

PART VIII.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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

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

During the year ended 31st December, 1945, the State Parliament passed several Acts affecting local government, and details of their principal provisions are given in Part I. of this *Year-Book*. The numbers and the titles of the principal Acts are as follow:—

No. 5070.—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Borrowing Powers) Act* 1945.

No. 5072.—*Water Act* 1945.

No. 5073.—*National Security (Repeal) Act* 1945.

No. 5074.—*Moorabbin (Unimproved Rating Poll) Act* 1945.

No. 5079.—*Local Government (Emergency Housing) Act* 1945.

No. 5090.—*Employers and Employees Act* 1945.

No. 5095.—*Surplus Revenue Act* 1945.

No. 5098.—*Public Works Loan and Application Act* 1945.

No. 5099.—*Water Supply Loan and Application Act* 1945.

No. 5101.—*Hospital Benefits Act* 1945.

No. 5103.—*Financial Emergency (Municipal Endowment) Act* 1945.

No. 5104.—*Country Roads Board Fund Act* 1945.

The number of municipalities throughout the State at 30th September, 1945, was 197. Of these, 35 ranked as cities, 5 as towns, 20 as boroughs, and 137 as shires. The only unincorporated areas of the State are French Island, in Westernport Bay, containing about 42,000 acres; and Julia Percy Island, off Port Fairy, containing 650 acres.

The following is a statement of the number of rate-payers, the number of properties rated, the estimated value of rateable property, the estimated number of dwellings (occupied and unoccupied), and the number of houses built in the municipalities of Victoria for each of the five years, 1940-41 to 1944-45.

VICTORIA—PROPERTIES RATED AND NUMBER OF DWELLINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.

Year.	Number of Distinct Rate-payers.	Number of Properties Rated.	Value of Rateable Property.		Estimated Number of Dwellings.		Estimated Number of Dwellings Erected During the Year.
			Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Occupied.	Unoccupied.†	
MUNICIPALITIES IN GREATER MELBOURNE.*							
1940-41 ..	346,659	403,929	21,325,029	392,639,020	286,412	966	8,461
1941-42 ..	349,713	405,315	21,953,130	406,643,810	288,623	323	1,799
1942-43 ..	351,018	403,975	22,148,012	410,705,140	288,955	311	388
1943-44 ..	353,000	392,532	22,283,352	413,128,290	289,354	263	466
1944-45 ..	354,032	403,751	22,617,183	426,231,390	290,409	132	914
MUNICIPALITIES OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
1940-41 ..	304,319	428,533	15,383,199	306,904,190	220,604	3,562	2,189
1941-42 ..	304,610	430,100	15,467,324	308,898,320	221,571	2,870	714
1942-43 ..	305,605	430,933	15,469,382	307,721,310	222,145	2,282	208
1943-44 ..	306,245	431,928	15,549,620	310,312,960	223,881	1,935	522
1944-45 ..	312,144	431,313	15,694,981	313,200,240	223,699	1,170	1,049
TOTAL.							
1940-41 ..	650,978	832,462	36,708,228	699,543,210	507,016	4,528	10,650
1941-42 ..	654,323	835,415	37,420,454	715,542,130	510,194	3,193	2,513
1942-43 ..	656,623	834,908	37,617,394	718,426,450	511,100	2,593	596
1943-44 ..	659,245	824,460	37,832,972	723,441,250	513,235	2,198	988
1944-45 ..	666,176	835,064	38,312,164	739,431,630	514,108	1,302	1,963

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

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

In 1944-45 the estimated capital improved value of rateable property reached its highest point (£739,431,630).

The following table shows, for each municipality in Victoria, the general rate levied in the £, the estimated value of rateable property, the amount of loans outstanding at 30th September, 1945, the General Account receipts, and the estimated number of dwellings.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1944-45.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1945.	General Account, Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
MUNICIPALITIES IN GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>							
Box Hill ..	2 7	286,780	5,173,330	126,195 ^e	41,082	4,895	..
Brighton ..	2 4	753,846	15,076,920	155,666	108,033	10,013	2
Brunswick ..	0 7 <i>a</i>	733,878	11,092,880	138,599	137,306	13,738	..
Camberwell ..	0 4½ <i>a</i>	1,476,293	25,208,660	266,186	173,589	19,601	..
Caulfield ..	0 4½ <i>a</i>	1,271,275	23,340,690	221,022	137,142	21,510	..
Chelsea ..	0 6½ <i>a</i>	106,485	1,742,350	7,229 ^d	26,012	2,902	..
Coburg ..	0 6 <i>a</i>	520,030	8,855,210	329,388	116,475	11,289	..
Collingwood ..	2 6	510,660	10,213,200	69,563	77,029	7,242	..
Essendon ..	0 6 <i>a</i>	706,080	11,479,520	206,258	107,936	13,203	..
Fitzroy ..	2 1	481,402	9,628,040	93,517	69,434	7,204	..
Footscray ..	2 3	741,175	14,823,500	221,653	140,047	12,403	..
Hawthorn ..	2 0	716,532	14,230,640	90,060	86,353	10,479	..
Heidelberg ..	2 6	473,507	9,470,140	144,234	104,407	7,376	..
Kew ..	2 6	506,943	10,139,860	143,004	75,436	7,350	..
Malvern ..	2 2	1,041,483	20,829,660	180,861	131,105	12,959	..
Melbourne ..	2 0	5,146,638	102,932,760	4,188,000	808,554	21,283	119
Moorabbin ..	2 6	350,890	7,017,800	94,475 ^e	63,672	6,504	2
Mordialloc ..	0 4½ <i>a</i>	167,980	3,166,610	60,263 ^f	35,871	3,106	..
Northcote ..	2 3	504,798	10,095,960	120,491	132,245	11,266	..
Oakleigh ..	0 6½ <i>a</i>	183,768	3,092,210	51,925	35,899	3,571	..
Port Melbourne ..	2 6	291,694	5,833,880	35,295	50,068	3,515	2
Prahran ..	1 8	1,427,780	28,555,600	164,390	152,512	16,501	..
Preston ..	2 6	458,278	9,165,560	279,127	84,069	10,194	..
Richmond ..	2 6	606,150	12,123,000	187,911	114,984	9,742	..
Sandringham ..	0 5 <i>a</i>	365,571	6,739,110	167,784 ^g	58,441	6,146	..
South Melbourne ..	2 6	899,425	17,988,500	183,818	142,820	10,498	6
St. Kilda ..	1 10	1,272,139	15,901,740	243,785	133,322	16,401	..
Williamstown ..	2 3	325,626	6,512,520	99,694	80,884	6,376	..
<i>Shire.</i>							
Braybrook ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	290,077	5,801,540	40,429	48,857	3,142	1
Total Municipalities in Greater Melbourne ..	..	22,617,183	426,231,390	8,310,827	3,473,724	290,409	132

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £3,584 due by City of Nunawading.

d Excluding £1,570 due to Shire of Dandenong.

e Including £201 due by the Cities of Mordialloc and Sandringham; but excluding £2,824 due to the City of Sandringham.

f Excluding £97 due to City of Moorabbin and £2,824 due to City of Sandringham.

g Including £5,648 due by Cities of Moorabbin and Mordialloc; but excluding £104 due to City of Moorabbin.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1944-45—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1945.	General Account, Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>							
Ballaarat ..	2 10	432,500	8,650,000	46,486	85,619	10,078	12
Bendigo ..	2 10	314,202	6,284,040	80,091	68,209	7,164	..
Geelong ..	2 8	316,140	6,322,800	106,436	59,386	4,332	..
Geelong West ..	2 9	150,009	3,000,180	56,922 ^c	25,801	3,854	2
Mildura ..	2 11	129,887	2,597,740	128,169 ^d	33,588	1,899	..
Nunawading ..	2 10	131,533	2,630,660	10,079 ^e	25,245	9,457	..
Warrnambool ..	2 9	127,843	2,556,860	54,787 ^f	24,422	2,344	2
<i>Towns.</i>							
Ararat ..	2 3	47,755	955,100	73,716	12,363	1,098	..
Hamilton ..	0 4 9 ^a	88,131	1,722,120	9,422	18,718	1,659	..
Horsham ..	2 6	73,994	1,479,880	59,104	19,974	1,527	..
Newtown and Chilwell ..	0 5 a	141,333	2,703,210	25,060	18,824	2,469	..
Sale ..	2 6	58,113	1,162,260	15,046	13,406	1,147	..
<i>Boroughs.</i>							
Castlemaine ..	3 0	55,904	1,118,080	10,453	12,436	1,474	..
Clunes ..	2 6	10,004	200,080	2,330	2,654	346	2
Colac ..	2 7	76,071	1,521,420	6,775 ^f	13,025	1,389	..
Daylesford ..	3 0	27,112	542,240	4,638	8,058	743	..
Eaglehawk ..	2 6	21,764	435,280	..	7,161	1,068	..
Echuca ..	2 9	49,850	997,000	14,239	10,901	1,121	..
Inglewood ..	2 0	6,949	138,980	10,517	2,767	275	..
Koroit ..	2 6	17,335	346,700	300	3,939	388	..
Maryborough ..	2 9	49,204	984,080	10,105	14,549	1,613	..
Port Fairy ..	2 6	22,831	456,620	1,606	4,834	488	..
Portland ..	0 5 a	50,252	856,330	10,658	9,631	892	5
Queenscliffe ..	2 9	26,079	521,580	9,510	6,260	694	..
Ringwood ..	2 8	59,850	1,197,000	26,384 ^g	12,654	1,085	..
Sebastopol ..	2 9	11,416	228,320	..	2,693	481	2
Shepparton ..	2 11	100,552	2,011,040	34,076 ^h	22,541	1,743	..
St. Arnaud ..	3 0	29,816	596,320	21,815	9,642	816	..
Stawell ..	2 9	38,234	764,680	45,987	11,109	1,300	..
Swan Hill ..	2 6	56,789	1,135,780	3,332 ⁱ	10,939	1,072	..
Wangaratta ..	2 9	75,392	1,507,840	37,376	16,288	1,337	..
Wonthaggi ..	2 9	40,521	810,420	4,104	9,077	1,303	..
<i>Shires.</i>							
Alberton ..	2 5	107,421	2,148,420	9,325	17,724	1,487	8
Alexandra ..	2 0	58,695	1,173,900	1,103	10,374	981	..
Arapiles ..	1 10	58,680	1,173,600	2,730	6,245	522	..
Ararat ..	1 4	210,595	4,211,900	..	15,964	1,431	..
Avoca ..	2 0	43,662	872,040	122	7,780	869	6
Avon ..	2 0	55,071	1,101,420	557	7,260	708	..
Bacchus Marsh ..	1 9 b	62,874	1,257,480	327	9,950	895	..
Bairnsdale ..	1 9 b	160,113	3,202,260	26,129	21,440	2,162	..
Ballan ..	1 9	64,911	1,298,220	..	7,209	902	..

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Excluding £375 due to Shire of Bungaree.

c Excluding £3,291 due to Shire of Corio.

d Excluding £1,837 due to Shire of Mildura.

e Excluding £3,585 due to City of Box Hill.

f Excluding £5,439 due to Shire of Colac

g Excluding £354 due to Shire of Lillydale.

h Excluding £584 due to Shire of Shepparton.

i Excluding £25,044 due to Shire of Swan Hill.

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		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Ballarat ..	1 6	73,648	1,472,960	220	8,547	797	..
Bannockburn ..	1 8	59,912	1,198,240	..	6,150	632	18
Barrabool ..	1 9	57,845	1,152,900	4,970	6,888	529	..
Bass ..	2 6	63,526	1,270,520	7,202 ^c	12,086	1,100	..
Beechworth ..	2 0 b	41,615	832,300	14,880	7,315	..	4
Belfast ..	2 0	76,882	1,527,640	..	10,326	490	2
Bellarine ..	2 0	58,580	1,171,600	1,032	8,352	1,228	..
Benalla ..	1 9 b	198,091	3,961,820	24,170	25,600	2,099	6
Berwick ..	2 3 b	147,913	2,958,260	6,571	22,530	3,161	..
Bet Bet ..	2 0 b	40,237	804,740	7,003	5,794	1,138	..
Birchip ..	1 6	48,956	979,120	855	4,407	481	12
Bright ..	2 0	46,420	928,400	7,580	8,059	1,213	6
Broadford ..	2 6	25,997	519,940	3,526	4,282	446	1
Broadmeadows ..	2 0	152,903	3,058,060	21,201	19,604	1,805	..
Bulla ..	1 9	41,917	838,340	7,711	4,629	433	3
Buln Buln ..	2 6	92,245	1,844,900	1,097	18,015	1,802	..
Bungaree ..	2 0	33,179	663,580	1,511 ^d	4,274	575	2
Buninyong ..	2 0	57,527	1,150,540	1,403	8,482	1,189	16
Charlton ..	1 8 b	81,073	1,621,460	1,535	9,857	600	50
Chiltern ..	1 9	34,673	693,460	4,538	4,363	550	14
Cohuna ..	2 0	56,474	1,129,480	3,227	8,927	831	..
Colac ..	1 9 b	220,164	4,403,280	11,016 ^e	24,663	1,906	2
Corio ..	2 3	151,711	3,034,220	58,867 ^f	32,078	1,613	7
Cranbourne ..	2 6 b	112,623	2,252,460	13,348	19,250	1,846	..
Creswick ..	1 6 b	68,905	1,378,100	2,558	8,799	1,207	10
Dandenong ..	0 5 a	181,288	3,361,850	141,260 ^g	48,150	3,293	..
Deakin ..	1 6	92,505	1,850,100	1,081	8,684	1,079	..
Dimboola ..	1 6	171,843	3,426,860	11,204 ^h	15,403	1,527	..
Donald ..	1 9	88,540	1,776,800	3,825	11,455	745	48
Doncaster and Templestowe ..	2 3	56,883	1,137,660	330	8,183	946	..
Dundas ..	2 1	142,638	2,852,760	..	16,411	887	..
Dunmunkle ..	1 7	157,010	3,140,200	10,240	18,717	1,165	15
East Loddon ..	1 6	63,525	1,270,500	..	6,030	488	35
Eltham ..	2 6	65,759	1,315,180	10,392	11,894	1,895	..
Euroa ..	2 0 b	88,495	1,769,900	14,099	13,087	1,019	..
Fern Tree Gully ..	3 0	175,044	3,500,880	62,273	38,243	4,927	200
Flinnders ..	2 9	120,164	2,403,280	11,974	26,156	2,725	..
Frankston and Hastings ..	2 9	162,903	3,258,060	42,685	36,353	2,930	..
Gisborne ..	1 9 b	42,026	840,520	3,944	5,841	660	..
Glenelg ..	2 3	157,823	3,156,460	21,868	23,672	1,356	30
Glenlyon ..	2 0	43,453	869,060	2,577	6,267	942	4
Gordon ..	1 6 b	105,031	2,100,620	3,913	11,162	806	35
Goulburn ..	1 6 b	46,931	938,620	2,785	5,047	505	4
Grenville ..	1 9 b	54,429	1,088,580	1,312	7,649	754	25
Hampden ..	2 0	306,931	6,138,620	1,135	40,089	2,713	..
Healesville ..	3 0	45,928	918,560	13,110	11,314	918	..
Heytesbury ..	2 3	131,142	2,622,840	3,984	21,293	1,305	14
Huntly ..	1 9	55,723	1,114,460	4,860	6,134	889	..
Kaniva ..	1 8	87,160	1,743,200	7,200	9,215	593	2
Kara Kara ..	1 0 b	107,137	2,142,740	2,339	6,880	663	..
Karkaroc ..	1 6	123,677	2,473,540	4,743 ⁱ	12,782	1,359	35

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £2,247 due by Shire of Phillip Island.

d Including £375 due by City of Ballarat. Including £5,439 due by Borough of Colac.

f Including £3,291 due by City of Geelong West.

g Including £1,570 due by City of Chelsea.

h Excluding £237 due to Shire of Karkaroc.

i Including £237 due by Shire of Dimboola.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1944-45—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1945.	General Account, Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Keilor ..	1 9	70,538	1,410,760	3,531	9,898	741	2
Kerang ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	175,495	3,509,900	40,229	21,652	2,140	10
Kilmore ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	24,568	491,360	9,084	3,621	453	..
Korong ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	94,540	1,890,800	11,058	9,887	1,170	..
Korumburra ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	122,027	2,440,540	1,506	20,124	1,830	..
Kowree ..	2 0	144,363	2,887,260	24	17,765	928	6
Kyneton ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	97,772	1,955,440	12,524	16,379	1,831	15
Leigh ..	1 6	58,943	1,178,860	..	5,428	346	50
Lexton ..	1 9	44,629	892,580	..	5,542	434	10
Lillydale ..	2 6 <i>b</i>	174,479	3,440,000	37,912 <i>c</i>	29,990	3,641	..
Lowan ..	1 7 <i>b</i>	133,153	2,663,060	3,538	14,667	986	2
Maffra ..	1 11 <i>b</i>	131,525	2,630,500	2,840	21,135	1,485	..
Maldon ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	35,958	719,160	..	4,302	718	6
Mansfield ..	2 4 <i>b</i>	91,973	1,839,460	5,421	13,166	1,030	..
Marong ..	1 6	99,248	1,984,960	2,699	9,658	1,369	25
Melton ..	1 9	43,813	876,260	3,439	4,587	362	..
Metcalf ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	45,846	916,920	..	6,030	724	..
Mildura ..	1 6	241,869	4,837,380	29,190 <i>d</i>	30,006	4,425	..
Minhamite ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	84,968	1,699,360	..	9,740	514	..
Mirboo ..	3 0	30,933	618,660	6,260	7,620	399	..
Mornington ..	2 6	77,310	1,546,200	9,385	12,016	1,067	..
Mortlake ..	1 6	186,198	3,723,960	..	16,971	828	3
Morwell ..	2 0	100,808	2,016,160	6,447	14,669	2,537	40
Mount Rouse ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	106,088	2,121,760	..	10,903	614	..
Mulgrave ..	2 6	77,138	1,542,760	24,103	14,084	978	..
McIvor ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	63,310	1,266,200	6,114	9,271	776	..
Narracan ..	2 3	117,644	2,352,880	5,702	19,198	2,405	..
Newham and Woodend ..	2 0	32,266	644,120	..	5,216	580	..
Newstead and Mt. Alexander ..	2 0	27,659	553,180	278	3,942	686	10
Nunurkah ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	140,038	2,800,760	12,033	15,004	1,473	69
Oneco ..	2 3	52,282	1,045,640	1,010	7,428	674	30
Orbost ..	2 3	78,561	1,571,220	22,841	13,650	1,328	..
Otway ..	3 0	46,267	925,340	..	10,299	1,033	..
Oxley ..	2 1	76,328	1,526,560	3,608	13,258	1,112	..
Phillip Island ..	2 6	21,590	431,800	13,616 <i>e</i>	5,649	281	..
Portland ..	2 0	116,230	2,324,600	..	14,070	1,545	..
Pyalong ..	2 0	27,563	551,260	..	3,039	182	..
Ripon ..	1 6	101,118	2,022,360	10,490	10,929	946	..
Rochester ..	2 0	155,976	3,119,520	2,573	15,437	1,528	..
Rodney ..	2 0	190,781	3,815,620	29,794	29,401	2,268	..
Romsey ..	2 0	64,068	1,281,360	4,826	7,848	822	..
Rosedale ..	0 1½ <i>a</i>	134,472	2,646,940	19	11,445	1,075	30
Rutherford ..	1 10 <i>b</i>	58,942	1,178,840	6,255	8,610	790	..
Seymour ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	74,716	1,494,320	20,568	14,126	1,098	..
Shepparton ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	139,692	2,793,840	11,067 <i>f</i>	24,288	1,331	4
South Barwon ..	2 3 <i>b</i>	73,551	1,471,020	34,171	13,548	1,641	1
South Gippsland ..	2 9	67,406	1,348,120	6,688	14,316	1,171	2
Stawell ..	2 0	79,230	1,584,600	427	8,044	868	20
Strathfieldsaye ..	2 0	37,960	759,200	..	6,561	935	10
Swan Hill ..	1 6	161,127	3,222,540	65,150 <i>g</i>	24,351	2,768	..
Talbot ..	2 0	28,348	566,960	254	3,741	365	5

a Levied on unimproved value of land.*b* Differential general rates levied.*c* Including £354 due by Borough of Ringwood.*d* Including £1,837 due by City of Mildura.*e* Excluding £2,247 due to Shire of Bass.*f* Including £584 due by Borough of Shepparton.*g* Including £919 due by Shire of Wycheproof, and £25,044 due by Borough of Swan Hill.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1944-45—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1945.	General Account, Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
Tambo ..	2 3	57,876	1,157,520	1,700	8,449	1,070	..
Towong ..	1 9	97,335	1,946,700	..	10,460	1,172	6
Traralgon ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	76,865	1,537,300	17,826	14,120	1,112	..
Tullaroop ..	1 9	42,080	841,600	..	5,322	555	15
Tungamah ..	1 6	130,204	2,604,080	11,344	12,677	1,183	3
Upper Murray ..	1 9	69,627	1,392,540	5,901	7,849	598	..
Upper Yarra ..	3 0	53,429	1,068,580	1,604	11,504	1,264	50
Violet Town ..	2 0	50,546	1,010,920	1,302	6,388	465	.
Walpeup ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	94,919	1,898,380	26,596	9,345	1,596	50
Wangaratta ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	56,139	1,122,780	970	5,854	596	..
Wannon ..	1 6	133,159	2,663,180	141	12,362	882	1
Waranga ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	101,718	2,034,360	2,605	13,263	1,360	..
Warracknabeal ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	155,356	3,107,120	24,185	18,955	1,384	10
Warragul ..	2 6	121,241	2,424,820	17,849	20,092	1,451	..
Warrnambool ..	1 7 <i>b</i>	269,512	5,390,240	..	28,218	1,888	..
Werribee ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	127,419	2,548,380	38,215	28,390	1,995	..
Whittlesea ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	75,331	1,506,620	1,400	11,070	911	..
Wimmera ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	139,074	2,781,480	1,631	13,292	972	..
Winchelsea ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	108,966	2,179,320	4,274	16,506	993	..
Wodonga ..	2 3	46,960	939,200	16,529	10,739	962	..
Woorayl ..	2 9	114,633	2,292,660	11,363	22,403	1,572	..
Wycheproof ..	1 6	146,819	2,936,380	43,692 ^c	12,012	1,379	40
Yackandandah ..	2 0	57,525	1,150,500	..	7,620	716	..
Yarrowonga ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	69,297	1,385,940	36,184	12,611	848	..
Yea ..	0 2½ ^a	62,573	1,220,730	1,324	6,784	737	6
Total Municipalities outside Greater Melbourne ..	..	15,694,981	313,200,240	2,282,339	2,388,181	223,699	1,170
Total—Victoria..	..	38,312,164	739,431,630	10,593,166	5,861,905	514,108	1,302

^a Levied on unimproved value of land.
^b Differential general rates levied.

^c Excluding £919 due to Shire of Swan Hill

Rating on unimproved values.

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

There were at 30th September, 1946, 15 municipalities which levied the general rate on the unimproved value. The following table gives for those municipalities particulars of the capital value of land (improved and unimproved), the net annual value, the rating, &c., for the year 1944-45.

VICTORIA—RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES, 1944-45.

Municipality.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Unimproved Capital Value.	Net Annual Value (excluding Special Rateable Properties).	Amount of Rate in the £ on Unimproved Capital Value.	Equivalent Rate on Net Annual Value.	Amount Collectable in 1944-45 on Unimproved Capital Value.	Unimproved Capital Value to Capital Improved Value.
<i>Cities.</i>	£	£	£	<i>d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	%
IN GREATER MELBOURNE.							
Brunswick ..	11,092,880	3,044,561	724,891	7	2 5	88,800	27·45
Camberwell ..	25,208,660	7,883,702	1,471,839	4½	2 0	147,819	31·28
Caulfield ..	23,340,690	6,320,656	1,265,275	4½	1 10	118,512	27·08
Chelsea ..	1,742,350	597,259	106,485	6½	2 11	15,473	34·28
Coburg ..	8,855,210	2,745,856	514,913	6	2 8	68,646	31·01
Essendon ..	11,479,520	3,375,478	703,129	6	2 5	84,389	29·40
Mordialloc ..	3,166,610	1,190,532	167,980	4½	2 10	23,565	37·59
Oakleigh ..	3,092,210	970,314	182,701	6½	2 9	25,269	31·38
Sandringham ..	6,739,110	2,345,358	364,161	5	2 8	48,862	34·80
OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
Hamilton Town ..	1,722,120	631,164	87,586	4·935	3 0	12,978	36·65
Newtown and Chilwell Town ..	2,703,210	729,726	140,913	5	2 2	15,203	26·99
Portland Borough	856,330	267,352	49,887	5	2 3	5,570	31·22
Dandenong Shire ..	3,361,850	1,327,382	180,593	5	3 0	27,654	39·48
Rosedale ..	2,646,940	1,305,610	134,358	1½	1 3	8,160	49·32
Yea ..	1,220,730	572,271	62,573	2½	1 9	5,365	46·88

Municipal revenue and expenditure. The following table summarizes for the year ended 30th September, 1945, the revenue and expenditure of municipalities in Victoria under the headings of General Account and Business Undertakings. The transactions of the General Account are presented on a cash basis and those of Business Undertakings generally on a revenue basis. Particulars relating to Loan Accounts, Private Streets Accounts, and Special Improvement Charge Accounts are excluded from this statement.

**VICTORIA—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF
MUNICIPALITIES, 1944-45.**

Heading.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.			City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Account ..	808,554	2,665,170	2,388,181	5,861,905	805,891	2,488,171	2,312,438	5,606,500
Business Undertakings—								
Electric Light Undertakings	948,672	1,087,311	290,401	2,326,384	905,162	974,293	275,219	2,154,674
Gasworks ..	..	86,892	46,879	133,771	..	92,001	43,180	135,181
Waterworks ..	..	1,919	49,269	51,188	..	1,784	51,332	53,116
Abattoirs ..	97,929	..	30,065	127,994	111,500	..	28,251	139,751
Quarries ..	..	4,666	1,721	6,387	..	5,837	1,995	7,832
Hydraulic Power	18,511	..	..	18,511	16,606	..	..	16,606
Railway ..	..	..	10,568	10,568	..	..	8,752	8,752
Total ..	1,873,666	3,845,958	2,817,084	8,536,708	1,839,159	3,562,086	2,721,167	8,122,412

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

Details of the principal items of receipts during the year ended 30th September, 1945, are given below:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS,
1944-45.

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Rates—				
General and Extra	514,985	1,952,907	1,672,758	4,140,650
Other .. ..	..	244	1,757	2,001
Interest on overdue rates	1,130	7,690	12,426	21,246
Licences and Registration Fees—				
Dog	515	16,693	24,104	41,312
Health, Dairy, Slaughtering, and Noxious Trades	1,209	2,163	5,190	8,562
Hackney Carriages .. ..	..	30	498	528
Petrol Pump	153	1,069	1,185	2,407
Dancing Saloon	46	31	11	88
Other .. ..	..	17	821	838
Total Taxation	518,038	1,980,844	1,718,750	4,217,632
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Sanitary and Garbage	13,976	26,259	139,157	179,392
Infectious Diseases Patients' contributions .. ..	..	..	2,283	2,283
Other	1,735	7,294	8,084	17,113
Council Properties—				
Markets	101,212	13,797	29,827	144,836
Halls	13,944	25,703	33,076	72,723
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	23,422	36,461	19,488	79,371
Weighbridges	4,607	230	3,620	8,457
Sale of Materials .. ..	..	8,582	17,661	26,243
Plant Hire .. ..	..	648	66,835	67,483
Grazing Fees .. ..	..	..	8,878	8,878
Pounds	129	754	7,362	8,245
Other	36,382	70,111	50,490	156,983
Contributions for Road and Pavement Works	7,722	56,210	39,072	103,004
Other Services—				
Car Parking	10,395	399	85	10,879
Sheep Dipping .. ..	..	..	2,040	2,040
Building Fees	811	4,466	2,865	8,142
Munition Annexes .. ..	..	19,533	..	19,533
Other .. ..	..	3,548	3,897	7,445
Total Public Works and Services	214,335	273,995	434,720	923,050

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS,
1944-45—continued.

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Miscellaneous—				
Police Court Fines	4,920	5,372	3,062	13,354
Interest on Investments .. ..	..	16,048	8,045	24,093
Supervision of Private Streets .. ..	..	500	32	532
Other	2,146	13,997	30,528	46,671
Total Miscellaneous	7,066	35,917	41,667	84,650
Transfers from Business Undertakings (excluding Loan Recoups and Administration Refunds)	50,000	123,814	17,824	191,638
Government Grants—				
Roads	7,244	14,157	5,661	27,062
Parks, Gardens, &c. .. ..	..	40	1,083	1,123
River Works .. ..	..	..	2,531	2,531
Infectious Diseases Treatment .. ..	..	..	9,807	9,807
Infant Welfare Centres	1,155	11,642	9,772	22,569
Licences Equivalent	8,716	13,265	37,008	58,989
Vermin Destruction .. ..	..	..	1,359	1,359
National Emergency .. ..	..	9,360	1,239	10,599
War Damage Insurance Commission .. ..	..	6	108	114
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board	2,000	40,733	..	42,733
Sustenance, and Administration .. ..	..	940	2,904	3,844
Other .. ..	..	2,765	8,153	10,918
Total Government Grants	19,115	92,908	79,625	191,648
Trust Receipts—				
Refunds of Advances .. ..	..	20,763	11,838	32,601
Contractors' Deposits .. ..	..	5,294	7,324	12,618
Other .. ..	..	131,635	76,433	208,068
Total Trust Receipts .. ..	..	157,692	95,595	253,287
Grand Total	808,554	2,665,170	2,388,181	5,861,905

Of the total General Account receipts (excluding sustenance, &c., and trust items) during 1944-45, 75·2 per cent. was derived from taxation (74·3 per cent. from rates and 0·9 per cent. from licences

and registration fees); 16·5 per cent. from public works and services; 3·4 per cent. from transfers from business undertakings; 3·4 per cent. from Government grants; and 1·5 per cent. from other sources. The total amount collected from taxation (£4,217,822) was equivalent to £2 2s. per head of population or to £6 6s. 8d. per distinct ratepayer.

Details of the principal items of expenditure from the General Account during the year ended 30th September, 1945, are set out hereunder:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENDITURE,
1944-45.

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
General Administration (including Pay Roll Tax)*	91,806	255,283	358,003	705,092
Debt Services—				
Redemption of Loans .. ..	..	282,280	137,201	419,481
Sinking Fund Instalments	47,713	640	1,935	50,288
Interest on Loans	117,238	172,350	75,270	364,858
Interest on Overdrafts	5,847	5,801	9,399	21,047
Payments to Municipalities on account of severance adjustments .. ..	..	1,799	7,031	8,830
Other	313	..	..	313
Total Debt Services	262,917	718,153	588,839	1,569,909
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Administration	8,115	22,470	35,175	65,760
Sanitary and Garbage	48,178	179,995	141,802	369,975
Statutory Contributions—				
Queen's Memorial Infectious Diseases Hospital	12,408	43,498	3,700	59,606
Heatherton Sanatorium	778	2,632	83	3,493
Infant Welfare Centres	4,171	34,536	26,771	65,478
Infectious Diseases—				
Maintenance and Treatment .. ..	..	..	21,182	21,182
Furniture and Equipment .. ..	..	..	486	486
Building .. ..	..	..	1,417	1,417
Other	7,844	15,579	6,211	29,634
Council Properties—				
Markets	51,484	6,543	20,233	78,260
Halls	34,189	46,095	25,557	105,841
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	107,667	198,795	84,076	390,538
Weighbridges	1,834	461	5,043	7,338

* For details see page 336.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENDITURE,
1944-45—continued.

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
Public Works and Services—	£	£	£	£
<i>continued—</i>				
Grazing Expenses .. ..	..	..	6,654	6,654
Pounds	127	3,033	7,844	11,004
Other Council Properties ..	9,261	93,724	40,773	143,758
Plant, Furniture, and Equipment	15,414	41,968	79,009	136,391
Roads, Streets, Footpaths, and Bridges—				
Construction, Maintenance, Cleaning, and Watering ..	145,774	596,653	860,078	1,602,505
Lighting	1,566	105,022	65,425	172,013
Other Works and Services—				
Car Parking	16,919	211	..	17,130
Sheep Dipping .. ..	..	..	1,313	1,313
River Works .. ..	..	..	2,363	2,363
Vermin Destruction .. ..	..	..	2,516	2,516
National Emergency .. ..	..	17,479	2,223	19,702
Other .. ..	..	26,334	7,308	33,642
Total Public Works and Services	465,729	1,435,028	1,447,242	3,347,999
Grants and Contributions—				
Country Roads Board .. ..	..	6,002	90,414	96,416
Fire Brigades	16,818	56,733	24,010	97,561
Hospitals, Ambulances, and other Charities	14,155	21,963	26,521	62,639
Other	42,341	76,145	24,924	143,410
Total Grants and Contributions	73,314	160,843	165,869	400,026
Miscellaneous—				
Sustenance, Sustenance Administration .. ..	..	1,050	1,627	2,677
Other	3,931	8,925	11,004	23,860
Total Miscellaneous	3,931	9,975	12,631	26,537
Trust Expenditure—				
Advances .. ..	..	22,445	18,437	40,882
Contractors' deposits refunded ..	..	3,091	5,977	9,068
Other .. ..	..	138,636	73,443	212,079
Total Trust Expenditure .. ..	..	164,172	97,857	262,029
Grand Total	805,891	2,488,171	2,312,438	5,606,500

Of the total General Account expenditure (excluding sustenance, &c., and trust items) in 1944-45, 13·2 per cent. was for administration; 16·2 per cent. for debt services; 11·5 per cent. for health services; 7·3 per cent. for parks, gardens, &c.; 30·0 per cent. for roads, streets, &c.; 13·8 per cent. for other public works and services; 7·5 per cent. for grants and contributions; and 0·5 per cent. for miscellaneous items.

Municipal administrative costs. Particulars of the principal items of expenditure during the year ended 30th September, 1945, in respect of general municipal administration are given in the appended statement. In considering the cost of administration, it must be borne in mind that the municipalities are not recouped for any administrative cost incurred in the supervision of work on main roads, &c., for the Country Roads Board.

**VICTORIA—COST OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION,
1944-45.**

Heading.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Salaries *	72,956	156,206	222,169	451,331
Mayoral and Presidential Allowances	2,500	10,730	15,540	28,770
Audit Expenses	950	2,810	5,308	9,068
Dog Registration Expenses	899	3,474	10,481	14,854
Election Expenses	294	5,534	2,986	8,814
Insurances	3,805	10,094	12,978	26,877
Legal Expenses	471	2,284	3,913	6,668
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Postage, Telephone	4,014	31,771	50,677	86,462
Pay Roll Tax	5,917	22,644	21,994	50,555
Other .. .. .	..	9,736	11,957	21,693
Total	91,806	255,283	358,003	705,092

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

Municipal electric light undertakings and gasworks. In Victoria, in 1944-45, electric light undertakings were operated by 42 municipalities, and there were also eight municipally-owned gasworks. The revenue and expenditure of such undertakings in 1944-45 amounted to £2,460,155 and £2,289,855 respectively.

Municipal waterworks. The council of any municipality may be constituted a "local governing body" under the provisions of the *Water Act 1928* with such water supply district as is defined by the Governor in Council. At 30th September, 1945, thirteen

municipalities had been so constituted. In seven other municipalities the water supply services were being administered in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1928*. An analysis of the authorities controlling water supply in Victoria is given on page 160 of the *Year-Book* for 1939-40.

During 1944-45 the receipts and expenditure of the abovementioned municipal waterworks amounted to £51,188 and £53,116 respectively.

Other municipal business undertakings. Quarries, abattoirs, hydraulic power (in the City of Melbourne), and the Kerang-Koondrook railway are other undertakings which are under the control of municipalities in Victoria. In 1944-45, the total revenue on account of these undertakings was £163,460 and the total expenditure amounted to £172,941. In those cases in which the finances of quarries and abattoirs were operated through the General Account, particulars of the amounts have been included in the statement of that Account, under the heading of "Other Council Properties".

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

Assets and liabilities of Municipalities. A statement of the assets and liabilities of municipalities for the years 1935-36 to 1939-40 is given on page 340 of the *Year-Book* for 1941-42. Complete particulars for the years subsequent to 1939-40 are not available but details in respect of arrears of rates and loans outstanding are shown hereafter.

Arrears of general and extra rates. The following table shows the total amount of arrears of general and extra rates and also the amount of arrears per distinct ratepayer in the cities, towns, and boroughs and in the shires at the end of each of the five years, 1940-41 to 1944-45.

VICTORIA—ARREARS OF GENERAL AND EXTRA RATES,
1940-41 TO 1944-45.

Year Ended 30th September—	Arrears of General and Extra Rates—			Arrears per Distinct Ratepayer—		
	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Shires.	All Muni- cipalities.	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Shires.	All Muni- cipalities.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1941	174,830	337,184	512,014	0 8 10	1 6 7	0 15 9
1942	*	*	*	*	*	*
1943	133,657	252,218	385,875	0 6 8	0 19 10	0 11 9
1944	105,943	208,120	313,063	0 4 9	0 16 5	0 9 6
1945	91,596	212,909	304,505	0 4 5	0 16 8	0 9 2

* Not available.

Endowments to municipalities. A statement relating to the payments from Consolidated Revenue of endowments and subsidies to municipalities from 1874 to 1927-28 appears on page 142 of the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, and for the years 1928-29 and 1929-30 in the *Year-Books* for 1929-30 and 1930-31.

The endowments were last made in respect of the year 1929-30, provision for the discontinuance of such payments in subsequent years having been incorporated in special legislation passed by Parliament. The *Financial Emergency (Grants and Funds) Act* 1944 provided for the non-payment of endowments during 1944-45.

Number of councillors. In the municipalities throughout the State, there were, at 30th September, 1945, 2,124 councillors viz., 372 in cities in Greater Melbourne; 306 in cities, towns, and boroughs outside Greater Melbourne; and 1,446 in shires.

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

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

Municipal loan receipts. The following statement shows the loan receipts (exclusive of conversion loans) during each of the five years, 1940-41 to 1944-45. Particulars of loans raised for work in private streets are also excluded.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN RECEIPTS, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.
(Excluding Conversion Loans.)

Year Ended 30th September—	Gross Proceeds of Loans—		Other Receipts.	Total.
	From Government.	From Other Sources.		
	£	£	£	£
1941	7,368	230,369	598,130	835,867
1942	*	*	*	*
1943	644	11,150	221,256	233,050
1944 .. .. .	..	45,700	329,806	375,506
1945 .. .. .	..	43,500	213,706†	257,206

* Not available.

† Including, in the City of Melbourne, £209,696 transferred from General, Electric Supply, and Hydraulic Power Accounts.

**Municipal
loan
expenditure.**

In the following statement details are given of the loan expenditure exclusive of expenditure on private streets by municipalities for each of the five years, 1940-41 to

1944-45.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN EXPENDITURE,
1940-41 TO 1944-45.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th September—			
	1941.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	£	£	£	£
Roads, Streets, and Bridges	125,745	10,938	11,282	18,237
Waterworks	1,593	644	..	..
Drainage	22,497	452	..	1,719
Electric Light Undertakings	218,759	121,240	79,874	101,943
Gasworks	16,401	1,659	3,715	8,057
Halls	26,209	..	2,045	1,022
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	26,105	1,682	1,977	..
Plant	3,122	589	230	1,485
Abattoirs	10,842	8,918	5,828	10,817
Markets	14,657	8,800	1,309	941
Infant Welfare Centres	6,740	82	8,047	3,719
Other Council Properties	8,227	1,383	2,269	870
Foreshore Improvements	4,747	666	..	..
Creek Improvements	7,980	4,960	42,350	5,925
Other Purposes .. .. .	..	29,832	..	..
Transfer to Depreciation Fund .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Total	493,599	191,845	158,926	154,735

NOTE.—Particulars for 1941-42 are not available.

At 30th September, 1945, there was a credit balance in loan accounts amounting to £541,406.

Municipal loan liability. The loan liability of the municipalities in Victoria at the end of each of the five years, 1940-41 to 1944-45 is given hereunder.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN LIABILITY, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.

At 30th September—	Due to—		Gross Loan Liability.	Accumulated Sinking Funds.	Net Loan Liability.	
	Government.*	Public.			Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.
1941	567,214	12,051,417	12,618,631	1,055,475	11,563,156	5 18 11
1942	†	†	†	†	†	†
1943	480,743	11,244,459	11,734,202	1,266,721	10,467,481	5 5 5
1944	459,333	10,780,023	11,239,356	1,357,853	9,881,503	4 18 9
1945	314,063‡	10,279,103	10,593,166	1,456,322	9,136,844	4 10 8

* Excluding liability to Country Roads Board.

† Not available.

‡ Including £16,988 due under the provisions of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918*, No. 2995.

Municipal loans outstanding—purposes. In the *Year-Book* for 1941-42, page 344, particulars are given, as far as available, of the purposes for which municipal loans outstanding at 30th September, 1940, were raised. Similar information for later years is not available.

Municipal loans outstanding—average rates of interest. The average rates of interest payable by municipalities on fixed loans and Government loans outstanding at 30th June, 1937 to 1941 are given in a statement in the *Year-Book* for 1941-42, page 345. Corresponding information for subsequent years is not available.

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

For the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of work in respect of which any person is liable to pay by instalments, the council may, on the credit of the municipality, obtain advances from a bank by overdraft on current account or borrow money by the

issue of debentures, but such borrowings shall not exceed the total amount of instalments payable. This borrowing power is additional to those powers mentioned on page 338.

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

Length of roads and streets. The following table shows the estimated length of all roads and streets in the State in the year 1945. The mileage of roads, &c. (excluding State Highways) has been compiled from information furnished by all municipal authorities, but some doubts exist as to the accuracy of the particulars on a number of returns. The mileage of State Highways has been obtained from the Country Roads Board.

VICTORIA—LENGTH OF ALL ROADS AND STREETS, 1945.

Type of Road or Street.	Roads and Streets (Excluding State Highways.)	State Highways.	Total.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Wood or stone	67	..	67
Portland cement concrete	145	1	146
Asphaltic concrete and sheet asphalt ..	211	12	223
Tar or bitumen surface seal over tar or bitumen penetrated or waterbound pavements	7,083	1,890	8,973
Waterbound macadam, gravel, sand, and hard loam pavements	25,056	1,006	26,062
Formed, but not otherwise paved	24,842	..	24,842
Surveyed roads not formed which are used for general traffic	43,085	..	43,085
Total	100,489	2,909	103,398

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

The receipts of the Fund during the year 1944-45 amounted to £6,895 being contributions by municipalities. The amount expended from the Fund was £6,895, all of which was used for the redemption of municipal loans.

The total receipts of the Fund to the 30th June, 1945, amounted to £2,112,369. The payments out of the Fund were—redemption of municipal loans, £1,423,733; payment to the Treasury in reduction of municipal liabilities, £604,180; interest, £84,447; and sundries, £10. There was no balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1945.

**Licensing
Fund.**

During the year 1944-45 a sum of £58,988 was paid out of this Fund to municipalities, as provided by Section 311 of the *Licensing Act 1928*. The payments to cities amounted to £29,917; to towns, £1,611; to boroughs, £6,042; and to shires, £21,418. A statement of the receipts and expenditure of this Fund appears in part "Law, Crime, &c.", of this issue.

**Municipal
Officers
Fidelity
Guarantee
Fund.**

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

The premium revenue for the year ended 30th September, 1946, was £1,334, for guarantees amounting to £400,556. The claims paid from January, 1908, the date of the inception of the Fund, to 30th September, 1946, amounted to £6,814. The amount to the credit of the Fund at 30th September, 1946, was £35,130.

COUNTRY ROADS BOARD.

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

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

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

- (a) in the case of fees and moneys received in respect of unused roads and the sale of surplus street lands be paid into the Consolidated Revenue ;

(b) in the case of fees received in respect of water frontages be paid into the "Rivers and Streams Fund".

The *Country Roads Board Fund Act* 1945 provides that, for the year 1945-46, all fees (other than fees for licences to drive motor cars) and fines paid under the Motor Car Acts, less the cost of collection of such fees and fines, shall be placed to the credit of the Country Roads Board Fund, and that the annual payment into the Fund of the amount of £50,000 from Consolidated Revenue shall be suspended.

The receipts and expenditure of the Fund for each of the five years, 1941-42 to 1945-46, were as follows:—

VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD FUND—
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Receipts.</i>					
Payments by Municipalities ..	297,878	244,756	225,653	241,764	264,506
Fees, Motor Car Act	1,443,597	1,248,426	1,344,524	1,395,225	1,558,480
Fees and Registration of Traction Engines	853	345	328	321	360
Fees, Motor Omnibus Act	6	14	50		
Stores and Materials	231,312	286,366	270,121	254,450	214,569
Hire of Plant	57,033	58,627	104,333	108,647	98,782
Other Receipts (advance from Public Account for unemployment relief and other works, &c.)	93,131	272,039	223,909	125,315	172,867
Total	2,123,810	2,110,573	2,168,918	2,125,722	2,309,564
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Maintenance and reconditioning of main roads, State highways, tourists' roads, and Forest's roads	627,762	519,033	645,640	733,697	829,084
Relief to Municipalities	223,790	221,040	221,040	221,040	221,040
Interest and Sinking Fund	112,901	110,258	108,604	106,975	106,413
Recoup to Revenue (Interest, Sinking Fund, &c.)	357,723	343,469	343,069	341,358	337,193
Plant, Stores, and Materials	326,969	445,614	336,844	314,686	479,370
Other Expenditure (including administration)	211,650	292,919	292,553	189,093	325,988
Total	1,860,795	1,932,333	1,947,750	1,906,849	2,299,088

The balance to the credit of the Fund at 30th June, 1946, was £961,105.

Money received from the issue of stock or debentures under the authority of section 32 of the *Country Roads Act* 1928 is placed to the credit of the Loan Account, which is debited with all payments made towards the cost of permanent road works. There were no transactions during 1945-46.

The Developmental Roads Loan Account is credited with money received from stock and debentures issued under the authority of Section 85 of the *Country Roads Act* 1928 and is debited with expenditure in connexion with the construction of developmental roads. During 1945-46 there were no transactions owing to the funds having been exhausted in previous years.

The following is a summary of the total expenditure by the Board on road construction during each of the five years, 1941-42 to 1945-46 :—

**VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD—EXPENDITURE
ON ROADS, 1941-42 TO 1945-46.**

	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£	£
State Highways*—					
Maintenance and reconditioning	237,136	203,964	240,729	251,048	261,956
Main Roads*—					
Construction	27,090	5,707	23,022	43,794	40,948
Maintenance	411,170	323,837	399,866	490,706	550,170
Total Main Roads	438,260	329,544	422,888	534,500	591,118
Developmental Roads*—					
Construction, &c.	100,308	88,920	94,526	153,081	148,588
Unemployment Relief	1,212	20	..	..	..
Tourists' Roads*—					
Construction, &c.	20,605	27,880	44,479	30,487	53,786
Forests roads—					
Maintenance .. .. .	..	..	..	..	8,021
Murray River Bridges and Punts—					
Maintenance	2,908	2,555	3,635	4,115	7,623
Roads adjoining Commonwealth Areas	3,188	5,407	1,572	3,598	381
Commonwealth Defence Works					
Unemployment Relief	9,072	9,443	5,106	1	..
Commonwealth Defence Works (Northern Territory) Construction, &c.	131,898	670,102	894,436	751,341	6,758
Commonwealth Defence Works (Allied Works Council)	1,158	43,842	20,991	Cr. 25,962	Cr. 14,072
Total	945,745	1,381,677	1,728,362	1,702,209	1,064,159

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

HARBOR TRUSTS.

The Port of Melbourne is under the control of this Trust, and its constitution, powers and functions are set out on page 145 of the *Year-Book* for 1929-30. The following are particulars of the ordinary revenue and ordinary and capital expenditure for the years 1942 to 1946. The loan indebtedness as at the end of each of the five years is also shown.

Melbourne Harbor Trust.

MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1942 TO 1946.

Heading.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£	£
REVENUE.					
Wharfage and Tonnage Rates ..	747,695	621,735	631,084	662,990	701,591
Rents	45,520	48,144	53,521	54,553	58,184
Interest	752	8,127	6,483	11,837	10,079
Other Revenue	186,230	277,946	205,298	188,185	191,183
	980,197	955,952	896,386	917,565	961,037
Less Statutory Payments to—					
Consolidated Revenue ..	153,539	145,043	130,218	136,598	144,318
Geelong Harbor Trust ..	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Total	811,658	795,909	751,168	765,967	801,719
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
General Management and Expenses	76,466	62,370	50,550	53,877	69,386
Flotation and Redemption of Loans					
Expenses	3,825	3,825	3,825	3,619	3,519
Operating Expenses	86,228	116,792	113,759	119,030	122,354
Maintenance—					
Dredging	82,391	110,527	108,705	106,220	129,856
Harbor	3,405	3,240	3,350	4,372	5,595
Wharves	33,482	48,216	56,315	60,257	71,191
Approaches	6,744	5,100	3,452	4,091	5,876
Railways	9,622	2,827	2,927	4,575	15,303
Other Properties	4,669	4,756	4,472	6,569	5,040
Interest on Loans and Exchange..	188,623	190,754	189,530	184,591	183,420
Depreciation, Renewals, and In-					
surance Account	126,476	115,799	127,875	130,062	129,200
Sinking Fund	114,465	54,462	55,576	56,695	57,951
Total	736,396	718,668	720,336	733,958	798,691
Surplus on Revenue Account ..	75,262	77,241	30,832	32,009	3,028
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.					
Land and Property	8,505	2,090	430	5,848	228
Deepening Waterways	55,261	39,887	59,871	66,764	47,962
Wharves Construction	107,399	60,244	40,397	37,271	49,248
Approaches Construction	12,703	13,008	11,548	5,063	5,049
Other Harbor Improvements ..	692	664	1,771	1,043	9,031
Floating and General Plant ..	99,846	114,669	89,596	68,275	291,882
Total	284,406	230,562	203,613	184,264	403,400
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness*	4,049,483	4,123,821	4,043,046	4,008,151	3,973,100
Sinking Fund	165,406	188,101	208,901	239,022	268,077
Net Indebtedness	3,884,077	3,935,720	3,834,145	3,769,129	3,705,023

* Excluding bank overdraft as follows:—£4,441 in 1942; £97,924 in 1943; £75,197 in 1944; Nil in 1945; and £163,497 in 1946.

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

The following is a summary of the revenue and expenditure for each year 1942 to 1946. Capital expenditure during, and loan indebtedness at end of, each of the five years is also shown.

GEELONG HARBOR TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1942 TO 1946.

Heading.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£	£
REVENUE.					
Wharfage, Tonnage, and Special Berth Rates	37,997	30,870	32,803	48,929	57,894
Rents, Fees, and Licences	6,544	7,020	6,855	6,886	6,265
Freezing Works and Abattoirs	14,563	17,580	19,329	21,109	18,467
Contribution by Melbourne Harbor Trust	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Other Revenue	5,556	6,810	5,575	6,701	8,011
Total	79,660	77,280	79,562	98,625	105,637
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
Management Expenses	15,036	14,581	13,238	14,122	16,214
Maintenance—					
Wharves and Approaches	2,415	2,144	2,136	3,335	2,577
Harbor	2,449	7,873	3,820	3,294	2,632
Floating Plant	3,828	1,091	3,238	5,062	5,966
Other	2,154	2,811	2,250	3,075	2,244
Interest on Loans	18,119	17,900	16,525	15,168	14,969
Sinking Fund	3,962	3,921	3,855	3,853	3,846
Freezing Works and Abattoirs	7,961	7,743	8,623	8,388	9,484
Depreciation Reserve Account	24,763	25,264	22,875	22,202	22,296
Miscellaneous	609	643	533	685	1,105
Total	81,296	83,971	77,093	79,184	81,273
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.					
Floating Plant				13	16,814
Land and Property	20,395	3,367	4,060	11,212	5,430
Deepening Waterways					
Wharves and Approaches			1,605	849	1,909
Other	3,426	351	107	1,577	3,354
Total	23,821	3,718	5,772	13,651	27,507
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness	553,883	546,657	536,734	533,193	529,087
Sinking Fund	40,700	46,186	51,771	57,528	63,472
Net Indebtedness	513,183	500,471	484,963	475,665	465,615

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITIES.

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

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.

**Creation and
constitution
of Board.**

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

It consists of 48 members, including the chairman, who is elected every four years by the other members, and is eligible for re-election. The other forty-seven members, who are called commissioners, are from time to time elected by the councils of the municipal districts wholly or partly within the metropolis.

**Functions of
the Board.**

The principal functions of the Board are to control and manage the metropolitan water supply system, including watersheds, reservoirs, weirs, aqueducts, pipes, &c.; to provide the metropolis with an efficient system of main and general sewerage; to deal with main drains and main drainage works; to control and manage the rivers, creeks, and watercourses within the metropolis; and to collect and dispose of night-soil from unsewered premises within the area under its control.

**Area under
Board's
control.**

All land within a radius of 13 miles of the post office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth-streets, Melbourne, and the remaining portions of the Cities of Moorabbin, Mordialloc, and Nunawading, and certain portions of the Shires of Eltham, Doncaster, and Templestowe, and Dandenong (all of which portions are outside such radius) but excluding a portion of the Shire of Werribee within such radius are included in the metropolis for water supply, sewerage, and drainage and river improvement purposes. This territory has an area of 443 square miles and comprises 27 cities and parts of one other city and 10 shires.

**Board's
borrowing
powers and
liability on
loans.**

The Board is empowered to borrow £29,750,000, this amount being exclusive of loans amounting to £2,389,934 originally raised by the Government for the construction of waterworks for the supply of Melbourne and suburbs. These works were vested in and taken over by the Board on 1st July, 1891.

The Board's liability under loans was £25,971,165 on 30th June, 1946. The Board was at that date empowered to borrow £6,168,769 before reaching the limit of its borrowing powers.

The following is a statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Board during each of the five years, 1941-42 to 1945-46.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1941-42 TO 1945-46.

Heads of Revenue and Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£	£
REVENUE.					
Water Supply—					
Water Rates and Charges (including Revenue from water supplied by measure) ..	1,078,752	1,093,580	1,125,150	1,133,575	1,033,524
Sewerage—					
Sewerage Rates	1,123,808	1,155,897	1,168,477	1,082,944	1,101,311
Sanitary Charges	23,868	24,177	27,211	24,384	26,643
Metropolitan Farm—					
Grazing Fees, Rents, Pastures, &c. Balance Live Stock Account ..	10,591	9,748	7,138	6,251	1,961
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers—					
Drainage and River Improvement Rate	89,689	92,629	93,728	93,523	95,684
River Water Charges	9,190	9,183	9,033	6,285	7,032
Total	2,375,039	2,439,842	2,483,201	2,407,094	2,308,667
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
Water Supply—					
Management and Incidental Expenses	53,203	64,666	74,560	88,670	107,792
Maintenance	126,836	137,329	164,613	171,304	252,138
Sewerage—					
Management and Incidental Expenses	61,969	71,781	82,085	93,637	109,094
Maintenance	112,870	108,020	112,980	106,747	118,032
Metropolitan Farm—					
Administrative Expenses ..	1,096	1,167	1,340	1,778	3,239
Maintenance	56,222	68,921	81,460	86,720	101,580
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers—					
Management and Incidental Expenses	5,099	4,733	5,806	5,294	5,984
Maintenance	18,046	13,570	16,728	16,242	19,390
Pensions and Allowances ..	5,807	10,143	15,750	15,326	13,982
Discount and Expenses re Loans..	2,743	2,852	5,083	1,683	436
Interest on Overdraft	178	1,017	224	..	..
Interest on Loans	1,311,197	1,300,752	1,215,778	1,225,172	1,216,327
Exchange	53,298	46,413	46,411	46,413	46,796
Contribution to—					
Sinking Fund	65,601	65,283	65,073	64,928	64,928
Renewals Fund	200,000	240,479	240,421	190,810	190,834
Superannuation Accounts ..	22,553	16,018	15,461	15,203	15,130
Insurance Account	430	25,430	25,000	..	..
Rates Equalization Reserve ..	..	..	75,000	75,000	..
General Reserve	100,000	200,000	..	..	..
Exchange Reserve .. ..	..	..	51,000	51,000	51,000
Deferred Maintenance Reserve ..	..	..	75,000	..	..
Reserve for Provision, Maintenance and Renewals of Water Services .. ..	..	..	..	100,000	..
Depreciation	33,200	80,000	80,590	6,156	2,591
Contributions to Municipalities ..	3,850	3,860	3,850	3,850	3,850
Defence Expenses	120,183	96,609	35,262	23,106	14,803
Contributions to Patriotic Funds..	2,615	..	..	..	..
Total	2,356,996	2,559,043	2,489,475	2,389,039	2,337,926

Water supply assessments and rates.

The rate to be paid in respect of any lands and houses for the supply of water for domestic purposes, otherwise than by measure, is limited to an amount not exceeding 8d. in the pound on the annual value of the lands and houses served. The water rate levied in the year 1945-46 was 6d. in the £1 on the annual value of the property served. Assessments of £20 and under are charged a minimum rate of 10s. per annum. There is a charge of 1s. per 1,000 gallons for water supplied by meter, with the assessed rate as a minimum. For shipping at Melbourne wharves the charge is 3s. per 1,000 gallons.

Assessed value of property.

The total annual value of property assessed for water supply purposes and liable to water rates was £22,099,474 in 1944-45 and £22,508,902 in 1945-46.

Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan waterworks system.

The total cost of the water supply system to 30th June, 1945 and 1946, was as follows:—

	To 30th June.	
	1945.	1946.
	£	£
Original water supply works, tank, pumping station, &c.	12,505	12,505
Yan Yean System	660,205	664,033
Maroondah System	1,707,095	1,707,657
O'Shannassy System	3,297,637	3,357,884
Service reservoirs	622,524	623,275
Large mains	3,111,121	3,120,401
Reticulation	3,655,564	3,739,294
Afforestation	104,691	113,786
Investigations, future works	8,412	8,506
Total	13,179,754	13,347,341

The Melbourne and Metropolitan waterworks.

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

Storage and service reservoirs.

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

Output of water. The total output of water from the various sources of supply in 1944 and 1945 was as follows:—

	1944.	1945.
	'000 gals.	'000 gals.
Yan Yean Reservoir	3,378,800	1,585,400
Maroondah Reservoir	17,354,100	13,390,400
O'Shannassy River and Silvan No. 1 ..	15,590,400	16,867,000
Total Output	36,323,300	31,842,800

Consumption of water in Melbourne and suburbs. The total consumption of water amounted to 36,342,600,000 gallons in 1944 and 31,866,900,000 gallons in 1945 and the average consumption per day was 99,296,721 gallons in 1944 and 87,306,575 in 1945. In 1944, the maximum (197,400,000 gallons) and the minimum (54,300,000 gallons) daily consumption occurred on 15th and 22nd January and 26th April respectively, and, in 1945, the maximum (199,000,000 gallons) and the minimum (47,400,000 gallons) occurred on 8th January and 16th August, respectively.

The following table shows for each of the five years, 1941 to 1945, the daily average consumption of water, and the daily average per head:—

DAILY AVERAGE QUANTITY OF WATER CONSUMED IN MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS, 1941 TO 1945.

(MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS AREA.)

Year.	Properties Supplied with Water at 30th June.	Number of Properties for which Sewers were Provided at 30th June.	Daily Average of Annual Consumption of Water to 31st December.	Daily Consumption of Water per Head of Population Served.
			Gallons.	Gallons.
1941	297,392	281,288	84,977,148	71·97
1942	302,361	286,473	88,529,041	73·75
1943	303,536	287,146	91,810,137	76·19
1944	304,649	288,100	99,296,721	82·10
1945	305,730	288,921	87,306,575	71·93

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

These figures show that additional properties to the number of 1,081 were supplied with water during the year ended 30th June, 1945.

Sewerage assessments, rates, and receipts. The Board is empowered to levy a general sewerage rate not exceeding 1s. 2d. in the £1 on the net annual value of properties in sewered areas. The sewerage rate for the year 1945-46 was 1s. in the £1. The total annual value of property in the Board's area in 1945-46 was £23,027,815, of which £21,856,052 was liable to the sewerage rate, the balance being the value of property in unsewered districts.

The receipts from the general sewerage rates and charges in 1945-46 amounted to £1,127,954.

Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan sewerage system. The cost of sewerage works to 30th June, 1945 and 1946 is allocated as follows:—

	To 30th June.	
	1945.	1946.
	£	£
Farm purchase and preparation	1,372,337	1,421,947
Treatment works	191,777	191,675
Outfall sewers and rising mains	536,666	536,666
Pumping stations, buildings, and plant	305,217	305,177
Main and Branch sewers	3,274,272	3,288,328
Reticulation sewers	8,417,675	8,565,637
Cost of house connexions chargeable to capital	670,567	670,567
Sanitary depots	50,186	49,195
Investigations	3,851	4,808
Cost of sewerage system	14,822,548	15,034,000

Main and subsidiary sewerage systems. The sewerage system of the metropolis at 30th June, 1946, consisted of the main system and three subsidiary systems:—

The Main system (serving an area of 63,731 acres), the sewage from which gravitates to Spotswood Pumping Station where it is lifted to the Main Outfall Sewer at Brooklyn and thence flows to the Metropolitan Farm at Werribee.

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

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

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

The first house was connected in Port Melbourne in August, 1897. On 30th June, 1945 and 1946, the number of buildings for which sewers were provided was 288,921 and 291,536 respectively, and the estimated population served by the system was 1,147,016 at 30th June, 1945, and 1,157,398 at 30th June, 1946.

During the years 1944-45 and 1945-46, the number of new houses erected in the Board's area was 960 and 4,434 respectively, and provision was made for the sewerage of 821 buildings in 1944-45 and 2,615 in 1945-46.

The following statement shows the progress of sewer connexions to 30th June, 1945 and 1946:—

**MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—
SEWER CONNEXIONS AT 30TH JUNE, 1945 AND 1946.**

Municipality.	Number of Buildings for which Sewers were provided at 30th June—	
	1945.	1946.
Box Hill City	4,712	4,764
Braybrook Shire (part of)	2,187	2,192
Brighton City	10,097	10,288
Broadmeadows Shire (part of)	596	599
Brunswick City	14,334	14,402
Camberwell City	19,576	19,580
Caulfield City	21,036	21,219
Coburg City	11,207	11,415
Collingwood City	8,155	8,123
Essendon City	13,280	13,380
Fitzroy City	7,902	7,903
Footscray City	12,658	12,924
Hawthorn City	10,438	10,485
Heidelberg City (part of)	7,286	7,956
Keilor Shire (part of)	363	370
Kew City	7,302	7,363
Malvern City	13,168	13,218
Melbourne City	22,696	22,631
Moorabbin City	4,817	4,915
Mordialloc City	2,831	2,865
Mulgrave Shire	8	8
Northcote City	11,426	11,558
Nunawading City	1,235	1,249
Oakleigh City	3,569	3,569
Port Melbourne City	3,605	3,621
Prahran City	16,594	16,600
Preston City	9,736	9,976
Richmond City	10,550	10,550
Sandringham City	5,968	6,077
South Melbourne City	10,054	10,113
St. Kilda City	15,019	15,045
Werribee Shire (part of)	4	5
Williamstown City	6,512	6,573
Total	288,921	291,536

Pumping stations.

At 30th June, 1946, pumping stations had been established at Spotswood, Preston, Sunshine, Box Hill, Black Rock, Braybrook, Mordialloc, Port Melbourne, Prahran, and Kew.

Metropolitan Sewage Farm.

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

The statistical data for the year ended 30th June, 1946, are as under :—

Total area of farm	24,579 acres.
Area used for sewage disposal .. .	13,350 acres
Rainfall at farm for year	20·14 inches
Average rainfall over fifty-three years .. .	17·99 inches
Net cost of sewage purification for year per head of population served	2s. 0·2d.
Profit on cattle for year	£40,093
Profit on sheep for year	£3,419
Profit on agistment for year	£1,603

Disposal of night-soil from unsewered premises.

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

For the year 1945-46, the working expenses were £7,243, while interest amounted to £2,075, making a total of £9,318. The revenue was £2,663, leaving a deficiency of £6,655.

Metropolitan drainage and river improvement rate.

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

Assessed value of property. The total annual value of property assessed for Drainage and River purposes for 1945-46 was £22,919,088.

Cost of drainage and river improvement works. The total cost of Drainage and River Improvement works to 30th June, 1946, was £1,837,847.

Length of main drains. The classification and length of all main drains under the control of the Board at 30th June, 1946, were as follows:—

	Miles.	Chains.
Underground drains.. .. .	97	67
Constructed open drains	11	63
Natural watercourses and unlined open drains.. .. .	5	60
Total	115	30

BALLARAT WATER COMMISSION AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY.

The Ballarat Water Commission was constituted on the 1st July, 1880.

The Ballarat Sewerage Authority was constituted under the provisions of the *Sewerage Districts Act* 1918 by Order in Council dated 30th November, 1920, which provides that the Members of the Water Commission shall be the Sewerage Authority.

Water supply. The Water Supply District of the Ballarat Water Commissioners embraces an area of approximately 27 square miles, including the City of Ballarat, the Borough of Sebastopol and portions of the Shires of Ballarat, Buninyong, and Bungaree. The estimated population in this area is 45,000. The works comprise six reservoirs, which have a total storage capacity of 2,331,600,000 gallons. The catchment area is 17,545 acres. The Commission supplied water to 12,849 properties of which 8,878 were connected to the sewers.

To 31st December, 1945, the capital cost of construction was £705,550, and the loans outstanding (due to the Government) were £259,816. During 1945 receipts amounted to £104,608 and expenditure to £101,456.

Sewerage. The Ballarat Sewerage District embraces the City of Ballarat and portion of the Shire of Ballarat. Work was commenced in December, 1922, and to date the Authority has constructed a disposal works, 1 mile of outfall sewer, 2·1 miles of main sewer, 13·8 miles of submains, and 76·7 miles of reticulation. The whole of the works so far completed are gravitational. The plant treats an average maximum daily flow of approximately 2,000,000 gallons and comprises screening, grit removal, primary sedimentation, trickling filter, secondary sedimentation, and sludge digestion.

To 31st December, 1945, the capital cost of construction including side lines was £503,615, and the loans outstanding at that date were £401,255. The amount outstanding by property owners for sewerage installations was £5,619. During 1945 General Fund receipts amounted to £34,602 and expenditure to £33,422.

Rates. *Water Rate.*—A Water Rate is levied of 11d. in the £1 on the net annual value of all rateable properties, with a minimum of 15s. per annum for land on which there is a building or water supply.

Sewerage Rate.—A General Sewerage Rate is levied of 1s. 5d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all properties within the drainage area which are now or may hereafter become sewered during the period for which such rate is made.

GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE TRUST.

This Trust was constituted on 25th January, 1908. It was reconstituted under the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act in 1910.

The amount of loans which may be raised is limited to £900,000 for water supply, £760,000 for sewerage works, and £270,000 for sewerage installations to properties under deferred payments conditions. The expenditure on these services to 30th June, 1946, was water supply, £789,789; sewerage, £653,921, and sewerage installation, £257,897, of which £163 is outstanding. The revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1946, was £57,667 on account of waterworks and £45,193 on account of sewerage. Since 1913 the Trust has appropriated and set apart sums out of surplus revenues for the creation of a sinking fund to redeem loans. At 30th June, 1946, the amounts

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so appropriated were: sewerage, £91,608 and water supply, £100,336. Of such amounts £169,102 had been used to redeem loans which have matured from time to time.

The population supplied is estimated by the Trust at 51,500. The number of buildings situate within the "Drainage Area" is 12,802; the number within the "Sewered Areas", 12,552; and the number connected with the sewers, 12,532.

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

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

Sewerage. The sewerage system consists of a main outfall sewer, 4 ft. 3 in. by 3 ft. 3 in. to the ocean at Black Rock, a distance of about 9 miles from Geelong, and 147 miles of main and reticulation sewers. The sewerage area is 9,571 acres and includes the City of Geelong, the City of Geelong West, the Town of Newtown and Chilwell, and the suburban areas in the Shires of Corio, South Barwon, and Bellarine.

Rates. *Water Rate.*—The water rate is 1s. in the £1 of the net annual value of all rateable properties with a minimum of £1 per annum for land on which there is a building and a minimum of 5s. per annum for land on which there is no building.

Sewerage Rate.—The general sewerage rate is 1s. 2d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all properties within the drainage area which are now or may hereafter become sewered during the period for which such rate is made.

WATERWORKS TRUSTS.

During 1940 there were functioning in Victoria 109 Waterworks Trusts constituted under the provisions of the *Water Act* 1928. The receipts and expenditure of these Trusts for the year 1940 are shown in the *Year Book* for 1941-42, page 361. Similar particulars are not available for subsequent years.

MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST.

This Trust which was constituted under the provisions of the Mildura Irrigation Trusts Acts, supplies water for domestic use in the City of Mildura. The revenue and expenditure of this authority for the years ended 30th June, 1945 and 1946, were as follows:—

MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Year ended 30th June—	
	1945.	1946.
<i>Revenue.</i>		
Water Rates	£ 5,224	£ 5,318
Water Charges	3,477	3,206
Meter Rents	99	110
Interest on overdue rates	18	20
Transfers from Reserves	800	1,710
Other	145	497
Total	9,763	10,861
<i>Expenditure.</i>		
Administrative Expenses	888	1,230
Meter Maintenance	376	484
Maintenance and Repairs	3,791	4,155
Interest on Loans	480	474
Interest on Overdraft	6	..
Depreciation	524	524
Repairs to Water Tower .. .. .	..	1,055
Other	1,697	1,857
Total	7,762	9,779

At 30th June, 1946, the net loan liability of the Trust amounted to £11,067 of which £9,642 was due to the Government.

SEWERAGE AUTHORITIES.

In districts outside the areas under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust (which bodies are constituted under special Acts), sewerage authorities may be constituted in Victoria under the provisions of the Sewerage Districts Acts. At 30th June, 1945, thirty-eight such authorities had been constituted.

The following statement gives general statistical information relating to all authorities (including the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust) in whose districts the sewerage systems were in operation in 1945.

**SEWERAGE SYSTEMS IN OPERATION IN VICTORIA,
1ST JULY, 1944 TO 30TH JUNE, 1945.**

Authority.	Year of Con- stitution.	Estimated Population Served by System.*	Number of Properties Connected to Sewers.	Sewerage Rate Levied in £ of Net Annual Municipal Value.
				<i>s. d.</i>
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	1890	1,147,820	288,921	1 0
Ararat	1935	4,500	1,101	1 9
Bairnsdale	1932	4,000	1,110	1 6
Ballarat	1920	39,500	8,765	1 5
Benalla	1934	4,800	1,118	2 2
Bendigo	1916	26,500	6,559	1 4
Castlemaine	1934	4,750	1,090	2 0
Colac	1923	5,520	1,452	1 6
Dandenong	1935	5,600	1,019	1 8
Dimboola	1938	1,000	240	2 0
Echuca	1927	4,000	1,094	1 9
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust	1908	51,340	12,493	1 2
Hamilton	1935	5,500	1,478	1 5
Horsham	1926	5,000	1,307	1 6
Kerang	1932	2,800	625	2 6
Kyabram	1938	1,700	182	1 8
Kyneton	1933	2,600	750	1 9
Mildura	1928	7,600	1,726	1 3
Mornington	1939	1,060	301	1 9
Morwell	1939	2,300	600	1 6
Murtoa	1938	1,200	285	2 0
Nhill	1938	2,800	460	1 10
Portland	1938	550	176	1 4
Shepparton	1934	8,000	1,600	1 6
Swan Hill	1926	4,500	906	2 6
Wangaratta	1933	5,000	1,234	1 5
Warracknabeal	1938	2,800	759	2 0
Warragul	1935	3,600	630	2 0
Warrnambool	1929	7,780	2,103	0 9
Total .. .. .	..	1,364,120	340,084	..

* As estimated by the authorities concerned.

In addition to those enumerated in the foregoing table, sewerage authorities had been constituted in the following districts:—Beechworth constituted in 1939; Euroa in 1939; Leongatha in 1939; Lorne in 1938; Maffra in 1938; Sale in 1936; Traralgon in 1939; Werribee in 1939; Wodonga in 1939; Yarram in 1939; and Yarrawonga in 1938. At Beechworth, Euroa, Lorne, Sale, Werribee, Wodonga, and Yarram operations had been suspended and the undertakings at Leongatha, Maffra, Traralgon, and Yarrawonga had not been brought into operation.

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

Yallourn.

Under the provisions of the State Electricity Commission Acts, a scheme of sewerage for Yallourn was adopted after approval by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission and the Public Health Department. The erection of the treatment plant, pump house, and pipe-testing depot was completed in 1941. The construction of reticulation sewers, which had been at a standstill, was recommended in March, 1946. It is expected that the first connexions to the system will be effected by the end of 1946.

FIRE BRIGADES.

Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board.

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

The Board on 30th June, 1946, had under its control the following:—42 stations, 350 members of permanent staff, 95 members of special service staff, 20 members of clerical staff, 70 men engaged in the workshops, 4 employees engaged in the tailoring department, and 147 partially-paid firemen.

During 1945-46 the cost of maintenance of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade was £218,982, one-third being contributed by each of the contributing bodies, viz., Government of Victoria, municipalities within the Metropolitan Fire District, and the fire insurance companies carrying on business in that district. The municipalities' contribution was equal to 0.768d. in the £1 on the annual value of £22,853,600 of property within the Fire District, and that of the insurance companies to £5 10s. 11.28d. for every £100 of premiums on insured property. The premiums received in the Metropolitan Fire District in 1944 amounted to £1,315,915.

Particulars of receipts and expenditure of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for the five years, 1942 to 1946, are as follows:—

VICTORIA—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADES BOARD, 1942 TO 1946.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
<i>Ordinary Receipts.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Contributions—Government, Municipal, and Insurance Companies	205,273	205,329	226,118	224,964	218,982
Receipts for Services	46,379	52,876	58,001	59,040	53,385
Interest and Sundries	25,084	34,099	25,990	25,521	25,837
Total	276,736	292,304	310,199	309,525	298,204
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries	141,906	133,304	141,841	142,144	143,039
Administrative Charges, &c. ..	42,877	49,769	43,903	43,635	49,509
Partially paid Firemen and Special Service Staff Allowances	34,241	42,334	44,889	42,148	41,493
Plant—Purchase and Repairs ..	15,601	27,973	27,569	30,413	33,203
Interest	9,853	9,529	8,931	8,306	7,753
Repayment of Loans	12,213	12,848	13,517	14,221	8,411
Superannuation Fund	6,437	6,496	6,809	7,107	7,468
Motor Replacement Reserve	2,000	2,000	2,000	5,000	7,617
Pay Roll Tax	4,446	5,005	5,297	5,227	5,418
Miscellaneous	6,565	2,799	7,521	895	1,170
Total	276,139	292,057	302,277	299,096	305,081
<i>Loan Expenditure.</i>					
Purchase of Land and Erection of Buildings, &c.	8,223	..	..	..	..
At 30th June— Loan Indebtedness	221,634	208,786	195,269	181,048	172,633

The Country Fire Authority, which was constituted in 1944, comprises ten members appointed by the Executive Council selected from panels of names submitted by the Minister of Forests (2 representatives), the Urban Municipalities (1), the Rural Municipalities (1), the Fire Insurance Companies (2), the Rural Fire Brigades (2), and the Urban Fire Brigades (2).

The Authority is responsible for the prevention and suppression of fires in the "country area of Victoria", which embraces the whole of the State outside the metropolitan fire district, excluding State Forests and certain Crown lands. The country area has been divided into 24 Fire Control Regions, three of which (Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong) are wholly urban, the remaining 21 mixed urban and rural. Seventeen permanent Regional Fire Officers supervise fire prevention and extinction in the rural sections of one or more fire control regions.

At 30th June, 1946, there were 185 urban fire brigades and 776 rural fire brigades. The revenue of the Authority is contributed in equal proportions by the Government, fire insurance companies, and municipalities. There are 118 insurance companies and 170 municipalities included in the operation of the Act. The premiums received by the insurance companies amounted to £951,878, whilst the annual value of rateable property was £15,394,742.

The following statement shows the receipts and expenditure of the Country Fire Authority for its first financial year, 2nd April, 1945 to 30th June, 1946 (15 months).

Ordinary Receipts.

	£
Contributions from Government, municipalities, and insurance companies	115,519
Sundries	2,272
Total	<u>117,791</u>

Ordinary Expenditure.

Administrative (including salaries)	11,551
Brigade salaries	9,707
Regional officers—salaries, transport, maintenance	7,754
Fires and practices allowances	5,722
New stations, repairs, and rentals	3,391
Motors and plant, purchases and maintenance	35,959
Hose and appliances	3,950
Uniforms, telephones, and fuel	2,508
Repayment of loans	4,352
Interest on loans	2,727
Motor Replacement Fund	7,077
Compensation Fund, accidents	4,188
Local Government rates	1,199
Pay roll tax	371
Sundries	2,650
Total	<u>103,106</u>
Loan Expenditure	9,149
Loan indebtedness at 30th June	56,364

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENT BODIES.

In the following statement particulars are given of the new money loan raisings during each of the years 1936-37 to 1940-41 by Local Government and Semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies in Victoria. Comparable information for the years subsequent to 1940-41 is not available.

VICTORIA—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—NEW MONEY LOAN RAISINGS, 1936-37 TO 1940-41.

Heading.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.
	£	£	£	£	£
LOCAL GOVERNMENT.					
Due to Government	32,493	6,501	13,737	6,272	3,741
Due to Public Creditor	485,577	792,542	795,211	624,178	347,249
Total Local Government	518,070	799,043	808,948	630,450	350,990
SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL, &C.					
Due to Government	138,235	42,773	405,529	674,057	473,940
Due to Public Creditor	565,374	1,381,774	1,478,840*	3,210,930*	1,196,247*
Total Semi-Governmental, &c.	703,609	1,424,547	1,884,369	3,884,987	1,670,187
ALL AUTHORITIES.					
Due to Government	170,728	49,274	419,266	680,329	477,681
Due to Public Creditor	1,050,951	2,174,316	2,274,051	3,835,108	1,543,496
Grand Total	1,221,679	2,223,590	2,693,317	4,515,437	2,021,177

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

HOUSING.

**Housing and
reclamation
by
municipalities.**

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

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

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

**War service
homes.**

The Commonwealth Government assists eligible members of the Australian Defence Forces and their female dependants to acquire homes, the operations being conducted under the *War Service Homes Act 1918-1946*. A summary of the activities of the War Service Homes Commission in Victoria to 30th June, 1946, discloses that 11,040 applications had been approved, 5,042 homes erected, 3,836 homes purchased, and 519 mortgages discharged. The sums paid as instalments of principal and interest amounted to £7,673,836, whilst the arrears of instalments totalled £83,014, the percentage of arrears to the total amount due being 1.07.

**Housing
Commission of
Victoria.**

Particulars relating to the constitution, powers, and duties of the Housing Commission will be found in Part "Social Condition" of the *Year-Book* for 1938-39, page 236.

In the following statement for the years ended 30th June, 1945 and 1946, information is given of the contracts let by the Commission for the erection of dwellings in Victoria (excluding contracts on account of the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust) and of the work carried out for the Commission by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION
OF VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLINGS,
1944-45 AND 1945-46.

Municipality.	Year Ended 30th June—				Total 31st July, 1939 to 30th June, 1946.	
	1945.		1946.		Dwelling Units.	Value.
	Dwelling Units.	Value.	Dwelling Units.	Value.		
	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£
<i>Metropolitan.</i>						
<i>Cities—</i>						
Brighton .. ..	..	..	113	140,882	113	140,882
Brunswick .. ..	..	..	..	..	123	79,318
Camberwell	18	19,624	..	..	13	19,624
Coburg	186	173,565	57	62,159	498	456,684
Essendon	145	130,024	..	..	145	130,024
Footscray	30	26,941	76	74,270	106	101,211
Heidelberg	51	55,698	497	570,717	548	626,415
Moorabbin .. ..	..	..	196	227,558	196	227,558
Northcote .. ..	..	..	..	..	42	31,044
Oakleigh	100	83,842	..	..	100	83,842
Port Melbourne ..	..	..	..	..	414	243,564
Preston	207	208,963	140	145,075	741	596,678
Richmond .. ..	..	..	..	..	138	93,157
Sandringham .. ..	..	..	586	718,192	586	718,192
Williamstown ..	10	9,025	..	..	175	127,847
<i>Shire—</i>						
Braybrook .. ..	..	..	12	11,124	12	11,124
Total Metropolitan	747	707,682	1,677	1,949,977	3,955	3,687,164
<i>Outside Metropolitan Area.</i>						
<i>Cities—</i>						
Ballarat	23	27,189	34	39,333	57	66,522
Bendigo	50	53,950	..	..	50	53,950
Geelong .. ..	..	..	103	122,092	103	122,092
Geelong West ..	..	..	..	..	37	36,138
Mildura	50	54,254	..	..	50	54,254
Warrnambool ..	..	..	11	13,185	51	43,055
<i>Towns—</i>						
Ararat	24	22,579	12	13,991	36	36,570
Hamilton	30	31,490	..	..	30	31,490
Horsham .. ..	..	..	20	24,592	20	24,592
Newtown and Chilwell	..	..	..	..	54	35,822
Sale .. ..	..	..	21	24,409	21	24,409
<i>Boroughs—</i>						
Castlemaine .. ..	..	..	..	..	13	12,690
Colac	36	40,956	..	..	36	40,956
Eaglehawk	5	4,720	..	..	5	4,720
Maryborough .. ..	..	..	20	24,121	20	24,121
Portland .. ..	..	..	23	25,633	23	25,633
Shepparton	21	22,980	..	..	46	50,936
Stawell .. ..	..	..	20	24,080	20	24,080
Swan Hill .. ..	..	..	20	23,388	31	31,744
Wangaratta	47	50,781	65	75,857	112	126,638

NOTE.—These figures are subject to revision.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF
VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLINGS, 1944-45 AND
1945-46—*continued.*

Municipality.	Year Ended 30th June—				Total 31st July, 1939 to 30th June, 1946.	
	1945.		1946.		Dwelling Units.	Value.
	Dwelling Units.	Value.	Dwelling Units.	Value.		
	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£
<i>Outside Metropolitan Area—continued.</i>						
Shires—						
Benalla			20	22,387	20	22,387
Cohuna			12	13,752	12	13,752
Kerang			25	26,260	25	26,260
Korumburra			16	18,408	16	18,408
Maifra			18	19,774	18	19,774
Mildura			16	17,407	46	36,969
Morwell	32	33,644	..	..	32	33,644
Narracan			85	96,377	85	96,377
Redney			24	26,775	24	26,775
Seymour			20	23,673	20	23,673
Traralgon	27	28,833	20	22,129	47	50,962
Warragul			52	58,721	52	58,721
Wodonga			20	22,666	20	22,666
Total Outside Metro- politan Area ..	345	371,376	677	779,010	1,232	1,320,780
Grand Total ..	1,092	1,079,058	2,354	2,728,987	5,187	5,007,944

NOTE.—The above figures are subject to revision.

Particulars are given in the appended table of the number of dwelling units for which contracts have been let (including work performed by day labour) by the Commission and the number erected to 30th June, 1946. Contracts for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust have been excluded from the statement.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION
OF VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLINGS
TO 30TH JUNE, 1946.

Municipality.	Materials of Outer Walls.				Total Dwelling Units Contracts Let, &c.	Units Completed.	
	Brick.	Brick-veneer.	Concrete.	Timber.		During Year Ended 30th June, 1946.	Total to 30th June, 1946.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
METROPOLITAN.							
Cities—							
Brighton	113	..	..	..	113	6	6
Brunswick	22	..	96	5	123	2	123
Camberwell	18	..	..	..	18	18	18
Coburg	407	..	..	91	498	172	502
Essendon	33	31	47	34	145	69	134
Footscray	75	..	1	30	106	62	62
Heidelberg	320	107	..	121	548	121	121
Moorabbin	103	50	43	..	196	62	62
Northcote	42	..	..	..	42	..	42
Oakleigh .. .. .	..	..	99	1	100	89	100
Port Melbourne	344	..	70	..	414	..	458*
Preston	723	..	..	18	741	218	616
Richmond	138	..	..	..	138	..	138
Sandringham	485	..	101	..	586	105	105
Williamstown	56	..	89	30	175	10	174
Shire—							
Braybrook .. .. .	..	..	..	12	12	..	..
Total Metropolitan ..	2,879	188	546	342	3,955	934	2,661
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA.							
Cities—							
Ballarat	23	17	..	17	57	23	23
Bendigo	50	..	..	..	50	3	3
Geelong .. .. .	..	76	..	27	103	..	..
Geelong West .. .. .	..	37	..	..	37	..	37
Mildura .. .. .	..	..	..	50	50	12	12
Warrnambool .. .. .	..	40	..	11	51	..	40
Towns—							
Ararat .. .. .	..	..	..	36	36	24	24
Hamilton .. .. .	..	..	..	30	30	10	10
Horsham .. .. .	..	..	..	20	20	..	..
Newtown and Chilwell ..	..	54	..	..	54	..	54
Sale .. .. .	..	..	..	21	21	..	..
Boroughs—							
Castlemaine .. .. .	..	13	..	..	13	3	13
Colac .. .. .	..	13	..	23	36	13	36
Eaglehawk	5	..	..	..	5	..	..
Maryborough .. .. .	..	20	..	..	20	..	..
Portland .. .. .	..	..	..	23	23	..	..
Shepparton .. .. .	..	46	..	..	46	21	46
Stawell .. .. .	..	..	..	20	20	..	..
Swan Hill .. .. .	..	..	..	31	31	..	11
Wangaratta	22	39	..	51	112	47	47

* Includes 44 brick dwellings which were erected in 1936 by the Public Works Department and subsequently taken over by the Housing Commission.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF
VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLINGS TO 30TH JUNE,
1946—*continued.*

Municipality.	Materials of Outer Walls.				Total Dwelling Units— Contracts Let, &c.	Units Completed.	
	Brick.	Brick-veneer.	Concrete.	Timber.		During Year Ended 30th June, 1946.	Total to 30th June, 1946.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA— <i>continued.</i>							
Shires—							
Benalla	20	20	..	..
Cobuna	12	12	..	..
Kerang	25	25	..	..
Korumburra	16	16	..	..
Maffra	18	18	..	..
Mildura	46	46	..	30
Morwell	32	32	32	32
Narracan	85	85	..	..
Rodney	24	24	9	9
Seymour	20	20	..	..
Tearalong	47	47	24	24
Warragul	52	52	3	3
Wodonga	20	20	..	..
Total Outside Metro- politan Area	100	355	..	777	1,232	224	454
Grand Total	2,979	543	546	1,119	5,187	1,158	3,115

NOTE.—The above statement is exclusive of 234 dwellings which were erected in the Shire of Braybrook by the Housing Commission for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust.

With a view to conserving manpower and building materials, Building Control regulations under the *National Securities Act* 1939-40 have restricted building operations. These Regulations were as follow:—Statutory Rules Nos. 250 of 1940; 37, 131, 221 of 1941; 21, 22, 185, 265 of 1942; and 85 of 1944. A summary of their principal provisions is given in the *Year-Book* for 1942-43, pages 215 and 216.

Statutory Rule No. 163 of 1945, which came into operation in August, 1945, amended No. 85 of 1944 by providing that, without written consent, no permit was to be issued for erection of a dwelling-house, the estimated cost of which exceeded £1,200.

The Victorian *Building Operations and Building Materials Control Act* (No. 5116), which was proclaimed on 29th May, 1946, provided that no person shall, without the consent in writing of the Minister, commence or continue to carry out any building operation.

The provisions of this section (Part I.) shall not apply to—

- (a) the erection of any dwelling-house (together with out-buildings but with no garage or building capable of being used as a garage) intended to be used and used as a permanent residence by any person, where the gross area of such dwelling-house and out-buildings—
- (i) in the case of timber-framed (other than brick-veneer) structures—*does not exceed* 1,200 square feet; and
 - (ii) in the case of other structures—*does not exceed* 1,250 square feet.
- (b) the erection of any block of flats, pair of maisonettes, villa pair, or other multiple dwelling or building consisting of a shop and dwelling (together with out-buildings but with no garage or building capable of being used as a garage) where the gross area of each such flat, maisonette, villa, dwelling and shop together with apportioned out-buildings and common elements—
- (i) in the case of timber-framed (other than brick-veneer) structures—*does not exceed* 1,200 square feet;
 - (ii) in the case of brick-veneer structures—*does not exceed* 1,275 square feet; and
 - (iii) in the case of other structures—*does not exceed* 250 square feet.

Provision is made also in regard to alterations or repairs to existing buildings, and to buildings intended to be used in connexion with primary production.

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

Building permits issued in Greater Melbourne. The value of permits issued by municipalities in Greater Melbourne for all classes of buildings, i.e., dwellings, other new buildings, and alterations and additions to existing buildings, during the period of twelve months ended on 31st December in each of the eighteen years 1929 to 1946 was as follows :—

GREATER MELBOURNE—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED,
1929 TO 1946.

Year Ended 31st December—	Value of Permits Issued.				Index to Total Value=100 in 1929.
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).	Other New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	
1929	4,187,832	1,991,927	1,033,018	7,212,777	100·00
1930	1,308,976	852,079	578,521	2,739,576	37·98
1931	418,572	364,339	342,990	1,125,901	15·61
1932	1,033,844	908,761	496,011	2,438,616	33·81
1933	1,661,722	883,500	763,660	3,308,882	45·88
1934	2,588,426	902,245	1,293,794	4,784,465	66·33
1935	3,721,608	1,384,773	1,454,323	6,560,704	90·96
1936	4,172,779	1,810,825	1,435,625	7,419,229	102·86
1937	4,648,987	1,817,369	1,732,083	8,198,439	113·67
1938	5,131,951	1,634,079	1,436,354	8,202,384	113·72
1939	5,187,662	1,654,465	1,634,872	8,476,999	117·53
1940	6,625,287	2,143,770	1,445,743	10,214,800	141·62
1941	6,572,600	900,661	1,391,603	8,864,864	122·91
1942	186,014	241,206	619,194	1,046,414	14·51
1943	12,102	506,773	531,480	1,050,355	14·56
1944	119,215	125,660	871,281	1,116,156	15·47
1945	1,808,574	424,168	1,025,967	3,258,709	45·18
1946	8,564,851	1,272,166	1,479,597	11,316,614	156·89

The decline in the figures for the years following 1941 was wholly due to the necessity of conserving manpower and building materials during the war years. The partial lifting of restrictions (referred to in a previous paragraph) was responsible for the stimulus given to home-building during the later part of 1945.

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

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN GREATER MELBOURNE, 1945 AND 1946.

Class of Permit.	1945.		1946.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
New Buildings.		£		£
Buildings for Habitation—				
Private Dwellings—				
Brick, concrete, &c. ..	288	352,248	968	1,570,241
Brick veneer	688	800,308	3,277	4,596,325
Wood, fibro-cement, &c. ..	663	617,736	1,860	2,065,596
Flats	37	38,282	65	295,694
Other (Hotels, Guest Houses, &c.) .. ..	..	..	5	36,995
Total, Buildings for Habitation	1,676	1,808,574	6,175	8,564,851
Commercial Buildings—				
With Residence—				
Shops	1	1,200	49	88,608
Garages .. ..	..	..	..	..
Factories	8	19,952	1	1,149
Other	1	450	5	12,743
Without Residence—				
Shops	5	4,534	22	33,436
Garages	2	2,607	6	3,950
Factories	53	359,622	116	1,099,611
Other	10	13,075	10	10,013
Public Buildings—				
Hospitals	1	5,195	..	..
Churches .. ..	..	..	2	400
Schools	7	14,733	8	14,316
Theatres .. ..	..	..	..	..
Other	1	2,800	4	7,940
Total, Commercial and Public Buildings	89	424,168	223	1,272,166
Alterations and Additions—				
Private Dwellings	5,604	355,610	6,546	611,383
Flats	24	13,768	24	31,082
Other Buildings for Habitation	25	9,546	15	14,078
Shops	127	48,855	217	53,063
Garages (Commercial)	4	1,489	19	7,455
Factories	357	373,942	445	521,567
Other Business Premises	100	110,191	196	117,816
Public Buildings	89	112,566	91	123,153
Total, Alterations and Additions	6,330	1,025,967	7,553	1,479,597
Grand Total, Building Permits	8,095	3,258,769	13,951	11,316,614

**NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW
PRIVATE DWELLINGS, FLATS, HOTELS, ETC., IN
GREATER MELBOURNE, 1940 TO 1946.**

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—						
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
CITIES.							
Box Hill	177	287	9	2	9	135	524
Brighton	357	324	5	..	..	60	231
Brunswick	143	118	2	..	3	20	58
Camberwell	701	762	14	1	5	188	329
Caulfield	434	414	9	..	..	42	217
Chelsea	73	83	2	4	14	84	172
Coburg	275	336	14	7	10	131	375
Collingwood	17	9	..	..	..	1	..
Essendon	248	266	31	1	3	53	178
Fitzroy	16	7	..	..	..	1	1
Footscray	218	269	18	1	6	123	197
Hawthorn	157	132	2	..	3	17	41
Heidelberg (exclusive of Greensborough Ward) ..	284	287	4	4	16	97	346
Kew	217	244	5	..	1	33	148
Malvern	212	282	3	1	2	40	100
Melbourne	132	122	..	..	1	3	9
Moorabbin	318	361	12	5	20	177	938
Mordialloc	116	132	4	..	16	81	353
Northcote	143	217	2	..	2	32	106
Oakleigh	109	150	6	..	7	65	278
Port Melbourne	19	29	1	..	..	5	15
Prahran	156	118	1	..	..	1	3
Preston	281	317	11	4	13	114	531
Richmond	67	33	1	..	..	..	1
Sandringham	163	171	5	2	30	86	229
South Melbourne	12	16	..	..	..	3	2
St. Kilda	120	107	1	..	..	4	17
Williamstown	101	84	9	..	3	18	69
SHIRE.							
Braybrook (exclusive of Western Riding) ..	156	183	29	..	4	62	207
Total	5,422	5,855	200	32	168	1,676	6,175

NOTE.—Excluding contracts let by the Housing Commission for the erection of dwellings (see pages 364 and 365).

VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR ALL BUILDINGS IN GREATER MELBOURNE DURING THE YEARS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1942 TO 1946.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—				
	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£	£
CITIES.					
Box Hill	18,588	9,325	18,945	167,872	765,982
Brighton	18,063	27,479	22,549	106,657	400,674
Brunswick	49,573	40,405	35,377	68,354	165,231
Camberwell	31,408	14,657	35,114	288,983	1,409,998
Caulfield	14,771	8,675	25,054	93,942	417,022
Chelsea	2,750	6,049	8,368	77,445	199,330
Coburg	14,694	12,834	23,650	165,662	492,108
Collingwood	30,754	15,978	37,972	54,731	49,785
Essendon	27,095	8,608	15,403	69,241	294,506
Fitzroy	5,189	17,815	26,941	23,161	41,116
Footscray	72,706	76,184	82,399	172,805	391,341
Hawthorn	14,552	8,753	18,204	55,609	193,325
Heidelberg (exclusive of Greensborough Ward)	10,055	15,856	35,425	139,737	554,745
Kew	7,911	2,296	11,610	43,495	285,908
Malvern	7,110	6,207	32,837	63,752	198,988
Melbourne	135,554	160,055	147,535	251,170	305,215
Moorabbin	19,803	27,123	87,630	251,851	1,669,657
Mordialoe	6,676	3,866	27,035	114,108	474,095
Northcote	7,504	19,379	11,365	59,173	160,400
Oakleigh	10,882	19,209	9,057	115,245	409,860
Port Melbourne	152,015	199,323	62,084	76,537	257,400
Prahran	11,588	11,992	8,525	45,979	168,812
Preston	33,590	13,228	27,547	314,484	731,404
Richmond	66,941	28,507	46,022	93,593	54,719
Sandringham	10,298	6,453	34,315	115,967	383,557
South Melbourne	65,010	190,767	146,405	74,263	90,892
St. Kilda	11,817	6,130	7,110	24,434	209,280
Williamstown	68,505	41,587	33,589	36,729	124,527
SHIRE.					
Braybrook (exclusive of Western Riding)	121,012	51,615	38,139	93,730	416,140
Total	1,046,414	1,050,355	1,116,156	3,253,709	11,316,614

With a view to gauging the relative activity of the building industry during recent years in centres outside Greater Melbourne, particulars relating to building permits issued by certain municipalities during each of the five years, 1942 to 1946 are given below:—

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1942 TO 1946.

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Ballarat City ..	1942	16	12,700	..	..	39	4,743	55	17,443
	1943	2	1,200	1	2,800	45	18,146	48	22,146
	1944	13	5,731	5	1,700	63	18,753	81	26,184
	1945	77	76,843	10	20,229	142	32,591	229	129,663
	1946	178	191,844	3	1,790	360	60,479	541	254,113
Bendigo City ..	1942	12	6,640	1	2,000	49	5,568	62	14,208
	1943	2	622	8	23,690	66	2,521	76	26,833
	1944	2	400	4	4,713	97	7,050	103	12,163
	1945	22	18,385	3	6,035	75	8,522	100	32,942
	1946	78	86,579	..	..	176	20,505	254	107,084
Geelong City ..	1942	2	1,505	6	14,805	41	3,614	49	19,924
	1943	1	400	..	..	48	2,747	49	3,147
	1944	1	1,100	4	3,160	48	7,039	53	11,299
	1945	17	15,766	1	500	113	13,973	131	30,239
	1946	49	67,404	5	5,037	145	18,671	199	91,112
Geelong West City ..	1942	7	6,087	..	..	34	3,252	41	9,339
	1943	..	..	..	..	68	2,583	68	2,583
	1944	2	1,000	1	985	101	7,402	104	9,387
	1945	25	27,897	2	1,675	136	7,203	163	36,775
	1946	102	123,481	4	4,210	148	8,956	254	136,647
Horsham Town ..	1942	2	780	1	1,000	16	1,035	19	2,815
	1943	..	..	..	..	7	230	7	230
	1944	..	..	1	274	9	1,692	10	1,966
	1945	12	7,584	1	1,200	13	2,013	26	10,797
	1946	58	48,211	5	1,102	25	4,563	88	53,876
Mildura City ..	1942	4	2,520	..	..	8	281	12	2,801
	1943	..	..	..	..	10	675	10	675
	1944	4	1,280	3	12,450	23	1,523	30	15,253
	1945	11	7,100	3	2,610	16	1,674	30	11,384
	1946	59	48,093	10	4,225	28	2,872	97	55,190
Newtown and Chilwell Town ..	1942	4	3,314	1	900	27	5,723	32	9,937
	1943	1	347	1	1,800	50	10,314	52	12,461
	1944	3	2,610	..	..	66	14,065	69	16,675
	1945	21	21,472	1	150	80	9,914	102	31,536
	1946	57	75,059	6	4,956	90	21,355	153	101,370

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY CERTAIN
PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1942 TO 1946—*continued.*

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other. Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Nunawading City* ..	1942	6	3,685	1	9,300	69	2,760	76	15,745
	1943	4	1,550	..	..	114	11,841	118	13,391
	1944	15	9,231	2	550	212	14,493	229	24,274
	1945	114	110,938	6	7,139	183	11,892	303	130,019
	1946	389	448,189	9	29,290	150	16,763	548	494,242
Sale Town	1942	..	..	1	777	17	867	18	1,644
	1943	..	..	..	..	27	597	27	597
	1944	1	300	..	..	8	2,501	9	2,801
	1945	6	6,010	1	450	16	13,944	23	20,404
	1946	22	22,480	1	7,000	25	2,202	48	31,682
Shepparton Borough ..	1942	8	5,820	1	480	22	2,173	31	8,473
	1943	..	..	1	650	25	7,461	26	8,111
	1944	4	2,683	..	..	26	11,482	30	14,165
	1945	23	23,024	..	..	29	1,469	52	24,493
	1946	71	80,002	4	4,408	25	1,985	100	86,395
Warrnambool City ..	1942	2	1,750	1	450	11	1,249	14	3,449
	1943	..	..	..	..	15	1,415	15	1,415
	1944	..	..	1	350	33	19,215	34	19,565
	1945	4	2,202	1	950	26	3,183	31	6,335
	1946	19	24,804	1	1,200	74	18,421	94	44,425

* Name changed from Shire of Blackburn and Mitcham on 10th April, 1945.