

## MUNICIPAL STATISTICS.

The total number of municipalities administering local government throughout the State at the end of the year 1907 was 206. Of these 12 ranked as cities, 11 as towns, 37 as boroughs, and the remainder (146) as shires. The whole of Victoria, with the exception of about 650 square miles—nearly 600 in the mountainous part of Wonnangatta, and the whole of French Island, or  $\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. of the area of the State—is now brought under control of municipalities.

The following is a summary of the estimated population, number of ratepayers, estimated number of dwellings (inhabited and uninhabited), total and annual value of rateable property, and annual revenue of cities, towns, boroughs and shires in each of the five years ended 1907-8:—

## MUNICIPALITIES : 1903-4 TO 1907-8.

Year.	Estimated Population.	Number of Rate-payers.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.		Estimated Value of Rateable Property.		Total Revenue.
			In-habited.	Uninhabited.	Total.	Annual.	
Cities, Towns, and Boroughs—							
1903-4 ..	652,658	158,691	137,394	4,958	£ 93,376,880	£ 5,366,477	£ 789,596
1904-5 ..	657,815	159,953	138,670	4,997	94,583,732	5,498,471	824,392
1905-6 ..	684,358	169,536	144,996	4,698	99,354,665	5,664,425	847,104
1906-7 ..	695,192	171,909	147,055	4,778	100,801,295	5,779,231	903,120
1907-8 ..	708,762	176,420	149,706	3,923	103,666,178	5,944,691	..
Shires—							
1903-4 ..	556,350	152,204	117,760	3,883	115,766,850	6,071,353	520,794
1904-5 ..	552,414	153,908	117,998	3,337	116,336,442	6,244,799	520,829
1905-6 ..	541,242	149,350	115,270	3,069	117,260,959	6,130,718	541,188
1906-7 ..	565,739	151,869	117,286	2,828	121,797,646	6,395,094	601,311
1907-8 ..	573,715	152,973	118,575	2,890	129,059,488	6,694,209	..
Total—							
1903-4 ..	1,209,008	310,895	255,154	8,841	209,143,730	11,437,830	1,310,390
1904-5 ..	1,210,229	313,861	256,668	8,334	210,920,174	11,743,270	1,345,221
1905-6 ..	1,225,600	318,886	260,266	7,767	216,615,624	11,795,143	1,388,292
1906-7 ..	1,260,931	323,778	264,341	7,606	222,598,941	12,174,325	1,504,431
1907-8 ..	1,282,477	329,393	268,281	6,813	232,725,666	12,638,600	..

Increase in value of rateable properties and municipal revenue.

It will be observed from the following figures that there has been a very substantial increase in the estimated value of rateable property and in the revenue of municipalities during the period covered by the foregoing table:—

**INCREASE IN VALUE OF PROPERTIES AND IN MUNICIPAL REVENUE.**

	Increase.		
	1907-8 over 1903-4.		1906-7 over 1903-4.
	Estimated Value of Rateable Property.		Revenue from all sources.
	Total.	Annual.	
	£	£	£
Cities, Towns, and Boroughs ... ..	10,289,298	578,214	113,524
Shires ... ..	13,292,638	622,856	80,517
<b>Total Increase</b> ... ..	<b>23,581,936</b>	<b>1,201,070</b>	<b>194,041</b>

The number of ratepayers returned for 1907-8 was 329,393, and the total capital value of rateable property £232,725,666, which is equivalent to about 18 years' purchase on the annual value, £12,638,900.

Cities, towns, and boroughs, 1907-8.

The following is a statement of the estimated population, number of ratepayers, total and annual value of rateable property, annual endowment payable by the Government, total revenue, and amount of rate levied in the £ in each city, town, and borough in Victoria. The information relates to the municipal year 1907-8, except as regards the item "revenue," which is for 1906-7. With regard to the item Annual Endowment, last column, the *Municipal Endowment Act 1907* fixes the amount payable to each municipality in each of the next two financial years at the same amount as that for 1907-8:—

**CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHS, 1907-8.**

Name.	Estimated Population.	Number of Ratepayers.	Amount of General Rate levied in the £1.	Estimated Value of Rateable Property.		Total Revenue, 1906-7.	Annual Endowment payable by the Government under Act No. 2129, 1907-8.
				Total.	Annual.		
<b>CITIES.</b>			s. d.	£	£	£	£
Ballarat .. ..	25,000	5,219	2 0	2,544,720	169,648	31,714	..
Bendigo .. ..	31,898	7,595	1 6	2,427,684	202,307	32,236	..
Brunswick* .. ..	27,075	6,821	2 4	2,966,220	148,311	25,057	..
Collingwood .. ..	34,932	7,200	1 9	3,270,767	196,246	21,529	..
Fitzroy .. ..	33,358	7,186	1 8	5,178,500	258,925	26,335	..
Footscray .. ..	19,474	4,561	2 4	2,302,600	115,130	15,656	..
Hawthorn .. ..	24,640	5,412	1 9	4,223,660	211,183	21,819	..
Melbourne .. ..	100,506	26,861	1 0 5 8	33,417,100	1,670,855	315,526	..
Prahran .. ..	42,600	9,584	1 8	5,165,940	430,495	41,259	..
Richmond .. ..	39,200	8,779	1 9	2,832,076	217,852	25,160	..
South Melbourne .. ..	42,000	8,009	2 0	6,836,220	341,811	47,878	..
St. Kilda .. ..	22,400	5,350	2 0	2,800,064	216,672	25,241	..

\* Brunswick was constituted a city on the 8th January, 1908.

## CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHS—continued.

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<b>TOWNS.</b>							
Ballarat East ..	18,285	4,500	2 0	1,254,870	83,658	13,871	..
Brighton ..	11,500	3,306	2 0	1,888,380	94,419	14,414	..
Camberwell ..	10,600	4,000	2 0	2,288,060	114,403	16,438	..
Caulfield ..	11,827	3,966	2 0	2,512,640	125,632	16,227	..
Essendon ..	19,500	7,404	2 0	3,025,700	151,285	20,714	..
Geelong ..	14,577	4,119	2 0	1,978,700	98,935	17,279	..
Malvern ..	18,293	3,066	1 7	3,185,660	159,283	15,785	..
Northcote ..	18,543	4,900	2 2	1,664,540	83,227	13,343	..
Port Melbourne ..	12,667	2,765	1 9	947,988	75,999	9,294	..
Warrnambool ..	6,600	1,376	1 10	844,160	42,208	12,165	..
Williamstown ..	13,820	5,000	2 3	942,108	78,509	12,968	..
<b>BOROUGHS.</b>							
Ararat ..	3,951	781	1 9	190,810	19,081	5,752	50
Browns and Scarsdale ..	1,050	221	1 0	27,800	2,780	291	25
Buninyong ..	1,316	351	1 3	101,937	5,825	944	50
Carisbrook ..	1,196	320	1 0	38,749	4,937	548	50
Castlemaine ..	6,200	1,635	1 6	412,025	32,962	5,532	50
Chewton ..	1,350	298	1 0	48,520	6,065	635	50
Clunes ..	2,390	622	1 4	68,733	9,819	2,899	75
Coburg ..	8,090	3,800	2 3	741,135	49,409	9,335	50
Creswick ..	2,965	621	1 6	96,870	9,687	2,959	75
Daylesford ..	3,775	750	2 0	154,500	15,450	2,784	50
Dunolly ..	1,390	398	1 6	69,700	6,970	1,218	50
Eaglehawk ..	9,000	1,880	1 6	448,356	37,363	6,003	50
Echuca ..	4,050	1,082	1 6	246,015	23,430	5,748	50
Geelong West ..	6,344	1,471	2 0	408,814	29,201	3,113	50
Hamilton ..	4,170	993	1 9	607,960	30,398	4,698	50
Horsham ..	3,500	558	2 6	250,230	16,682	3,143	100
Inglewood ..	1,440	360	1 6	76,308	6,359	2,215	50
Kew ..	10,300	2,117	1 6	1,440,060	96,004	9,710	50
Koroit ..	1,857	431	2 0	273,620	13,681	1,849	50
Majorca ..	700	190	1 0	25,600	3,200	422	30
Malmsbury ..	1,050	275	1 6	41,090	4,109	788	50
Maryborough ..	5,993	1,360	1 6	278,500	27,850	4,674	50
Newtown and Chilwell ..	5,421	1,397	1 9	600,540	30,027	3,217	50
Oakleigh ..	1,574	816	2 0	271,320	13,566	2,652	100
Portland ..	2,100	568	2 0	187,560	12,504	3,020	50
Port Fairy ..	2,000	461	2 0	244,100	12,205	2,939	50
Queenscliff ..	1,535	495	1 9	222,340	11,117	2,020	100
Raywood ..	461	110	1 0	40,192	2,512	296	20
Rutherglen ..	2,300	403	1 0	149,010	14,901	1,734	80
Sale ..	3,455	850	1 9	355,640	17,782	6,479	50
Sebastopol ..	2,700	725	1 6	133,290	8,886	1,343	80
Smythesdale ..	460	156	1 0	19,620	1,962	251	20
Stawell ..	5,300	915	1 6	205,560	20,556	3,855	50
St. Arnaud ..	4,024	767	1 6	204,990	20,499	2,715	50
Talbot ..	1,165	349	1 0	52,920	5,292	1,290	50
Tarnagulla ..	980	210	1 0	39,416	4,927	632	50
Wangaratta ..	4,005	723	1 6	534,000	26,700	3,529	50
Total ..	708,762	176,420	..	103,666,178	5,944,691	903,120	2,065

Shires,  
1907-8.

The next table gives a list of the shires, and similar particulars to those shown for the cities, towns, and boroughs:—

## SHIRES, 1907-8.

Name.	Estimated Population.	Number of Ratepayers.	Amount of General Rate levied in the £1.	Estimated Value of Rateable Property.		Total Revenue, 1906-7.	Annual Endowment Payable by the Government under Act No. 2129, 1907-8.
				Total.	Annual.		
				£	£		
Alberton ..	4,300	1,130	s. d.	1,292,100	64,605	6,067	£ 1,500
Alexandra ..	2,570	990	1 0	697,900	34,880	3,362	750
Arapiles ..	2,750	672	1 3	489,780	24,489	2,308	304
Ararat ..	7,000	1,750	1 0	2,383,620	119,181	8,742	1,800
Avoca ..	4,000	1,365	1 0	319,530	31,953	2,530	485
Avon ..	2,700	645	1 0	766,500	38,325	2,750	575
Bacchus Marsh ..	2,945	530	1 0	426,735	31,610	2,842	385
Bairnsdale ..	8,300	1,870	1 6	1,392,400	69,620	8,017	1,440
Ballan ..	5,650	1,250	1 0	739,900	36,995	3,170	575
Ballarat ..	4,750	964	1 0	1,106,200	55,310	4,081	575
Bannockburn ..	1,895	366	1 3	308,816	19,301	1,804	265
Barrabool ..	1,920	445	1 3	636,820	31,841	2,634	425
Beechworth ..	7,500	1,400	1 0	378,204	31,517	5,415	545
Belfast ..	2,700	710	1 4	946,260	47,313	3,976	650
Bellarine ..	4,830	1,050	1 3	868,840	43,442	3,757	485
Benalla ..	8,900	2,600	1 3	1,795,340	89,767	9,237	1,450
Berwick ..	6,700	1,500	1 3	1,140,000	57,000	5,717	1,000
Bet Bet ..	3,200	793	1 0	437,840	21,892	1,987	375
Birchip ..	2,020	636	1 0	539,820	26,991	2,366	400
Borong ..	7,500	1,250	1 0	1,713,740	85,687	6,668	1,080
Braybrook ..	1,605	1,426	1 0	578,260	28,913	2,107	320
Bright ..	4,700	1,305	1 3	636,580	31,829	3,226	750
Broadford ..	2,000	500	1 3	307,400	15,370	1,454	300
Broadmeadows ..	1,870	558	1 0	526,780	26,339	1,776	365
Bulla ..	2,200	415	1 3	475,000	23,159	2,191	350
Buln Buln ..	4,700	1,416	1 3	916,500	45,825	5,132	1,250
Bungaree ..	4,505	854	1 9	604,680	30,234	3,935	800
Buninyong ..	6,320	1,480	1 0	745,575	49,705	3,502	550
Charlton ..	2,989	937	1 0	733,000	36,650	2,740	550
Chiltern ..	2,990	807	1 0	132,880	13,288	1,951	230
Colac ..	11,700	2,750	1 0	3,728,020	186,401	16,477	1,200
Corio ..	2,399	670	1 3	767,000	38,350	2,885	500
Cranbourne ..	3,850	1,098	1 3	1,058,680	52,934	4,314	700
Creswick ..	7,500	1,450	1 0	1,208,100	60,405	4,714	775
Dandenong ..	3,500	2,031	1 6	630,420	32,076	4,482	525
Deakin ..	2,600	853	1 0	700,120	35,006	2,715	446
Dimboola ..	4,800	1,128	1 0	1,073,800	53,690	3,781	618
Donald ..	3,000	738	1 0	771,950	41,615	3,564	575
Doncaster ..	1,097	293	1 3	271,560	13,578	1,180	216
Dundas ..	2,684	899	1 0	1,888,600	94,430	6,288	1,050
Dunmunkie ..	5,750	1,050	1 0	1,613,380	80,669	5,134	1,200
East Loddon ..	1,525	353	1 0	711,000	35,550	2,455	550
Echuca ..	4,700	1,206	1 0	1,205,960	60,298	4,287	500
Eltham ..	3,320	1,185	1 3	562,240	28,112	2,965	450
Epping ..	1,270	460	1 0	385,500	19,275	1,222	225
Euroa ..	5,490	1,133	1 0	1,255,620	62,781	3,964	750
Fern Tree Gully ..	4,500	1,180	1 6	601,520	30,076	3,125	900
Flinders and Kangeroo ..	2,600	980	1 0	591,000	29,550	2,316	260
Frankston and Hastings ..	2,460	1,020	1 6	430,600	21,530	2,266	425
Gisborne ..	2,500	918	1 0	464,360	23,218	1,634	340
Glenelg ..	5,772	1,588	1 0	1,617,960	107,864	8,519	1,200
Glenlyon ..	2,700	613	1 0	169,530	16,953	1,705	250
Gordon ..	3,700	875	1 0	957,140	47,857	4,061	740
Goulburn ..	3,100	644	1 0	491,160	24,558	2,288	350
Grenville ..	6,800	1,450	1 0	822,140	41,107	4,016	560

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				Total.	Annual.		
			s. d.	£	£	£	£
Hampden ..	7,600	1,609	1 3	4,384,600	219,230	18,408	750
Healesville ..	1,413	397	2 0	223,920	11,196	1,958	450
Heidelberg ..	6,160	2,182	1 7	1,088,880	54,194	7,923	500
Heytesbury ..	3,912	941	1 3	1,359,600	67,980	6,757	1,100
Howqua ..	1,750	280	1 6	96,120	4,806	1,552	200
Huntly ..	4,000	900	1 0	610,840	30,542	2,509	400
Kara Kara ..	4,450	1,379	1 0	1,036,620	51,831	3,422	678
Karkaroc ..	3,500	1,174	1 6	1,186,960	59,348	5,925	950
Keilor ..	700	270	1 0	311,520	15,576	1,666	100
Kerang ..	8,000	2,020	1 0	2,074,340	113,717	11,316	1,000
Kilmore ..	2,120	567	1 3	180,090	18,009	1,940	275
Korong ..	6,650	1,500	1 0	1,000,460	50,023	3,955	650
Koorree ..	3,727	1,300	1 0	1,088,336	68,021	4,639	870
Kyneton ..	8,655	1,800	1 0	1,311,900	65,595	10,022	685
Lancefield ..	1,202	291	1 0	256,840	12,842	1,423	151
Lawloit ..	2,290	548	1 0	492,135	32,809	2,000	396
Leigh ..	1,691	612	1 0	870,940	43,597	2,785	550
Lexton ..	2,270	569	1 0	755,160	37,758	2,633	400
Lillydale ..	5,794	2,076	1 3	1,044,640	52,232	4,485	800
Lowan ..	4,100	1,290	1 3	723,400	36,170	3,325	600
Maffra ..	3,950	1,100	1 0	1,281,160	64,058	4,499	1,000
Maldon ..	5,600	1,550	1 0	779,260	38,963	4,001	375
Mansfield ..	3,800	920	1 3	973,200	48,660	4,579	900
Marong ..	7,000	2,132	1 0	1,409,300	70,465	5,322	900
Melton ..	1,300	300	1 0	211,200	21,120	1,402	236
Meredith ..	1,750	390	1 0	292,460	14,623	1,044	190
Merriang ..	1,050	258	1 0	315,300	15,765	1,553	176
Metcalfe ..	2,860	828	1 0	373,875	24,925	1,838	278
Mildura ..	4,855	940	1 6	581,340	29,067	3,967	476
Minhamite ..	1,870	489	1 0	1,230,140	61,507	4,057	650
Mirboo ..	1,400	374	1 6	314,220	15,711	2,307	700
Moorabbin ..	9,637	3,300	2 0	1,600,540	80,027	11,867	600
Mornington ..	1,350	394	1 4	284,060	14,203	2,150	230
Mortlake ..	3,063	643	1 0	2,014,500	100,725	6,455	700
Morwell ..	3,100	825	1 3	609,780	30,489	3,483	900
Mount Alexander ..	2,150	510	1 0	132,250	10,580	1,082	126
Mount Franklin ..	2,594	802	1 0	146,030	14,603	1,390	204
Mount Rouse ..	2,450	600	1 0	1,476,220	73,811	5,134	400
Mulgrave ..	2,560	779	2 0	404,860	20,243	2,586	450
Melvor ..	4,330	1,090	1 6	703,100	35,155	4,087	450
Narracan ..	5,300	1,420	1 6	960,000	48,000	6,000	1,400
Newham and Wood- end ..	2,410	527	1 3	246,810	16,454	1,721	300
Newstead ..	2,300	620	1 0	324,120	16,206	1,604	210
North Ovens ..	2,750	752	1 0	649,700	32,485	2,724	296
Numurkah ..	7,881	1,594	1 0	1,910,840	95,542	7,382	1,200
Nunawading ..	6,047	2,300	2 0	982,240	49,112	6,581	950
Omco ..	5,000	1,270	1 4	450,000	45,000	6,896	1,700
Orbost ..	3,600	1,088	1 6	648,880	32,444	3,536	1,100
Oxley ..	4,550	1,108	1 0	1,012,800	50,640	3,895	750
Phillip Island and Woolamal ..	2,840	822	1 3	865,600	43,280	3,804	1,100
Poowong and Jeetho ..	8,400	1,940	1 3	1,590,820	79,541	8,925	2,000
Portland ..	5,750	1,850	1 0	1,707,800	85,390	5,702	1,000
Preston ..	4,352	1,367	1 9	723,000	36,150	4,753	650
Pyalong ..	1,200	350	1 0	336,000	16,800	1,066	229
Ripon ..	5,500	1,140	1 0	1,355,240	67,762	5,948	450
Rodney ..	6,400	1,280	1 0	1,963,400	98,170	4,864	875
Romsey ..	1,900	420	1 3	471,720	23,586	2,376	274
Rosedale ..	3,490	980	1 0	1,446,000	72,300	4,932	1,000
Rutherglen ..	5,842	1,302	1 0	447,344	27,959	2,525	450

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Seymour ..	4,200	1,040	s. d. 1 0	831,420	41,571	£ 3,862	£ 850
Shepparton ..	6,500	1,360	1 0	1,147,200	57,360	7,104	850
South Barwon ..	2,126	937	1 3	405,780	20,289	2,069	277
South Gippsland ..	3,500	1,012	1 6	602,400	30,120	4,070	1,050
Springfield ..	706	157	1 6	250,340	12,517	1,313	189
Stawell ..	2,700	1,045	1 0	1,158,734	60,986	4,224	624
Strathfieldsaye ..	3,700	1,016	1 3	393,020	19,651	2,339	278
Swan Hill ..	5,000	1,419	1 0	790,500	52,700	3,975	550
Talbot ..	1,250	431	1 0	380,800	19,040	1,507	221
Tambo ..	2,300	730	1 6	503,900	25,195	2,909	895
Templestowe ..	950	326	1 3	235,720	11,786	1,269	177
Towong ..	6,900	1,850	1 0	1,500,460	75,023	7,937	1,800
Traralgon ..	3,000	820	1 3	664,000	33,200	4,659	892
Tullaroop ..	3,101	973	1 0	303,216	25,268	2,027	337
Tungamah ..	6,402	1,501	1 0	1,466,540	73,277	5,422	900
Upper Yarra ..	2,032	525	1 3	314,400	15,720	1,904	450
Violet Town ..	2,970	593	1 0	602,680	30,134	2,430	450
Walhalla ..	2,466	786	2 6	71,168	8,896	1,910	570
Wannon ..	2,870	643	1 0	1,557,860	77,893	5,170	862
Waranga ..	4,750	1,800	1 0	1,518,760	75,938	5,099	750
Warragul ..	4,850	1,010	1 6	1,103,300	55,165	7,485	1,800
Warrnambool ..	9,700	1,959	1 0	2,554,920	127,746	10,305	1,380
Whittlesea ..	2,160	468	1 0	368,740	18,437	1,774	235
Wimmera ..	4,815	997	1 0	1,313,460	65,673	4,341	733
Winchelsea ..	3,629	804	1 4	1,089,540	54,477	4,995	850
Wodonga ..	1,926	552	1 0	164,560	16,456	2,081	288
Woorayl ..	4,360	1,205	1 9	1,230,480	61,524	6,134	2,000
Wycheproof ..	3,883	1,137	1 0	1,243,480	62,174	4,783	665
Wyndham ..	2,825	2,930	1 0	1,271,500	63,575	4,299	600
Yackandandah ..	5,225	1,192	1 0	1,012,480	50,624	3,937	933
Yarrawonga ..	3,300	770	1 0	757,440	37,872	3,632	570
Yea ..	2,628	742	1 0	920,220	46,011	3,445	800
Total ..	573,715	152,973	..	129,059,488	6,694,209	601,311	96,539

The following is the number of cities, towns, and boroughs, and the number of shires in which rates were struck in each of the last five years at the amounts set down in the first column:—

Ratings in municipalities, 1907.

## RATINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1903-4 TO 1907-8.

Amount levied in the £.	Number of Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.					Number of Shires.				
	1903-4.	1904-5.	1905-6.	1906-7.	1907-8.	1903-4.	1904-5.	1905-6.	1906-7.	1907-8.
s. d.										
0 6	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
0 9	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	1	..
1 0	12	11	9	9	9	102	96	95	87	87
1 1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
1 3	5	5	3	3	1	16	18	23	25	31
1 4	2	2	2	1	1	5	5	4	3	4
1 6	13	12	14	13	14	14	18	14	21	15
1 7	..	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1 8	2	3	2	4	2	..	..	..	..	..
1 9	7	8	7	8	9	1	2	1	2	3
1 10	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..
2 0	11	11	12	12	15	4	4	5	5	4
2 2	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
2 3	2	2	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	..
2 4	1	1	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
2 6	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	1	1
1 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1 9 0	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1 0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1 5 8	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
1 8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	60	60	60	60	60	148	148	146	146	146

These figures give an average rating of 1s. 7½d. in the £ in cities, towns, and boroughs, and 1s. 1½d. in shires. The rating in the urban districts is thus shown to be 6d. in the £1 more than in the rural districts. It will be observed that only one municipality, and only once in the last five years, imposed the minimum rate allowed by law, viz., 6d., but that several reached the maximum of 2s. 6d. in the £.

\* These amounts refer to Melbourne City where, for the North Melbourne and Flemington and Kensington portions of Hopetoun Ward, the rating is different from that of the rest of the city.

Classification of properties rated, 1905-6.

The number of properties rated and the annual assessment thereon in cities, towns, and boroughs, and shires, in 1905-6, were as follow:—

NUMBER AND ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTIES, 1905-6.

Rateable Values.	Number of Properties Rated.			Assessment of Properties.		
	In Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	In Shires.	Total.	In Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	In Shires.	Total.
				£	£	£
Under £25 ...	148,373	125,806	274,179	} 3,028,065	2,486,591	5,514,656
£25 to £50 ...	36,677	40,172	76,849			
£50 " £75 ...	8,428	12,151	20,579	} 766,858	1,231,471	1,998,329
£75 " £100 ...	3,585	6,745	10,330			
£100 " £200 ...	4,078	7,028	11,106	} 539,909	922,449	1,462,358
£200 " £300 ...	1,086	1,424	2,510			
£300 " £400 ...	470	510	980	} 1,329,593	1,490,207	2,819,800
£400 " £500 ...	242	288	530			
£500 & upwards	679	718	1,397			
Total ...	203,618	194,842	398,460	5,664,425	6,130,718	11,795,143

Classification of properties rated, 1901-2.

A similar return to the above was prepared for the year 1901-2, and is now reprinted for comparison with the figures for 1905-6.

NUMBER AND ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTIES RATED, 1901-2.

Rateable Values.	Number of Properties Rated.			Assessment of Properties.		
	In Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	In Shires.	Total.	In Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	In Shires.	Total.
				£	£	£
Under £25 ...	138,191	119,146	257,337	} 2,713,023	2,426,477	5,139,500
£25 to £50 ...	34,848	44,225	79,073			
£50 " £75 ...	8,002	10,681	18,683	} 693,482	1,096,013	1,789,495
£75 " £100 ...	3,094	6,612	9,706			
£100 " £200 ...	3,823	5,813	9,636	} 517,663	762,504	1,280,167
£200 " £300 ...	1,013	1,112	2,125			
£300 " £400 ...	435	406	841	} 1,299,114	1,376,811	2,675,925
£400 " £500 ...	257	226	483			
£500 & upwards	627	707	1,334			
Total ...	190,290	188,928	379,218	5,223,282	5,661,805	10,885,087



The following return shows the proportion of properties at the different rateable values at the two dates. It will be seen that there was very little alteration in the four years:—

Proportion of properties at different values, 1901-2 and 1905-6.

PROPORTION OF PROPERTIES AT DIFFERENT RATEABLE VALUES,  
1901-2 AND 1905-6

Rateable Values.	Number of Properties in every 100 Rated.					
	In Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.		In Shires.		In Victoria.	
	1901-2.	1905-6.	1901-2.	1905-6.	1901-2.	1905-6.
Under £25 ...	72·6	72·9	63·1	64·6	67·8	68·8
£25 to £50 ...	18·3	18·0	23·4	20·6	20·9	19·3
£50 " £75 ...	4·2	4·2	5·6	6·2	4·9	5·2
£75 " £100 ...	1·7	1·8	3·5	3·5	2·6	2·6
£100 " £200 ...	2·0	2·0	3·1	3·6	2·5	2·8
£200 " £300 ...	·6	·5	·6	·7	·6	·6
£300 " £400 ...	·2	·2	·2	·3	·2	·2
£400 " £500 ...	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1	·1
£500 and upwards ...	·3	·3	·4	·4	·4	·4

The ordinary revenue and expenditure for the last three financial years were as follows:—

Municipal revenue and expenditure.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF MUNICIPALITIES, 1905 TO 1907.

Sources of Revenue.		1905.	1906.	1907.
Taxation—		£		£
Rates ...	...	802,253	836,024	887,580
Licences ...	...	112,475	106,621	108,742
Dog Fees ...	...	16,022	16,257	17,455
Market and Weighbridge Dues ...	...	55,259	56,939	57,190
Government Endowment and Grants ...	...	90,572	95,090	117,304
Contributions for Streets, Footpaths, &c. ...	...	22,755	18,597	30,816
Sanitary Charges ...	...	55,731	56,052	56,918
Rents ...	...	60,344	63,242	66,601
Other Sources ...	...	129,810	139,470	163,825
<b>Total</b> ...	...	<b>1,345,221</b>	<b>1,388,292</b>	<b>1,504,431</b>
Heads of Expenditure.				
Salaries, &c. ...	...	136,066	141,438	147,933
Sanitary Work, Street Cleansing, &c. ...	...	131,378	135,466	134,632
Lighting ...	...	69,915	72,571	76,217
Fire Brigades' Contributions ...	...	16,061	17,431	17,144
Public Works—				
Construction ...	...	198,275	217,346	266,658
Maintenance ...	...	378,859	403,791	441,335
Formation of Private Streets, &c. ...	...	23,676	19,627	28,296
Redemption of Loans ...	...	55,866	49,483	54,998
Interest on Loans ...	...	186,439	188,111	196,965
Charities ...	...	13,185	13,637	13,401
Other Expenditure ...	...	134,023	118,748	156,894
<b>Total</b> ...	...	<b>1,343,743</b>	<b>1,377,649</b>	<b>1,534,473</b>

As compared with 1906, the revenue of 1907 increased by £116,139, all the headings sharing in the improvement, as follow:— Rates, £51,556; Government endowment and grants, £22,214; rents, £3,359; market and weighbridge dues, £251; sanitary charges, £866; dog fees, £1,198; licences, £121; contributions for streets, footpaths, &c., £12,219; and “other sources” of revenue, £24,355. The expenditure shows an increase of £156,824. The items increased are—Salaries, £6,495; lighting, £3,646; public works, construction, £49,312; maintenance, £37,544; formation of private streets, &c., £8,669; redemption of loans, £5,515; interest on loans, £8,854; and “other expenditure,” £38,146. The reductions in expenditure are—Sanitary work and street cleaning, £834; fire brigades’ contributions, £287; and charities, £236.

Proportion of municipal revenue raised from different sources.

Fifty-nine per cent. of municipal revenue was derived from rates, 7 per cent. from licences of all kinds, 4 per cent. from market and weighbridge dues, 1 per cent. from dog fees, 8 per cent. from Government endowments and grants, 2 per cent. from contributions for streets, footpaths, &c., 4 per cent. from sanitary charges, 4 per cent. from rents, and 11 per cent. from all “other sources”.

Salaries.

In 1907, the salaries of the municipal officers amounted to £147,933, or about 10 per cent. of the entire revenue.

Local charities.

A sum of £13,401, equivalent to about 1 per cent. of the revenue, was devoted to local charities—the greater part of this disbursement was in aid of hospitals, benevolent asylums and associations, and orphan asylums.

Assets and liabilities of municipalities.

The assets of the municipalities are shown under three heads—(1) Municipal Fund, (2) Loan Fund, (3) Property; the liabilities under two heads—(1) Municipal Fund, (2) Loan Fund.

#### MUNICIPAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, 1905 TO 1907.

Assets.	1905.	1906.	1907.
Municipal Fund—	£	£	£
Uncollected Rates ... ..	119,028	124,174	112,435
Other Assets ... ..	168,737	184,380	196,048
Loan Funds—			
Sinking Funds—			
Amount at Credit ... ..	701,503	740,382	772,662
Arrears Due ... ..	4,459	1,341	3,616
Unexpended Balances ... ..	112,643	302,400	325,901
Property—			
Halls, Buildings, Markets, &c. ... ..	2,530,858	2,573,017	2,697,701
Waterworks ... ..	234,461	221,548	223,687
Gasworks ... ..	65,760	60,510	66,269
Total Assets ... ..	3,937,449	4,207,752	4,398,319

MUNICIPAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, 1905 TO 1907—*continued.*

Liabilities.	1905.	1906.	1907.
Municipal Fund—			
Due on Current Contracts ... ..	£ 54,914	£ 57,269	£ 68,654
Arrears due to Sinking Funds ... ..	4,459	1,341	3,616
Overdue Interest ... ..	16,637	16,951	17,060
Bank Overdrafts ... ..	90,660	89,370	94,825
Temporary Government Advances ... ..	4,018	694	..
Other Liabilities ... ..	84,803	118,695	110,688
Loan Funds—			
Loans Outstanding ... ..	4,186,602	4,375,116	4,442,713
Due on Loan Contracts ... ..	27,438	2,256	39,726
Total Liabilities ... ..	4,469,531	4,661,692	4,777,282

The total assets of municipalities in 1907 amounted to £4,398,319, and the liabilities to £4,777,282. The aggregate of the current liabilities (Municipal Fund) was £294,843, against which there were assets amounting to £308,483. The gross liability on account of loan expenditure for works completed and in progress was £4,482,439, which, after deducting sinking funds and unexpended balances, was reduced to £3,380,260. If credit were taken for the value of municipal properties (£2,987,657) in markets, halls, buildings, gasworks, waterworks, &c., the net burden on account of loan moneys would be £392,603.

Under the *Local Government Act 1891*, £450,000 was provided as an annual endowment for the municipalities. This was the first statutory provision made since 1879, when an endowment of £310,000, authorized under the *Local Government Act 1874*, ceased to be payable. A subsidy, however, in lieu thereof, amounting to £310,000, was voted by Parliament annually, but this vote was gradually increased until £450,000 was reached in 1889-90 and 1890-91. This amount was reduced to £405,000 per annum from the 1st January, 1893; to £310,000 from 1st July, 1893; to £100,000 from 1st July, 1894; and to £50,000 from 1st July, 1902. Under Act No. 2025 it was increased to £75,000 for the year 1906-7, and from the 1st July, 1907, it was increased under Act No. 2129 to £100,000. The endowment is payable in equal moieties in March and September of each year. No city or town is entitled to receive any part of the endowment. The distribution amongst the boroughs and shires is based on the amount of general and extra rates received in the twelve months ending on the last day of September next preceding such financial year, according to the following scale:—

To every borough or first-class shire ... ..	3s. in the £
„ „ second-class shire ... ..	5s. „ „ „
„ „ third-class shire ... ..	6s. „ „ „
„ „ fourth-class shire ... ..	8s. „ „ „
„ „ fifth-class shire ... ..	10s. „ „ „
„ „ sixth-class shire ... ..	12s. „ „ „

But for the three financial years commencing 1st July, 1907, the amounts are definitely fixed by Act No. 2129 at the sums payable for the current financial year, as set out in the table on pages 234 to 238 of this part.

In addition to the endowment of £75,000 (increased to £100,000 from 1st July, 1907), the municipalities received from the Government a sum of £87,804 out of the Licensing Act Fund, under Act No. 1111, Section 201, the equivalent for (1) fees for licences; (2) fees for the registration of brewers and spirit merchants; (3) fines, penalties, and forfeitures incurred under *The Licensing Act 1876*. The particulars of this payment are as follow:—

## EQUIVALENT FOR LICENCE FEES, ETC., 1906-7.

	£	s.	d.
Paid to Cities ... ..	34,443	0	0
„ Towns ... ..	8,396	0	0
„ Boroughs ... ..	12,996	0	0
„ Shires—			
1st Class ... ..	288	0	0
2nd „ ... ..	14,773	0	0
3rd „ ... ..	11,833	0	0
4th „ ... ..	945	0	0
5th „ ... ..	3,708	0	0
6th „ ... ..	1,655	0	0
Total amount due ... ..	89,037	0	0
Deduct unpaid accounts of 1907	£1,296	0	0
Add payments on account of 1906	63	0	0
	1,233	0	0
Amount paid in 1906-7 ...	87,804	0	0

Licensing Act Fund.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Licensing Act Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1907:—

## LICENSING ACT FUND.—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1906-7.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance from last year	4,286	9 8	Expenses of Officers carrying out the Licensing Act	7,159	7 3
Licences ... ..	100,115	9 11	Cost of taking poll of electors ... ..	77	15 8
Fees ... ..	1,281	2 0	Compensation ... ..	8,895	6 3
Fines ... ..	3,088	14 6	Equivalent to municipalities (see previous table) ... ..	87,804	0 0
Sale of confiscated liquor ... ..	28	6 4	Balance 30th June, 1907 ... ..	7,372	11 0
Club certificates and percentage fees ..	966	8 9			
Permits ... ..	1,530	0 0			
Expenses of extended sitting of courts ...	12	9 0			
	£111,309	0 2		£111,309	0 2

## MUNICIPAL LOANS.

In connexion with loans raised by municipalities, Section 375 of the *Local Government Act 1903* provides that before any municipality incurs a loan and the debentures are payable in different

years, the council shall obtain from the Auditor-General a certificate, in writing, that the amounts proposed to be provided in each year will be sufficient to pay all principal moneys and interest as they fall due. The repayments of principal have to be so provided for, that each year of the currency of the loan shall bear its full share towards liquidation.

The total loan indebtedness of the municipalities at the end of their financial year was £4,442,713, due to the Government and the public respectively as follows:—

## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS, 1907.

	Due to the Government.		Due to the Public.	
	£		£	
Cities, Towns, and Boroughs ...	131,045		3,732,861	
Shires .. ...	99,803		479,004	
	230,848		4,211,865	
<b>Total</b> ...	4,442,713			

## MUNICIPAL LOAN RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1907.

	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Shires.	Total.
	£	£	£
Receipts during the year ...	104,553	18,893	123,446
Balance unexpended from previous year ...	328,315	15,727	344,042
Expenditure during the year ...	126,961	14,626	141,587
Balance unexpended at the end of 1907 ...	305,907	19,994	325,901

The municipal expenditure of loan moneys during the year 1907 amounted to £141,587, of which £126,961 was spent by cities, towns, and boroughs, and £14,626 by shires. This is considerably more than in the preceding three years, but about the same as in the year 1903.

## MUNICIPAL LOAN RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE: RETURN FOR FIVE YEARS.

Year.	Receipts.	Expenditure.
	£	£
1903 ...	81,585	132,044
1904 ...	22,118	84,339
1905 ...	33,313	84,845
1906 ...	270,279	84,081
1907 ...	123,446	141,587

The total loan receipts for the year, £123,446, consisted of loans raised from the public by the following districts. The loans—with the exception of those of the municipalities of Ballarat East, Creswick, and Northcote, which were raised locally—were floated in Melbourne:—

Loans raised by municipalities, 1907.

## LOANS RECEIPTS BY MUNICIPALITIES, 1907.

Loans from the Public—		Amount.
Cities, Towns, and Boroughs—		£
Ballarat East	...	15,198
Caulfield	...	3,552
Creswick	...	778
Malvern	...	12,233
Northcote	...	11,048
Prahran	...	56,393
St. Arnaud	...	816
Williamstown	...	4,535
<b>Total</b>	...	<b>104,553</b>
Shires—		
Broadmeadows	...	2,004
Minhamite	...	11,000
Narracan	...	3,000
Nunawading	...	869
Traralgon	...	2,020
<b>Total</b>	...	<b>18,893</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	...	<b>123,446</b>

Loan moneys to the credit of municipalities, 1907.

At the end of the year 1906-7 the total amount of loan money in hand was £325,901—£305,907 to the credit of cities, towns, and boroughs, and £19,994 to the credit of shires. The following return shows the municipalities having such credits, and the amounts thereof:—

## LOANS UNEXPENDED IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1907.

CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHS—		SHIRES—			
		£	£		
Ballarat	...	2,205	Berwick	...	24
Ballarat East	...	7,144	Broadmeadows	...	904
Bendigo	...	2,416	Dimboola	...	290
Brunswick	...	3,675	Fern Tree Gully	...	408
Camberwell	...	241	Heidelberg	...	1,034
Caulfield	...	178	Kerang	...	814
Coburg	...	889	Minhamite	...	6,217
Collingwood	...	530	Moorabbin	...	605
Creswick	...	285	Mulgrave	...	73
Essendon	...	1,073	Narracan	...	523
Fitzroy	...	879	Numurkah	...	1,279
Footscray	...	15,413	Nunawading	...	3,337
Geelong	...	81	Omeo	...	1,240
Hawthorn	...	313	Phillip Island and Wool-		
Inglewood	...	800	mai	...	1,541
Kew	...	1,932	Seymour	...	2
Malvern	...	4,731	Springfield	...	8
Maryborough	...	365	Swan Hill	...	558
Melbourne	...	190,662	Traralgon	...	928
Northcote	...	8,390	Waranga	...	197
Port Melbourne	...	4,052	Yarrawonga	...	12
Prahran	...	44,067	<b>Total Shires</b>	...	<b>19,994</b>
Queenscliff	...	133			
South Melbourne	...	4,146			
St. Arnaud	...	131			
St. Kilda	...	7,639			
Wangaratta	...	738			
Williamstown	...	2,799			
<b>Total Cities</b>	...	<b>305,907</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	...	<b>325,901</b>

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE CITIES OF MELBOURNE,  
BALLARAT, AND BENDIGO.

Particulars of the receipts and expenditure for 1907 of the City of Melbourne and of the principal cities in the country—Ballarat and Bendigo—are given in the following statements:—

Of the total revenue of the City of Melbourne in 1907, about 38 per cent. was derived from rates, rather more than 22 per cent. from the sale of electric light, about 14 per cent. from the rental of city property—chiefly markets and shops—11 per cent. from market and weighbridge fees, 7 per cent. from licences, and 8 per cent. from other sources. On public works maintenance, such as roads and bridges, markets, abattoirs, &c., about 28 per cent. of the total expenditure was incurred; interest on loans and expenses, 22 per cent.; repayment of loans and payments to sinking funds, 23 per cent.; the electric light service, 8 per cent.; street cleansing, 8 per cent.; salaries, allowances, and commissions, 6 per cent.; and miscellaneous expenditure, 5 per cent.

City of Melbourne revenue and expenditure under various heads.

CITY OF MELBOURNE: REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1907.

Heads of Revenue.	Amount.
Rates—	£
General	92,383
Lighting	27,588
Licences—	
Publicans—Equivalent for—From Licensing Act	14,736
Abattoirs—Slaughtering fees	3,094
Drays, Hackney Carriages, and Trams	1,983
Other Licences	368
Fees under Dog Act...	1,103
City Baths	3,125
Market and Weighbridge Fees	33,428
Lighting—Sale of Electric Current and Rent of Meters, &c.	69,613
Fines and Costs	1,422
Rents—	
Abattoirs	6,117
Markets and Shops	34,133
Boat Sites and Shops	76
Town Hall Premises and Rooms	5,034
Interest on Fixed Deposits, &c...	9,330
Miscellaneous—	
Desiccators	3,650
Public Conveniences, Cleansing Streets, Sale of Manure, &c.	3,045
Tree Planting	361
Fees under Building Act	680
Sundries	4,257
Total	315,526

CITY OF MELBOURNE: REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1907—  
continued.

Heads of Expenditure.	Amount.
Salaries (including clerical assistance, expenses of audit, collection of statistics, making valuation, and commissions paid in lieu of salaries, &c.) ...	£ 17,430
Allowance to Mayor ... ..	1,500
Closest Cleansing and Sanitary Works ... ..	1,625
Street Cleansing, &c. ... ..	24,838
Lighting—Electric—Maintenance ... ..	25,786
Fire Brigades Board—Contribution ... ..	4,490
Public Works—Maintenance—	
Roads and Bridges ... ..	42,234
Markets and Weighbridges ... ..	24,757
Public Buildings (including Abattoirs, Baths, &c.) ...	16,078
Parks and Planting Trees in Streets ... ..	9,150
Repayment of Loan ... ..	15,000
Interest on Loans from the Government ... ..	240
"  "  Public ... ..	72,250
Payment towards Redemption of Government Loan ...	210
Sinking Funds—Loans from the Public ... ..	11,406
Electric Supply—Sinking, Depreciation, and Renewals Fund ... ..	48,393
Expenses of paying Interest on Loans ... ..	360
Interest on Bank Overdrafts ... ..	80
Contributions to Charitable Institutions ... ..	1,250
Contributions to Infectious Diseases Hospital ...	905
Law Costs ... ..	697
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery ... ..	1,271
Miscellaneous—	
Rat Destruction ... ..	385
Compensation, Officers ... ..	715
Gas Conferences ... ..	215
Fees—Dog Act ... ..	535
Insurance and Guarantee Premiums... ..	1,481
Elections ... ..	121
Analyst's salary ... ..	188
Sundries ... ..	4,090
Total ... ..	327,680



Of the total revenue received by the City of Ballarat in 1907, about 55 per cent. was obtained from rates, 11 per cent. from licences, 12 per cent. from sanitary rates, 9 per cent. from market and weigh-bridge dues, 4 per cent. from rents, and 9 per cent. from all other receipts. The expenditure was incurred on the following services:— 43 per cent. on public works, 7 per cent. on interest and redemption of loans, 11 per cent. on sanitary work, 7 per cent. on lighting, 7 per cent. on salaries and allowances, 7 per cent. on street cleaning, &c., and 18 per cent. on all other items.

City of Ballarat, revenue and expenditure, 1907.

CITY OF BALLARAT: REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1907.

Revenue.	Amount.	Expenditure.	Amount.
	£		£
Special Grants—From Government ... ..	885	Salaries ... ..	1,736
General Rates ... ..	17,258	Allowance to Mayor ... ..	400
Licences—From Licensing Act Fund ... ..	3,000	Sanitary Expenses ... ..	3,442
„ Other ... ..	228	Street Cleaning, &c. ... ..	2,200
Market and Weighbridge Dues ... ..	2,904	Lighting ... ..	2,242
Dog Fees ... ..	255	Fire Brigades Board—Contribution ... ..	454
Pound Fees ... ..	98	Public Works—	
Closest Cleansing and Sanitary Rates and Fees ... ..	3,924	Construction ... ..	1,331
Rents ... ..	1,389	Maintenance ... ..	12,083
Interest ... ..	249	Repayment of Loan—	
Botanic Gardens ... ..	269	To the Government ... ..	327
Other Sources ... ..	1,255	Payment to Sinking Funds on Loans from the Public ... ..	644
		Interest—Government Loan ... ..	220
		„ Loans from the Public ... ..	1,159
		Contributions to Charitable Institutions ... ..	345
		Printing, Advertising, and Stationery ... ..	534
		Libraries, Museums, &c. ... ..	402
		Other Expenditure ... ..	4,019
Total ... ..	<u>31,714</u>	Total ... ..	<u>31,538</u>

In the City of Bendigo, in 1907, the following were the proportions of total revenue obtained under the different headings:— General rates, 46 per cent.; licences, 14 per cent.; sanitary rates and fees, 17 per cent.; market and weighbridge dues, 10 per cent.; rents, 8 per cent.; and other sources, 5 per cent. The proportions of the total expenditure on various services were:—Public works, construction, and maintenance, 45 per cent.; sanitary expenses, 14 per cent.; interest on loans and payments to sinking funds, 7 per cent.; salaries and allowances, 9 per cent.; lighting 8 per cent.; street cleansing, 6 per cent.; and miscellaneous expenditure, 11 per cent.

Revenue and expenditure of City of Bendigo, 1907.

CITY OF BENDIGO: REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1907.

Revenue.	Amount.	Expenditure.	Amount.
	£		£
Special Grants—From Government ... ..	118	Salaries ... ..	2,438
General Rates ... ..	14,909	Allowance to Mayor ... ..	400
Licences—From Licensing Act Fund ... ..	3,900	Sanitary Expenses ... ..	4,731
"    Other ... ..	179	Street Cleansing ... ..	2,092
Market and Weighbridge Dues ... ..	3,387	Lighting ... ..	2,537
Dog Fees ... ..	357	Fire Brigades Board—Contribution ... ..	531
Closet Cleansing and Sanitary Rates and Fees ... ..	5,380	Public Works— { Construction ... ..	3,697
Rents ... ..	2,575	Maintenance ... ..	11,134
Interest ... ..	236	Payments to Sinking Fund on Loans from the Public ... ..	1,149
Sports Ground ... ..	664	Interest on Loans from the Public ... ..	1,069
Other Sources ... ..	531	"    Bank Overdraft ... ..	160
		Contributions to Charitable Institutions ... ..	398
		Libraries ... ..	312
		Law Costs ... ..	133
		Other Expenditure ... ..	2,213
<b>Total</b> ... ..	<b>32,236</b>	<b>Total</b> ... ..	<b>32,994</b>

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS' FIDELITY GUARANTEE FUND.

Municipal  
Officers'  
Guarantee  
Fund.

An Act was passed in 1907 (No. 2080) incorporating the Municipal Association of Victoria, so that it may be able to institute a "Municipal Officers' Fidelity Guarantee Fund," which, however, cannot be established until three-fifths of the municipalities in Victoria have agreed in writing to contribute to the fund. The amount to be contributed by any municipality is not to be less than that at present payable for a like guarantee to any incorporated company or society in Victoria. When the fund reaches £3,500 the rates of contribution may be altered, so that it will be maintained at that sum, and in the event of the amount at credit being at any time insufficient to pay all liabilities and expenses, every municipality must, *pro rata* to its contributions, make up the difference. If the association determines to discontinue business, the funds are to be divided proportionately to the sums contributed by each municipal district during the preceding five years. Payment of contributions is to be made within one month after a written notification has been sent by the secretary. Full and accurate accounts are to be kept of all moneys received and expended, and of the details of the transactions. A balance sheet, made up to the 30th September of each year, must be prepared, exhibiting a true statement of receipts and expenditure and the balance to the credit of the fund.

## MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST.

The Melbourne Harbor Trust is a corporate body established in 1876 to regulate, manage, and improve the Port of Melbourne and portions of the Yarra and Saltwater Rivers adjacent, for which purpose certain lands and properties are vested in seventeen Commissioners, two of whom are elected by the Melbourne City Council, one each by the ratepayers of the municipalities of South Melbourne, Port Melbourne, Williamstown, and Footscray, three by the owners of ships registered at Melbourne, three by merchants and traders paying wharfage rates, and five are appointed by the Governor in Council. The following are particulars of the receipts and expenditure during each of the last five years:—

Melbourne Harbor Trust—receipts and expenditure.

## MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST.—ORDINARY RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE : 1903 TO 1907.

Receipts from—	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.
	£	£	£	£	£
Wharfage Rates ..	164,611	162,105	167,727	188,337	191,762
Rents and Licence Fees	9,773	10,647	12,361	12,857	12,544
Other Receipts ...	2,849	4,146	9,895	7,261	9,955
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>177,233</b>	<b>176,898</b>	<b>189,983</b>	<b>208,455</b>	<b>214,261</b>
Expenditure on—					
Plant ...	..	..	..	..	11,310
Harbor Improvements and Maintenance ...	27,714	30,504	27,213	27,828	35,084
Wharfs, &c.—Construction and Maintenance	24,303	16,003	19,443	19,839	30,019
General Management, &c.	10,679	11,548	12,700	13,056	14,145
Interest on Loans and Expenses ...	87,478	86,842	86,630	86,530	86,375
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>150,174</b>	<b>144,897</b>	<b>145,986</b>	<b>147,253</b>	<b>176,933</b>

During the 30½ years the Trust has been in existence, the net receipts have amounted to £4,418,340, and the expenditure to £6,203,211, or £1,784,871 in excess of the receipts, to meet which loans amounting to £2,000,000 have been raised. Of this expenditure of over 6 millions, £1,971,177 has been expended on harbor improvements and maintenance, including dredging, landing, and depositing silt, £1,493,299 on wharfs and approaches, construction and maintenance; and £544,659 on plant.

## THE MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.

The district over which the Board exercises control consists of 20 cities, towns, and boroughs, and 4 shires, embracing a total area of 90,821 acres, and containing an estimated population on the 31st December, 1907, of 530,000. The annual value of rateable property in the district in 1907 was £4,876,351, which, at 1s 1d. in

Area under control and value of property.

the £1 for sewerage rate, the rate levied by the Board would yield a revenue of £264,136 (exclusive of water rates), but as the whole of the district has not yet been sewered, the amount receivable is only £214,305. From 1st July, 1906, the Board is empowered to levy a sewerage rate not exceeding 1s. 2d. in the £1.

Liability on loans.

To carry out its work, the Board is authorized to borrow £7,750,000, exclusive of loans amounting to £2,389,934, which were originally contracted by the Government, but taken over by the Board. The liability for Government loans on 30th June, 1907, was £1,688,663, and for loans raised by the Board £7,951,000. The Board is still empowered to borrow £500,271 before the limit of its borrowing powers is reached.

Melbourne Water-works.

The waterworks for the service of Melbourne and suburbs were originally constructed by the General Government. The cost to 30th June 1907, was £3,793,389. At the present time, these works consist of nine storage reservoirs, as under:—

Situation.	Storage Capacity in gallons.	Situation.	Storage Capacity in gallons.
Yan Yean ... ..	6,400,000,000	Caulfield ... ..	10,000,000
Toorourrong ... ..	60,000,000	Kew ... ..	3,000,000
Preston ... ..	16,000,000	Surrey Hills ... ..	9,000,000
Essendon, No. 1 ... ..	1,000,000	Morang (Pipe Head) ... ..	3,000,000
„ No. 2 ... ..	6,000,000		
		Total	6,508,000,000

The transfer of these works to the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board was made in 1891. The Board consists of 40 members, one of whom is a Chairman elected every four years by the other members, the retiring Chairman being eligible for re-election. Nine of the members are elected by the Melbourne City Council, four by the South Melbourne, three by the Prahran, two each by the Fitzroy, Richmond, St. Kilda, and Collingwood, and one each by the other suburban municipal councils. In 1891, the rateable property within the area to be served was valued at £6,866,313, of which about £1,000,000 was for vacant land. The collapse of the land boom was followed by a heavy shrinkage in the value of rateable property. A partial recovery in values has taken place, and the total assessments, inclusive of vacant land, now reach £4,876,351. The main source of supply is the Yan Yean Reservoir, in which are stored the waters of the eastern branch of the Plenty River and Jack's Creek, from the southern slopes of the Great Dividing Range, and those of Wallaby and Silver Creeks, brought over the range in an aqueduct from the northern slopes. These streams are collected in the Toorourrong Reservoir, and taken thence in a pitched channel to the Yan Yean Reservoir. A second supply is brought to Melbourne by means of the Maroondah Aqueduct, which conveys water from the Maroondah River, the Graceburn, and Donnelly's Creek, but without, at present, any provision for storing the surplus winter waters thereof, except the small service reservoirs in the suburbs at Preston, Essendon, Caulfield, and Kew. By means of these systems, Melbourne is provided with an

ample supply of pure water at a high pressure. The total catchment areas for both systems aggregate 62,000 acres, the whole of which is under the control of the Board, and free from settlement or grazing. The Yan Yean is an artificial lake situated 22 miles from the city, 602 feet above sea level. It covers an area of 1,300 acres, or rather more than two square miles, and receives water from a catchment area of 35,000 acres. Up to 31st December, 1907, there were laid mains (12-in. to 48-in.) 189 miles, reticulation mains (below 12-in.), 1,019 miles, in addition to which there are 75 miles of aqueducts and syphons, or a total length of aqueducts, &c., mains, and pipes of 1,283 miles. The storage capacity of the main reservoir is 6,400 million gallons, and of the eight subsidiary reservoirs 108 million gallons. The population supplied with water is about 530,000, and the average daily consumption  $66\frac{1}{2}$  gallons per head in 1907.

DAILY AVERAGE CONSUMPTION OF WATER IN MELBOURNE AND  
SUBURBS, 1907.

Month.	Gallons.
January ... ..	43,712,870
February ... ..	43,432,359
March ... ..	37,091,387
April ... ..	33,309,500
May ... ..	29,809,516
June ... ..	28,646,800
July ... ..	30,608,903
August ... ..	28,551,000
September ... ..	30,983,666
October ... ..	37,082,387
November ... ..	38,687,533
December ... ..	41,128,774
Mean for the year ...	35,253,725

The total expenditure to the 30th June, 1907, on the construction of the Melbourne Waterworks, was £3,793,389. The gross revenue since the opening of the works at the end of 1857 up to the 30th June, 1907, amounted to £5,920,397; whilst the expenses of maintenance and management amounted to only £996,483, and interest to £2,659,652. During 1906-07 the revenue amounted to £211,059; as against £182,926 in the previous year; and the expenditure on maintenance and management to £30,573, and interest £102,075, as against £28,016 and £102,548 in the previous year. The net revenue in 1906-7 was thus £78,411, being equivalent to 2.06 per cent. of the mean capital cost, as compared with £52,362,

Revenue  
and expend-  
iture of  
Melbourne  
Water-  
works.

or 1.38 per cent. in 1905-6. The loans outstanding (£2,635,663) for the construction of the waterworks now bear an average nominal rate of only 3.83 per cent. The aggregate net profit up to the end of 1906-7, after paying all interest and expenses, has amounted to £2,264,262.

Sewerage  
system.

Connected with the water service of Melbourne and suburbs, the Board also controls the sewage system of the metropolis. The particulars of the system are as follow:—The whole of the sewage of the metropolis is being gradually collected by means of two principal main sewers leading to the Pumping Station at Spotswood. On the 31st December, 1907, the sewerage system, including mains, branches, and reticulation, had been laid in the following districts, viz.:—Port Melbourne, South Melbourne, Melbourne, Richmond, and nearly the whole of Footscray, Prahran, St. Kilda, Fitzroy, Hawthorn, Collingwood, and Brighton. A considerable portion of Essendon, Caulfield, Malvern, Kew, Williamstown, Brunswick, and Camberwell has been dealt with. Work is now proceeding in Brunswick, Northcote, Essendon, Kew, Camberwell, Malvern, Brighton, and Caulfield. In all, 924½ miles of reticulation, and 97 miles of main and branch sewers, have been completed, the system being so advanced that the sewerage from 96,302 houses could be collected. On the 31st December, 1907, 91,272 houses had been connected, together with 19 public conveniences and 42 public urinals, 102,260 water-closets, 70,719 baths, 52,284 sinks, 44,369 sets of wash troughs, 21,460 lavatories, 9,835 stables, 6,508 urinals, 2,776 polluted areas and paved yards, 1,589 cellars, 839 slop hoppers, 199 latrines, and 168 dairies. There are also 1,309½ miles of house connexions laid (1,303½ miles of vitrified stoneware and 6 miles of cast-iron pipes), or a total of 2,331 miles of mains, sewers, and drains connected with the Pumping Station. When collected at Spotswood the sewage is raised about 125 feet, to the head of the outfall sewer, through 2¾ miles of 6-foot and 4-foot wrought-iron rising mains, whence it gravitates to the farm in a partly-open and partly-closed channel 11 feet in diameter, at a grade of 2 feet to the mile. It is spread over properly-prepared blocks of land by a series of main and lateral carriers. The effluent, after filtering through the land, is discharged into Port Phillip Bay in a clear and transparent condition. The prepared blocks on the farm are laid down with prairie grass and lucerne, on 2,825 acres of which during the financial year ended 30th June, 1907, 44,757 sheep have been fattened and sold, while on 575 acres cattle and horses have been agisted. The profit on sheep for the same period

amounted to £11,948—the fees received for grazing amounting to £2,381. Of the whole farm area of 8,847 acres, there remain 1,991 acres, comprising land in course of preparation, plantations, roads, drains, &c., and 3,456 acres not used in connexion with sewage distribution, but let on lease to farmers at an average rental of 15s. 9.6d. per acre.

The actual expenditure on sewerage works and house connexions up to 30th June, 1907, was £5,486,431, divided as follow:—

Sewerage works, receipts and expenditure.

EXPENDITURE ON SEWERAGE CONSTRUCTION UP TO 30TH JUNE, 1907.

Farm purchase and preparation ... ..	£425,357
Outfall sewer and rising main ... ..	368,868
Pumping Station buildings and engines ... ..	174,804
Main and branch sewers ... ..	1,713,924
Street reticulation ... ..	1,404,397
Reticulation of rights-of-way ... ..	666,801
House connexions branches ... ..	232,924
Cost of house connexions to capital ... ..	271,080
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Expenditure on sewerage system ... ..	£5,258,155
River improvements ... ..	2,764
Householders' debts for house connexions ... ..	225,512
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Total ... ..	£5,486,431

The sewerage receipts for 1906-07 amounted to £284,221, of which £205,446 was collected in rates, £47,349 proceeds of sale of live stock, and £20,636 interest. The purchase of live stock amounted to £47,276, the expenditure on interest £263,876, and on maintenance of works £33,214.

On the 31st December, 1907, 92,062 tenements had been connected, or were in progress of connexion, with the sewerage system, leaving 23,644 houses which had not been started. The maximum cost of the sewerage of a single building in work carried out by the Board was the Women's Hospital, which cost £1,208, and the minimum, £7 11s. 5d., for a house in South Melbourne. The average

Houses connected with the Sewerage System.

cost per tenement was £23 18s. 4d. The following statement shows the progress of house connexion to the 31st December, 1907:—

PROGRESS OF HOUSE CONNEXION WITH THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS.

Municipality.	No. of Tenements on 31st December, 1907.		
	Connected and in Progress.	Not Started.	Total.
Melbourne City ... ..	24,194	513	24,707
Fitzroy City ... ..	6,990	192	7,182
Collingwood City ... ..	7,047	528	7,575
Richmond City ... ..	8,853	117	8,970
Brunswick Town* ... ..	2,038	3,745	5,783
Northcote Town ... ..	...	2,390	2,390
Prahran City ... ..	9,834	176	10,010
South Melbourne City ... ..	9,697	122	9,819
Port Melbourne Town ... ..	2,701	83	2,784
St. Kilda City ... ..	4,582	113	4,695
Brighton Town ... ..	153	2,055	2,208
Essendon Town ... ..	2,241	1,848	4,089
Hawthorn City ... ..	4,966	163	5,129
Kew Borough ... ..	1,229	563	1,792
Footscray City ... ..	3,575	631	4,206
Williamstown Town ... ..	193	3,000	3,193
Caulfield Town ... ..	1,308	978	2,286
Malvern Town ... ..	1,384	1,335	2,719
Camberwell Town ... ..	1,077	1,050	2,127
Preston Shire ... ..	...	876	876
Coburg Borough ... ..	...	1,450	1,450
Moorabbin Shire ... ..	...	833	833
Nunawading Shire ... ..	...	193	193
Heidelberg Shire ... ..	...	690	690
Total ... ..	92,062	23,644	115,706

\* Brunswick was constituted a city on 8th January, 1908.

Total Receipts and Expenditure.

The following is a statement of receipts and expenditure during the five years 1902-3 to 1906-7, exclusive of refunds, deposits, &c., included in the figures quoted in preceding paragraphs:—

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE: 1902-3 to 1906-7.

	1902-3.	1903-4.	1904-5.	1905-6.	1906-7.
<i>Ordinary Receipts.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Water Supply ... ..	178,290	165,761	180,632	184,821	213,500
Sewerage ... ..	184,160	189,889	209,809	234,028	263,449
Total .. ..	362,450	355,650	390,441	418,849	476,949



MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE: 1902-3 TO 1906-7—*continued.*

—	1902-3.	1903-4.	1904-5.	1905-6.	1906-7.
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
Management ...	59,542	55,796	55,012	60,085	78,360
Maintenance—					
Water Supply ...	21,480	20,767	18,846	18,742	20,196
Sewerage ...	26,555	26,557	26,680	28,625	33,083
Interest on Loans ...	291,302	305,919	315,872	336,288	345,315
Total ...	398,879	409,039	416,410	443,740	476,954
<i>Loan Receipts</i> ...	704,783	946,686	185,735	342,920	394,672
<i>Loan Expenditure.</i>					
Water Supply ...	10,771	8,653	7,479	14,249	23,535
Sewerage ...	324,190	309,480	377,801	331,453	258,058
Redemption of Loans ...	3,580	521,480	..	62,630	159,400
Loss on Sale of Deposit Receipts ...	..	193,948	..	..	..
Other ..	19,846	19,965	1,231	-3,425*	-3,663*
Total ..	358,387	1,053,526	386,511	404,907	437,330

\* Loan expenditure exceeded by receipts by these amounts.

## FIRE BRIGADES BOARDS.

Connected with the water service of the State generally, is the service of water required for fire extinction.

Under the *Fire Brigades Act* 1890, there are constituted a metropolitan fire district, controlled by the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board, and nine country fire districts, controlled by the Country Fire Brigades Board. The supervisors are the chief officers of the respective boards, who are aided by deputies and other assistants.

The arrangements for fire extinction in the metropolis are closely allied to those for the Melbourne water supply, the service having been provided under the clauses of the *Fire Brigades Act* 1890, and its amendments.

The metropolitan fire district embraces the area included in the various municipalities within a radius of ten miles from the General Post Office. The area vested in the Metropolitan Board of Works is included in this area, but the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board has jurisdiction over portions of the shires of Wyndham, Braybrook, Keilor, Broadmeadows, Heidelberg, Templestowe, Nunawading, Mulgrave, and Moorabbin within the ten-mile radius, not vested in the Metropolitan Board of Works. The Metropolitan Fire District

Constitution  
of Fire  
Brigades  
Boards.

has been extended, and now includes the greater portion of the shire of Moorabbin, and extends in a southerly direction as far as and includes the township of Mordialloc.

The Metropolitan Fire Board is controlled by three members appointed by the Governor in Council, three by the municipal councils, and three by the insurance companies.

Powers of  
the Boards.

For the purpose of extinguishing any fire, the chief officers of the fire brigades may in the areas under their respective control "cause water to be shut off from any main or pipe in order to obtain a greater pressure and supply of water for the purpose of extinguishing any fire, and no persons or body having the management of any water supply shall be liable to any penalty or claim by reason of any interruption of the supply of water occasioned by compliance with the provisions of this section."

Another section provides that "each board, its officers, and servants, any local committee, its officers and servants, and any brigade registered under this Act shall have the use of any water mains, water plugs, valves, pipes, vested in or belonging to the Board of Land and Works, or any public or municipal corporation, or local body whatsoever, and of all water therein, or in any well or tank, free of charge, for the purpose of extinguishing any fire, or for the purpose of drills, competitions, and practice, conducted under the authority of either board or any local committee."

Local councils have the right, in the interests of fire prevention, with the approval of the Governor in Council, of making, altering, or repealing by-laws for the purpose of regulating the height of all buildings erected in their own municipality, or in any part of it, and also for providing means of escape from such buildings during a fire.

The general duties of the Fire Brigades Boards are defined to be those "of taking, superintending, and enforcing all necessary steps for the extinguishment of fires, and for the protection of life and property in case of fire, and the general control of all stations and of all fire brigades shall be vested in the boards for the metropolis and country districts respectively. The boards may purchase or lease property for fire brigade stations, and control the formation of permanent and volunteer fire brigades, and schools of instruction, the maintenance of fire alarms, and the establishment of communication, telephonic and other."

The Metropolitan Board of Works under the *Water Act* 1890 must, upon the request of any municipal council within its boundaries, fix proper fire plugs, in the main and other pipes belonging to the board at convenient distances, and at such places as the board may consider proper and convenient for the supply of water for extinguishing any fire which may break out within its limits. The cost of fixing fire plugs and notice boards, together with their maintenance, must be defrayed by the municipal council within whose limits the fire plug is fixed. The board may also fix fire plugs for private owners, provided they pay the cost and maintenance.

The Metropolitan Board of Works is bound to keep all its pipes, to which fire plugs are affixed, charged with water, unless prevented by unusual drought or other unavoidable cause, or during necessary repairs, and shall allow all persons at all times to take and use such water for extinguishing fires. On 31st December, 1907, it had fixed 881 pillar hydrants, 14,004 ball fire plugs, 155 "Tregear" hydrants, to its 189 miles of leading mains, and 1,019 miles of reticulation mains, and except in case of accident, repairs, or cleansing, these mains are kept constantly full of water under pressure.

The Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board on the 31st December, 1907, had under its control the following:—50 stations, 176 permanent men, 6 men engaged at theatres, 160 auxiliary firemen, 10 steam fire engines, 2 gasolene engines, 1 chemical engine and hose waggon combined, 1 petrol motor fire engine, 1 motor chemical engine and hose waggon combined, 2 manual engines, 37 horse hose reels, 52 hand hose reels, 7 extension ladders and fire escapes, 6 Pompier ladders, 12 exercise and supply carts, 2 salvage vans, 1 brake, 68 horses, 95,128 feet of hose, 46 hand pumps, 3 smoke helmets and 2 smoke jackets, 132 telephones in stations, 114 fire alarm circuits, having 139 fire alarm points and 413 fire alarm and telephone points. The total length of wire in use outside stations for fire alarms and telephones is about 300 miles.

Outfit of the  
Metropolitan  
Fire  
Brigade.

During 1907 the cost of maintenance of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade amounted to £45,718, one-third being contributed by each of the contributing bodies, viz., Government of Victoria, municipalities within the Metropolitan Fire District, and the insurance companies carrying on business in that district. The municipalities' contribution is equal to .66d. in the £1, over an area wherein the property is valued at £4,937,154, and the insurance companies equal to £4 10s. for every £100 of premiums on insured property.

The Country Fire Brigades Board consists of nine members. Three are appointed by the Governor in Council, two are elected by the municipal councils of the districts where there are brigades registered under the Board, two are elected by the fire insurance companies carrying on business in such districts, and two by the registered fire brigades. The Board annually elects one of its members as president. The tenure of the Board members is two years. The Board's revenue in 1907 was £11,161, and this amount was contributed in equal portions by the Government, the municipal councils, and the insurance companies above mentioned. The expenditure for the year amounted to £12,245. There are 89 municipal councils and 55 insurance companies included in the operation of the Act. All brigades under the control of the Board are volunteer brigades, but in the large towns permanent stationkeepers and watchmen are employed. There are 99 registered brigades, and one more is about to be registered. The number of registered firemen is 1,991, but in many brigades there are, in addition to the registered firemen, a number of "reserve members." The chief officer of the Board frequently inspects the brigades, and also pays them "surprise

Country  
Fire  
Brigades  
Board.

visits." He reports monthly to the Board as to the efficiency of the service, and upon the equipment necessary to be supplied. In 1907 the chief items of the plant consisted of 5 steam engines, 62 manual engines, 10 horse brakes, 61 apparatus carriages, 3 fire escapes, about 250 hose reels, and approximately 145,000 feet of canvas hose.

Receipts  
and ex-  
penditure.

Particulars of receipts and expenditure of both boards during the five years ended 30th June, 1907, are as follow:—

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF FIRE BRIGADES BOARDS :  
RETURN FOR FIVE YEARS.

	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.
<i>Ordinary Receipts.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Contributions — Govern- ment, Municipal, and Insurance ... ..	49,002	48,874	49,083	50,937	51,934
Receipts for Services ...	727	692	754	551	1,336
Interest and Sundries ...	4,626	2,814	3,442	3,080	3,116
<b>Total</b> ... ..	<b>54,355</b>	<b>52,380</b>	<b>53,279</b>	<b>54,568</b>	<b>56,386</b>
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries ... ..	23,112	23,103	24,793	25,961	27,411
Fire Expenses ... ..	2,873	2,936	2,990	3,041	3,201
Horses, Quarters, &c. ...	12,002	9,207	10,930	8,994	9,986
Plant—Purchase and Re- pairs ... ..	4,862	4,305	4,589	6,517	5,783
Interest ... ..	6,073	6,057	6,103	5,752	5,803
Sinking Fund ... ..	2,028	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,895
Miscellaneous ... ..	2,221	4,332	2,108	4,310	2,884
<b>Total</b> ... ..	<b>53,171</b>	<b>52,190</b>	<b>53,763</b>	<b>56,825</b>	<b>57,963</b>
<i>Loan Expenditure.</i>					
Purchase of Land and Erection of Buildings, &c.	..	..	405	3,250	2,623