

PART VII.

POPULATION.

According to manuscript notes made by Captain Lonsdale the first enumeration of the people was taken by an officer from Sydney on the 25th May, 1836, less than one year after the date of the arrival of John Batman (29th May, 1835). This was the first official census in Victoria, which was at that time known as the district of Port Phillip, and it disclosed that the band of first arrivals consisted of 142 males and 35 females of European origin.

At the census taken in 1838 it was ascertained that the number of inhabitants had increased to 3,511. During each of the years 1840 and 1841 the population increased by 100 per cent., owing principally to the number of assisted immigrants who arrived in the district, and it continued to increase to the end of 1850.

The discovery of gold in 1851 (the year of separation from New South Wales) was the greatest influence in populating Victoria, the numbers increasing from 77,345 at the census in 1851 to 538,628 in 1861, a gain of 596 per cent. In the next ten years the natural increase (excess of births over deaths) was the main factor in the growth of population. From the end of 1870 the population advanced steadily to 1,133,728 at the end of 1890, the increase being 409,803 (natural increase 307,246—gain from migration 102,557). The latter portion of this period was known as the "Land Boom" period, which was followed by the inevitable reaction.

Between 1891 and 1905 the population of the State advanced very slowly, the total increase in this period being 76,693. The gain by natural increase—247,078—was offset by the loss from migration—170,385—the discovery of gold in Western Australia being the principal cause of migration from Victoria in the period. A steady annual increase was maintained from 1905 to the end of 1927 (exclusive of the years relating to the Great War), the population increasing from 1,210,421 to 1,741,832.

During the ten-year period 1928-1937 the population of the State increased slowly, the lowest annual increase for the period being recorded in the year 1935. The rate of natural increase dropped considerably and, in seven years of the period, a loss from migration was experienced. The world-wide depression of 1929-33 had its effect on the population of the State.

The estimated population of Victoria at the end of 1942 was 1,969,977. This figure is subject to revision.

VICTORIA—ESTIMATED POPULATION, 1836 TO 1942.

Year.	Estimated Population 31st December.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
1836 (25th May)	142	35	177
1836 (8th Novr.)	186	38	224
1840	7,254	3,037	10,291
1850	45,495	30,667	76,162
1855	226,462	120,843	347,305
1860	330,302	207,932	538,234
1870	397,230	326,695	723,925
1880	450,558	408,047	858,605
1890	595,519	538,209	1,133,728
1900	601,773	594,440	1,196,213
1905	598,134	612,287	1,210,421
1906	600,856	618,976	1,219,832
1907	605,775	627,032	1,232,807
1908	614,937	635,512	1,250,449
1909	631,021	646,001	1,277,022
1910	646,482	654,926	1,301,408
1911	668,818	671,075	1,339,893
1912	690,056	692,497	1,382,553
1913	707,444	707,972	1,415,416
1914	713,307	721,881	1,435,188
1915	694,210	730,235	1,424,445
1916	666,245	738,418	1,404,663
1917	671,075	745,985	1,417,060
1918	684,243	753,002	1,437,245
1919	739,956	763,079	1,503,035
1920	753,803	774,106	1,527,909
1921	765,306	785,421	1,550,727
1922	789,517	800,756	1,590,273
1923	807,884	817,571	1,625,455
1924	825,919	831,232	1,657,151

VICTORIA—ESTIMATED POPULATION, 1836 TO 1942—*continued.*

Year.					Estimated Population 31st December.		
					Males.	Females.	Total.
1925	..	..	..	..	840,817	843,234	1,684,051
1926	..	..	..	..	855,035	856,952	1,711,987
1927	..	..	..	..	870,718	871,114	1,741,832
1928	..	..	..	..	879,478	882,268	1,761,746
1929	..	..	..	..	886,472	891,797	1,778,269
1930	..	..	..	..	892,422	900,183	1,792,605
1931	..	..	..	..	896,429	907,141	1,803,570
1932	..	..	..	..	900,663	912,724	1,813,387
1933	..	..	..	..	905,050	919,429	1,824,479
1934	..	..	..	..	910,373	927,117	1,837,490
1935	..	..	..	..	911,710	931,313	1,843,023
1936	..	..	..	..	915,304	936,289	1,851,593
1937	..	..	..	..	918,665	940,822	1,859,487
1938	..	..	..	..	925,892	947,868	1,873,760
1939	..	..	..	..	931,724	954,632	1,886,356
1940	..	..	..	..	949,764	969,010	1,918,774*
1941	..	..	..	..	969,037	983,116	1,952,153*
1942	..	..	..	..	976,663	993,314	1,969,977*

* Subject to revision.

At the census of 1891, the population of Victoria was 1,140,088; 1,201,070 in 1901; 1,315,551 in 1911; 1,531,280 in 1921; and 1,820,261 in 1933. During the period ended on the date of the census in each of the years 1901, 1911, 1921, and 1933 there were respective increases in the population at the rate of 5·35, 9·53, 16·40, and 18·87 per cent. The rate of increase during the decade 1921-31 was 17·33 per cent.

The census of 30th June, 1933, showed that the population of the State at that date was 1,820,261, comprising 903,244 males and 917,017 females. The table which follows shows, for each quinquennium of the 80 years 1860-1939, and for each year of the 20 years 1923-1942, the natural increase of the population and the gain or loss by migration.

Increase of
population,
1860-1942.

VICTORIA—INCREASE OF POPULATION BY EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS, AND THE GAIN OR LOSS BY MIGRATION, 1860-1942.

Period.	Increase during Period.			Increase per cent. during Period.		
	Natural.	Net Immigration (Civilians only).	Total.	Natural.	Net Immigration (Civilians only).	Total.
1860-64 ..	69,249	7,682	76,931	13.29	1.47	14.76
1865-69 ..	74,639	24,120	98,759	12.48	4.03	16.51
1870-74 ..	81,902	7,444	89,346	11.75	1.07	12.82
1875-79 ..	66,473	(-) 10,824	55,649	8.46	(-) 1.38	7.08
1880-84 ..	72,332	21,688	94,020	8.59	2.58	11.17
1885-89 ..	83,704	85,457	169,161	8.95	9.13	18.08
1890-94 ..	100,292	(-) 23,075	77,217	9.08	(-) 2.09	6.99
1895-99 ..	76,625	(-) 70,239	6,386	6.48	(-) 5.94	.54
1900-04 ..	74,296	(-) 57,229	17,067	6.25	(-) 4.81	1.44
1905-09 ..	80,312	(-) 8,898	71,414	6.66	(-) .74	5.92
1910-14 ..	93,975	64,191	158,166	7.36	5.03	12.39
1915-19 ..	84,092	(-) 16,245	67,847	5.86	(-) 1.13	4.73
1920-24 ..	98,235	55,881	154,116	6.53	3.72	10.25
1925-29 ..	91,091	30,027	121,118	5.50	1.81	7.31
1930-34 ..	61,242	(-) 2,021	59,221	3.44	(-) .11	3.33
1935-39 ..	52,364	(-) 3,498	48,866	2.85	(-) .19	2.66
1923 ..	18,657	16,525	35,182	1.17	1.04	2.21
1924 ..	19,636	12,060	31,696	1.21	.74	1.95
1925 ..	20,086	6,814	26,900	1.21	.41	1.62
1926 ..	19,027	8,909	27,936	1.13	.53	1.66
1927 ..	18,301	11,544	29,845	1.07	.67	1.74
1928 ..	16,790	3,124	19,914	.96	.18	1.14
1929 ..	16,887	(-) 364	16,523	.96	(-) .02	.94
1930 ..	17,168	(-) 2,832	14,336	.97	(-) .16	.81
1931 ..	13,299	(-) 2,334	10,965	.74	(-) .13	.61
1932 ..	10,659	(-) 842	9,817	.59	(-) .05	.54
1933 ..	10,936	156	11,092	.60	.01	.61
1934 ..	9,180	3,831	13,011	.50	.21	.71
1935 ..	9,428	(-) 3,895	5,533	.51	(-) .21	.30
1936 ..	10,105	(-) 1,535	8,570	.55	(-) .08	.47
1937 ..	11,118	(-) 3,224	7,894	.60	(-) .17	.43
1938 ..	11,389	2,884	14,273	.61	.16	.77
1939 ..	10,324	2,272	12,596	.55	.12	.67
1940 ..	11,669	20,635	32,304	.62	1.09	1.71
1941 ..	13,884	19,495	33,379	.72	1.02	1.74
1942 ..	13,954	6,161	20,115	.71	.32	1.03

NOTE.—The minus sign (-) indicates excess of departures over arrivals, also a decrease.

VICTORIA—MIGRATION.

(CIVILIANS ONLY.)

The interstate and oversea movement of people to and from Victoria, for the period 1933-1942, is shown in the following table :—

Year.	Arrivals in Victoria.			Departures from Victoria.			Excess of Arrivals Over Departures.	
	Inter-state.	From Other Countries Direct.	Total.	Inter-state.	To Other Countries Direct.	Total.	Inter-state.	Other Countries Direct.
1933 ..	147,078	8,840	155,918	146,485	9,277	155,762	593	(-) 437
1934 ..	153,410	11,377	164,787	150,520	10,436	160,956	2,890	941
1935 ..	140,406	11,090	151,496	143,526	11,789	155,315	(-) 3,120	(-) 699
1936 ..	141,813	11,586	153,399	143,628	11,113	154,741	(-) 1,815	473
1937 ..	139,199	13,063	152,262	144,054	11,432	155,486	(-) 4,855	1,631
1938 ..	152,514	15,540	168,054	152,591	12,579	165,170	(-) 77	2,961
1939 ..	147,087	15,028	162,115	148,568	10,353	158,921	(-) 1,481	4,675
1940 ..	146,457	5,930	152,387	129,464	2,288	131,752	16,993	3,642
1941 ..	147,001	1,417	148,418	127,984	939	128,923	19,017	478
1942 ..	125,687	2,395	128,082	120,451	1,470	121,921	5,236	925

NOTE.—The minus sign (-) indicates excess of departures over arrivals.

In 1933, migration to and from Victoria reached a total of 311,680 persons. From 1933, a slight increase was recorded each year until 1935, when a decrease, as compared with the previous year, was registered. There was little fluctuation during the following two years, but in 1938 the volume of migration was the highest recorded since 1930. In 1939 a decline was recorded in both oversea and interstate migration. The considerable decrease in oversea migration during the last three years was due to the war.

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF MIGRATION, 1942.

	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Migration by Sea—					
Arrivals	22,561	12,849	..	..	..
Departures	21,106	11,217	..	..	..
Gain by Sea .. .. .	..	..	1,455	1,632	3,087
Migration by Rail—					
Arrivals	44,367	22,183	..	..	..
Departures	42,577	21,289	..	..	..
Gain by Rail .. .. .	..	..	1,790	894	2,684
Migration by Air—					
Arrivals	18,994	7,128	..	..	..
Departures	19,209	6,523	..	..	..
Gain by Air .. .. .	..	..	(-) 215	605	390

NOTE.—The minus sign (-) indicates the excess of departures over arrivals.

The movement of population during the last four years by way of interstate railway passenger traffic is shown in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—MIGRATION BY RAIL, 1939-1942.

State—Territory.	Arrivals from during—				Departures to during—			
	1939.	*1940.	1941.	1942.	1939.	*1940.	1941.	1942.
New South Wales	43,801	..	48,103	41,732	47,176	..	39,459	44,441
Queensland ..	3,107	..	2,914	7,430	2,553	..	2,861	6,074
South Australia	10,407	..	12,242	11,047	9,888	..	9,819	9,710
Western Australia	2,855	..	5,597	4,684	2,289	..	2,759	2,828
Australian Capital Territory ..	808	..	1,036	1,657	881	..	803	813
Total ..	60,978	70,532	69,802	66,550	62,787	57,247	55,701	63,866

* Details of interstate migration not available.

The immigration and emigration by sea between Victoria, the other Australian States, British countries, and foreign countries during each of the four years ended 1942 are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—MIGRATION BY SEA, 1939-1942.

State or Country of Departure or Destination.	Arrivals from during—				Departures to during—			
	1939.	*1940.	1941.	1942.	1939.	*1940.	1941.	1942.
<i>States.</i>								
New South Wales	12,911	..	1,010	180	12,606	..	1,196	681
Queensland ..	5,922	..	571	39	7,311	..	655	158
South Australia	1,310	..	168	172	1,257	..	119	17
Western Australia	3,313	..	1,251	718	3,596	..	781	451
Tasmania ..	43,969	..	39,237	31,906	42,447	..	35,320	29,546
Northern Territory	106	..	134	..	314	..	80	..
Total Interstate Adjustment ..	67,531	..	42,371	33,015	67,531	..	38,151	30,853
Net Total	67,531	51,478	42,376	33,015	67,729	49,014	38,151	30,853
<i>Overseas—</i>								
New Zealand ..	2,720	813	169	260	3,040	481	136	115
United Kingdom	4,676	1,323	255	225	3,140	260	30	159
India and Ceylon	1,460	409	142	210	594	238	220	138
South Africa ..	319	153	63	216	335	64	32	106
Other British Possessions	983	794	581	807	1,034	691	351	45
Total British Countries	10,158	3,492	1,210	1,718	8,143	1,734	769	563
Egypt ..	482	129	3	..	65	18	1	..
France ..	611	144	..	..	227	..	..	..
Italy ..	1,288	383	..	..	303	10	..	..
Japan ..	130	113	28	..	106	40	20	..
United States of America	1,691	465	65	171	1,225	341	90	732
Other Foreign Countries	668	1,204	106	506	284	145	59	175
Total Foreign Countries	4,870	2,438	202	677	2,210	554	170	907
GRAND TOTAL	82,559	57,408	43,788	35,410	78,082	51,302	39,090	32,323

* Details of interstate migration not available.

Migration by air, 1939-42.

The following table shows the movement of population by air during the last five years:—

VICTORIA—MIGRATION BY AIR.

Year.	Arrivals.	Departures.	Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
1938	18,729	18,281	448
1939	18,578	18,052	526
1940	24,447	23,203	1,244
1941	34,738	34,132	606
1942	26,122	25,732	390

State-assisted immigration.

In 1941, State-assisted migration to Victoria consisted of 2 females.

Population of Greater Melbourne.

For many years the population of Greater Melbourne was estimated as that contained in an area within a radius of ten miles from the Elizabeth-street Post Office. To conform to the growth of the urban population in certain directions, principally in the cities of Chelsea and Mordialloc, the metropolitan area was re-defined in 1929. The municipalities included in this area and the population of each are as under:—

POPULATION, ETC., OF GREATER MELBOURNE AT CENSUS OF 1933 AND AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1942.

Municipal District.	Area in Acres, 31st December, 1940.	Enumerated Population at the Census of 1933.	Estimated Population 31st December, 1942.	Persons to the Acre 31st December, 1942.
Box Hill City	5,120	15,332	19,600	3·8
Braybrook Shire (excluding Western Riding)	8,480	8,761	12,600	1·5
Brighton City	3,308	29,707	37,800	11·4
Brunswick City	2,719	54,348	57,300	21·1
Camberwell City	8,352	50,052	70,700	8·5
Caulfield City	5,600	65,297	79,200	14·1
Chelsea City	3,040	6,625	7,900	2·6
Coburg City	4,800	38,118	46,800	9·8
Collingwood City	1,139	30,665	30,400	26·7
Essendon City	4,000	46,096	50,600	12·7
Fitzroy City	923	30,909	31,200	33·8
Footscray City	3,982	46,266	61,500	15·4

POPULATION, ETC., OF GREATER MELBOURNE AT CENSUS OF 1933
AND AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1942—*continued.*

Municipal District.	Area in Acres, 31st December, 1940.	Enumerated Population at the Census of 1933.	Estimated Population 31st December, 1942.	Persons to the Acre 31st December, 1942.
Hawthorn City	2,402	33,758	39,900	16·6
Heidelberg City (excluding Greensborough Ward) ..	8,800	24,949	30,800	3·5
Kew City	3,523	25,486	31,700	9·0
Malvern City	3,996	43,244	47,800	12·0
Melbourne City	7,740	92,112	101,000	13·0
Moorabbin City	13,360	19,006	24,400	1·8
Mordialloc City	3,351	9,216	12,000	3·6
Northcote City	2,850	42,723	45,100	15·8
Oakleigh City	2,658	11,903	14,000	5·3
Port Melbourne City ..	2,366	12,906	14,200	6·0
Prahran City	2,320	51,606	58,800	25·3
Preston City	8,800	33,442	38,900	4·4
Richmond City	1,430	39,618	41,100	28·7
Sandringham City	3,740	18,075	22,700	6·1
South Melbourne City ..	2,303	42,936	44,400	19·3
St. Kilda City	2,049	46,579	54,400	26·5
Williamstown City	2,775	22,199	25,200	9·1
Total	125,926	991,934	1,152,000*	9·1

* Subject to revision.

Fitzroy is the most thickly populated municipality, with 33·8 persons to the acre; Richmond has 28·7; Collingwood, 26·7; St. Kilda 26·5; Prahran, 25·3; Brunswick, 21·1; South Melbourne, 19·3; and Melbourne City, 13·0. There is a total area of 9,621 acres devoted to parks, gardens, and other reserves in Greater Melbourne, so that the population is really living more closely together than the figures in the table indicate; if these park areas are excluded, the density of the population in the above-mentioned municipalities is as follows:—Fitzroy, 35·6 persons to the acre; Richmond, 34·2; St. Kilda, 31·3; Collingwood, 29·3; South Melbourne, 24·9; Prahran, 26·3; Brunswick, 21·7; and Melbourne City, 18·2; while, for the whole of Greater Melbourne, the exclusion of park areas has only a slight influence on the density, the number of persons to the acre increasing from 9·1 to 9·9.

Density of metropolitan population.

Population of cities, towns and boroughs outside Greater Melbourne.

Outside the boundaries of Greater Melbourne the chief centres of population in Victoria are the cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Mildura, and Warrnambool. The particulars relating to Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong are exclusive of the urban populations in contiguous shires. The populations of cities, towns, and certain boroughs are given in the following table:—

VICTORIA—POPULATIONS OF CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHS OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE, 1933 AND 1942.

Locality.	Population.		Locality.	Population.	
	Census 1933.	1942 (Estimated 31st December).		Census 1933.	1942 (Estimated 31st December).
Cities—			Boroughs—		
Ballarat* ..	37,411	39,500	Castlemaine ..	5,221	5,800
Bendigo† ..	29,131	30,800	Colac ..	..	5,650
Geelong‡ ..	39,223	41,200	Echuca ..	4,411	4,480
Mildura ..	6,617	7,500	Maryborough ..	5,631	5,900
Warrnambool ..	8,906	9,350	Shepparton ..	5,698	6,250
Towns—			Stawell ..	4,747	4,900
Ararat ..	4,914	5,050	Swan Hill ..	..	4,950
Hamilton ..	5,786	6,100	Wangaratta ..	4,705	5,400
Horsham ..	5,272	5,600	Wonthaggi ..	5,593	6,350
Sale ..	4,262	4,600			

* Includes municipalities of Ballarat and Sebastopol.

† Includes municipalities of Bendigo and Eaglehawk.

‡ Includes municipalities of Geelong, Geelong West, and Newtown and Chilwell.

NOTE.—Colac created a borough on 11th January, 1938. Swan Hill created a borough on 30th May, 1939.

In the seventy-two years from the census of 1861 to the census of 1933, the population of Greater Melbourne increased by 609 per cent. from 139,916 to 991,934. In the same period, the population of the remainder of the State increased by 108 per cent. from 398,721 to 828,327.

During only one intercensal period—1891–1901—was the percentage increase greater in the country than in the metropolis. With the decline in the gold-mining industry, the rate of increase in the country areas diminished until, at the beginning of the present century, the rural population became almost stationary. Between 1901 and 1933 the increase was 123,336; of this increase, 67,353 occurred in the 28 years ended 31st December, 1929, and 55,983 in the four years of depression which followed. Further aspects of the growth in the population of Greater Melbourne appear in a paragraph dealing with the Capital Cities of Australia.

**POPULATION OF VICTORIA, GREATER MELBOURNE, AND
REMAINDER OF THE STATE, 1861 TO 1942.**

	(a) Census. (b) 31st Dec.	Population at each Date.		
		Victoria.	Greater Melbourne.	Remainder of State.
(a)				
1861	538,628	139,916	398,712
1871	730,198	206,780	523,418
1881	861,566	282,947	578,619
1891	1,140,088	490,896	649,192
1901	1,201,070	496,079	704,991
1911	1,315,551	593,237	722,314
1921	1,531,280	782,979	748,301
1933	1,820,261	991,934†	828,327
(b)				
1933	* 1,824,479	* 995,800	* 828,679
1934	1,837,490	1,000,000	837,490
1935	1,843,023	1,008,300	834,723
1936	1,851,593	1,016,500	835,093
1937	1,859,487	1,024,000	835,487
1938	1,873,760	1,035,600	838,160
1939	1,886,356	1,046,750	839,606
1940	1,918,660	1,076,700	841,960
1941	1,952,153	1,137,000	815,153
1942	1,969,977	1,152,000	817,977

* Subject to revision. † The boundaries of Greater Melbourne were re-defined in 1929.

In the following tables is given the population of each Australian State and of New Zealand at each census from 1861 to 1933 and also the estimated population at 31st December, 1942.

**CENSUS POPULATIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN STATES AND
TERRITORIES AND OF NEW ZEALAND.**

	Enumerated Population at the Census of—							
	1861.	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1933.
States—								
Victoria ..	538,628	730,198	861,566	1,140,088	1,201,070	1,315,551	1,531,280	1,820,261
New South Wales ..	350,860	502,998	749,325	1,123,954	1,354,846	1,646,734	2,100,371	2,600,847
Queensland ..	30,059	117,960	213,525	393,718	498,129	605,813	755,972	947,534
South Australia ..	* 126,330	* 185,626	276,414	315,533	358,346	408,558	495,160	580,949
Western Australia ..	15,100	25,270	29,708	49,782	184,124	282,114	332,732	438,852
Tasmania ..	89,977	101,020	115,705	146,667	172,475	191,211	213,780	227,599
Territories—								
Northern Australian Capital ..	..	..	3,451	4,898	4,811	3,310	3,867	4,850
..	..	..	..	..	..	† 1,714	2,572	8,947
Australia ..	1,151,454	1,663,072	2,250,194	3,174,640	3,773,801	4,455,005	5,435,734	6,629,839
New Zealand—								
Excluding Maoris ..	99,021	256,393	489,933	626,658	772,719	1,008,418	1,218,913	† 1,491,484
Including Maoris ..	..	..	534,030	668,651	815,862	1,058,312	1,271,664	† 1,573,810

* Includes Northern Territory. † Part of New South Wales prior to 1911. ‡ Census of 1936.

The increase of population in each of the States and of the Territories during the intercensal period 1921-1933 was 288,981 in Victoria, 500,476 in New South Wales, 191,562 in Queensland, 106,120, in Western Australia, 85,789 in South Australia, 13,819 in Tasmania, 6,375 in the Australian Capital Territory, and 983 in the Northern Territory. The population of Australia increased between the above-mentioned dates by 1,194,105.

POPULATIONS OF AUSTRALIAN STATES AND TERRITORIES
AND OF NEW ZEALAND AT 31st DECEMBER, 1942.

State.	Area in Square Miles.	Estimated Population at 31st December, 1942.	Persons to the Square Mile.	Proportion in Each State or Territory.
				Per cent.
Victoria	87,884	1,969,977	22·42	27·37
New South Wales	309,432	2,848,574	9·21	39·58
Queensland	670,500	1,036,479	1·55	14·40
South Australia	380,070	610,271	1·61	8·48
Western Australia	975,920	469,910	·48	6·53
Tasmania	26,215	241,437	9·21	3·36
Territories—				
Northern	523,620	8,143	·02	·11
Australian Capital	940	11,831	12·59	·17
Australia	2,974,581	7,196,622†	2·42	100·00
New Zealand	103,415*	1,636,403‡	15·82	..

* Excluding 600 square miles, the areas of outlying and annexed islands.

† Subject to revision.

‡ Includes 95,773 Maoris.

**Population of
Australian
capital cities,
1871-1942.**

The enumerated populations of Australian capital cities at each census, 1871-1933, and the estimated populations at the 31st December, 1942, are shown hereafter. During the 71 years, 1871-1942, Melbourne has made great progress. The most notable advance occurred in the decennial period 1881-91, when the population increased by 207,949, or 73 per cent. The population remained almost stationary between 1891 and 1901. This unsatisfactory feature was due to a severe industrial depression which prevailed in Victoria during the eight years 1892 to 1899. A great number of persons migrated in those years to other parts in search of employment. In the intercensal period 1901 to 1911 there was an increase of 97,158; in the period 1911 to 1921 an increase of 189,742 and, in the period 1921-1933, an increase of 208,955 persons. The closing years of the last-mentioned period were years of world-wide depression, during which immigration to Victoria was at a standstill and Melbourne lost population to a slight degree to the rural

districts of the State. In the earlier years of the period, however, a consistent rate of increase was maintained with the result that the net numerical increase for the period was the highest experienced. From 1933 to 1939 there was a steady increase, but since 1939 there has been a high rate of increase, due to the war. Since 1902 Sydney has been the most populous city in Australia. A high proportion of the population of Australia is concentrated in the capital cities of the six States.

POPULATIONS OF AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL CITIES,
1871 TO 1942.

Capital City (the Area of each City is given in a note below).	Enumerated Population at the Census of—							Estimated Population, 31st December, 1942.	Persons to the Acre.
	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1933.		
Melbourne..	206,780	282,947	490,896	496,079	593,237	782,979	991,934	1,152,000	9·1
Sydney ..	137,776	224,939	383,283	481,830	636,355	897,640	1,235,267	1,310,530†	8·3
Brisbane ..	15,029	31,109	101,554	119,428	140,977	209,699	299,748	353,590	1·4
Adelaide ..	42,744	103,864	133,252	162,094	191,312	255,318	312,619	330,000†	3·2
Perth ..	*	*	*	66,832	109,375	155,129	207,440	230,000‡	1·9
Hobart ..	26,004	27,248	33,450	34,604	40,335	52,385	60,406	67,930	1·2

* Not available. † Population at 31st December, 1940. ‡ Population at 31st December, 1941.

NOTE.—The areas of the capital cities in acres were Sydney, 157,542; Melbourne, 125,926; Brisbane, 246,400; Adelaide, 102,987; Perth, 122,240; and Hobart, 54,890.

The estimated population of Canberra on the 31st December, 1941, was 10,500.

Aborigines in Victoria. At the first colonization of Victoria the Aborigines were officially estimated to number about 5,000, but according to other and apparently more reliable estimates they numbered at that time not less than 15,000. In 1851, when the colony was separated from New South Wales, the number was officially stated as 2,693. A census of Aborigines in Australia was taken by the Commonwealth Statistician on 30th June, 1941. The number in Victoria at that date was 784, of whom 35 were full-blood and 749 were half-caste.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF ABORIGINES UNDER CARE
AT STATIONS, 1940-41.

Station.	Aborigines.	Three-quarter and Half-castes.	Total.
Lake Condah .. .. .	..	2	2
Lake Tyers	34	259	293
Framlingham .. .. .	..	2	2
Depots .. .. .	..	3	3
In Institutions	1	5	6
Total	35	271	306

As will be seen from the above figures, the majority of the Aborigines under the care of the Board for the Protection of Aborigines are concentrated at Lake Tyers Aboriginal Station, which is situated in East Gippsland. This Station is under the control of a resident manager. The reserves at Lake Condah and Framlingham are under the control of the local police officer, who is appointed as Local Guardian.

In addition to the number under the care of the Board at Stations in Victoria, it is estimated that there are 478 half-castes and octoroons at Antwerp, Echuca, Framlingham, Colac, Dimboola, Lake Condah, Healesville, Orbost and Swan Hill. These people occasionally receive assistance from the Board.

During the year 1940-41 there were 22 births of half-castes at Lake Tyers. There were 20 deaths of half-castes, all of which occurred at Lake Tyers. There were also 3 deaths of full-bloods at Lake Tyers.

The amount expended on the care and maintenance of the Aborigines during the year was £5,469. At the Treasury is kept a Trust Fund, known as the Aborigines Board Produce Fund, into which receipts from the sale of timber and produce, leasing of reserves &c., are paid. The amount to the credit of this Fund on the 30th June, 1941 was £4,847.

Arrivals in and departures from Victoria of Chinese and other non-Europeans. During the year 1941, 50 Chinese arrived and 56 departed. Other non-European arrivals numbered 29 and departures 30, as compared with 113 arrivals and 80 departures in 1940. A statement of the provisions of the Immigration Restriction Act appears on page 73 of the *Year-Book* for 1928-29.

Under the "Commonwealth Naturalization Act No. 11 Naturalization. of 1903" the right to issue certificates of naturalization is vested in the Commonwealth.

The number of persons naturalized in Victoria in the year 1941 was 315. They were of various nationalities, the greatest proportion (19 per cent.) being of Austrian origin. During the seventy-one years, 1871 to 1941 inclusive, 21,026 persons were naturalized. The following table shows the birthplaces of persons naturalized in Victoria during the five years 1937-1941.

VICTORIA—BIRTHPLACES OF PERSONS NATURALIZED.
1937-41.

Birthplace.	Numbers Naturalized in each Year.					Total Naturalized 1937 to 1941.
	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	
Austria	2	1	..	5	59	67
Denmark	3	6	14	18	15	56
Finland	3	1	16	21	10	51
Germany	23	30	53	19	19	144
Greece	26	21	34	48	28	157
Italy	68	104	308	173	21	674
Norway	5	8	19	21	13	66
Poland	32	46	72	22	17	189
Russia	12	12	32	34	10	100
Sweden	6	5	12	22	23	68
Switzerland ..	11	4	19	13	12	59
Other European Countries	37	36	67	73	75	288
United States ..	1	5	10	8	3	27
Other Countries ..	1	13	20	30	10	74
Total	230	292	676	507	315	2,020