,081	33,869
Hides and Skins—					
Hides (Calf, Cattle, and Horse)	29,842	62,904	177,887	88,667	101,948
Skins (Goat) .. .. .	10,829	19,945	22,452	17,476	13,305
Other .. .. .	51,172	5,962	821	866	2,185
Silk, Raw .. .. .	478,767	88,914	13,266	..	34,870
Wool .. .. .	185,243	82,650	11,945	37,225	40,215
All other Animal Substances ..	61,356	46,540	8,370	7,822	9,772
Total, Class VI. ..	837,461	325,453	252,256	173,137	236,164
<b>CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES.</b>					
Fibres—					
Cotton, Raw .. .. .	427,056	428,114	312,796	252,303	508,763
Flax and Hemp .. .. .	146,955	165,994	151,489	68,397	233,156
Jute .. .. .	89,433	197,775	82,084	209,888	187,002
Kapok .. .. .	48,700	64,342	11,057	3,240	11,319
All other .. .. .	90,061	142,893	104,854	58,651	102,760
Grass or Straw, for hatmaking, furniture, mats, &c. ..	12,181	4,396	47	12,327	13,119
Gums and Resins .. .. .	199,891	234,563	266,087	256,971	419,948
Pulp for Papermaking .. .. .	359,992	432,463	322,128	342,635	435,134
Seeds .. .. .	210,198	152,057	323,555	329,653	365,331
Tanning Substances .. .. .	32,926	98,667	69,840	111,962	113,077
All other Vegetable Substances ..	78,283	6,192	75,244	41,454	67,390
Total, Class VII. ..	1,695,676	1,927,456	1,719,181	1,687,481	2,456,999

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES  
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1940-41 TO 1944-45—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.</b>					
<i>(a) Apparel.</i>					
Boots and Shoes .. .. .	29,278	21,260	15,047	969	12,812
Corsets .. .. .	3,493	4,486	..	699	20,293
Furs and other Skins—					
Dressed .. .. .	119,162	33,994	13	..	..
Gloves .. .. .	149,835	266,365	7,678	147	4,931
Hats and Caps .. .. .	44,067	43,009	1,396	4,611	13,768
Hosiery and Knitted Apparel (including Socks and Stockings)	17,090	30,767	..	12	325
Shirts, Pyjamas, &c. .. .. .	2,804	393	..	5,331	220,515
Men's and Boys' Outer Garments	29,559	45,916	1,597	..	83,236
Trimmings .. .. .	128,720	155,266	232,350	200,703	148,095
Other .. .. .	272,396	547,481	108,929	270,698	153,115
<i>(b) Textiles.</i>					
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck .. .. .	451,529	348,228	643,662	1,732,035	557,589
Cotton and Linen .. .. .	3,220,370	3,157,410	2,990,771	5,570,954	8,310,298
Hessians and other Jute Piece Goods .. .. .	233,814	391,500	499,698	879,239	322,219
Lace for Attire, Lace Flouncings, &c. .. .. .	118,893	174,933	29,830	18,895	6,502
Silk .. .. .	1,443,926	1,984,550	1,898,855	2,065,814	2,791,767
Velvets, Velveteens, Plushes, &c.	91,571	204,418	88,353	4,583	15,020
Woolen .. .. .	97,867	417,204	62,765	57,503	214,770
Other .. .. .	450,542	469,839	610,983	444,435	643,701
Floor Coverings—Carpets, Lino- leums, Mats, &c. .. .. .	725,441	814,485	45,269	1,979	31,576
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton and Linen .. .. .	82,009	148,567	99,442	48,250	39,282
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c.	340,129	302,979	328,659	263,037	287,341
Tents and Sails .. .. .	35	40	52,043	660,568	79
Towels and Towelling .. .. .	140,984	191,362	125,167	56,569	123,179
All other Textiles .. .. .	122,981	241,451	425,642	293,249	182,582
<i>(c) Manufactured Fibres.</i>					
Bags and Sacks—					
Bran, Chaff, and Compressed Fodder .. .. .	110,909	71,381	128,139	108,029	110,235
Corn and Flour .. .. .	429,621	708,283	860,260	180,986	454,248
All other .. .. .	285,580	144,546	510,797	326,745	320,485
Cordage and Twines (excluding Metal Cordage) .. .. .	130,815	183,567	236,518	410,787	45,908
Yarns—					
Artificial Silk .. .. .	594,306	841,889	594,082	584,216	637,849
Cotton .. .. .	562,220	604,055	797,579	807,193	1,379,464
Wool .. .. .	15,436	33,403	6,075	5,519	5,462
Other .. .. .	29,059	33,816	12,877	31,549	48,629
<b>Total, Class VIII. .. .. .</b>	<b>10,474,441</b>	<b>12,816,843</b>	<b>11,414,476</b>	<b>15,035,304</b>	<b>17,185,275</b>

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES  
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1940-41 TO 1944-45—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES</b>					
Oils (in bulk)—					
Kerosene, &c. .. ..	156,724	270,941	210,894	263,034	359,163
Lubricating (Mineral) .. ..	333,682	428,027	756,210	1,020,190	309,343
Petroleum, Crude .. ..	226,250	230,738	1	..	2,454
Petroleum and Shale Spirit .. ..	1,243,195	1,721,380	1,606,861	1,773,914	1,321,094
Residual and Solar .. ..	196,130	545,415	448,460	481,523	578,037
Other .. ..	163,480	156,302	127,739	103,646	174,175
Paraffin .. ..	128,743	140,856	71,603	70,648	79,079
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes .. ..	71,624	88,896	70,305	66,030	130,154
Total, Class IX. .. ..	2,519,828	3,582,555	3,292,073	3,778,985	2,953,499
<b>CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES</b>					
	222,367	259,658	195,443	169,467	177,722
<b>CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES</b>					
	345,138	331,147	391,319	265,354	347,585
<b>CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, AND MACHINERY.</b>					
<i>(a) Machines and Machinery.</i>					
Electrical Machinery and Appliances—					
Cable and Wire, Covered .. ..	364,483	277,765	339,749	544,148	188,655
Dynamo Machines .. ..	114,505	147,259	140,419	226,112	391,717
Telephones and Switchboards .. ..	101,136	111,562	150,390	294,655	635,349
Wireless and Parts .. ..	26,394	86,113	459,452	571,065	594,549
Other .. ..	383,175	373,454	435,841	622,914	1,055,955
Implements and Machinery (Agricultural, Horticultural, and Viticultural) .. ..					
	36,191	17,846	101,154	112,919	116,906
Metal Working Machinery .. ..					
	1,233,915	1,403,932	3,195,862	2,294,559	683,424
Motive Power Machinery—					
Aircraft Engines and Parts .. ..	761,671	1,555,064	3,345,540	2,281,714	860,947
Motor Car Engines .. ..	75,202	304,810	473,300	116,955	185,505
Tractors and Parts .. ..	138,495	110,925	579,134	1,183,736	2,089,738
Other .. ..	169,168	202,301	280,066	436,796	367,778
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings .. ..	272,849	345,379	630,524	406,877	396,023
All other Machines and Machinery .. ..	1,227,277	1,082,332	1,258,550	1,794,585	2,572,727
<i>(b) Metals and Metal Manufactures, other than Machinery.</i>					
Alloys .. ..	54,127	117,788	156,646	290,413	42,313
Aluminium .. ..	160,409	181,292	507,633	934,368	106,068
Copper and Copper Manufactures .. ..	359,877	882,542	1,386,719	49,920	61,453
Gas Appliances .. ..	30,996	32,346	13,139	14,166	7,615
Iron and Steel—					
Bar, Rod, Hoop, Ingots, Blooms, &c. .. ..	405,409	356,164	610,964	349,004	192,813
Plate and Sheet .. ..	1,908,287	2,367,991	1,733,359	2,548,754	2,365,458
Wire .. ..	58,975	57,224	141,910	56,203	77,942
Other .. ..	47,401	112,847	83,234	39,222	5,050



VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES  
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1940-41 TO 1944-45—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>CLASS XII.—METALS METAL MANUFACTURERS, AND MACHINERY—<i>continued.</i></b>					
<i>(b) Metals and Metal Manufactures, other than Machinery—continued.</i>					
Lamps and Lampware .. .. .	45,044	52,895	35,759	26,496	41,058
Nickel .. .. .	82,678	397,211	88,204	2,181	5,275
Pipes and Tubes .. .. .	57,986	40,052	19,239	57,964	33,574
Plated Ware and Cutlery .. ..	203,897	209,572	138,026	124,245	128,948
Tools of Trade (not being Machines)	309,395	378,050	575,277	777,848	892,898
Vehicles—					
Motor Cycles, Tricycles, &c. ..	33,846	127,126	354,769	249,690	144,632
Bodies for Motor Cars, &c. ..	13,059	2,346	56,775	17,491	541
Chassis for Motor Cars, &c. ..	1,810,089	2,814,678	2,888,882	1,229,298	740,023
Aircraft and Parts .. .. .	6,214,642	11,150,306	14,025,643	11,449,186	5,386,497
Other Vehicles and Parts .. ..	525,987	827,807	16,073,651	13,870,943	5,010,088
All other Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery	924,770	718,378	629,895	604,312	570,387
Total, Class XII. .. .. .	18,151,335	26,845,357	50,969,705	43,578,739	25,951,906
<b>CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.</b>					
<i>a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures.</i>					
Rubber, Crude, Powdered or Reclaimed .. .. .	1,133,915	1,051,012	821,828	1,067,843	838,618
Rubber Manufactures .. .. .	198,008	290,733	219,373	28,676	46,342
<i>(b) Leather and Manufactures of Leather and Substitutes therefor.</i>					
Glace Kid .. .. .	1,500	1,709	3,355	..	..
All other .. .. .	34,276	61,623	18,534	21,707	22,728
Total, Class XIII. .. .. .	1,367,699	1,405,077	1,063,090	1,118,226	907,688
<b>CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED.</b>					
<b>Timber—</b>					
Dressed .. .. .	47,845	35,080	27,813	3,898	111,855
Undressed .. .. .	172,777	122,492	72,817	96,721	223,674
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture .. .. .	78,200	60,823	16,344	32,943	22,883
Total, Class XIV. .. .. .	298,822	218,395	116,974	133,562	358,412
<b>CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONWARE.</b>					
Cement (Portland) .. .. .	1,677	15,066	1,819	583	..
Earthenware, China, &c. .. ..	235,784	290,184	158,542	140,933	210,645
Glass and Glassware .. .. .	224,738	297,940	109,305	90,235	143,577
All other Earthenware, Cements, China, Glass and Stoneware ..	102,414	125,134	41,266	23,650	12,678
Total Class XV. .. .. .	564,613	728,324	310,932	255,401	366,900

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INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1940-41 TO 1944-45—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
<b>CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.</b>	£	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Paper.</i>					
Cardboard and other Paper Boards	120,035	67,296	32,344	74,630	80,860
Printing .. .. .	722,813	370,473	57,734	249,504	721,910
Wrapping of all Colours ..	164,869	76,297	36,308	132,284	122,072
Writing and Typewriting ..	343,277	77,446	73,718	323,521	230,948
All other .. .. .	275,967	205,635	175,505	297,177	280,317
(b) <i>Stationery and Paper Manufactures.</i>					
Books (Printed), Directories, &c.	282,488	292,838	283,307	511,206	543,313
Cigarette Tubes and Papers ..	26,653	22,129	12,620	15,087	27,826
Price Lists, Catalogues, &c. ..	7,332	4,920	1,610	1,857	1,463
Pens and Pencils .. .. .	60,886	61,235	47,845	63,308	68,520
All other .. .. .	97,447	130,835	56,262	67,804	78,940
Total, Class XVI. ..	2,101,767	1,309,104	777,253	1,736,378	2,156,169
<b>CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME-PIECES AND FANCY GOODS.</b>					
Fancy Goods .. .. .	117,436	105,552	38,783	38,557	52,483
Jewellery, including Cameos, &c.	73,219	122,138	114,625	39,705	1,219
Watches, Clocks, Chronometers, &c. .. .. .	134,359	115,044	78,892	130,229	143,120
Total, Class XVII. ..	325,014	342,734	232,300	208,491	196,822
<b>CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.</b>					
Optical and Meteorological Instruments, &c. .. .. .	45,100	47,926	124,445	98,485	182,610
Photographic Goods .. .. .	43,780	69,235	21,732	24,869	38,716
Surgical and Dental Instruments, &c. .. .. .	241,167	324,263	374,392	225,577	152,402
Scientific Instruments, &c. ..	54,148	75,244	60,538	55,904	81,530
All other Optical and Scientific Instruments .. .. .	17,511	31,569	37,183	49,547	86,749
Total, Class XVIII. ..	401,706	548,237	618,290	454,082	542,007
<b>CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.</b>					
Acetone .. .. .	52,189	41,631	162,712	..	..
Acids .. .. .	77,953	50,095	38,850	26,490	19,725
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations	199,495	263,324	167,050	409,050	434,559
Dyes .. .. .	430,007	424,241	370,676	487,202	406,059
Fertilizers .. .. .	336,066	208,992	172,427	407,062	566,450
Glycerine .. .. .	56,837	77,479	61,725	..	..
Oils, Essential (Non-spirituous) ..	68,123	50,253	57,317	40,732	50,022

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES  
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1940-41 TO 1944-45—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS— <i>continued.</i>	£	£		£	£
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations	54,812	63,759	15,609	15,413	24,824
Sodium Salts .. .. .	178,684	397,261	393,052	246,220	234,880
Spirits and Spirituous Preparations	17,167	16,592	30,526	9,344	14,839
Sulphur (Brimstone) .. .. .	130,060	113,967	44,049	50,690	85,222
All other Drugs and Chemicals ..	701,472	993,149	1,051,508	671,914	435,111
Total, Class XIX. ..	2,302,865	2,705,743	2,565,501	2,364,717	2,271,691
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.					
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	293,646	1,557,376	28,773,321	10,156,039	3,497,426
Bags, Baskets, Trunks, &c. ..	43,105	46,488	2,144	127	2,959
Brushware .. .. .	43,099	41,233	6,925	4,030	11,808
Celluloid Sheets .. .. .	98,344	123,143	180,270	112,040	66,487
Fire Brigade and Life-saving Appliances, n.e.i. .. .. .	26,390	26,463	1,108,127	2,331,281	101,401
Outside Packages .. .. .	847,811	972,048	1,473,468	1,110,168	714,823
Soap and Soap Substitutes .. ..	18,240	15,042	6,177	7,000	7,381
Vessels (Ships) .. .. .	8,054	955	609,371	555,731	2,760
All other Articles .. .. .	470,645	622,595	503,497	616,042	584,735
Total, Class XX. ..	1,849,334	3,405,343	32,663,300	14,892,458	4,989,780
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.					
Gold .. .. .	689,844	726,732	738,886	376,941	254,651
Silver .. .. .	11,470	269	193,204	564,482	6,278
Bronze—Specie .. .. .	68	..	29,700	95,966	..
Total, Class XXI. ..	701,382	727,001	961,790	1,037,389	260,929
Grand Total .. .. .	46,231,215	59,781,018	110,433,044	90,252,312	64,768,542

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

The percentage which the value of each of the more important classes bore to the total value of merchandise imported during 1944-45 was as follows:—Apparel, textiles, and manufactured fibres 26·6 per cent. ; machinery and metal manufactures 40·2 per cent. ; oils, &c., 4·6 per cent. ; drugs, chemicals, and fertilizers, 3·5 per cent. ; and arms, ammunition and explosives 5·4 per cent. Excluding bullion and specie, the value of imports for 1944-45 decreased by £24,707,310 as compared with that of the previous year.

**Recorded  
Values of  
Principal  
Exports.**

The recorded values of the principal articles exported to oversea countries from Victorian ports during each of the five years 1941-45 are shown in 21 divisions, in accordance with the statistical classification.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1940-41 TO 1944-45.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
<b>CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.</b>	£	£	£	£	£
Butter .. .. .	5,503,189	4,354,788	4,059,231	3,299,164	4,381,131
Cheese .. .. .	810,805	593,174	514,535	986,770	1,086,603
Eggs .. .. .	263,627	142,537	38,464	134,284	64,385
<b>Meats—</b>					
Bacon and Hams .. .. .	87,643	82,911	82,059	55,340	94,565
Preserved by Cold Process—					
Beef .. .. .	23,985	29,955	24,958	35,018	237,049
Lamb .. .. .	2,686,397	2,505,211	2,649,335	2,383,616	1,857,590
Mutton .. .. .	76,224	80,470	104,035	181,741	387,708
Pork .. .. .	473,980	218,642	22,379	154,114	509,909
Rabbits and Hares .. .. .	45,327	4,334	10,283	28,520	160,675
Other .. .. .	121,161	60,595	127,820	109,082	145,018
Preserved in Tins .. .. .	412,558	1,452,192	748,510	642,728	1,132,070
Sausage Casings .. .. .	306,797	347,609	321,863	281,977	300,651
Other .. .. .	17,350	13,154	11,731	119,084	281,336
Milk and Cream .. .. .	983,349	1,556,845	1,883,487	832,479	1,051,847
All other Animal Foodstuffs .. .. .	62,674	118,138	90,230	131,294	19,273
<b>Total, Class I.</b> .. .. .	<b>11,875,366</b>	<b>11,560,555</b>	<b>10,188,920</b>	<b>9,375,211</b>	<b>11,709,810</b>
<b>CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.</b>					
Biscuits .. .. .	76,663	196,943	279,188	272,431	61,106
Confectionery .. .. .	100,830	64,846	27,656	88,015	52,185
Fruits, Dried .. .. .	1,487,415	1,670,001	1,775,005	1,950,668	2,025,967
Fruits, Fresh .. .. .	144,400	115,781	119,686	157,497	143,913
Fruits, Preserved in liquid .. .. .	527,997	634,254	115,205	128,885	183,678
<b>Grain and Pulse—</b>					
Unprepared—					
Wheat .. .. .	777,066	684,014	1,522,268	952,342	10,349
Other .. .. .	125,869	39,741	71,462	47,159	323,731
Prepared—					
Flour (Wheaten) .. .. .	2,683,545	1,440,342	1,214,573	1,994,574	1,689,926
Other .. .. .	368,906	350,255	167,610	210,427	215,969
Infants' and Invalids' Foods .. .. .	45	5,469		28,595	119,834
Jams and Fruit Jellies .. .. .	491,579	475,935	359,001	282,433	336,811
Tea .. .. .	9,163	17,503	7,868	7,806	1,181
Vegetables (including Tomatoes) .. .. .	134,530	321,194	225,928	171,126	145,955
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs .. .. .	187,661	240,312	202,222	215,900	110,445
<b>Total, Class II.</b> .. .. .	<b>7,115,669</b>	<b>6,256,590</b>	<b>6,087,672</b>	<b>6,507,858</b>	<b>5,421,050</b>
<b>CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS</b> .. .. .	<b>722,712</b>	<b>852,543</b>	<b>506,265</b>	<b>403,491</b>	<b>292,441</b>

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES  
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1940-41 TO 1944-45—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	£	£	£	£	£
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF ..	167,264	245,060	105,190	24,010	2,719
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	45,345	23,793	40,838	27,228	24,169
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Hides and Skins—					
Hides (Calf, Cattle, Horse) ..	65,778	11,338	6,277	56,754	95,681
Fox .. .. .	12,715	48,715	31,491	123,066	26,456
Opossum .. .. .	53,496	24,103	12,194	23,228	74,493
Rabbit and Hare .. .. .	1,106,954	1,648,356	988,346	2,072,741	1,750,681
Sheep .. .. .	490,455	1,127,095	824,235	639,118	1,002,186
Other .. .. .	26,220	31,632	22,937	112,245	72,949
Wool—					
Greasy .. .. .	7,132,648	11,358,307	8,004,032	8,175,116	10,504,923
Scoured and washed .. .. .	1,446,157	2,693,940	1,265,794	1,783,890	2,149,169
Tops, Nolls and Waste .. .. .	841,742	917,045	1,225,978	1,860,512	1,959,552
All other Animal substances .. .. .	34,985	51,487	19,529	29,046	41,492
Total, Class VI. ..	11,211,150	17,912,018	12,400,813	14,875,716	17,677,582
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES ..	125,428	187,113	395,347	522,644	498,681
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.					
Apparel—					
Outer Garments .. .. .	256,690	407,633	1,806	46,316	147,943
Underwear .. .. .	19,113	20,366	43,456	1,001	16,958
Boots and Shoes .. .. .	1,007	8,415	1,480	295	6,570
Other .. .. .	69,132	106,310	57,709	61,993	24,629
Textiles .. .. .	262,639	166,133	52,090	82,953	448,345
Manufactured Fibres—					
Yarns (Woollen) .. .. .	92,226	186,952	956,948	440,010	173,188
.. (Silk) .. .. .	167,932	117,301	53,556	12,589	8,524
Other .. .. .	91,770	77,558	15,837	9,595	30,501
Total, Class VIII. ..	960,509	1,090,668	1,182,882	654,752	856,658
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.					
Tallow—Unrefined .. .. .	194,243	376,225	72,325	278,402	193,001
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes .. .. .	118,306	112,261	124,679	96,082	80,959
Total, Class IX. ..	312,549	488,486	197,004	374,484	273,960
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES .. .. .	26,648	22,701	5,463	1,638	6,204
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES .. .. .	49,566	47,338	6,634	9,819	15,812

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES  
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1940-41 TO 1944-45—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.</b>					
(a) <i>Machines and Machinery—</i>					
Agricultural Implements .. .. .	391,210	534,607	378,092	348,865	240,088
Other .. .. .	406,672	558,303	160,402	172,313	218,812
(b) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery—</i>					
Bolts and Nuts, Rivets and Washers, n.e.l. .. .. .	61,552	64,798	31,958	26	28,206
Iron and Steel .. .. .	121,398	61,967	19,325	24,535	23,687
Cadmium—Blocks, Bars, &c. .. .. .	38,500	1,004	11,934	6,045	1,837
Lead (Pig) .. .. .	31,750	227,747	274,179	318,559	256,009
Metals, Scrap (except Iron and Steel) .. .. .	2,700	..	..	..	..
Motor Cars, Lorries, &c., and Parts .. .. .	31,245	29,454	7,484	9,080	12,912
Zinc—Bars, Blocks, &c. .. .. .	103,636	254,918	274,585	755,625	1,081,791
All other Metals and Manufactures thereof .. .. .	272,671	252,047	112,128	157,072	122,457
Total, Class XII. .. .. .	1,461,334	1,984,845	1,270,087	1,792,120	1,985,799
<b>CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.</b>					
Rubber and Manufactures .. .. .	153,213	146,080	148,691	130,833	111,336
Leather and Manufactures .. .. .	418,559	391,826	303,561	287,012	227,942
Total, Class XIII. .. .. .	571,772	537,906	452,252	417,845	339,278
<b>CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED ..</b>					
.. .. .	74,277	26,174	15,105	9,784	28,366
<b>CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONWARE .. .. .</b>					
.. .. .	38,382	27,660	20,026	39,210	45,237
<b>CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.</b>					
Paper .. .. .	19,792	18,090	57,442	18,617	8,576
Stationery .. .. .	51,160	86,224	44,526	80,856	79,141
Total, Class XVI. .. .. .	70,952	104,314	101,968	99,473	87,717
<b>CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME-PIECES, AND FANCY GOODS.</b>					
Precious Stones, Unset, Pearls, Cameos, &c. .. .. .	10,437	6,489	1,982	2,327	1,636
All other Jewellery, Time-pieces, and Fancy Goods .. .. .	35,918	36,675	6,385	4,214	20,628
Total, Class XVII. .. .. .	46,355	43,164	8,367	6,541	22,264

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES  
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1940-41 TO 1944-45—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
<b>CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS</b>	£	£	£	£	£
	96,318	83,041	67,646	43,137	75,558
<b>CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.</b>					
Bacteriological Products and Sera	21,317	45,673	20,376	15,082	15,006
Casein .. .. .	22,664	8,167	3,241	..	739
Fertilizers .. .. .	5,677	2,968	1,864	3,750	5,435
Medicines .. .. .	84,761	57,825	35,448	22,730	11,552
Oil—Eucalyptus .. .. .	149,768	156,957	83,777	119,540	110,282
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations, n.e.i. .. .. .	25,656	27,959	27,606	15,105	5,631
Yeast .. .. .	11,295	19,656	91,956	6,610	8,790
All other Drugs and Chemicals ..	126,406	137,113	41,673	154,194	154,672
Total, Class XIX.	447,544	456,318	305,941	337,011	312,107
<b>CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.</b>					
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	856,991	196,481	864,119	770,316	85,579
Matches and Vestas .. .. .	24,439	11,793	26,554	3,695	6,365
Oilmen's Stores, n.e.i. .. .. .	40,717	56,739	77,336	57,863	96,757
Soap .. .. .	36,148	18,509	11,163	44,802	63,665
Patriotic Gifts .. .. .	120,521	208,235	89,751	99,162	59,769
Other .. .. .	154,277	180,174	122,508	49,083	82,114
Total, Class XX.	1,233,093	671,931	1,191,431	1,024,921	394,749
<b>CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.</b>					
Gold .. .. .	8,340,369	..	..	..	..
Silver .. .. .	264,339	135	..	..	..
Bronze—Specie .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Total, Class XXI.	8,604,708	135	..	..	..
Australian produce .. .. .	44,946,548	42,340,346	34,405,970	36,363,683	39,801,364
Other produce .. .. .	310,893	282,007	143,881	183,210	268,797
Grand Total .. .. .	45,257,441	42,622,353	34,549,851	36,546,893	40,070,161

The export trade consists largely of agricultural and pastoral products. The value of wool, wheat, flour, butter, fruits (all kinds), meats, hides and skins, milk and cream and cheese exported during 1944-45, amounted to 83 per cent. of the total Australian merchandise exported—wool alone represented 36 per cent. Total exports showed an increase during 1944-45 of £3,523,268 as compared with the previous year.

**Trade with Countries.** The value of the trade with various countries of the world in each of the five years 1941-45 was as specified in the following table:—



IMPORTS (ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) INTO  
VICTORIAN PORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, AND  
AND EXPORTS DIRECT THERETO FROM VICTORIAN  
PORTS, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.

Imports of Products or Manufactures of—	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	British Currency Values—				
	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom ..	22,648,019	27,250,688	36,605,447	25,050,484	21,265,437
Africa, British East ..	90,539	111,960	755,042	263,669	349,677
"    "    West ..	282,903	29,730	102,340	86,149	93,397
Bahrein Island ..	200,485	247,466	405,285	107,908	448,261
Canada ..	3,238,898	4,477,977	4,496,317	3,462,749	3,985,197
Hong Kong ..	13,534	9,854	1,119	..	..
India and Ceylon ..	2,547,698	4,068,550	7,218,686	10,434,440	7,101,163
Malaya (British) ..	1,015,901	772,924	19,997	604	2
New Zealand ..	953,312	996,636	1,272,751	822,532	859,785
Pacific Islands (British)	512,846	777,942	11,400	4,590	43,473
South African Union ..	99,744	552,858	499,967	171,847	243,800
West Indies (British)	31,110	58,304	35,074	34,350	151,841
Other British Possessions	443,039	376,657	531,137	355,384	475,517
Belgium ..	21,033	2,320	14	..	..
China ..	199,109	89,957	2,024	270	415
Czecho-Slovakia ..	2,713	13	206	..	..
Egypt ..	64,891	260,237	172,580	127,141	390,110
France ..	37,547	843	175	90	751
Germany ..	62,305	15,552	634	1,132	2,003
Iran ..	236,782	682,020	990,601	1,092,319	873,057
Italy ..	36,528	631	198	4,415	33
Japan ..	1,772,745	220,278	99	..	..
Netherlands ..	82,278	1,602	210	72	..
Netherlands East Indies	2,212,788	3,022,914	179,637	19,297	5,443
Norway ..	18,925	4	11	..	42
Peru ..	3,920	1,655	10,456	55,944	4,328
Philippine Islands ..	45,876	13,339	58	22	275
Spain ..	10,485	4,865	2,680	1,233	1,426
Sweden ..	56,029	43,807	3,453	2,985	2,007
Switzerland ..	192,749	147,655	70,893	115,616	94,138
U.S.S.R. (Russia) ..	9,847	2,471	3,852	3,337	1,062
United States of America ..	7,924,046	14,155,700	54,426,705	46,326,239	26,501,524
West Indies (Foreign) ..	3,243	211	11,629	110,295	464,352
Other Foreign Possessions	317,537	411,350	1,128,983†	487,031	690,143
Total (excluding Outside Packages*) ..	45,383,404	53,808,970	108,959,576	89,142,144	64,053,719

\* "Outside Packages," 1940-41, £847,811; 1941-42, £972,048; 1942-43, £1,473,468; 1943-44, £1,110,163; and 1944-45, £714,823.

† Including Portuguese East Africa, £581,133.

Exports to—	Australian Currency Values—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
United Kingdom ..	16,805,803	15,861,368	13,325,433	12,938,903	16,332,170
Africa, British East ..	93,340	28,916	13,346	44,388	75,679
"    "    West ..	40	3	107	..	..
Bahrein Island ..	2,265	942	19,034	4,900	4,306
Canada ..	999,978	1,215,074	975,621	1,285,354	1,459,500
Hong Kong ..	375,951	223,150	..	..	..
India and Ceylon ..	1,419,979	3,449,496	4,886,857	6,344,206	7,368,362
Malaya (British) ..	1,164,856	1,267,580	90	..	..
New Zealand ..	1,958,097	1,983,670	2,251,513	2,195,894	1,775,018
Pacific Islands (British)	298,361	167,436	692,328	586,260	38,303
South African Union ..	356,700	497,029	514,042	327,753	388,497
West Indies (British)	100,566	97,233	45,377	9,667	..
Other British Possessions	424,572	476,503	197,750	179,772	357,747
Belgium ..	..	..	..	..	..
China ..	1,194,347	140,167	..	..	10

IMPORTS (ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) INTO VICTORIAN PORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT THERETO FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1940-41 TO 1944-45—*continued.*

Exports to—	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	Australian Currency Values—				
	£	£	£	£	£
Czecho-Slovakia .. ..	..	..	..	..	..
Egypt .. .. ..	1,226,720	1,522,531	581,714	1,316,320	1,097,869
France .. .. ..	12,311	..	..	..	132,177
Germany .. .. ..	..	..	..	..	..
Iran .. .. ..	..	4,000	13,361	20,846	23,791
Italy .. .. ..	..	..	3	91,560	204,939
Japan .. .. ..	701,200	116,683	..	..	..
Netherlands .. .. ..	315	..	..	..	..
Netherlands East Indies ..	1,297,133	1,041,859	65	53	..
Norway .. .. ..	..	..	..	..	..
Peru .. .. ..	120	..	219,107	..	..
Philippine Islands .. ..	98,192	44,310	..	..	..
Spain .. .. ..	..	..	..	..	..
Sweden .. .. ..	..	..	..	..	..
Switzerland .. .. ..	..	..	..	..	..
U.S.S.R. (Russia) .. ..	16	218	139,890	27,095	15,945
United States of America ..	14,460,565	11,246,077	7,143,873	8,940,908	9,190,946
West Indies (Foreign) ..	4,308	1,119	560	..	..
Other Foreign Possessions ..	633,936	529,951	610,892	772,141	772,467
Country not stated .. ..	1,627,770	2,707,038	2,747,888	1,461,773	832,975
<b>Total .. .. ..</b>	<b>45,257,441</b>	<b>42,622,353</b>	<b>34,549,851</b>	<b>36,546,893</b>	<b>40,070,161</b>

**Trade with United Kingdom.** Imports from and exports to the United Kingdom during 1944-45 represented 33 per cent. and 41 per cent. respectively of the total value of imports into and exports from Victorian ports during that year. Details of the principal articles interchanged are given hereunder for each of the five years, 1941-1945.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.

Articles.	Values in Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of United Kingdom origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Whisky .. .. ..	82,401	65,947	18,374	10,665	51,677
Cigarettes .. .. ..	5,362	9,585	15,998	..	..
Apparel .. .. ..	461,148	696,767	135,583	85,691	154,672
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck .. ..	231,082	211,017	333,763	594,525	353,834
Cotton and Linen .. ..	2,449,802	2,098,936	1,368,265	1,454,346	2,293,961
Silk and Artificial Silk ..	875,412	1,875,962	1,862,456	2,041,276	2,671,770
Woollen .. .. ..	94,848	416,502	197,063	52,494	78,319
Velvets, and Lace for Attire ..	173,816	377,446	118,165	11,871	21,522
Other .. .. ..	383,864	379,709	377,276	237,606	443,485
Floor Coverings .. .. ..	688,032	708,760	41,098	58	16,069
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c.	324,550	296,798	327,663	262,817	245,461
Yarns .. .. ..	1,108,394	1,387,940	1,095,647	1,061,047	1,493,624

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1940-41 TO 1944-45—continued.

Articles.	Values in Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of United Kingdom origin imported into Victorian ports— continued.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Machines and Machinery ..	2,114,565	2,543,478	3,316,958	3,066,053	3,750,680
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel ..	2,077,958	599,271	160,068	173,826	130,816
Pipes and Tubes ..	47,973	30,726	7,821	27,947	19,091
Plateware and Cutlery ..	201,242	208,130	129,640	120,991	125,965
Motor Cars (bodies, chassis, and parts) ..	345,038	101,911	47,041	56,319	41,900
Other Vehicles and parts, n.e.i.	5,042,060	7,983,014	7,766,715	4,930,506	2,668,802
Other Metals and Manufactures	1,047,401	983,844	788,537	716,626	671,002
Rubber and Rubber Goods ..	91,108	137,947	35,656	21,642	35,527
Crockery and Household Ware ..	206,540	274,826	139,829	121,463	186,194
Glass and Glassware ..	186,183	367,397	92,152	70,414	115,982
Paper ..	847,675	388,374	256,624	226,477	284,882
Books ..	241,820	271,594	248,955	427,259	446,929
Fancy Goods ..	91,302	109,971	36,847	34,118	39,325
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations	117,675	195,191	115,671	167,601	274,873
Sodium Salts ..	148,111	172,055	194,828	151,251	216,190
Dyes ..	350,818	348,549	359,366	479,310	391,259
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	262,043	1,227,846	14,670,822	6,930,500	2,566,131
All other Articles ..	2,349,796	2,781,195	2,346,566	1,515,785	1,475,495
Total (excluding Outside Packages) ..	22,648,019	27,250,688	36,605,447	25,050,484	21,265,437
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian parts to United Kingdom.</i>					
Butter ..	4,871,267	3,596,867	3,559,502	2,821,147	3,780,630
Cheese ..	562,972	257,242	187,553	32,738	32,131
Eggs ..	262,596	141,552	184	..	..
Meats—					
Beef, Mutton and Lamb ..	2,717,116	2,495,667	2,704,458	2,440,490	1,825,097
Pork ..	452,014	192,756	3,999	131,371	420,583
Preserved in tins ..	180,475	349,391	237,522	103,105	212,583
Rabbits and Hares ..	36,149	..	..	14,939	138,026
Other ..	197,676	146,830	237,564	206,186	252,188
Milk and Cream ..	108,566	85,616	88,276	91,708	88,809
Fruits—all kinds ..	1,046,855	934,004	1,073,390	1,302,002	1,279,848
Wheat and Flour ..	609,727	456,024	460,806	..	47,405
Jams and Jellies ..	402,258	374,696	..	21	81,480
Wine, fermented ..	4,653	626	1,987	177	23,482
Hides and Skins ..	314,603	111,309	65,829	173,521	331,585
Flax ..	..	5,488	257,314	360,406	314,196
Wool ..	3,229,560	5,427,387	3,610,506	3,442,955	5,879,217
Tallow, unrefined ..	103,493	56,899	4,410	84,656	116,234
Lead (Pig) ..	18,848	15,325	52,921	245,097	244,256
Zinc (Bars, Blocks, &c.) ..	95,544	112,800	115,617	700,688	544,066
Implements and Machinery—Agricultural, &c. ..	291,530	450,177	299,598	302,360	126,046
Leather, &c. ..	144,785	169,985	150,831	95,011	167,267
Soap ..	12,008	..	..	636	1,092
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	351,889	46,601	10,476	96,832	5,538
Bullion and Specie ..	264,100	..	..	..	..
All other Articles ..	527,119	434,126	202,690	292,857	420,411
Total ..	16,805,803	15,861,368	13,325,433	12,938,903	16,332,170

**Trade with Canada.** During 1944-45 the value of imports from Canada, which represented 6·1 per cent. of the total oversea imports of merchandise into Victorian ports, increased by £522,448 as compared with the previous year. The value of exports increased in the same period by £174,146.

**VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH CANADA, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.**

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imports (British Currency Values).</i>					
<i>Articles of Canadian origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Fish, preserved in tins .. .. .	138,587	34,097	4,699	28,193	7,071
Apparel .. .. .	171,444	392,680	114,945	8,419	40
Pulp for Papermaking .. .. .	26,133	12,098	12,284	3,406	190,672
Piece Goods—					
Silk .. .. .	66,623	33,223	11,200	..	21,744
Other .. .. .	64,406	95,967	19,118	13,236	83,496
Asbestos, Crude .. .. .	12,828	7,922	5,515	25,124	75,626
Machines and Machinery					
Electrical Machinery and appliances .. .. .	26,949	39,934	123,624	28,220	9,132
Motor Car Engines (imported separately) .. .. .	22,685	81,460	304,503	9,882	10,863
Other .. .. .	102,765	46,845	65,293	38,235	69,102
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel .. .. .	147,198	148,346	122,661	101,519	109,612
Nickel .. .. .	47,412	356,096	85,687	..	3,832
Vehicles—					
Motor Car Bodies and Parts .. .. .	1,478	1,267	66	718	..
" Chassis and Parts .. .. .	1,193,893	1,881,606	1,256,508	466,140	330,828
Other .. .. .	160,095	301,946	573,800	1,294,977	1,794,812
Other .. .. .	69,598	212,674	372,189	233,165	101,630
Timber .. .. .	111,094	101,038	64,898	71,997	177,637
Paper—					
Newsprint .. .. .	474,044	249,922	3,351	161,164	547,577
Other .. .. .	122,703	47,024	25,915	33,340	81,368
Drugs and Chemicals .. .. .	92,541	184,034	149,023	150,614	36,688
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	4,114	14,590	810,696	655,165	109,874
All other Articles .. .. .	182,308	235,208	370,933	139,235	223,593
Total (excluding Outside Packages) .. .. .	3,238,898	4,477,977	4,496,317	3,462,749	3,985,197
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to Canada.</i>					
Sausage Casings .. .. .	32,257	37,834	27,968	49,044	32,917
Fruits—					
Dried .. .. .	226,750	381,694	439,967	386,236	666,465
Preserved in Liquid .. .. .	51,606	28,360	..	..	178
Spirituos and Alcoholic Liquors	59,992	31,850	4,673	1,006	1
Hides and Skins—					
Rabbit and Hare .. .. .	3,545	72,744	57,855	95,371	69,130
Other .. .. .	43,333	31,075	11,390	37,994	34,617
Wool .. .. .	466,858	430,922	413,521	667,368	610,909
Vegetable Substances and Fibres	21,855	14,380	167	3,656	104
Tallow, unrefined .. .. .	34,489	107,892	..	22,223	2,386
All other Articles .. .. .	59,293	78,323	20,080	22,456	42,793
Total .. .. .	999,978	1,215,074	975,621	1,285,354	1,459,500

Trade with  
India and  
Ceylon.

During 1944-45 the value of imports into Victorian ports from India and Ceylon decreased by £3,333,277 as compared with the previous year, while the value of exports from Victorian ports to those countries increased by £1,024,156. The principal articles interchanged in each of the five years 1941-45 were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH  
INDIA AND CEYLON, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.

Articles.	Values in Year ended 30th June--				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imports (British Currency Values).</i>					
<i>Articles of Indian and Cingalese origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Cocoa Beans .. .. .	576	19,703	43,039	19,696	31,069
Coffee .. .. .	507	3,892	11,094	7,202	..
Nuts .. .. .	31,225	31,516	10,749	8,943	8,358
Spices .. .. .	10,245	18,463	59,891	32,206	47,598
Tea .. .. .	194,421	446,642	1,394,650	1,249,121	1,324,129
Hides and Skins .. .. .	13,188	9,741	24,952	17,869	14,063
Fibres .. .. .	427,726	403,370	243,353	322,746	375,426
Gums and Resins .. .. .	25,403	46,504	94,901	36,059	6,283
Seeds—					
Linseed .. .. .	74,554	65,637	122,590	112,149	188,505
Other .. .. .	35,863	37,603	115,752	113,638	110,417
Apparel .. .. .	8,057	34,287	8,577	237,645	349,715
Textiles—					
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck .. .. .	102,389	102,513	133,553	376,495	58,950
Cotton and Linen .. .. .	329,839	815,168	1,368,986	3,206,196	1,633,672
Hessians .. .. .	217,577	376,731	452,785	365,693	310,968
Other .. .. .	31,153	104,357	191,565	167,990	143,819
Other Textiles .. .. .	42,171	146,215	95,346	842,142	24,064
Floor Coverings .. .. .	31,319	104,695	3,650	1,489	15,107
Bags and Sacks .. .. .	799,180	909,568	1,493,385	495,485	883,131
Cordage and Twine .. .. .	..	5,333	15,209	296,762	54
Yarns .. .. .	37,860	122,918	229,933	303,360	534,700
Oils in Bulk .. .. .	12,204	4,167	6,430	2	18,090
Waxes .. .. .	43,211	22,110	58,025	23,219	50,385
Rubber, &c. .. .. .	1,327	162,797	625,363	1,067,163	791,476
All other Articles .. .. .	77,703	74,620	414,908	631,170	181,184
Total (excluding Outside Packages .. .. .)	2,547,698	4,068,550	7,218,686	10,434,440	7,101,163
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to India and Ceylon.</i>					
Butter .. .. .	23,353	25,000	59,520	117,522	367,629
Cheese .. .. .	66,737	73,966	11,980	502,405	735,473
Meats .. .. .	123,908	308,435	174,643	484,646	1,320,262
Milk and Cream .. .. .	111,768	781,362	392,194	629,047	867,165
Biscuits .. .. .	1,649	3,595	72,913	28,331	13,106
Hay and Chaff .. .. .	981	291	95	22	536
Fruits (all kinds) .. .. .	49,160	55,342	13,665	115,749	59,474
Wheat .. .. .	456	3,538	573,856	275,276	..
Flour .. .. .	138,925	127,521	703,830	1,187,746	932,045
Other Grain and Pulse .. .. .	14,910	31,787	14,734	121,643	311,817
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors—					
Ale and Beer .. .. .	53,992	88,165	176,321	138,520	128,984
Other .. .. .	37,077	58,273	51,702	83,809	49,195

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH INDIA AND  
CEYLON, 1940-41 TO 1944-45—*continued.*

Articles.	Values in Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to India and Ceylon—continued.</i>					
Jams and Jellies .. .. .	25,567	26,221	186,995	270,716	190,179
Vegetables .. .. .	21,343	55,713	18,287	54,271	119,167
Horses .. .. .	22,126	7,308	..	..	100
Wool .. .. .	450,302	887,860	1,200,583	1,421,484	1,263,406
Apparel—					
Underwear .. .. .	1,068	606	35,997	1,882	12
Other .. .. .	25,131	396,144	639	6,060	4,992
Yarns, Wool .. .. .	477	60,485	839,079	250,688	8,533
Tallow, unrefined .. .. .	21,708	60,951	52,915	37,570	21,767
Zinc (bars, blocks, &c.) .. .. .	..	125,422	144,538	43,837	447,090
Soap .. .. .	791	741	..	16,904	9,535
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives .. .. .	30,174	2,971	6,556	132,641	..
All other Articles .. .. .	198,376	267,799	155,815	423,437	517,895
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>1,419,979</b>	<b>3,449,496</b>	<b>4,886,857</b>	<b>6,344,206</b>	<b>7,368,362</b>

**Trade with New Zealand.** The value of imports into Victorian ports from New Zealand during 1944-45 increased by £37,253 as compared with that of the previous year, whilst the value of exports from Victorian ports thereto decreased by £420,876. The principal articles of trade during each of the five years 1941-45 were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH  
NEW ZEALAND, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of New Zealand origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Fish .. .. .	69,875	78,619	79,317	83,776	80,568
Milk and Cream .. .. .	2	896	4,127	3,951	3,011
Meats .. .. .	6,879	11,782	62,325	36,416	27,123
Grain and Pulse .. .. .	19,748	22,551	88,268	36,440	16,762
Hops .. .. .	..	..	1,006	412	..
Animals (horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs) .. .. .	5,257	5,158	3,643	18,414	23,969
Hides and Skins .. .. .	30,196	61,400	139,516	89,140	104,027
Wool .. .. .	180,700	46,984	11,714	35,369	40,215
Flax and Hemp .. .. .	..	1,685	..	..	..
Oakum and Tow .. .. .	..	1,354	..	77	..
Seeds .. .. .	63,320	31,909	46,680	52,175	97,896
Timber .. .. .	43,738	34,436	17,866	6,838	31,433
Gold and Silver .. .. .	450,047	591,073	738,574	376,773	257,951
All other Articles .. .. .	83,550	108,839	80,215	82,751	176,830
<b>Total (excluding Outside Packages) .. .. .</b>	<b>953,312</b>	<b>996,636</b>	<b>1,272,751</b>	<b>822,592</b>	<b>859,785</b>

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH NEW ZEALAND,  
1940-41 TO 1944-45—continued.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to New Zealand.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Fruits, all kinds .. ..	331,206	361,567	355,890	355,090	335,582
Grain and Pulse—					
Wheat .. .. .	64,954	159,772	274,779	398,638	..
Flour .. .. .	1,182	1,635	..	..	2,967
Oats .. .. .	6,421	..	..	..	..
Rice and Rice Meal .. ..	4,810	16,587	16,042	23,304	4,701
Spirituos and Alcoholic Liquors	10,259	8,340	13,724	46,297	29,518
Apparel .. .. .	21,589	74,197	34,082	27,256	23,927
Textiles .. .. .	138,022	76,654	32,083	44,506	156,787
Manufactured Fibres .. ..	279,115	99,832	183,270	138,101	183,144
Oils .. .. .	26,223	241,235	14,784	21,843	14,038
Machines and Machinery ..	178,882	132,303	114,861	89,475	118,516
Metal manufactures .. ..	164,090	169,726	129,574	129,114	146,858
Rubber manufactures .. ..	29,573	52,869	148,150	130,425	111,239
Leather, &c. .. .. .	45,089	59,456	81,267	91,110	41,094
Books .. .. .	17,107	27,398	26,153	23,251	31,358
Photographic goods and materials	49,966	44,311	45,965	29,282	55,724
Drugs and Chemicals .. ..	77,041	101,514	97,286	103,050	90,813
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	214,339	111,613	612,940	137,640	85,579
All other Articles .. .. .	298,229	244,661	241,663	407,512	343,173
Australian produce .. ..	1,795,890	1,862,809	2,342,239	2,148,557	1,739,918
Other produce .. .. .	162,207	120,861	80,274	47,337	35,100
Total .. .. .	1,958,097	1,983,670	2,422,513	2,195,894	1,775,018

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

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

**Trade with  
Japan.**

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

**Trade with  
Netherlands  
East Indies.**

The Netherlands East Indies were occupied by Japan early in 1942, and thereupon trade between Victoria and that country was suspended.

**Trade with  
United States  
of America.**

The value of imports into Victorian ports from the United States of America decreased by £19,824,715 during 1944-45 as compared with 1943-44, whilst the value of exports from Victorian ports to that country increased during the same period by £250,038. The principal articles included in the trade with the United States of America in each of the five years 1941-45 were as follows:—



VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imports (British Currency Values).</i>					
<i>Articles of United States origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Fish, preserved in tins .. .. .	681	13,076	104,936	60,741	4,092
Sausage Casings .. .. .	49,858	118,043	26,755	5,388	80,662
Tobacco, &c. .. .. .	237,697	340,393	270,834	1,205,517	1,080,861
Cotton, raw .. .. .	88,476	2,144	1,293	119,167	138,628
Gums and Resins .. .. .	46,843	43,636	73,952	113,237	321,302
Pulp for Papermaking .. .. .	331,570	418,765	308,489	339,229	244,462
Textiles—					
Piece Goods .. .. .	132,660	148,512	499,406	1,751,600	4,746,322
Other .. .. .	8,218	3,521	132,817	16,845	166,796
Manufactured Fibres and Yarns ..	2,602	142,243	239,586	145,007	54,849
Oils .. .. .	548,913	613,215	1,689,858	2,275,865	744,773
Paints and Varnishes .. .. .	70,015	65,118	40,391	49,064	54,971
Asphalt, Bitumen, and Natural Pitch .. .. .	27,834	29,381	12,603	30,694	57,285
Electrical Machines and Appliances	134,489	136,384	720,982	1,152,277	1,788,341
Metal Working Machinery .. .. .	909,876	1,044,881	2,209,455	1,991,586	607,832
Motive Power Machinery—					
Aircraft Engines and Parts .. ..	656,371	997,736	2,758,642	1,675,254	564,096
Other .. .. .	191,264	351,083	806,331	1,410,555	2,207,876
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings	214,537	259,383	571,993	316,103	288,933
Other Machines and Machinery ..	418,705	418,332	659,542	1,210,544	826,690
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel .. .. .	192,063	2,124,443	2,286,738	2,717,839	2,401,533
Tools of Trade .. .. .	103,915	168,992	359,201	486,335	673,225
Vehicles and Parts—					
Motor Bodies, Chassis, &c. ..	277,002	732,240	1,641,740	762,729	366,828
Aircraft .. .. .	1,360,479	3,520,412	7,023,272	6,817,930	2,966,422
Other .. .. .	189,640	358,233	15,073,105	12,473,956	3,107,952
Other Metals, &c. .. .. .	330,475	372,769	605,952	1,285,058	247,950
Rubber, &c. .. .. .	25,547	27,403	155,073	6,953	24,562
Timber .. .. .	41,804	8,780	7,282	17,345	126,193
Glass and Glassware .. .. .	18,988	25,999	13,971	2,321	26,501
Paper .. .. .	100,603	65,525	89,719	641,107	498,661
Stationery .. .. .	44,249	24,168	29,011	90,726	104,511
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Fancy Goods .. .. .	13,182	7,513	10,549	47,594	45,738
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments .. .. .	120,340	203,988	334,438	216,647	259,534
Acetone .. .. .	51,801	41,519	161,663	..	..
Sulphur (Brimstone) .. .. .	130,008	113,879	43,980	48,648	85,000
Other Drugs and Chemicals .. ..	489,208	470,467	495,099	512,186	363,708
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	4,896	293,632	13,292,133	2,222,831	570,620
Celluloid, Sheet, Strips, &c. ..	83,256	94,376	161,650	108,491	66,380
Fire Brigade and Life Saving Appliances .. .. .	17,961	10,183	461,173	2,319,300	91,696
Vessels (Ships) .. .. .	..	685	606,774	555,344	1,296
Gold, Silver, and Bronze Specie..	..	..	192,961	649,448	..
All other Articles .. .. .	258,020	344,648	253,266	474,598	494,443
Total (excluding Outside Packages) .. .. .	7,924,046	14,155,700	54,426,705	46,326,239	26,501,524
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to the United States.</i>					
Sausage Casings .. .. .	194,287	217,971	169,558	117,561	159,099
Hides and Skins .. .. .	1,385,000	2,675,335	1,639,321	2,694,378	2,445,093
Wool .. .. .	4,402,630	7,769,609	4,927,360	5,811,086	6,071,698
Seeds—Agricultural and Vegetable	10,174	21,073	33,874	43,500	31,857
Vegetable Fibres—Rag, Clippings, &c. .. .. .	32,746	67,550	14,486	27,641	35,224
Tallow, unrefined .. .. .	10,950	102,339	14,507	130,906	44,729
Machines and Machinery .. .. .	12,836	4,115	1,904	3,117	3,769
Lead (Pig) .. .. .	..	210,729	216,539	..	..
Zinc (Spelter)—Bars, Blocks, &c. ..	..	..	..	..	90,635
Leather, &c. .. .. .	139	1,247	499	6,517	802
Eucalyptus Oil .. .. .	52,289	76,198	35,263	57,010	62,421
Gold Bullion .. .. .	8,285,338	..	..	..	..
All other Articles .. .. .	74,176	99,911	40,562	49,192	245,619*
Total .. .. .	14,460,565	11,246,077	7,143,873	8,940,908	9,190,946

\* Including re-exports of "Hessions £170,000."

**Principal  
Exports—  
Quantities  
and Values.**

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

**QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE YEARS 1941-42 TO 1944-45.**  
(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.)

Commodity.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	
<b>Wool—</b>					
Greasy .. .. {	lb.	174,855,386	108,474,335	102,687,848	134,674,426
	£	11,358,307	8,004,032	8,175,116	10,504,923
Scoured and Washed .. {	lb.	26,514,236	10,486,847	14,611,839	18,376,296
	£	2,693,940	1,265,794	1,733,890	2,149,169
Tops, Noils, and Waste .. {	lb.	5,800,016	7,132,602	9,136,602	9,878,048
	£	917,045	1,225,978	1,860,512	1,959,552
Butter .. .. {	lb.	70,309,411	61,156,658	49,490,628	50,340,413
	£	4,354,788	4,059,231	3,299,164	4,381,131
Wheat .. .. {	centals	1,944,263	3,992,363	2,370,710	22,943
	£	684,014	1,522,268	952,342	10,349
Flour (wheaten) .. {	centals	2,794,264	2,317,585	3,494,116	2,973,159
	£	1,440,342	1,214,573	1,994,574	1,689,926
<b>Fruits—</b>					
Dried .. .. {	lb.	98,434,654	106,313,331	107,942,369	106,270,439
	£	1,670,001	1,775,005	1,950,668	2,025,967
Fresh .. .. {	lb.	11,692,300	8,425,100	6,390,600	7,270,800
	£	115,781	119,686	157,497	143,913
Preserved in Liquid .. {	lb.	36,432,256	6,084,189	3,758,560	9,921,572
	£	634,254	115,205	128,885	183,678
<b>Meats—</b>					
Beef (frozen) .. {	lb.	965,229	969,713	1,294,546	8,457,401
	£	29,955	24,958	35,018	237,049
Lamb (frozen) .. {	lb.	89,837,415	96,230,694	82,627,738	62,345,457
	£	2,505,211	2,649,335	2,383,616	1,857,590
Mutton (frozen) .. {	lb.	5,006,645	5,670,729	11,173,911	19,470,482
	£	80,470	104,035	181,741	387,703
Pork (frozen) .. {	lb.	7,190,130	490,066	4,141,392	13,346,400
	£	218,642	22,379	154,114	509,909
Rabbits and Hares (frozen) {	pairs	58,144	95,793	328,487	1,379,537
	£	4,334	10,283	28,520	160,675
Preserved in tins .. {	lb.	30,179,639	16,051,716	13,050,951	22,291,310
	£	1,452,192	748,510	642,728	1,132,070
Sausage Casings .. {	cwt.	19,668	15,756	12,989	13,818
	£	347,609	321,863	281,977	300,651
All other .. .. £	156,660	221,610	283,506	663,403	
Milk and Cream .. {	lb.	60,416,326	46,502,138	23,861,695	30,253,715
	£	1,556,845	1,383,487	832,479	1,051,847
<b>Hides and Skins—</b>					
Sheep .. .. {	lb.	30,500,134	19,150,139	15,139,758	24,196,964
	£	1,127,095	824,235	639,118	1,002,186
Calf, Cattle, Horse .. {	No.	16,567	8,522	43,658	27,083
	£	11,338	6,277	56,754	95,681

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED  
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE YEARS 1941-42 TO  
1944-45—*continued.*

Commodity.		1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
Hides and Skins— <i>continued.</i>					
Rabbit and Hare .. {	lb.	4,274,365	3,234,179	5,906,243	5,750,112
	£	1,648,356	988,346	2,072,741	1,750,681
Other Skins .. ..	£	104,450	66,622	258,539	173,898
Tallow (unrefined) .. {	wt.	299,854	38,768	190,907	115,722
	£	376,225	72,325	278,402	193,001
Eggs in shell .. ..	dozen	10,980	5,220	10,550	55,920
	£	966	119	866	3,749
Eggs not in shell ..	lb.	893,651	172,274	1,975,664	884,359
	£	141,571	38,345	133,418	60,636
Cheese .. .. .	lb.	13,873,255	10,677,258	14,882,977	16,573,648
	£	593,174	514,535	986,770	1,086,603

## Ships' Stores.

Prior to 1906 goods shipped at Victorian ports on board overseas vessels as ships' stores were included in particulars of exports. From 1906 the information has been excluded from the export figures. The value of these stores shipped during each of the years 1940-41 to 1944-45 is given in the following table:—

VICTORIA—VALUE OF STORES SHIPPED ON OVERSEA  
VESSELS, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	£	£	£	£	£
Ale, Beer, and Porter .. ..	14,029	20,259	22,414	15,756	22,364
Butter .. .. .	13,290	13,523	13,126	13,093	14,032
Cheese .. .. .	1,317	2,154	3,361	2,600	3,004
Coal (Bunker) .. .. .	11,811	15,850	16,561	19,712	28,739
Cordage and Twines .. ..	3,892	4,235	4,098	5,819	6,302
Eggs .. .. .	4,869	8,865	15,235	6,962	12,471
Fish .. .. .	11,920	16,091	16,270	15,033	15,120
Fruits (all kinds) .. ..	8,274	9,142	15,441	10,489	14,878
Fruit and Vegetables (in liquid) ..	2,440	5,046	5,408	5,569	6,229
Vegetables .. .. .	8,383	10,488	19,408	8,448	10,679
Flour (wheaten) .. .. .	7,550	7,203	58,185	14,694	8,480
Jams and Jellies .. .. .	2,161	3,263	5,231	3,099	3,969
Meats .. .. .	44,640	58,485	94,340	73,048	101,507
Milk and Cream (preserved) ..	6,616	8,555	14,347	11,555	11,380
Oils for use as fuel in vessels ..	163,033	867,663	1,109,147	1,237,045	1,905,505
Oils for use as fuel in aircraft ..	..	1,139	6,075	187	..
Oils, other .. .. .	26,228	48,126	53,483	53,519	48,019
Paints and Colours .. .. .	7,755	12,051	26,150	24,601	35,114
Potatoes .. .. .	7,998	7,792	11,957	5,739	9,998
Spirits .. .. .	3,025	9,625	11,100	7,186	8,564
Sugar .. .. .	2,293	3,840	4,144	5,132	5,217
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes ..	4,933	13,361	22,133	12,708	14,332
All other Articles .. .. .	63,708	89,250	171,338	169,993	170,371
Australian Produce .. .. .	313,488	723,606	544,257	472,743	554,933
Other Produce .. .. .	106,677	512,400	1,174,695	1,248,244	1,901,341
Total .. .. .	420,165	1,236,006	1,718,952	1,720,987	2,456,274

**Customs  
and Excise  
Revenue.**

The overseas trade and the gross revenue collected at Victorian ports, during the year 1944-45, are shown in the following statement:—

**OVERSEA TRADE AND GROSS REVENUE COLLECTED AT  
VICTORIAN PORTS, 1944-45.**

Heading.	Melbourne.	Geelong.	Portland.	Irymple.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Overseas Trade—</b>					
Imports (British Currency) ..	64,210,453	480,687	77,390	12	64,768,542
Exports (Australian Currency)	38,953,519	601,475	515,167	..	40,070,161
<b>Gross Revenue (Australian Currency)—</b>					
Customs Duties .. ..	5,427,085	326,499	160,607	4	5,914,195
Excise Duties .. ..	14,419,456	43,618	..	..	14,463,074
Primage .. ..	675 516	15,845	7,674	..	699,035
Other Sources .. ..	30,083	204	..	..	30,287
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>20,552,140</b>	<b>386,163</b>	<b>168,281</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21,106,591*</b>

\* After deducting £503,754 for Refunds and Drawbacks, &c., the net revenue was £20,602,837.

**Interstate  
Trade.**

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

## SHIPPING.

**Vessels entered and cleared.** Victorian shipping, as dealt with in the succeeding tables, refers to vessels trading with other States and oversea countries; the tonnage quoted is net. Public vessels which were exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, equipment and war supplies and vessels trading on the Victorian coast and on the River Murray are not included. Coastal shipping is included in the particulars of the shipping at Victorian ports (page 117).

The number of vessels entered and cleared, and their total tonnage in each of the five years 1941-1945, were as follows :—

VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING,  
1940-41 TO 1944-45.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
<b>Vessels Entered—</b>					
Number ..	2,465	2,154	1,681	1,494	1,412
Tons .. ..	5,590,010	4,451,343	3,281,980	3,000,917	2,998,775
Average tonnage	2,268	2,067	1,952	2,009	2,124
<b>Vessels Cleared—</b>					
Number ..	2,473	2,139	1,678	1,499	1,444
Tons .. ..	5,568,256	4,459,084	3,260,936	2,986,356	3,096,963
Average tonnage	2,252	2,085	1,943	1,992	2,145

For the twelve months ended 30th June, 1945, steamers numbered 1,324 of the vessels entered and 1,350 of the vessels cleared, their tonnage aggregating 2,985,810 and 3,081,467 respectively. The inward shipping included 13 vessels in ballast, of an aggregate tonnage of 41,668, whilst the outward shipping included 372 vessels in ballast, having an aggregate tonnage of 832,048.

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

Shipping with  
principal  
countries.

The countries having shipping communication with Victoria in 1944-45 are set out in the following statement:—

### VICTORIA—SHIPPING WITH PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, 1944-45.

Countries.	Vessels Entered.				Vessels Cleared.			
	Steamers.*		Sailing Vessels.		Steamers.*		Sailing Vessels.	
	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Ton-nage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Ton-nage.
Australian States .. ..	1,063	1,787,700	81	11,836	1,114	1,976,911	86	14,522
United Kingdom .. ..	46	288,172	..	..	64	375,084	..	..
New Zealand .. ..	32	93,725	7	1,129	25	65,154	6	974
India .. ..	45	202,876	..	..	57	253,150	..	..
Straits Settlements .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other British .. ..	45	201,092	..	..	18	69,720	..	..
<b>Total British Countries ..</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>2,573,565</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>12,965</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>2,740,019</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>15,496</b>
Japan .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dutch East Indies .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
United States of America ..	37	163,407	..	..	27	105,352	..	..
Other Foreign .. ..	56	248,838	..	..	47	236,096	..	..
<b>Total Foreign Countries</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>412,245</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>341,448</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Grand Total .. ..</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>2,985,810</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>12,965</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>3,081,467</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>15,496</b>

\* See footnote on page 115.

Nationality  
of vessels.

The nationality of vessels entered and cleared at Victorian ports for the year 1944-45 was as follows:—

### VICTORIA—NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1944-45.

Nationality.	Vessels Entered.		Vessels Cleared.	
	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.
British—				
Australian .. ..	933	1,156,066	945	1,165,977
United Kingdom .. ..	225	1,110,420	228	1,114,427
Canadian .. ..	36	151,957	33	139,479
Hong Kong .. ..	..	..	..	..
New Zealand .. ..	52	56,041	52	56,041
South African .. ..	4	13,654	5	17,132
Other British .. ..	7	18,487	8	22,131
<b>Total British .. ..</b>	<b>1,257</b>	<b>2,506,625</b>	<b>1,271</b>	<b>2,515,187</b>

VICTORIA—NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1944-45—*continued.*

Nationality.	Vessels Entered.		Vessels Cleared.	
	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.
Foreign—				
Danish .. .. .	..	..	..	..
French .. .. .	..	..	..	..
German .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Dutch .. .. .	4	17,202	4	16,227
Italian .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Japanese .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Norwegian .. .. .	71	186,473	75	197,769
Swedish ... .. .	17	52,716	19	62,244
United States of America .. .. .	18	95,832	28	156,351
Other Foreign .. .. .	45	139,927	47	149,176
Total, Foreign .. .. .	155	492,150	173	581,767
Grand Total .. .. .	1,412	2,998,775	1,444	3,096,954

Shipping  
entered at  
Victorian  
Ports.

Particulars of shipping—oversea, interstate, and coastal—which entered at each port of Victoria are given in the following statement for the year ended 30th June, 1945.

## VICTORIA—VESSELS ENTERED AT EACH PORT, 1944-45.

Route.	Melbourne.		Geelong.		Portland.		Warrnam- bool.	
	Number.	Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.
Oversea—								
Steam* .. .. .	128	555,054	12	42,931	..	..	..	..
Sailing .. .. .	7	1,129	..	..	..	..	..	..
Interstate†								
Steam* .. .. .	1,180	2,268,253	53	114,643	1	4,929	..	..
Sailing .. .. .	81	11,836	..	..	..	..	..	..
Oversea, <i>via</i> Ports—								
Steam* and Sailing .. .. .	2	7,070	6	32,672	5	29,306	..	..
Interstate <i>via</i> Ports—								
Steam* and Sailing .. .. .	7	16,375	3	5,659	..	..	..	..
Local (within the State)—								
Steam* and Sailing .. .. .	42	122,563	42	81,780	3	16,875	..	..
Total—								
Steam* and Sailing .. .. .	1,397	2,982,280	116	277,685	9	51,110	..	..

NOTE.—“Ports” means Victorian ports.

\* See footnote on page 115.

† Including “Oversea *via* States.”

Statistics relating to the tonnage of cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria during the year ended 30th June, 1945, are shown in the following tables. The former shows the tonnage of interstate and oversea cargo handled at each port in the State, and the latter the tonnage of oversea cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria according to the nationality of the vessels in which the cargo was carried.

**VICTORIA—TONNAGE OF INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED AT EACH PORT DURING THE YEAR 1944-45.**

Port.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate (Tons).		Oversea (Tons).		Interstate (Tons).		Oversea (Tons).	
	Weight.	Measure	Weight.	Measure	Weight.	Measure	Weight.	Measure
Meebolourne..	2,166,083	298,167	942,732	422,117	673,036	439,897	296,429	541,674
Geelong ..	171,639	680	119,173	..	40,015	5,984	18,729	..
Portland ..	..	..	20,935	..	..	..	6,070	..
Warrnambool	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,337,722</b>	<b>298,847</b>	<b>1,082,840</b>	<b>422,117</b>	<b>713,051</b>	<b>445,881</b>	<b>321,228</b>	<b>541,674</b>

**VICTORIA—TONNAGE OF OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED DURING THE YEAR 1944-45 ACCORDING TO THE NATIONALITY OF VESSELS.**

Nationality of Vessels.	Discharged.		Shipped.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.
Australian .. ..	..	1,720	6,125	11,584
United Kingdom .. ..	443,100	205,639	200,925	225,125
Canadian .. ..	24,360	53,239	1,593	27,981
Hong Kong .. ..	..	..	..	..
New Zealand .. ..	262	20,834	3,018	40,092
South African .. ..	4,021	959	7,351	2,290
Other British .. ..	7,366	..	..	5,077
<b>Total (British) ..</b>	<b>479,109</b>	<b>282,391</b>	<b>219,012</b>	<b>312,149</b>
Danish .. ..	..	..	..	..
French .. ..	..	..	..	..
German .. ..	..	..	..	..
Dutch .. ..	7,467	..	11,691	3,362
Italian .. ..	..	..	..	..
Japanese .. ..	..	..	..	..
Norwegian .. ..	121,072	39,907	42,875	44,686
Swedish .. ..	45,144	837	23,678	386
United States of America .. ..	394,671	92,921	21,992	173,285
Other Foreign .. ..	35,377	6,061	1,980	7,806
<b>Total (Foreign) ..</b>	<b>603,731</b>	<b>139,726</b>	<b>102,216</b>	<b>229,525</b>
<b>Grand Total ..</b>	<b>1,082,840</b>	<b>422,117</b>	<b>321,228</b>	<b>541,674</b>



## PRINCIPAL PORTS OF VICTORIA.

**Port of  
Melbourne.**

The Port of Melbourne is under the control of the Melbourne Harbor Trust, which had 11·69 miles of wharfs, piers, and jetties in the River Yarra, Victoria Dock, Maribyrnong River, and Hobson's Bay at 31st December, 1945. The area of these wharfs, &c., is 58 acres, and there are 30 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres of sheds. Reference to the constitution of the Trust and the revenue and expenditure thereof are shown in part "Local Government".

**Trade of  
the Port  
of Melbourne.**

During the year 1945, vessels to the number of 1,694 (1,368 steamers, 222 motor vessels and 104 sailing vessels) with registered gross tonnage aggregating 7,402,142, berthed within the Port. Total imports in 1945 amounted to 3,947,819 tons, of which 2,458,665 tons were interstate and coastal cargo. Exports totalled 1,750,540 tons, including interstate and coastal tonnage amounting to 936,107. Coal formed a great part of the interstate imports and, excluding 60,620 tons transhipped to vessels and 20,918 tons kept on board and landed at Geelong, Adelaide, or Warrnambool, or used for bunkers, the quantity imported during 1945 amounted to 986,947.

**Port of  
Geelong.**

The Port of Geelong is controlled by the Geelong Harbor Trust. The number of berthings of vessels visiting the port during 1945 was 147 and represented 483,688 gross tonnage. Imports and exports for that period aggregated 336,814 and 45,443 tons respectively.

## POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES, AND WIRELESS.

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

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

The number of post offices and the number of mails despatched and received in each of the five years 1940-41 to 1944-45 are given hereunder.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF POST OFFICES AND MAILS,  
1940-41 TO 1944-45.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Post Offices.*	Number of Mails—	
		Despatched.	Received.
1941 .. .. .	2,579	2,320,389	2,123,445
1942 .. .. .	2,560	2,263,630	2,107,101
1943 .. .. .	2,546	2,303,387	2,093,297
1944 .. .. .	2,528	2,090,731	1,837,481
1945 .. .. .	2,510	2,201,985	1,944,136

\* Excluding "Telephone" offices at which telegraph and telephone business only is transacted, viz., 1940-41, 248; 1941-42, 243; 1942-43, 243; 1943-44, 240, and 1944-45, 238.

Postal  
Returns—  
Victoria.

Particulars relating to the number of letters, packets, and newspapers dealt with during 1943-44 and 1944-45 are given hereunder.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF LETTERS, PACKETS, AND NEWSPAPERS DEALT WITH, 1943-44 AND 1944-45.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June, 1944.			Year Ended 30th June, 1945.		
	Letters, Post-cards, Letter-cards.	Newspapers and Packets.	Total.	Letters, Post-cards, Letter-cards.	Newspapers and Packets.	Total.
<i>Posted for delivery—</i>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<i>Within the Commonwealth ..</i>	252,737,300	40,842,500	293,579,800	259,235,900	44,745,100	303,981,000
<i>Beyond the Commonwealth—</i>						
<i>Despatched ..</i>	4,397,300	1,547,500	5,944,800	5,377,000	2,095,300	7,472,300
<i>Received ..</i>	4,559,300	3,221,200	7,780,500	4,454,700	3,641,100	8,095,800
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>261,693,900</b>	<b>45,611,200</b>	<b>307,305,100</b>	<b>269,067,600</b>	<b>50,481,500</b>	<b>319,549,100</b>

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

VICTORIA—REGISTERED ARTICLES AND PARCELS POST 1940-41 TO 1944-45.

Year Ended 30th June—	Registered Articles (other than Parcels).				Parcels Post.*			
	Posted for Delivery—		Total Posted in Commonwealth.	Received from Beyond the Commonwealth.	Posted for Delivery—		Total Posted in Commonwealth.	Received from Beyond the Commonwealth.
	Within the Commonwealth.	Beyond the Commonwealth.			Within the Commonwealth.	Beyond the Commonwealth.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
1941 ..	2,645,246	72,183	2,717,429	80,757	2,013,500	252,500	2,266,000	
1942 ..	3,130,340	55,483	3,185,823	80,321	2,421,400	478,700	2,900,100	
1943 ..	3,774,300	37,500	3,811,800	74,400	4,241,900	119,400	4,361,300	
1944 ..	4,481,300	26,500	4,507,800	50,600	4,866,100	156,600	5,022,700	
1945 ..	4,606,000	30,800	4,636,800	50,900	4,751,600	247,100	4,998,700	

\* Including Registered Value payable and Duty Parcels.

During 1944-45 there were 240,484 letters, &c., and 57,213 packets, &c., returned direct to writers or delivered; 47,049 letters, &c., and 33,475 packets, &c., were destroyed in accordance with the Post and Telegraph Act; and 11,917 letters, &c., and 1,648 packets, &c., were returned, as unclaimed, to other countries. Money and valuables to the amount of £38,314 were found in postal articles sent to the Dead Letter Office as undeliverable. Postal articles numbering 171 were posted without address.

Dead  
Letters—  
Victoria.

The following table shows the total number and value of money orders and postal notes issued and paid in each of the five years 1940-41 to 1944-45:—

VICTORIA—MONEY ORDERS AND POSTAL NOTES, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—					
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	
Number of Money Order Offices open .. .. .	832	844	849	856	860	
<b>Money Orders Issued—</b>						
Intra-state .. {	Number ..	548,822	582,021	586,233	562,280	573,019
.. {	Amount £	3,488,210	4,307,799	4,991,706	5,626,657	4,933,879
Interstate .. {	Number ..	115,910	137,795	153,250	152,687	161,972
.. {	Amount £	494,595	582,702	752,490	817,470	932,721
Beyond the Com- monwealth {	Number ..	24,050	16,121	15,029	16,046	16,703
.. {	Amount £	45,464	32,403	32,512	36,079	38,786
Total .. {	Number ..	688,782	735,937	754,512	731,013	751,694
.. {	Amount £	4,028,269	4,922,904	5,776,708	6,480,206	5,905,386
<b>Money Orders Paid—</b>						
Intra-state .. {	Number ..	542,091	584,242	586,192	562,423	571,124
.. {	Amount £	3,491,207	4,307,701	4,991,724	5,626,674	4,935,898
Interstate .. {	Number ..	169,144	186,229	223,698	223,428	219,964
.. {	Amount £	755,304	871,694	1,226,676	1,325,260	1,331,837
Beyond the Com- monwealth {	Number ..	17,153	15,199	13,074	13,209	14,517
.. {	Amount £	52,970	49,033	43,202	53,990	71,265
Total .. {	Number ..	728,388	785,670	822,964	799,060	805,605
.. {	Amount £	4,299,481	5,228,428	6,261,602	7,005,924	6,339,000
<b>Postal Notes—</b>						
Issued .. {	Number ..	6,408,665	6,437,509	6,235,422	6,381,376	6,908,015
.. {	Amount £	2,269,268	2,370,790	2,344,942	2,344,864	2,502,405
Paid—Issued with- in the State {	Number ..	4,022,446	4,100,012	3,919,877	3,596,401	3,725,409
.. {	Amount £	1,556,511	1,638,223	1,594,967	1,467,350	1,507,500
Paid — Issued in other States {	Number ..	634,679	628,905	839,210	1,055,637	1,066,324
.. {	Amount £	271,938	275,181	447,230	690,560	623,237

Of the money orders issued in 1944-45, 734,991 for £5,866,600 were payable in the Commonwealth of Australia, 3,749 for £7,967 in New Zealand, 9,685 for £22,212 in the United Kingdom, and 3,269 for £8,607 in other countries. The orders paid included 791,088 for £6,267,735 issued in the Commonwealth, 5,416 for £10,370 in New Zealand, 5,839 for £38,920 in the United Kingdom, and 3,262 for £21,975 in other countries.

**Telegrams and Telegraphs.** The following table gives particulars relating to the telegraph business during each of the five years 1940-41 to 1944-45 :—

### VICTORIA—TELEGRAPH BUSINESS, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
Number of Telegraph Offices (including Railway Telegraph Offices) .. .. .	No. 2,471	No. 2,464	No. 2,465	No. 2,468	No. 2,424
<b>Telegrams—</b>					
<b>Within the Commonwealth—</b>					
Paid and Collect Telegrams Despatched—					
Ordinary, Urgent, and Press Lettergrams .. .. .	4,338,022 30,827	5,327,044 33,577	6,426,727 25,197	7,329,335 19,139	7,835,768 22,531
Radiograms .. .. .	2,215	735	1,521	1,046	1,345
Unpaid Telegrams Trans- mitted—					
Service and Meteorological	301,144	442,610	487,266	499,566	470,232
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>4,672,208</b>	<b>5,803,966</b>	<b>6,940,711</b>	<b>7,849,086</b>	<b>8,329,876</b>
<b>Beyond the Commonwealth—</b>					
Despatched .. .. .	289,375	439,983	445,946	307,491	302,774
Received .. .. .	276,033	361,429	365,528	276,147	262,265
<b>Total Number of Telegrams       dealt with .. .. .</b>	<b>5,237,616</b>	<b>6,605,378</b>	<b>7,752,185</b>	<b>8,432,724</b>	<b>8,894,915</b>
<b>Revenue—</b>					
<b>Telegrams within the Common-   wealth .. .. .</b>	<b>£ 274,564</b>	<b>£ 376,000</b>	<b>£ 432,797</b>	<b>£ 469,705</b>	<b>£ 491,313</b>
<b>Telegrams beyond the Common-   wealth .. .. .</b>	<b>55,999</b>	<b>95,342</b>	<b>89,189</b>	<b>71,112</b>	<b>64,510</b>
<b>Total Revenue received in       State .. .. .</b>	<b>330,563</b>	<b>471,351</b>	<b>521,986</b>	<b>540,817</b>	<b>555,823</b>

Information relating to the telephone service is given below for the years 1940-41 to 1944-45.

### VICTORIA—TELEPHONES, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Telephone Exchanges	1,688	1,676	1,672	1,671	1,674
Public Telephones ..	2,775	2,928	3,059	3,056	3,069
Lines connected ..	164,051	167,909	170,780	175,526	181,685
Instruments connected	228,936	237,484	246,507	254,861	264,013
Instruments per 1,000 of Population ..	118·1	121·5	124·4	128·1	131·1
Effective Paid Local Calls—					
(a) Subscribers ..	180,849,691	186,734,556	181,036,915	180,057,726	187,850,951
(b) Public Telephones	13,561,093	15,749,945	17,402,442	18,592,378	19,931,558
Trunk Line Calls ..	12,223,393	12,940,373	13,643,346	14,877,335	15,909,051

Wireless Licences in force.

Details of wireless licences in force in Victoria at the end of each of the years 1940-41 to 1944-45 are shown hereunder. Consequent on the passing of the Australian Broadcasting Act in July, 1942, broadcast listeners' licences for 1942-43 were issued in two categories, viz. :—(a) licences for one receiver, (b) licences for receivers in excess of one. The number of licences (for one receiver) in force in Victoria, at 30th June, 1945, represented 28 per cent. of the total for Australia (1,415,229).

### VICTORIA—WIRELESS LICENCES IN FORCE. 1940-41 TO 1944-45.

Class of Licence.	At 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
Coast .. ..	1	1	1	1	1
Ship .. ..	86	82	79	78	77
Aircraft .. ..	11	9	9	11	21
Land .. ..	4	3	3	3	3
Broadcasting* ..	19	19	19	19	19
Broadcast Listeners—					
One receiver ..	} 362,790	} 371,502	} 375,933	} 391,542	} 394,315
More than one receiver ..					
Experimental ..	†	†	†	†	†
Portable .. ..	2	..	..	..	..
Special .. ..	26	65	131	247	297
Total .. ..	362,939	371,681	391,192	409,684	412,735

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

† Operation of Experimental Stations suspended for duration of war.

Particulars concerning the revenue and expenditure of the Postmaster-General's Department in Victoria for the years 1940-41 to 1944-45 are contained in the following table:—

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT IN VICTORIA, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
<i>Revenue.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Postage* .. .. .	1,966,168	2,449,926	2,389,994	2,704,970	2,851,507
Money Order Commission .. .. .	74,699	74,649	80,369	79,496	85,320
Poundage on Postal Notes .. .. .	14,544	14,829	15,429	16,404	17,235
Private Boxes and Bags .. .. .	218,862	213,820	274,715	261,483	242,589
Miscellaneous* .. .. .					
Total Postal .. .. .	2,274,273	2,753,224	2,760,507	3,062,353	3,196,651
Telegraphs .. .. .	408,517	491,785	959,100	948,931	1,021,560
Radio * .. .. .	198,657	156,514	187,417	189,125	192,690
Telephones .. .. .	2,648,137	2,919,470	3,242,806	3,433,529	3,619,451
Grand Total† .. .. .	5,529,584	6,320,993	7,149,830	7,633,938	8,030,352
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries and Contingencies—					
Salaries and Payments in the					
Nature of Salary .. .. .	1,656,788	1,837,095	2,257,362	2,511,527	2,578,439
General Expenses .. .. .	143,530	151,212	146,114	171,579	183,984
Stores and Material .. .. .	45,104	69,542	152,295	609,838	1,002,421
Mail Services .. .. .	283,993	296,677	300,404	376,302	454,817
Engineering Services (other than new works) .. .. .	976,889	1,115,140	1,320,346	1,272,968	1,296,507
Rents, Repairs, Maintenance, Fittings, &c. .. .. .	32,515	43,660	41,205	51,998	64,220
Proportion of Audit Expenses .. .. .	3,304	3,577	3,550	3,550	3,550
New Works—					
Telegraph, Telephones, and Wireless .. .. .	814,060	765,800	653,700	732,500	729,400
Other Expenditure .. .. .	20,402	18,917	16,290	14,772	11,655
New Buildings, &c. .. .. .	61,191	75,897	72,247	48,783	63,889
Total Expenditure‡ .. .. .	4,037,776	4,377,517	4,963,513	5,793,817	6,388,882

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

TRANSPORT.

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

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

So far as passenger vehicles are concerned, the Act originally related only to vehicles which operated at separate and distinct fares for each passenger. In the 1941 amending Act, vehicles which carried passengers otherwise than at a separate and distinct fare, i.e., private hire cars, were brought within the provisions of the Act, although it was provided that licences would issue "as of right" for such vehicles with seating capacity less than six.

The number of transport licences in force at 30th June, 1945, classified according to the various types of licences issued, are shown hereunder.

### VICTORIA—TRANSPORT LICENCES IN FORCE AS AT 30th JUNE, 1945.

Discretionary Licences.			Licences "As of Right."		
Type of Licence.	Permanent Licences relating to Commercial Passenger Vehicles operated as—	Number of Licences.	Type of Licence.	To operate for Hire or Reward—	Number of Licences.
A	Stage Omnibuses ..	560	EA	Within 25 miles of Melbourne ..	6,465
B	Touring Omnibuses ..	3	EB {	Within 25 miles of Ballarat	229
C	Special Service Omnibuses	33		Within 25 miles of Bendigo	253
				Within 25 miles of Geelong	309
D	Permanent licences relating to commercial goods vehicles ..	442	EC	Within 20 miles of the places of business of the owners outside the radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong ..	6,385
			ED	Primary Producers, the vehicles being operated in connexion with their business as such and in some cases for the carriage for hire or reward of their neighbours' produce ..	2,615
			EF	Commercial goods vehicles owned by butter or cheese factories and operated for the carriage of milk or cream and goods necessary for such factory ..	368
			EG	Private Carriers, the vehicles being used to carry the goods of the owners in the course of trade in connexion with their own business ..	19,578
			EH	(i) Carrying only 3rd Schedule goods ..	792
				(ii) Racehorse floats ..	20
				(iii) Tank wagons carrying only petroleum products ..	170
				(iv) Commercial travellers' vehicles registered at the commercial rate of motor registration ..	279
			PH	Commercial Vehicles used for the carriage of passengers ..	538
				Total (As of Right) ..	38,001
	Total (Discretionary) ..	1,038			

In addition to those shown above, sundry additional licences, numbering 187, and temporary licences numbering 749 were issued. This made the grand total of licences issued at the 30th June, 1945, 39,975, while the fees collected amounted to £15,537. Total revenue during year (including permit fees) amounted to £31,164.

**Directorate of  
Emergency  
Road  
Transport.** The Board continued to act, under powers delegated by the Commonwealth under National Security (Land Transport) Regulations, as a Directorate of Emergency Road Transport. One of its important functions was its control of the release of new motor vehicles.

**Liquid Fuel  
Control Board.** The scheme for rationing motor spirit continues in force, and although there has been some increase under the rationing scale, questions of tanker capacity and dollar exchange are likely to operate for the time being against the removal of the controls.

### RAILWAYS.

All railways in Victoria available for general traffic, with the exception referred to on page 132, are the property of the State, and are under the management of three Commissioners appointed by the Government.

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

All lines controlled by the Railways Commissioners are shown on the map opposite page 83.

The succeeding tables relate to the State Railways, the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramways and the Road Motor Services, under the control of the Railways Commissioners. The operations of these tramways and the Road Motor Services are also shown separately on page 131. Steam or motor power provides the traction for country passenger and goods traffic, while electricity is used mainly for passenger traffic on suburban lines.

**Reduction of  
loan liability.** Important legislation bearing on railway finances was contained in the *Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act* 1936, No. 4429. A brief outline of the principal provisions of this Act was published in the *Victorian Year-Book* for 1939-1940, page 361.



**Total capital cost of railways and equipment.** The total capital cost of all lines constructed and in course of construction, and of all works, rolling stock and equipment of the Railways Department as at 30th June of each of the five years 1941-1945, is shown in the following table :—

**VICTORIA—TOTAL CAPITAL COST OF RAILWAYS, ETC., EQUIPMENT AND ROLLING STOCK, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.**

At 30th June—	Railways.		Electric Tramways.	Road Motor Services.	Total Capital Cost.*
	Lines Opened.	Lines in Process of Construction.	Lines Opened.		
	£	£	£	£	£
1941 .. ..	50,723,116	258,886	135,636	7,620	51,125,258
1942 .. ..	51,090,964	255,551	140,191	10,082	51,496,788
1943 .. ..	51,000,215	164,372	158,162	8,327	51,331,076
1944 .. ..	50,867,331	163,724	152,323	7,604	51,190,982
1945 .. ..	50,861,453	163,029	147,961	7,180	51,179,623

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

The face value of stock and bonds allocated to the **Loan liability.** Railways Department, as reduced in accordance with Act No. 4429, amounted to £50,342,736 at 30th June, 1945. After deducting the value of securities purchased by the National Debt Sinking Fund and cancelled (£4,540,357), the total liability in respect of current loans outstanding at that date was £45,802,379. The annual interest payable on this amount, calculated at the average rate of 3·671 per cent., was £1,681,405.

In addition to the proceeds from loans, funds amounting to £6,202,710 at 30th June, 1945, have been provided for railway construction, equipment, stores, &c., out of Consolidated Revenue and the National Recovery Loan and other Funds. No interest is charged on this amount.

**Railways traffic.** The mileage and traffic of the railways (exclusive of electric tramways and road motor services) for each of the years 1940-41 to 1944-45 are given in the following table :—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS MILEAGE AND TRAFFIC (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES), 1940-41 TO 1944-45.

Heading.	At 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Lines Constructed . . .	4,805·88	4,830·29	4,830·29	4,830·29	4,830·29
„ Closed for Traffic	46·99	66·04	72·79	82·20	82·25*
„ Open for Traffic	4,758·89	4,764·25	4,757·50	4,758·09	4,748·04
	During Year Ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
Traffic Train Mileage (Number) . . .	17,766,987	18,248,713	18,436,533	16,413,406	16,337,140
Passenger Journeys (Number) . . .	159,218,412	180,981,900	195,830,057	194,137,624	195,697,963
Goods and Live Stock Carried (Tons) . .	6,622,785	7,502,840	8,759,113†	8,294,226†	8,063,591†

\* Of the 82·20 miles closed for traffic, 72·53 miles had been dismantled.

† Tonnage of live stock estimated.

**Railways revenue and expenditure.** The revenue and expenditure of the Railways Department during each of the five financial years 1941-1945, were as follows:—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	£	£	£	£	£
Revenue—					
Passenger, &c., Business—					
Passenger Fares . . .	5,077,746	6,382,477	7,155,733	6,673,164	6,683,370
Parcels, &c. . . . .	323,328	407,486	460,137	554,655	543,199
Other . . . . .	104,469	114,860	121,753	37,016	38,683
Goods, &c., Business—					
Goods . . . . .	4,007,048	5,857,774	7,382,881*	6,712,652*	6,065,778*
Live Stock . . . . .	619,185	617,940	621,016*	611,194*	660,441*
Minerals . . . . .	83,609				
Other . . . . .	66,206	108,049	136,720	163,588	136,812
Miscellaneous—					
Dining Car and Refreshment Services . . . . .	519,248	674,432	766,167	744,051	748,307
Sale of Electrical Power . . .	48,536	57,939	59,820	60,856	64,001
Rentals . . . . .	160,005	171,861	186,914	177,530	169,674
Book Stalls . . . . .	93,127	108,580	113,588	123,191	133,804
Advertising . . . . .	37,007	35,842	34,568	37,974	40,615
Other† . . . . .	85,706	77,597	80,921	78,763	67,749
Total . . . . .	11,330,220	14,614,837	17,120,223	15,974,634	15,352,493

\* Estimated.

† Including recoup on account of reduction in outer suburban fares, £39,000 in 1940-41, £36,000 in 1941-42, £33,000 in 1942-43, £30,000 in 1943-44, and £27,000 in 1944-45.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1940-41  
TO 1944-45—*continued.*

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Expenditure—</b>					
<b>Working Expenses—</b>					
Way and Works .. ..	1,799,549	2,001,561	2,462,845	2,595,023	2,401,738
Rolling Stock .. ..	2,837,571	3,177,420	3,763,564	3,892,340	4,024,720
Transportation .. ..	2,920,763	3,271,649	3,725,552	3,756,038	3,905,232
Electrical Engineering Branch	331,799	501,217	482,702	536,741	512,352
Stores Branch .. ..	127,034	136,196	156,346	172,598	170,362
Pensions (non-contributory) ..	92,109	84,349	74,499	65,618	57,035
Payment to the Superannuation					
Fund .. ..	383,274	387,758	388,816	393,234	403,001
Contribution to Railway Renewals					
and Replacements					
Fund .. ..	525,000	1,500,000	1,800,000	1,050,000	700,000
Contribution to Railway Accident					
and Fire Insurance					
Fund .. ..	24,787	44,191	47,921	99,996	63,169
Child Endowment Pay-roll					
Tax .. ..	..	164,731	195,664	202,542	203,921
War Damage Insurance .. ..	..	30,521	68,904	33,918	..
Long Service and provision for					
Accrued Leave .. ..	..	..	297,970	201,330	219,689
Repayment to Public Account					
(Act No. 4499) .. ..	100,000	100,000	..	..	..
Provision: Way and Works					
Maintenance .. ..	..	..	400,000	54,000	..
Other .. ..	211,619	335,271	285,439	261,126	256,109
<b>Total Working Expenses</b>	<b>9,353,508</b>	<b>11,734,864</b>	<b>14,150,222</b>	<b>13,314,504</b>	<b>12,917,328</b>
<b>Less Expenditure charged to special</b>					
<b>Funds .. ..</b>	<b>299,580</b>	<b>51,548</b>	<b>31,281</b>	<b>18,608</b>	<b>3,240</b>
<b>Working Expenses charged to</b>					
<b>Railway Revenue .. ..</b>	<b>9,053,928</b>	<b>11,683,316</b>	<b>14,118,941</b>	<b>13,295,896</b>	<b>12,914,088</b>
<b>Net Revenue .. ..</b>	<b>2,276,292</b>	<b>2,931,521</b>	<b>3,001,282</b>	<b>2,673,738</b>	<b>2,438,405</b>
<b>Debt Charges—</b>					
Interest Charges and Expenses*	1,920,732	1,948,428	1,889,545	1,901,656	1,902,592
Exchange on Interest Payments					
and Redemption .. ..	206,521	209,476	197,674	201,321	200,027
Contribution to National Debt					
Sinking Fund .. ..	122,445	124,250	126,361	127,625	123,773
<b>Net Result for Year ..</b>	<b>+ 26,594</b>	<b>+ 649,347</b>	<b>+ 787,702</b>	<b>+ 443,136</b>	<b>+ 207,013</b>
<b>Proportion of Working Expenses to</b>					
<b>Revenue .. ..</b>	<b>79·91</b>	<b>79·94</b>	<b>82·47</b>	<b>83·23</b>	<b>84·12</b>

\* Including Loan Conversion Expenses.

The revenue for 1944-45 decreased by £622,141 as compared with that for 1943-44. Passenger business increased by £417, and goods, &c., business decreased by £624,403. Total working expenses decreased by £397,176, as compared with those of the previous year.

**Railways earnings and expenses per mile open.** The earnings, expenses charged to railway revenue, and net revenue per average mile of railway worked for each of the five years 1940-41 to 1944-45 were as hereunder. The particulars exclude electric tramways and road motor services under the control of the Railways Department.

**VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PER AVERAGE MILE OPEN, 1940-41 TO 1944-45 (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES).**

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
Average Number of Miles open for Traffic .. .. .	4,759	4,746	4,758	4,751	4,748
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross Earnings per Mile ..	2,362	3,059	3,579	3,343	3,214
Working Expenses* per Mile ..	1,883	2,444	2,951	2,781	2,703
Net Revenue per Mile ..	479	615	628	562	511

\* Charged to Railway Revenue.

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

**Capital cost of Railways Rolling stock.** At 30th June, 1945, the capital cost of the broad-gauge rolling stock after being written down in accordance with Act No. 4429 of 1936 was £6,371,571, of the narrow-gauge £17,419, of the electric street tramway £32,247, and of the road motor coaches and trucks £358.

**Railways staff.** The number of officers and employees in the railways service (including casual labour and butty-gang workers) and the amount of salaries and wages (excluding travelling and incidental expenses) paid in each of the five financial years 1941-45, were as set forth below.

**VICTORIA—RAILWAYS STAFF—NUMBERS, SALARIES, ETC., 1940-41 TO 1944-45.**

Year Ended 30th June—	Number of Employees at End of Year.			Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid during Year.
	Permanent.	Supernumerary.	Total.	
1941 .. .. .	16,690	9,147	25,837	£ 6,661,937
1942 .. .. .	15,745	9,595	25,340	7,786,251
1943 .. .. .	15,241	10,316	25,557	8,670,724
1944 .. .. .	14,970	10,970	25,940	8,970,445
1945 .. .. .	14,735	10,389	25,124	8,828,090

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

The results of operating the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramways for 1944-45 are detailed in the following statement. As these tramways are controlled and operated by the Railways Commissioners, particulars relating to them have been included in the preceding railway tables unless otherwise indicated.

**ELECTRIC STREET TRAMWAYS, 1944-45.**  
(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	St. Kilda-Brighton Electric Tramway.	Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramway.	Total.
Average Mileage of Tramway Worked ..	5.18	2.42	7.60
Car Mileage .. .. .	520,005	128,886	648,881
Passengers Carried .. .. .	6,930,076	2,267,166	9,197,242
	£	£	£
Gross Revenue .. .. .	67,873	20,265	88,138
Working Expenses .. .. .	51,715	12,378	64,093
Interest Charges, &c. .. .. .	4,758	1,693	6,451
Net Profit .. .. .	11,400	6,194	17,594
Capital Expenditure at 30th June, 1945, as written down under Act 4429 of 1936—			
Construction of Lines, &c. .. .. .	79,202	36,512	115,714
Rolling Stock .. .. .	29,606	2,641	32,247
Total .. .. .	108,808	39,153	147,961

The following table gives particulars for each of the four years 1941-42 to 1944-45 of the operations of the Road Motor Services under the control of the Railways Commissioners.

**VICTORIA—ROAD MOTOR SERVICES, 1941-42 TO 1944-45.**  
(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Car Mileage .. .. .	275,842	151,741	149,974	155,472
Passenger Journeys* .. .. .	1,180,941	886,559	863,887	888,082
	£	£	£	£
Gross Revenue—				
Passenger Service .. .. .	9,446	6,467*	5,947*	6,038†
Goods Service .. .. .	10,611			
Working Expenses .. .. .	26,836	20,500	19,776	17,690
Interest Charges .. .. .	555	461	401	245
Net Loss .. .. .	7,334	14,494	14,230	11,897
Capital Expenditure at end of Year (less depreciation written off) ..	10,082	8,327	7,604	7,180

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

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

**Municipal  
railway.**

A railway between Kerang and Koondrook, owned and worked by the council of the Shire of Kerang, is open for general traffic. This railway, which has a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge, is 13 miles 75 chains in length and, up to 30th September, 1945, cost £43,357 for construction and equipment. During the year ended 30th September, 1945, the gross receipts were £10,569 and the working expenses, excluding interest, £8,728. The train mileage for the same year was 9,162, the number of passenger journeys 10,461, and the tonnage of goods and live stock carried 23,430.

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

**TRAMWAYS.****Victorian  
Tramways.**

The various tramway systems in the State at 30th June, 1945 (excluding those under the control of the Railways Commissioners) comprised 165·673 miles of electric lines, of which 134·278 miles were double, and 31·395 miles single track. Cable tramways were replaced by motor omnibuses on 26th October, 1940. The succeeding tables contain particulars of cable tramways up to that date.

The electric street tramways, St. Kilda to Brighton and Sandringham to Beaumaris, under the management of the Victorian Railways Commissioners, are not referred to in this connexion, but are included under the heading "Railways," page 131, and "All Victorian Tramways," page 136.

The subjoined table contains particulars relating to all tramways in Victoria (with the foregoing exceptions) for each of the five years 1940-41 to 1944-45.

**VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.**

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

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling- stock.	Persons Em- ployed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.						
1941 ..	136·610	32·052	23,199,505	203,265,413	2,425,445	1,548,298	902	4,920
1942 ..	131·094	31·124	23,705,403	245,375,185	2,861,528	1,665,026	776	4,456
1943 ..	132·738	31·003	24,670,703	282,405,272	3,161,425	1,900,813	783	4,480
1944 ..	133·012	31·453	24,803,578	295,321,861	3,308,648	1,971,154	778	4,626
1945 ..	134·278	31·395	24,523,960	300,854,847	3,379,030	2,004,027	788	4,724

**Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act.**

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

The Board is empowered to borrow up to £5,500,000 by the issue of stock or debentures secured upon its revenues and undertakings, this being in addition to the transferred liabilities attaching to the tramways vested in it. At 30th June, 1945, the Board had borrowing powers available to the extent of £1,595,388. Power is given to have an overdraft not exceeding £400,000.

**Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board—Combined Traffic.**

Particulars in relation to the combined traffic of the cable system (up to 26th October, 1940, when it ceased to operate) and the electric system under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board for each of the five years 1940-41 to 1944-45, are given hereunder.

**MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.**

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons Employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.						
1941 ..	127·170	7·982	21,575,130	193,386,248	2,336,336	1,424,138	831	4,669
1942 ..	121·654	7·054	22,063,659	233,136,284	2,751,997	1,539,595	705	4,196
1943 ..	123·268	6·923	22,925,648	265,927,574	3,025,921	1,761,498	712	4,197
1944 ..	123·542	6·643	23,000,054	278,451,170	3,166,050	1,812,025	707	4,338
1945 ..	124·778	6·615	22,730,635	284,139,431	3,233,102	1,843,266	717	4,429

**Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board—Separate Systems.**

In the next statement the operations of the electric tramways and the motor omnibus systems under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board are shown separately for the years 1943-44 and

1944-45.

**MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1943-44  
AND 1944-45.**

System.	Track Open.		Tram/Bus Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Ex- penses.	Rolling- stock.	Persons Em- ployed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1943-44.								
Electric ..	123·542	6·643	23,000,054	273,451,170	3,166,050	1,812,025	707	4,338
Motor Omnibus	66·718	..	8,524,186	71,631,912	775,630	669,061	312	1,349
1944-45.								
Electric ..	124·778	6·615	22,730,635	284,139,431	3,233,102	1,843,266	717	4,429
Motor Omnibus	67·613	..	8,146,473	70,663,685	757,451	680,560	326	1,346

A summary of the revenue and expenditure by the Tramways Board and the appropriation of the surplus on operation for the year ended 30th June, 1945, is set out hereunder:—

	£	£
Traffic Receipts .. .. .	3,990,553	
Advertisements, rents, &c. .. .. .	15,482	
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Total Revenue .. .. .	4,006,035	
Working Expenses .. .. .	2,530,165	
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Surplus on Operation .. .. .	1,475,870	
Interest and Other Charges .. .. .	414,398	
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Brought forward from 1943-44 .. .. .	565	
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Available for Appropriation .. .. .	1,062,037	
Appropriations—		
Renewals Reserve .. .. .	710,000	
Public Risk Insurance Reserve .. .. .	15,000	
Loan Redemption .. .. .	67,040	
Loan Sinking Funds .. .. .	90,579	
Consolidated Revenue .. .. .	129,348	
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Net Surplus .. .. .	50,070	
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Of the net surplus (£50,070), an amount of £50,000 was distributed to thirty municipalities in the metropolis. Of this amount £45,000 was paid to twenty municipalities in whose districts more than 250,000 tram or bus miles has been run during the year, and £5,000 on a population and valuation basis to four municipalities having a lesser mileage than 250,000 and to six municipalities in which the Board has no trams or motor buses.

Pursuant to section 77 of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act No. 3732, the Board is required to make certain annual payments to the Consolidated Revenue of the State. The total of such payments up to 30th June, 1945, amounted to £2,807,973. This amount was allocated as follows:—Fire Brigades Board, £1,444,627; Licensing Fund, £435,251; and Infectious Diseases Hospital, £928,095. Under the provisions of Act No. 4598 the Board was relieved of the Licensing Fund payment as from 1st July, 1938.

Up to 30th June, 1945, the capital cost of the tramways vested in the Tramways Board, after writing off the value of obsolete assets, amounted to £9,302,526, of which £149,806 related to cable tramways, £8,229,380 to electric tramways, £736,751 to motor omnibuses, and £186,589 to general properties.

In the next statement comparisons are made between the electric and bus systems operated by the Tramways Board, the receipts per mile, the cost of working, &c., being shown for the year 1944-45.

**MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD  
TRAFFIC RECEIPTS, WORKING EXPENSES, ETC. PER  
MILE, ETC., 1944-45.**

System.	Traffic Receipts.			Working Expenses to Total Revenue.	Working Expenses per Vehicle Mile, including Power Cost.	Average Distance per Penny.
	Per Vehicle Mile.	Per Mile of Single Track Operated.	Per Passenger.			
	<i>d.</i>	£	<i>d.</i>	%	<i>d.</i>	Miles.
Electric ..	34·136	12,621	2·731	56·876	19·462	·913
Bus ..	22·815	5,601	2·573	89·745	20·050	·934

**Tramways  
in Extra-  
Metropolitan  
Cities.**

The cities, other than the metropolis, having electric tramway systems are:—Ballarat, with 13·84 miles of lines (2·33 double and 11·51 single track); Bendigo, with 8·64 miles of lines (2·43 double and 6·21 single track); and Geelong, with 11·80 miles of lines (4·74 double and 7·09 single track).

The traffic particulars of these lines for each of the five years 1940-41 to 1944-45 are summarized below.

### TRAMWAYS IN EXTRA-METROPOLITAN CITIES, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1941 ..	9·44	24·07	1,624,375	9,879,165	89,109	124,160	71	251
1942 ..	9·44	24·07	1,641,744	12,238,901	109,531	125,431	71	254
1943 ..	9·47	24·81	1,745,055	16,477,698	135,504	139,315	71	283
1944 ..	9·47	24·81	1,803,524	16,870,691	142,598	159,129	71	288
1945 ..	9·50	24·78	1,793,331	16,715,416	145,928	160,761	71	295

A summary of the operations for each of the years 1943-44 and 1944-45 of the foregoing tramway systems and of the electric tramways under the control of the Railways Commissioners is given in the following table :—

#### ALL VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1943-44 AND 1944-45.

Heading.	1943-44.	1944-45.
Route Mileage Open—Double .. miles	140·402	141·668
Single .. miles	31·663	31·605
Total .. miles	172·065	173·273
Cost of Construction and Equipment .. £	8,586,500	8,695,201
Gross Revenue—		
Traffic Receipts .. .. £	3,395,447	3,467,168
Other .. .. .. £	7,404	8,405
Total Revenue .. £	3,402,851	3,475,573
Working Expenses .. .. £	1,867,093	2,067,037
Net Earnings .. .. £	1,535,758	1,408,536
Interest, &c. .. .. £	181,749	141,752
Statutory Charges, Rates, &c. .. £	1,184,387	1,061,575
Net Profit after Paying Working Expenses, Interest, &c., Statutory Charges, Rates, &c. .. £	169,622	205,209
Tram Miles Run .. .. miles	25,450,580	25,172,447
Passenger Journeys .. .. No.	304,403,547	310,052,089

## ALL VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1943-44 AND 1944-45—continued.

Heading.	1943-44.	1944-45.
Staff Employed—		
Salaried .. .. . No.	670	686
Wages .. .. . No.	4,053	4,140
Total Staff .. .. . No.	4,723	4,826
Rolling Stock .. .. . No.	809	819

## LICENSED VEHICLES.

Licensed  
vehicles in  
Melbourne.

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

Particulars regarding licences issued during 1944-45 were as follows :—

Description.	Number Licensed.	Revenue Received.
		£
Horse-drawn Vehicles—		
Wagonettes (40), Owners (22) .. .. .	62	} 76
Hackney Carriage Drivers .. .. .	49	
Carters (for conveyance of goods) .. .. .	933	47
Motor Vehicles—		
Motor Omnibuses .. .. .	346	} 1,005
Taxi-cabs .. .. .	550	
Private Hire Cars .. .. .	450	} 2,164
Motor Cabs .. .. .	43	
Chars-a-banc .. .. .	13	
Hire and Drive Yourself Cars .. .. .	7	
Hackney Carriage Motor Car Owners .. .. .	475	
Hackney Carriage Motor Car Drivers .. .. .	2,107	
Total Revenue .. .. .	..	3,292

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

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

Carters—1st August to 31st July.

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

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

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

In the following statement particulars are given, as furnished by the Motor Registration Office of Police Department, of the number of motor vehicles on the register and of the number of drivers' and riders' licences in force at the end of each of the years 1940-1941 to 1944-45. The revenue of that office is also shown for the same periods.

VICTORIA—REGISTRATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ETC.,  
DRIVERS' LICENCES, ETC., ISSUED, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.

Heading.	At 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Vehicles—					
Private Cars .. .. .	145,907	121,129	128,667	133,973	138,355
Commercial Vehicles .. .. .	34,801	34,046	32,807	34,790	37,187
Hire Cars .. .. .	2,530	2,465	2,553	2,611	2,596
Primary Producers' .. .. .	49,295	49,521	51,358	52,645	54,952
Omnibuses .. .. .	629	636	666	688	689
Traction Engines .. .. .	289	209	79	71	65
Trailers .. .. .	5,620	6,086	6,757	7,240	8,053
Motor Cycles .. .. .	23,572	16,688	16,267	17,937	19,798
Drivers' and Riders' Licences .. .. .	365,205	339,334	329,595	337,171	353,584
Dealers' Licences .. .. .	313	204	176	207	223
Transfers .. .. .	90,209	43,180	44,408	56,512	62,528
Total Revenue Received* during year ended 30th June .. .. .	£ 1,892,590	£ 1,652,271	£ 1,456,097	£ 1,528,371	£ 1,607,178

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

The principal items of revenue received during 1944-45 were in respect of motor cars, £1,463,857; motor cycles, £16,524; and drivers' licences, £88,402.

In the next statement, details relating to new registrations and renewals of registration of motor cars and motor cycles are shown for the years 1943-44 and 1944-45 respectively.

VICTORIA—NEW REGISTRATIONS AND RENEWALS OF  
REGISTRATION OF MOTOR CARS AND MOTOR CYCLES  
1943-44 and 1944-45.

Vehicles.	1943-44.			1944-45.		
	New Registrations.		Renewals of Registra- tion.	New Registrations.		Renewals of Registra- tion.
	New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.		New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Cars—						
Private .. .. .	545	13,920	119,528	1,205	12,417	120,735
Commercial and Hire .. .. .	2,721	2,481	32,475	2,039	6,586	38,309
Primary Producers' .. .. .	509	2,909	49,277	311	2,924	52,747
Motor Cycles .. .. .	60	4,224	13,643	377	6,235	16,616

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

Summary of  
all Traffic  
Accidents.

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

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS: NUMBER OF  
PERSONS AFFECTED, 1945.

Place of Occurrence.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.	Accidents in which no Person was Killed or Injured.	Total Accidents.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
City of Melbourne .. .. .	926 (893)	43 (32)	977 (966)	1,331 (1,146)	2,257 (2,039)
Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne) .. .. .	2,218 (1,856)	94 (102)	2,532 (2,046)	2,035 (1,749)	4,253 (3,605)
Total—Metropolitan Area	3,144 (2,749)	137 (134)	3,509 (3,012)	3,366 (2,895)	6,510 (5,644)
Remainder of State .. .. .	1,168 (1,009)	133 (113)	1,486 (1,280)	1,200 (1,016)	2,368 (2,025)
Grand Total .. .. .	4,312 (3,758)	270 (247)	4,995 (4,292)	4,566 (3,911)	8,878 (7,669)

Note.—Figures in parentheses relate to the year 1944.

In the table which follows traffic accidents during 1945 have been recorded according to the classification of male and female victims.

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—PARTICULARS OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, 1945.

Description.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pedestrian .. .. .	72	1,052	32	578	104	1,630
Driver of motor vehicle other than motor cycle .. .. .	31	479	2	43	33	522
Driver of motor cycle .. .. .	28	451	1	3	29	454
Passenger—motor car, truck, bus, &c. .. .. .	32	576	18	482	50	1,058
Passenger—motor cycle, side car .. .. .	..	17	1	3	1	20
Pillion rider .. .. .	4	85	..	25	4	110
Pedal cyclist .. .. .	27	712	2	164	29	876
Riding tandem or on handle or bar of bicycle .. .. .	..	19	..	8	..	27
Tram passenger .. .. .	4	77	..	72	4	149
Driver or passenger of horse-drawn vehicle .. .. .	6	93	3	7	9	100
Equestrian .. .. .	6	17	..	4	6	21
Other .. .. .	1	27	..	1	1	28
Total .. .. .	211	3,605	59	1,390	270	4,995

Particulars of victims of traffic accidents during 1945 are shown according to age and sex in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—SEX AND AGE OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, 1945.

Age Group.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
0-4 .. .. .	5	86	2	52	7	138
5-9 .. .. .	11	244	2	97	13	341
10-14 .. .. .	8	253	1	110	9	363
15-19 .. .. .	14	426	2	153	16	579
20-29 .. .. .	44	786	10	226	54	1,012
30-39 .. .. .	23	540	3	180	26	720
40-49 .. .. .	29	433	11	178	40	611
50-59 .. .. .	29	363	11	162	40	525
60 and over .. .. .	48	382	17	190	65	572
Not stated .. .. .	..	92	..	42	..	134
Total .. .. .	211	3,605	59	1,390	270	4,995

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

## VICTORIA—CAUSES OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 1945.

Stated Cause.	Number of Accidents.		
	Fatal.	Non-fatal with Injured.	Total.
<b>Driver or Rider—</b>			
Skidding on roadway .. .. .	17	137	154
Failure to exercise care at intersection ..	10	398	408
Excessive speed .. .. .	22	85	107
Not keeping to left .. .. .	13	116	129
Swerving to avoid vehicle or other object	1	99	100
Stopping or turning in front of other vehicle or leaving kerb without warning	2	79	81
Level Crossing .. .. .	7	3	10
Rounding corner carelessly or on wrong side	2	31	33
Obscured vision .. .. .	1	70	71
Failing to give right of way .. .. .	2	28	30
Dazzled by sun or light .. .. .	3	54	57
Breaking traffic regulations or failing to obey traffic officer's signal .. .. .	2	61	63
Careless, negligent, or inefficient driving..	26	445	471
Hit and run motorist .. .. .	8	128	136
Error of judgment .. .. .	7	271	278
All other .. .. .	8	156	164
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>2,161</b>	<b>2,292</b>
<b>Vehicle—</b>			
Defective mechanism and/or tyres .. .. .	9	151	160
No lights .. .. .	2	41	43
Other .. .. .	2	16	18
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>221</b>
<b>Passenger—</b>			
Alighting from moving vehicle .. .. .	3	72	75
Falling from moving vehicle .. .. .	7	118	125
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>200</b>

VICTORIA—CAUSES OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 1945—*continued.*

Stated Cause.	Number of Accidents.		
	Fatal.	Non-fatal with Injured.	Total.
<b>Pedestrian—</b>			
Walking or running on roadway or crossing without care .. .. .	56	880	936
Boarding vehicle in motion .. .. .	2	69	71
Stepping on to road without care .. .. .	..	13	13
Other .. .. .	15	240	255
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>1,275</b>
<b>Other—</b>			
Horses shying, bolting, or stumbling .. .. .	11	49	60
Other (including not known) .. .. .	16	248	264
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>324</b>
<b>Grand Total .. .. .</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>4,058</b>	<b>4,312</b>

A comparative statement of the number of persons killed or injured in traffic accidents during each of the five years 1941-1945 is given below. Accidents involving one vehicle with another vehicle or object are classified according to one type of vehicle only.

## VICTORIA—NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 1941 TO 1945.

Vehicle, &c.	1941.		1942.		1943.		1944.		1945.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pedal Cycle .. .. .	22	336	12	307	18	225	9	213	11	226
Motor Bus .. .. .	10	137	30	225	45	255	20	200	10	207
Motor Car, Truck, &c. .. .. .	271	5,254	295	4,025	185	3,049	167	3,072	190	3,784
Motor Cycle .. .. .	33	524	19	313	13	211	12	315	22	367
Train—Electric and .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Steam .. .. .	5	2	7	1	1	3	2	2	5	2
Tram—Electric .. .. .	13	173	28	353	22	370	19	301	13	254
Other Vehicle .. .. .	5	46	15	72	16	60	10	85	9	50
Pedestrian .. .. .	2	91	9	179	8	169	5	91	5	88
Horse .. .. .	3	10	6	16	1	17	3	13	5	17
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>6,573</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>5,491</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>4,359</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>4,292</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>4,995</b>

In the next table accidents in which persons were killed or injured have been classified according to type of vehicle, &c., involved, e.g., where a collision has occurred between a motor car and a pedal cyclist,



particulars of such accident are included under each heading. Correct totals cannot be arrived at by the addition of the items shown in the table.

### VICTORIA—PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, TYPES OF VEHICLES, ETC., INVOLVED, 1944 AND 1945.

Type of Vehicle, &c., Involved.	1944.			1945.		
	Number of Accidents.*	Number Killed.	Number Injured.	Number of Accidents.*	Number Killed.	Number Injured.
Motor Car .. .. .	1,938	102	2,318	2,400	110	2,884
Motor Van .. .. .	115	8	147	127	11	141
Motor Truck, Lorry .. .. .	673	65	782	791	81	1,004
Motor Bus .. .. .	211	20	250	239	15	283
Motor Cycle .. .. .	465	29	539	660	41	789
Pedal Cycle .. .. .	860	37	871	938	30	970
Tram—Electric .. .. .	357	25	401	312	16	363
Tram—Electric and Steam .. .. .	15	11	11	15	3	8
Horse-drawn Vehicle .. .. .	166	14	182	159	13	171
Horse .. .. .	34	3	31	30	6	27
Pedestrian .. .. .	1,469	88	1,464	1,658	103	1,645
Other .. .. .	1	..	2	1	1	..

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

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

### AIRCRAFT.

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

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

The main air lines of Victoria are shown on the map opposite page 83 of this *Year-Book*.

### VICTORIA—CIVIL AIRCRAFT, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.

Particulars.	At 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
Registered Owners .. .. .	25	26	(b) 34	(b) 32	32
Registered Aircraft .. .. .	38	36	(b) 27	(b) 45	45
Licensed Pilots—					
Private .. .. .	165	47	29	40	(a)
Commercial .. .. .	56	55	60	90	(a)
Licensed Ground Engineers .. .. .	185	218	277	316	(a)
Licensed Navigators .. .. .	26	16	18	22	(a)
Licensed Aircraft Radio Telegraph Operators .. .. .	17	11	14	20	(a)
Licensed Aircraft Radio Telephone Operators .. .. .	10	17	18	23	(a)
Aerodromes—					
Government .. .. .	6	2	2	2	2
Public .. .. .	15	13	13	10	8
Government Emergency Grounds .. .. .	7	6	5	4	4

(a) Not available.

(b) At 31st December.

VICTORIA—CIVIL AIRCRAFT, 1940-41 TO 1944-45—*continued.*

Particulars.	During Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
Flights carried out .. ..	16,723	14,296	12,675	20,817	28,608
Hours flown .. ..	25,142	23,549	25,766	38,888	58,334
Approximate mileage .. ..	3,199,286	3,103,116	3,567,910	5,415,403	8,358,641
Passengers carried—					
Paying .. ..	81,112	83,716	83,954	164,319	258,409
Non-paying .. ..	2,768	1,988	1,214	2,086	2,627
Total Passengers carried ..	83,880	85,704	85,168	166,405	261,036
Goods, Weight Carried .. lb.	936,018	1,067,018	1,130,562	1,795,380	3,058,196
Mails, Weight Carried .. ..	93,386	180,658	963,555	2,057,893	1,079,009
Accidents—					
Persons Killed .. ..	..	3	2	1	10
Persons Injured .. ..	..	..	3	..	..