

INTERCHANGE.

COMMERCE.

Customs and Excise. By the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (section 51) the power to make laws with respect to trade and commerce with other countries and among the States was conferred on the Federal Parliament, and by the same Act (section 86) the collection and control of duties of Customs and Excise passed to the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on 1st January, 1901. The first Commonwealth Customs Tariff was introduced by Resolution on 8th October, 1901, from which date the duties came into effect. The Tariff Act was assented to on 16th September, 1902. Extensive alterations of duties were made by Tariffs brought down on 8th August, 1907, and 3rd December, 1914. The present Tariff which also very materially altered previous duties came into operation on 25th March, 1920, and was assented to on 16th December, 1921. Amendments affecting a large number of the duties of that Tariff have since been made. There are three scales of duties—British Preferential, Intermediate, and General. The first relates to goods which are the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, but its provisions may be applied wholly or in part to any of the British Dominions. The Intermediate Tariff may be applied to any part of the British Dominions, or to any foreign country.

Recorded Value of Imports and Exports.

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

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

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

The value of goods exported is, generally, taken to represent the value in the principal markets of the State in the ordinary commercial acceptance of the term. As the sale price abroad of the following items was less than their value in the principal markets of the Commonwealth, an alteration to the following effect was made in the method of valuation of such goods on export as from 1st July, 1929 :—

- (1) Sugar—the value f.o.b. at which sold to overseas buyers ;
- (2) Butter—the current market value less the amount paid as export bonus ;
- (3) Goods on which bounty or rebate is paid on export—the value in the principal markets of the Commonwealth less the amount of any bounty or rebate payable.

The continued depressed condition of the financial position of Australia resulted in considerable variation in the rates of external exchange. On 1st July, 1930, the telegraphic transfer selling rate for £100—Australia on London—was £106 10s. Several increases were made in the rate until it reached £130 10s. on 29th January, 1931. This rate continued until 3rd December, 1931, when a reduction to £125 10s.—the current rate—was made.

The variation in the exchange rate has an important bearing on trade figures and it should be taken into account when consideration is being given to balance of trade.

The total values and the values per head of population of imports from and exports to oversea countries for the five years 1926-27 to 1930-31 are set forth hereunder :—

RECORDED VALUE OF OVERSEA IMPORTS AND EXPORTS,
1926-27 TO 1930-31.

Year.	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.*	Total.	Per Head of Population.
IMPORTS (BRITISH CURRENCY).				
	£	£	£	£ s. d.
1926-27	55,420,734	140,202	55,560,936	32 9 2
1927-28	47,663,768	247,363	47,911,131	27 10 3
1928-29	45,849,841	155,809	46,005,650	26 2 6
1929-30	42,178,662	122,431	42,301,093	23 16 1
1930-31	20,152,675	152,526	20,305,201	11 6 9
EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY).				
1926-27	34,981,662	5,211	34,986,873	20 8 9
1927-28	31,639,958	88,600	31,728,558	18 4 5
1928-29	38,151,538	1,285,687	39,437,225	22 7 11
1929-30	22,839,787	13,660,156	36,499,943†	20 10 9
1930-31	22,270,997	3,586,890	25,857,887‡	14 8 9

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

† The basis of valuation of butter was amended as from 1st July, 1929.

‡ The estimated British Currency value was £22,578,000.

Percentage
of Common-
wealth Trade.

Victoria's portion of the value of Commonwealth trade for each of the last five years is shown in the table which follows :—

Year.	Commonwealth Trade—			Victoria's Portion of Commonwealth Trade—		
	Imports.	Exports.	Total.	Imports.	Exports.	Total.
	£	£	£	%	%	%
1926-27 ..	164,716,594	145,140,367	309,856,961	33·7	24·1	29·2
1927-28 ..	147,944,970	143,213,070	291,158,040	32·4	22·2	27·4
1928-29 ..	143,647,881	144,850,452	288,498,333	32·0	27·2	29·6
1929-30 ..	131,081,320	125,127,148	256,208,468*	31·9	29·1	30·5
1930-31† ..	60,959,633	102,103,336	..	33·3	25·3	..
1930-31‡ ..	60,959,633	88,904,142	149,863,775	33·3	29·1	30·8

* The basis of valuation of butter and sugar was amended as from 1st July, 1929.

† Recorded values.

‡ British Currency values.

Recorded
Values of
Principal
Imports.

The recorded values of the principal articles imported from overseas countries into Victoria during each of the last four years are shown below in the order in which they appear in the statistical classification of 21 classes.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIA DURING THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1927-28 TO 1930-31.

(British Currency Values).

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.				
Butter	113,664	34	155	169
Cheese	60,789	12,469	10,462	800
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins	289,655	307,896	335,774	126,897
All other	124,112	112,070	102,520	59,787
Meats	166,006	156,858	92,177	40,616
All other Animal Foodstuffs	15,146	12,078	13,072	9,434
Total, Class I. ..	769,372	601,405	554,160	237,703

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIA, 1927-28 TO 1930-31—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.	£	£	£	£
Caramel, Caramel Paste, Cocoa Butter, &c.	93,078	49,546	37,672	18,868
Cocoa and Chocolate	129,801	102,932	113,261	52,670
Coffee and Chicory	64,925	59,123	69,637	29,275
Confectionery	41,916	42,571	53,078	3,442
Fruits, Dried	47,853	39,391	44,055	12,478
Fruits, Fresh	9,347	1,933	10,474	38
Fruits &c., Preserved	17,968	18,682	20,827	2,013
Grain and Pulse—				
Rice	58,719	10,599	10,639	4,642
All other	70,675	31,235	18,238	22,415
Hops	13	551	518	792
Mustard	20,938	24,510	23,680	23,909
Nuts, Edible	152,673	119,032	120,575	70,046
Pickles and Sauces	16,585	17,186	19,202	3,707
Sago and Tapioca	19,375	21,096	19,408	11,691
Spices	90,475	113,954	93,543	51,523
Tea	986,456	949,669	677,115	489,535
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	151,293	123,371	151,417	58,767
Total, Class II. ..	1,972,090	1,730,281	1,483,339	855,811
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, and Porter, &c. ..	58,958	60,061	47,498	13,346
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy	32,101	34,352	27,514	2,194
Gin	83,287	87,960	56,137	836
Whisky	192,688	196,193	168,097	111,170
Other	10,044	10,576	9,244	2,739
Wine (Fermented)—				
Sparkling	17,023	18,476	18,597	1,579
Other	10,446	11,036	10,474	1,639
Total, Class III. ..	404,547	418,654	337,561	133,503
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.				
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	33,154	25,956	27,888	6,231
Unmanufactured	591,658	382,888	341,873	381,842
Cigars	32,110	32,833	29,048	8,070
Cigarettes	152,738	172,802	123,102	19,322
Snuff	267	568	360	244
Total, Class IV. ..	809,927	615,047	522,271	415,709

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
 . INTO VICTORIA, 1927-28 TO 1930-31—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	30,411	33,705	46,112	12,189
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	15,850	15,867	21,970	10,415
Hides and Skins—				
Hides (Calf, Cattle, and Horse)	219,413	332,007	221,437	77,867
Other	185,572	210,123	198,041	96,500
Silk, Raw	121,329	130,232	212,645	230,391
Wool	823,047	360,091	188,099	14,439
All other Animal Substances ..	44,378	41,360	57,251	21,164
Total, Class VI. ..	1,409,589	1,089,680	899,443	450,776
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUB- STANCES AND FIBRES.				
Fibres—				
Flax and Hemp	215,359	186,895	186,760	112,686
Kapok	102,525	119,318	70,236	38,341
All other	114,530	109,884	104,445	50,638
Grass or Straw, for hatmaking, furniture, mats, &c. ..	7,825	11,631	10,465	4,266
Gums and Resins	98,004	90,418	108,821	54,000
Pulp for Papermaking	125,846	93,547	132,262	125,442
Seeds	174,134	197,211	152,823	93,882
Tanning Substances	36,461	23,451	33,047	20,123
All other Vegetable Substances	46,141	42,648	48,744	30,735
Total, Class VII. ..	920,825	875,003	847,603	530,113
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFAC- TURED FIBRES.				
<i>(a) Apparel.</i>				
Apparel—				
Blouses, Skirts, Costumes, &c.	162,692	140,004	92,317	16,874
Boots and Shoes	163,028	166,577	175,361	42,550
Corsets	26,193	26,516	25,356	3,570
Furs and other Skins—Dressed	452,225	244,398	166,289	57,814
Gloves	234,775	253,206	246,380	115,388
Hats and Caps	384,308	409,674	268,863	49,821
Hosiery and Knitted Apparel (including Socks and Stock- ings)	621,531	433,474	301,712	21,236
Men's and Boys' Outer Garments	63,271	63,935	63,918	2,083
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c. ..	15,576	20,754	32,796	9,858
Trimnings	448,452	449,637	349,343	248,776
Other	289,063	330,207	292,221	80,836

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIA, 1927-28 TO 1930-31—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES—continued.				
<i>(b) Textiles.</i>				
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck	275,133	273,054	271,135	94,151
Cotton and Linen	3,293,499	2,939,427	2,988,427	1,503,470
Hessians and other Jute Piece Goods	216,410	232,287	213,601	102,381
Lace for Attire, Lace Flouncings, &c.	176,154	207,996	149,459	72,372
Silk	2,252,915	2,498,226	2,179,207	1,234,578
Velvets, Velveteens, Plushes, &c.	185,967	242,862	217,866	130,356
Woollen	1,041,740	703,082	553,933	96,929
Other	428,210	386,333	370,812	210,243
Floor Coverings—Carpets, Linoleums, Mats, &c.	893,024	841,523	746,602	291,349
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c.	253,554	293,669	323,602	164,298
All other Textiles	744,478	620,621	569,129	263,090
<i>(c) Manufactured Fibres.</i>				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff, and Compressed Fodder	158,580	132,692	198,093	77,326
Corn and Flour	870,176	1,071,695	616,804	817,480
All other	173,438	178,485	132,021	101,488
Cordage and Twines (excluding Metal Cordage)	68,205	41,879	41,062	18,906
Yarns—				
Artificial Silk	257,703	318,492	369,181	213,555
Cotton	433,177	522,672	607,299	300,006
Wool	186,591	168,458	169,166	23,578
Other	56,885	51,867	50,104	24,955
Total, Class VIII	14,826,953	14,263,502	12,782,059	6,389,317
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Oils (in bulk)—				
Kerosene, &c.	269,281	326,238	219,279	137,681
Lubricating (Mineral)	292,122	389,890	342,119	222,129
Petroleum and Shale Spirit	1,494,582	1,786,336	2,062,278	1,224,730
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	538,082	492,840	491,700	389,988
Total, Class IX.	2,594,067	2,995,304	3,115,376	1,974,528
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES	263,173	248,998	215,596	82,359
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES	298,351	282,067	612,095	141,116

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INTO VICTORIA, 1927-28 TO 1930-31—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, AND MACHINERY.	£	£	£	£
<i>(a) Machines and Machinery.</i>				
Electrical Machinery and Appliances—				
Cable and Wire, Covered ..	350,580	312,903	284,139	114,087
Dynamo Machines ..	249,527	145,484	188,400	88,631
Telephones and Switchboards	154,079	80,010	114,643	40,816
Other	1,117,355	916,577	930,485	431,216
Implements and Machinery (Agricultural, Horticultural, and Viticultural) ..	210,077	173,013	148,563	55,438
Engines	518,643	489,549	426,652	172,978
All other Machines and Machinery	1,823,570	1,641,775	1,767,012	758,888
<i>(b) Metals and Metal Manufactures, other than Machinery.</i>				
Alloys	120,455	125,587	114,437	48,281
Gas Appliances	41,622	28,940	21,440	6,075
Iron and Steel—				
Bar, Rod, Hoop, Ingots, Blooms, &c.	407,564	281,424	282,355	112,839
Pig and Scrap	44,889	23,203	15,444	3,087
Plate and Sheet	1,523,997	1,387,963	1,251,094	489,366
Girders, Beams, Channels, Joists, &c.	170,352	54,801	92,130	163
Wire	225,653	189,105	234,391	46,635
Railway and Tramway Material	47,957	7,258	14,771	790
Lamps and Lampware ..	117,937	154,860	140,645	38,843
Pipes and Tubes	398,214	409,654	364,140	153,642
Plated Ware and Cutlery ..	230,061	212,570	180,944	75,326
Tools of Trade (not being Machines)	273,832	297,655	267,876	124,180
Vehicles—				
Motor Cycles, Tricycles, &c.	146,635	175,131	146,339	34,107
Bodies for Motor Cars, &c.	314,170	456,648	195,214	4,490
Chassis for Motor Cars, &c.	1,917,654	2,725,967	1,945,129	277,600
Other, and Parts	606,235	878,853	613,031	193,616
All other Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery	1,259,852	1,250,407	1,119,392	476,305
Total, Class XII. ..	12,270,910	12,419,337	10,858,666	3,747,399

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIA, 1927-28 TO 1930-31—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XIII. — RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.				
<i>(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures.</i>				
Rubber, Crude, Powdered or Reclaimed	1,244,346	687,308	382,048	142,080
Rubber Manufactures ..	395,766	335,936	261,091	131,425
<i>(b) Leather and Manufactures of Leather and Substitutes therefor.</i>				
Glace Kid	81,852	118,465	81,480	5,385
Patent and Enamelled ..	16,480	5,849	3,075	365
All other	89,608	87,839	100,497	38,318
Total, Class XIII. ..	1,828,052	1,235,397	828,191	317,573
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED.				
<i>Timber—</i>				
Dressed	507,083	548,770	566,955	79,004
Undressed	957,203	826,852	864,423	216,169
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	215,577	196,253	199,318	120,840
Total, Class XIV. ..	1,679,863	1,571,875	1,630,696	416,013
CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONEWARE.				
Cement (Portland)	10,846	7,263	6,539	1,092
Earthenware, China, &c. ..	237,238	232,838	218,406	128,908
Glass and Glassware	322,335	357,540	330,469	112,785
All other Earthenware, Cements, China, Glass, and Stoneware	90,472	99,208	69,778	18,934
Total, Class XV. ..	660,891	696,849	625,192	261,719

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIA, 1927-28 TO 1930-31—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Paper—</i>				
Cardboard and other Paper				
Boards	95,900	99,324	121,442	57,170
Printing	1,061,242	974,110	1,009,014	562,119
Wrapping of all Colours ..	119,824	128,122	128,532	72,334
Writing and Typewriting ..	227,313	208,487	228,831	154,243
All other	203,713	204,323	211,541	136,881
(b) <i>Stationery and Paper Manufactures—</i>				
Books (Printed), Directories, &c.	422,350	406,125	401,771	336,348
Price Lists, Catalogues, &c. ..	78,221	78,218	84,313	37,994
Pens and Pencils	62,563	63,285	57,961	41,366
All other.. .. .	337,004	287,573	282,488	184,242
Total, Class XVI.	2,608,130	2,449,567	2,525,893	1,582,697
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME-PIECES, AND FANCY GOODS.				
Fancy Goods	376,684	400,130	400,872	202,350
Jewellery, including Cameos, &c.	223,663	280,883	175,140	59,101
Watches, Clocks, Chronometers, &c.	189,819	184,337	157,038	63,582
Total, Class XVII.	790,166	865,350	733,050	325,033
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Surgical and Dental Instruments, &c.	133,351	118,034	105,879	70,561
Talking Machines — Phonographs, &c.	61,536	53,048	34,326	7,369
All other Optical and Scientific Instruments	157,498	167,171	168,469	75,490
Total, Class XVIII.	352,385	338,253	308,674	153,420
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	60,751	75,187	64,947	33,656
Cream of Tartar	75,671	49,850	48,027	5,184
Dyes	89,288	95,664	96,065	74,486
Fertilizers	489,010	621,378	537,828	243,216
Oils, Essential (Non-spirituous)	43,363	51,626	52,679	24,745

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIA, 1927-28 TO 1930-31—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS—<i>continued.</i>	£	£	£	£
Perfumery and Toilet Prepara- tions	104,769	122,329	116,861	56,242
Proprietary Medicines	68,246	70,414	74,981	53,638
Sodium Salts	147,214	144,669	109,644	99,450
Spirits and Spirituous Prepara- tions	104,373	99,521	74,810	26,162
Sulphur (Brimstone).. .. .	218,381	175,711	217,978	120,810
All other Drugs and Chemicals	346,712	375,144	388,366	256,226
Total, Class XIX. ..	1,747,778	1,881,493	1,782,186	993,815
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explo- sives	353,793	347,535	266,260	194,446
Bags, Baskets, Trunks, &c. .. .	116,182	101,994	92,948	24,808
Brushware	133,948	121,748	105,101	50,618
Matches and Vestas.. .. .	39,156	28,332	29,927	300
Musical Instruments, &c.—				
Pianos and Parts	208,132	123,558	63,676	7,577
Other and Parts	66,110	53,345	45,541	20,033
Soap	30,665	32,408	33,667	5,145
All other Articles	478,302	429,154	833,379	828,955
Total, Class XX. ..	1,426,288	1,238,074	1,470,499	1,131,882
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold	234,414	147,485	114,164	147,200
Silver	12,757	8,197	8,214	5,242
Bronze—Specie	192	127	53	84
Total, Class XXI. ..	247,363	155,809	122,431	152,526
Grand Total	47,911,131	46,005,650	42,301,093	20,305,201

The articles imported were mainly manufactured goods. Apparel, textiles, manufactured fibres, machinery, and manufactures of metal amounted to nearly 57 per cent. of the total value of imports in the last five years. Excluding bullion and specie, the imports for 1930-31 showed a decrease of £22,025,987, as compared with the previous year.

Recorded
Values of
Principal
Exports.

The recorded values of the principal articles exported to oversea countries from Victoria during each of the last four years are shown hereunder in 21 divisions, in accordance with the statistical classification :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIA DURING THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1927-28 TO 1930-31.

(Australian Currency Values).

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.	£	£	£	£
Butter	2,447,774	3,157,722	2,668,755*	2,998,170*
Cheese	7,032	12,916	5,172	24,113
Eggs	25,795	54,660	35,135	83,776
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	8,383	12,517	13,016	5,896
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	32,564	29,328	10,471	10,412
Lamb	639,486	1,096,891	1,279,836	1,075,532
Mutton	117,200	431,440	248,021	186,903
Pork	4	227	481	71,719
Rabbits and Hares	44,563	136,273	123,492	157,665
Preserved in Tins.. .. .	23,780	19,640	15,607	9,206
Sausage Casings	147,359	171,839	162,934	120,545
Other	10,646	37,380	11,420	21,993
Milk and Cream	1,174,436	1,412,229	985,292	596,263
All other Animal Foodstuffs	4,886	5,590	4,004	3,159
Total, Class I.	4,683,908	6,578,652	5,563,636	5,365,352
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.				
Biscuits	65,247	50,149	37,059	23,734
Fruits, Dried	1,232,915	1,580,023	1,426,593	1,531,659
Fruits, Fresh	403,342	47,318	428,989	279,700
Fruits, Preserved in liquid	355,178	340,473	469,327	427,268
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat.. .. .	1,489,426	5,969,821	690,247	3,016,409
Other	63,709	35,395	41,078	67,152
Prepared—				
Flour (Wheaten)	2,115,398	2,260,895	1,880,057	1,221,250
Other	42,699	63,718	10,570	16,344
Jams and Fruit Jellies	12,195	8,680	6,411	7,132
Tea	42,467	34,135	19,411	8,147
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	139,398	101,884	105,158	90,509
Total, Class II.	5,961,974	10,492,491	5,114,900	6,689,304

* Basis of valuation amended as from 1st July, 1929 (see page 258).

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIA, 1927-28 TO 1930-31—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.. ..	£ 203,617	£ 84,756	£ 96,157	£ 91,375
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.. ..	241,192	215,665	177,141	168,265
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	53,431	92,201	61,682	34,459
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Hides and Skins—				
Hides (Calf, Cattle, Horse) ..	264,213	114,221	67,018	83,923
Opossum	135,356	132,057	59,240	173,622
Rabbit and Hare	549,802	604,842	441,074	143,672
Sheep	1,848,248	1,989,172	1,363,874	889,836
Other	85,164	97,928	51,598	50,620
Wool—				
Greasy	13,407,193	13,877,161	7,031,516	6,369,274
Scoured and Washed ..	1,687,505	1,399,756	831,918	561,264
Tops	148,637	66,309	25,706	30,176
All other Animal Substances ..	15,523	16,446	17,736	20,970
Total, Class VI. ..	18,141,641	18,297,892	9,889,680	8,323,357
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES ..	57,362	63,207	63,841	29,986
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
Boots and Shoes	3,394	2,473	2,096	8,137
All other Apparel	47,589	54,540	51,861	61,785
All other Textiles, including Bags, Cordage, Yarns, &c. ..	109,014	96,496	130,811	105,390
Total, Class VIII. ..	159,997	153,509	184,768	175,312
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Tallow—Unrefined	224,643	463,438	256,863	133,801
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	41,453	81,517	55,171	33,054
Total, Class IX. ..	266,096	544,955	312,034	166,855
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES	4,494	3,938	1,786	2,539
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES	15,426	13,312	28,018	5,446

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIA, 1927-28 TO 1930-31—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, AND MACHINERY.	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Machines and Machinery—Machines and Machinery</i> ..	163,805	188,182	198,769	182,391
(b) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery—</i>				
Iron and Steel	26,653	33,610	25,935	20,081
Lead—Pig and in Matte	18	4,563	1,493	2,108
Tin Ingots	48,969	45,568	8,084	3,296
Zinc—Bars, Blocks, &c.	23,545	313	377	11,497
All other Metals and Manufactures thereof	179,397	174,713	169,636	163,389
Total, Class XII. ..	442,387	446,949	404,294	382,762
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.				
Rubber and Manufactures	36,277	29,573	19,015	22,744
Leather and Manufactures	155,870	125,886	123,910	115,219
Total, Class XIII. ..	192,147	155,459	142,925	137,963
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED ..	32,882	34,275	26,138	24,096
CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONWARE	14,394	16,551	16,133	15,253
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
Paper	13,689	9,605	16,136	11,506
Stationery	50,109	50,628	53,926	43,871
Total, Class XVI. ..	63,798	60,233	70,062	55,377
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME-PIECES, AND FANCY GOODS.				
Precious Stones, Unset ; Pearls, Cameos, &c.	29,790	18,418	40,963	22,512
All other Jewellery, Time-pieces, and Fancy Goods	20,691	34,352	28,877	18,997
Total, Class XVII. ..	50,481	52,770	69,840	41,509

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES:
FROM VICTORIA, 1927-28 TO 1930-31—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS..	61,689	66,235	53,295	68,587
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Casein	32,804	69,623	64,539	21,674
Fertilizers	7,197	9,823	5,841	1,914
Medicines	5,391	2,663	5,027	6,633
Oil—Eucalyptus	81,039	71,131	53,500	37,858
All other Drugs and Chemicals	36,813	32,868	37,545	36,358
Total, Class XIX. ..	163,294	186,108	166,452	104,437
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Soap	211,081	212,234	217,483	207,902
Vessels transferred abroad ..	519,200	215,912	46,000	50,500
All other Articles	99,467	164,234	128,522	130,361
Total, Class XX. ..	829,748	592,380	392,005	388,763
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold	87,488	1,281,467	13,653,275	3,537,078
Silver	1,112	4,220	6,876	43,102
Bronze .. .. .	..	..	5	6,710
Total, Class XXI. ..	88,600	1,285,687	13,660,156	3,586,890
Australian produce	30,907,649	38,599,668	36,019,351	25,355,382
Other produce	820,909	837,557	480,592	502,505
Grand Total	31,728,558	39,437,225	36,499,943	25,857,887

The export trade consists largely of agricultural and pastoral products. The value of wool, wheat, flour, butter, skins, fruits (all kinds), meats, and milk and cream exported during the last five years amounted to slightly more than 92 per cent. of the total Australian produce exported (exclusive of gold, silver, and bronze specie) for that period—wool alone represented nearly 41 per cent. Excluding bullion and specie, the exports during 1930-31 showed a decrease of £568,790 as compared with the previous year.

The value of the trade with the leading countries of the world in each of the last five years was as specified hereunder:—

**IMPORTS (CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN)
FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT
THERE TO, 1926-27 TO 1930-31.**

Country.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
	Imports (British Currency Values) of Products or Manufactures of—				
	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	23,680,151	20,728,602	19,014,408	18,437,775	8,165,121
Canada	1,209,914	947,607	1,595,998	1,183,251	375,970
India and Ceylon	2,943,629	2,420,247	2,587,664	1,989,143	1,554,581
Malaya (British)	1,304,047	1,144,386	637,856	409,942	119,984
New Zealand	1,295,657	1,652,838	967,812	654,246	436,581
Pacific Islands (British)	460,540	384,569	454,394	307,498	175,879
South African Union	195,643	121,622	106,224	61,079	22,289
Other British Possessions	124,383	178,577	191,593	185,763	124,645
Belgium	335,785	372,649	325,336	363,211	111,452
China	228,401	209,064	186,882	176,194	122,153
Egypt	3,594	4,179	12,092	3,347	3,863
France	2,126,822	1,613,219	1,457,446	1,168,745	541,311
Germany	1,794,727	1,849,422	1,876,528	1,831,512	885,223
Italy	695,232	579,222	619,447	541,390	260,274
Japan	1,519,972	1,195,129	1,387,183	1,345,268	856,436
Netherlands	431,232	314,081	297,798	314,142	127,184
Netherlands East Indies	1,693,954	1,356,164	1,657,275	1,293,043	936,763
Norway	514,493	303,955	438,935	302,944	91,061
Philippine Islands	72,595	92,806	67,773	63,746	18,752
Russia	25,724	38,074	41,942	46,667	14,879
Sweden	667,413	692,679	459,941	689,111	323,570
Switzerland	1,093,549	887,023	779,292	647,773	362,145
United States of America	12,087,684	9,770,167	9,767,973	8,774,519	3,394,743
Other Foreign Countries	1,052,795	1,054,850	1,073,858	1,111,215	696,994
Total	55,560,936	47,911,131	46,005,650	*41,881,524	*19,721,853
	Exports (Australian Currency Values) to—				
	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	13,844,874	13,025,453	16,654,156	23,398,177	14,060,273
Canada	104,520	151,208	309,224	304,192	379,384
India and Ceylon	494,238	549,087	2,772,572	1,779,827	721,164
Malaya (British)	1,027,076	1,133,774	1,164,703	655,721	329,668
New Zealand	1,478,166	1,154,390	1,022,684	942,866	816,009
Pacific Islands (British)	88,470	115,154	116,047	111,468	112,386
South African Union	399,519	333,808	585,665	266,447	149,683
Other British Possessions	313,614	256,735	430,439	233,100	309,247
Belgium	968,640	1,038,664	1,154,896	468,927	432,761
China	115,790	114,503	626,833	138,487	1,005,800
Egypt	1,145,212	565,575	834,512	433,723	340,490
France	3,551,518	3,409,355	3,664,286	1,932,576	1,271,429
Germany	1,882,772	1,078,994	1,216,984	805,943	689,108
Italy	1,942,458	972,462	1,259,526	452,437	586,303
Japan	2,905,735	2,483,649	2,779,580	1,593,424	2,454,382
Netherlands	186,008	57,535	320,123	58,097	197,555
Netherlands East Indies	1,098,811	1,177,483	1,307,296	1,351,901	858,893
Norway	2,501	13,066	3,078	20,536	31,164
Philippine Islands	34,059	38,602	33,601	33,945	25,833
Russia	948	740,125	487,634	102,485	528
Sweden	26,060	73,759	84,414	33,097	28,225
Switzerland	3,008	4,871	5,468	11,240	3,590
United States of America	2,908,782	2,062,513	1,985,545	1,102,538	867,257
Other Foreign Countries	459,094	277,793	624,259	269,795	186,755
Total	34,986,873	31,728,558	39,437,225	36,499,943	25,857,887

* Excluding "Outside Packages," 1929-30, £419,569; 1930-31, £563,346.

Trade with
United
Kingdom.

Slightly over 54 per cent. of the total value of the exports in 1930-31 were sent to Great Britain and Northern Ireland, whilst a little more than 40 per cent. of the imports were their products or manufactures. The chief articles of United Kingdom origin imported in the last five years and the principal articles exported direct thereto in the same period were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1926-27 TO 1930-31.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of United Kingdom origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Whisky	196,270	192,369	195,905	167,904	111,170
Cigarettes	140,085	140,784	167,547	115,541	17,580
Apparel	1,292,808	1,043,799	896,047	749,235	165,041
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck	321,758	269,590	268,008	267,923	90,846
Cotton and Linen	3,319,207	2,898,547	2,605,936	2,685,020	1,339,835
Silk	452,376	438,681	525,304	637,508	360,086
Woolen	911,848	868,888	564,585	465,956	67,032
Velvets, and Lace for Attire	149,737	142,558	215,813	172,232	104,823
Other	436,994	432,160	379,145	354,878	195,363
Floor Coverings	933,786	824,461	764,448	674,242	251,623
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c. . . .	312,949	218,496	258,635	233,834	144,833
Yarns	954,411	775,903	805,201	754,596	385,939
Machines and Machinery	2,346,755	2,092,712	1,668,934	1,788,952	806,589
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	2,346,347	2,260,454	1,782,087	1,757,633	594,863
Motor Cars (bodies, chassis, and parts)	1,132,779	443,998	549,699	549,305	148,407
Pipes and Tubes	391,698	312,919	300,630	261,601	124,539
Platedware and Cutlery	204,575	188,107	178,369	153,381	60,622
Other Vehicles and parts	415,406	359,802	408,623	381,668	103,500
Other Metals and Manufactures	1,244,654	1,067,425	1,068,528	943,486	414,768
Rubber and Rubber Goods	288,423	144,799	118,469	118,023	79,915
Crockery and Household Ware	184,806	163,385	165,997	148,532	88,905
Glass and Glassware	147,553	133,458	148,345	111,992	40,191
Paper	1,200,936	1,004,891	954,892	990,097	653,970
Books	360,833	370,220	359,662	356,404	296,318
Fancy Goods	222,926	194,229	188,273	181,109	92,189
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations	149,892	101,196	110,991	97,800	71,282
Sodium Salts	148,060	132,299	119,496	103,362	83,634
Dyes	94,873	76,637	74,522	72,680	50,069
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	245,887	284,699	297,371	201,129	174,423
All other Articles	3,131,519	3,145,136	2,873,046	2,891,752	1,096,766
Total	23,680,151	20,728,602	19,014,408	18,437,775	8,165,121
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to United Kingdom.</i>					
Butter	2,012,500	1,806,740	2,470,892	2,041,829	2,509,860
Meats—					
Beef, Mutton and Lamb	1,206,875	741,005	1,396,269	1,418,406	1,217,541
Rabbits and Hares	44,350	43,345	134,792	121,796	155,648
Other	38,056	24,963	41,301	22,220	109,581†
Milk and Cream	28,585	11,082	27,343	18,295	3,012
Fruits—all kinds	1,157,952	1,569,278	1,618,745	1,870,975	1,698,336
Wheat and Flour	2,433,284	981,397	1,355,737	439,527	853,881
Wine, fermented	109,146	178,686	54,584	45,622	48,098
Hides and Skins	1,019,060	1,323,717	1,128,999	848,558	628,002
Wool	4,888,821	5,092,364	6,285,869	3,406,481	2,700,811
Tallow, unrefined	139,190	52,745	126,123	48,368	13,733
Tin Ingots	65,399	48,365	42,427	1,050	
Leather, &c.	38,593	50,595	36,655	53,393	64,327
Soap	148,443	154,927	160,452	173,214	174,968
Bullion and Specie	1,297	1,268	1,253,848	12,506,268	3,463,739
All other Articles	463,373	944,446*	520,220	382,175	418,736
Total	13,844,874	13,025,453	16,954,156	23,398,177	14,060,273

* Including "Vessels transferred abroad," £500,000.

† Including "Pork," £70,466.

During 1930-31 imports from India and Ceylon were less by £434,562 than in the previous year, while exports to those countries also decreased by £1,058,663.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH INDIA AND CEYLON, 1926-27 TO 1930-31.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of Indian and Cingalese origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Cocoa Beans	11,027	12,982	12,976	10,312	4,320
Coffee	19,677	23,732	11,874	17,939	11,141
Rice	86,116	49,260	392	1,113	191
Nuts	41,925	36,541	35,219	538	8,547
Spices	13,940	11,947	12,486	7,755	12,010
Tea	762,314	575,280	626,488	496,827	259,678
Hides and Skins	26,731	49,774	37,405	88,080	39,126
Fibres	44,217	30,663	49,474	47,130	21,707
Gums and Resins	13,503	19,664	18,953	23,596	9,332
Seeds	44,245	59,932	82,122	53,430	28,477
Hessians	186,969	149,800	181,279	187,592	88,432
Floor Coverings	11,530	10,635	12,264	7,548	2,455
Bags and Sacks	1,412,160	1,195,646	1,374,578	938,361	991,114
Yarns—Cork	32,001	18,256	16,284	17,415	12,895
Oils in Bulk	8,542	7,652	2,499	2,750	226
Waxes	6,528	2,300	5,709	8,459	4,455
Rubber, &c.	152,576	67,145	40,317	5,515	13,530
All other Articles	69,628	99,038	67,345	74,783	51,945
Total	2,943,629	2,420,247	2,587,664	1,989,143	1,554,581
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to India and Ceylon.</i>					
Butter	12,497	16,890	20,314	23,902	10,640
Meats	19,990	8,693	17,061	10,551	15,804
Milk and Cream	30,019	36,490	44,545	42,529	48,372
Biscuits	7,518	5,815	4,786	4,358	3,213
Hay and Chaff	14,080	7,300	5,242	9,544	3,072
Fruits (all kinds)	5,714	6,097	5,812	7,837	8,312
Wheat	114,780	33,630	2,217,333	194,245	249,059
Flour	147,900	174,251	162,016	150,424	100,053
Horses	16,062	28,076	43,540	44,444	26,492
Wool	23,480	50,075	106,668	70,966	37,415
Tallow (unrefined)	31,966	13,839	55,896	44,901	29,237
Soap	6,499	6,637	6,963	5,802	4,330
Specie and Bullion	500	87,332	31,119	1,142,502	120,000
All other Articles	63,233	73,912	51,272	27,822	65,115
Total	494,238	549,087	2,772,572	1,779,927	721,164

The value of imports from New Zealand for the year ended 30th June, 1931, was £436,581. The exports thereto amounted to £816,009, and represented 3·2 per cent. of the total overseas exports. The principal articles of trade during the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF CHIEF IMPORTS OF NEW ZEALAND ORIGIN
AND OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED DIRECT TO
THAT COUNTRY, 1926-27 TO 1930-31.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of New Zealand origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Butter	204,260	113,622	1	..	..
Fish	37,870	52,391	45,861	38,627	25,366
Milk and Cream	5,458	6,565	6,098	5,358	2,482
Meats	29,275	33,694	21,772	13,215	5,080
Grain and Pulse	38,708	49,149	16,950	16,796	15,578
Hops	2,833	..	551	518	792
Animals (horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs)	23,968	11,062	13,043	19,707	7,084
Hides and Skins	263,617	212,936	277,446	145,526	66,449
Wool	182,742	590,986	131,787	10,809	14,416
Flax and Hemp	86,005	60,743	63,889	58,634	27,590
Oakum and Tow	24,219	18,992	18,335	13,229	5,625
Seeds	38,736	34,084	40,830	22,025	18,780
Timber	145,067	123,027	123,996	148,853	72,114
Gold and Silver	126,755	230,511	129,318	100,182	127,007
All other Articles	86,144	115,076	77,935	60,767	48,218
Total	1,295,657	1,652,838	967,812	654,246	436,581
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to New Zealand.</i>					
Fruits, all kinds	170,083	156,514	133,864	157,688	159,565
Grain and Pulse—					
Wheat	199,772	138,188	3,800	2,481	134
Flour	276,890	30,358	19,973	19,045	6,526
Oats	7,992	634	1,823	11,469	9,195
Rice and Rice Meal	13,521	16,742	7,324	4,298	2,665
Tea	26,312	29,855	33,669	18,929	7,590
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	18,311	14,145	11,969	14,661	11,515
Tobacco manufactured	253,908	236,012	210,240	171,339	159,914
Apparel	19,693	22,705	22,366	16,349	17,083
Textiles	33,495	40,240	51,189	46,217	31,187
Manufactures Fibres	3,109	14,641	14,574	38,599	24,077
Oils	7,959	3,984	5,851	6,369	6,805
Machines and Machinery	71,895	55,169	78,204	53,002	47,810
Metal manufactures	50,564	44,990	41,528	50,196	31,785
Rubber manufactures	27,277	22,124	15,273	16,109	12,843
Leather, &c.	7,388	9,726	9,764	12,982	11,327
Books	15,992	10,100	9,512	11,361	11,245
Photographic goods and materials	47,758	46,204	46,103	46,730	45,450
Drugs and Chemicals	27,238	35,829	28,435	36,778	34,215
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	38,917	29,765	36,621	49,101	45,606
Vessels transferred Abroad .. .. .	..	13,000	89,000	20,000	..
All other Articles	160,094	173,465	151,602	139,157	139,472
Australian produce	1,309,090	961,837	736,751	778,250	706,812
Other produce	169,076	192,553	285,933	164,610	109,197
Total	1,478,166	1,154,390	1,022,684	942,860	816,009

The trade with Belgium was suspended in 1918 and 1919, and has not yet recovered its pre-war proportion, which was 3 per cent. of the total oversea trade of Victoria. The principal articles of trade with Belgium in the last five years were as follows :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH BELGIUM, 1926-27 TO 1930-31.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of Belgian origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Furs and other Skins, dressed ..	19,061	17,947	19,343	4,393	81
Gloves	16,879	17,119	15,890	13,152	7,652
Piece Goods	39,566	38,841	54,503	61,112	22,885
Artificial Silk Yarn	303	908	9,086	16,882	4,252
Electrical Machinery, &c. ..	13,058	24,569	4,820	6,789	2,290
Metal Manufactures—					
Copper	8,197	6,720	4,789	585	1,105
Iron and Steel	14,180	4,683	8,238	7,842	2,987
Vehicles	19,080	1,630	980	1,783	112
Other	19,368	18,132	16,436	14,116	6,709
Glass and Glassware	80,595	55,312	76,016	80,350	20,996
Paper	25,787	24,711	16,366	16,497	11,491
Precious Stones, Unset	3,663	10,556	23,102	21,454	1,128
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	13,545	17,267	18,523	23,582	6,178
All other Articles	57,503	134,254	56,594	94,674	23,586
Total	335,785	372,649	325,336	363,211	111,452
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to Belgium.</i>					
Meats	2,294	4,116	10,414	18,301	6,385
Wheat	334,226	69,579	42,440	..	71,650
Hides and Skins	38,840	106,806	73,454	76,471	23,588
Wool	528,594	798,616	991,035	340,200	303,023
Tallow (unrefined)	22,624	13,239	17,409	11,926	1,587
Cameos and Precious Stones ..	3,167	2,888	1,106	8,614	2,123
All other Articles	38,895	43,920	19,038	13,415	24,405
Total	968,640	1,038,664	1,154,896	468,927	432,761

Trade with France. Imports from France during 1930-31 were more than 50 per cent. lower than those of the previous year. Exports showed a decline of more than 34 per cent. Details of the exports to France and of the goods of French origin received in the past five years are given in the appended table:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH FRANCE, 1926-27 TO 1930-31.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of French origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Brandy	32,777	32,074	34,310	27,509	2,194
Hides and Skins	27,880	7,204	25,519	14,996	3,248
Wine	26,974	20,549	22,887	22,791	2,159
Gums and Resins	37,996	29,014	30,141	29,749	17,426
Apparel—					
Trimmings and Ornaments	154,315	104,866	84,844	59,810	43,374
Gloves	36,245	18,065	19,055	24,021	13,684
Other	339,052	344,601	184,798	110,496	24,972
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	865,495	612,859	641,831	462,217	242,656
Other	27,145	20,527	21,131	21,433	9,314
Oils	16,041	18,513	20,470	24,304	12,730
Electrical Machinery and Appliances	24,900	13,170	3,690	2,737	1,055
Other Machines and Machinery	16,915	26,956	15,285	15,238	12,371
Motor Cars and Parts	105,175	23,637	16,786	14,203	998
Rubber Manufactures	61,963	38,174	43,828	23,715	2,269
Stationery and Paper Manufactures	37,937	48,204	28,778	42,744	38,989
Pipes (smoking)	16,552	16,240	11,755	10,570	6,602
Cream of Tartar	15,488	16,937	15,948	21,344	2,099
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations	34,902	23,092	27,227	23,498	12,313
All other Articles	249,070	192,997	209,663	217,370	91,358
Total	2,126,822	1,613,219	1,457,446	1,168,745	541,311
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to France.</i>					
Butter	4,200	62	8,440	..	..
Meats .. .. .	..	2,053	2,791	5,484	9,574
Wheat and Flour	474,062	81,053	76,696	51,338	..
Hides and Skins	493,749	784,029	768,964	504,312	333,750
Wool	2,563,910	2,516,682	2,787,804	1,347,570	907,691
Tallow (unrefined)	2,697	11,381	1,400	2,006	..
All other Articles	12,900	14,095	18,191	21,866	20,414
Total	3,551,518	3,409,355	3,664,286	1,932,576	1,271,429

Trade with Germany. Prior to the war (1913) the percentage of trade with Germany amounted to 8·4 per cent. of the total with oversea countries, but that percentage has not since been regained. Wool was the chief item exported to Germany, and during the past five years accounted for 71·2 per cent. of the total exports to that country—the percentage for 1930-31 being 73·8.

The principal articles interchanged during the last five years were as follows :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH GERMANY, 1926-27 TO 1930-31.

Articles.	Value in year ended 30th June—				
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of German origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Hides and Skins	4,586	9,690	16,218	11,805	2,363
Apparel—					
Gloves	107,136	89,135	97,919	66,753	35,345
Other	269,891	335,611	283,674	249,522	81,765
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	191,517	188,121	167,669	143,476	70,957
Other	39,446	47,109	34,569	40,761	17,344
Artificial Silk Yarn	9,557	10,478	16,355	22,027	23,177
Machines and Machinery	202,513	262,993	346,041	354,138	191,538
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Vehicles	12,659	23,101	49,977	8,148	5,791
Plated Ware and Cutlery ..	33,293	26,011	21,272	18,803	10,056
Other	266,467	180,168	192,416	195,088	102,370
Glass and Glassware	23,769	28,269	29,289	31,690	10,596
Paper	44,812	48,836	48,549	64,157	37,388
Stationery and Paper Manufactures	23,518	29,261	29,420	23,503	17,730
Fancy Goods	81,997	72,984	82,707	82,544	37,204
Timepieces	38,148	39,341	32,780	28,695	13,308
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments	43,858	50,557	40,901	39,181	24,524
Drugs, Chemicals, and Fertilizers	90,079	78,479	92,905	109,171	81,300
Bags, Baskets, &c.	24,291	27,659	21,471	26,739	7,034
Brushware	30,166	24,104	14,744	14,564	3,319
Musical Instruments	106,163	66,865	47,201	28,223	6,513
All other Articles	150,861	210,650	210,451	272,524	105,601
Total	1,794,727	1,849,422	1,876,528	1,831,512	885,223
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to Germany.</i>					
Butter	4,362	217	13,303	1,456	356
Sausage Casings	5,858	3,088	5,872	2,641	3,827
Fruits (all kinds)	321	98,377	154	71,111	36,336
Wheat and Flour	325,186	83,585	3,052	..	8,972
Wool	1,321,404	1,482,222	812,573	558,208	508,361
Hides and Skins	162,605	228,310	308,239	109,086	85,302
Tallow (unrefined)	16,559	1,828	4,878	132	1,724
Casein	5,659	14,387	13,653	7,650	..
Eucalyptus Oil	21,142	30,889	18,688	16,006	7,526
All other Articles	19,676	36,091	36,272	39,653	37,704
Total	1,882,772	1,978,994	1,216,684	805,943	689,108

Imports from Japan during 1930-31 amounted to only £856,436 as compared with £1,345,268 in the previous year. Exports in 1930-31, however, showed an increase of £860,958 over those of 1929-30. The principal articles interchanged during the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH JAPAN, 1926-27 TO 1930-31.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of Japanese origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Fish	7,657	6,029	8,806	21,681	9,228
Silk, Raw	95,037	116,252	130,189	210,045	213,273
Fibres	5,901	5,920	6,141	6,620	3,808
Grass or Straw, &c.	5,833	2,580	4,630	3,758	1,112
Apparel—					
Buttons, Buckles, &c.	13,817	15,504	13,220	14,797	9,456
Hats and Caps	13,722	7,353	35,242	15,880	2,622
Other	22,775	22,396	14,463	18,981	6,943
Piece Goods—Silk	931,104	726,377	885,362	728,388	391,542
Cotton and Linen	165,300	109,995	66,777	74,130	70,532
Other	21,767	3,276	8,485	2,603	12,965
Other Textiles	20,595	14,901	13,523	26,296	19,335
Yarns	708	1,122	17,451	25,030	4,841
Oils	4,696	10,718	11,461	12,409	5,636
Timber	44,759	39,280	40,347	47,220	5,826
China ware	23,688	29,174	31,234	26,633	17,538
Glass and Glassware	20,347	16,303	17,004	14,088	5,374
Fancy Goods	20,800	15,870	19,222	26,186	17,881
Jewellery and Precious Stones	14,410	12,791	6,434	5,161	2,841
Camphor	5,963	3,684	4,346	3,768	3,047
All other Articles	71,093	35,604	42,846	61,594	52,636
Total	1,519,972	1,195,129	1,387,183	1,345,268	856,436
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to Japan.</i>					
Butter	95	65	948	8,108	1,557
Hides and Skins	3,459	3,359	3,076	5,230	6,031
Milk and Cream	61,095	58,499	68,786	62,027	51,639
Wheat	842,120	122,078	637,577	176,112	606,125
Flour .. .. .	.. .. .	6,429	2,939	4,753	4,541
Wool	1,899,254	2,205,030	1,857,225	1,146,193	1,715,800
Tallow (unrefined)	42,765	55,280	112,979	93,625	38,094
Casein	24,474	14,759	52,125	54,843	20,704
Fertilizers	13,323	4,100	1,588	2,557	795
All other Articles	19,150	14,050	42,337	39,976	9,096
Total	2,905,735	2,483,649	2,779,580	1,593,424	2,454,382

Trade with
Netherlands
East Indies.

The chief articles interchanged with Netherlands East Indies during the last five years were as follows :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES, 1926-27 TO 1930-31.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of Netherlands East Indies origin).</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Coffee and Chloory	26,450	24,410	22,106	31,672	10,266
Sago and Tapioca	1,131	3,365	6,362	3,909	463
Spices	4,771	8,098	10,687	7,952	3,810
Tea	379,425	393,744	311,902	167,310	207,861
Tobacco—unmanufactured	30,342	62,856	45,715	11,211	9,161
Hides and Skins	16,242	13,083	33,248	23,184	14,973
Fibres	162,755	158,023	165,782	113,854	87,611
Seeds	15,619	11,401	17,717	16,079	6,411
Oils	884,528	569,913	902,988	843,415	535,936
Rubber, crude	135,188	79,445	94,093	36,928	38,672
All other Articles	37,508	31,831	46,675	37,529	21,599
Total	1,693,954	1,356,164	1,657,275	1,293,043	936,763
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to the Netherlands East Indies.</i>					
Butter	415,862	454,913	488,019	442,216	346,405
Meats	10,292	4,923	2,674	2,743	743
Milk and Cream	106,974	107,857	208,202	336,408	197,744
Biscuits	45,388	43,512	31,890	21,232	13,894
Fruits, and fruit juices	31,329	35,660	40,575	38,312	26,408
Flour	399,521	423,762	445,157	452,321	223,337
Machines and Machinery	4,124	2,871	2,722	1,761	2,755
Leather, &c.	38,895	53,315	32,328	20,583	13,174
Soap	16,060	15,552	15,902	12,407	3,191
All other Articles	30,366	35,118	39,627	23,918	21,242
Total	1,098,811	1,177,483	1,307,296	1,351,991	858,893

Trade with United States of America. The value of the trade with the United States showed a considerable falling off during 1930-31. The principal articles included in the trade with the United States in the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED STATES, 1926-27 TO 1930-31.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
<i>Imported (British Currency Values) into Victoria (of United States origin).</i>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Fish, Preserved in Tins	96,719	19,809	45,282	32,842	7,298
Sausage Casings	82,285	65,815	63,146	32,385	30,250
Tobacco, &c.	526,777	549,859	344,402	354,635	371,519
Gums and Resins	27,382	23,829	19,043	25,626	9,939
Apparel—					
Socks and Stockings	144,064	150,687	149,654	110,319	6,909
Other	184,905	160,239	153,404	139,463	45,113
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	306,768	326,530	337,991	283,486	143,966
Other	123,933	93,143	101,871	86,585	40,633
Manufactured Fibres and Yarns ..	165,266	88,762	179,194	204,819	106,139
Oils	1,760,771	1,650,951	1,693,750	1,878,157	1,080,827
Paints and Varnishes	61,381	71,587	74,737	60,225	20,442
Asphalt, Bitumen, and Natural Pitch	40,079	32,503	71,982	89,038	32,884
Machines and Machinery	1,948,395	1,584,608	1,364,069	1,314,841	464,283
Metals and Metal manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	252,674	70,988	90,502	72,143	27,819
Tools of Trade	171,423	116,237	130,667	109,759	48,269
Vehicles and Parts—					
Motor Cars	2,340,360	1,617,660	1,953,478	1,284,818	115,007
Other	483,182	341,878	423,739	309,396	62,644
Other	509,787	416,996	421,998	376,022	110,009
Rubber, &c.	231,142	130,936	87,862	70,067	21,619
Leather, &c.	116,419	87,547	115,898	84,962	9,683
Timber	764,990	748,170	645,735	588,481	75,729
Glass and Glassware	47,767	40,041	34,166	19,591	15,015
Paper	86,404	81,301	99,309	79,974	41,636
Stationery	132,813	130,078	140,215	132,826	82,640
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Fancy Goods	112,293	83,021	84,711	77,465	31,587
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments	156,217	142,719	128,885	140,301	51,378
Sulphur (Brimstone)	183,968	217,096	161,653	216,577	87,822
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	63,177	44,607	28,179	35,435	11,438
Instruments—Musical	289,770	149,715	93,773	42,097	7,264
All other Articles	585,173	532,855	528,738	522,195	234,982
Total	12,087,684	9,770,167	9,767,973	8,774,519	3,394,743
<i>Exported (Australian Currency Values) from Victoria to the United States.</i>					
Sausage Casings	168,441	139,435	162,486	154,698	100,977
Hides and Skins	362,618	392,643	612,412	424,808	231,780
Wool	2,304,047	1,419,526	1,039,700	405,798	410,982
Tallow (unrefined) .. ..	..	17,993	44,840	1,675	..
Machines and Machinery	4,670	19,423	16,906	21,923	46,006
Metals and Metal Manufactures ..	27,680	8,740	7,565	13,309	13,644
Leather, &c.	10,974	9,943	7,871	13,061	7,437
Eucalyptus Oil	14,054	22,404	25,668	15,175	14,295
All other articles	16,298	32,406	63,907	47,101	42,156
Total	2,908,782	2,062,513	1,985,545	1,102,538	867,257

Customs and
Excise
Revenue.

The following statement shows the oversea trade and the gross revenue collected at Victorian ports and inland stations, during the year 1930-31 :—

OVERSEA TRADE AND GROSS REVENUE COLLECTED
AT VICTORIAN PORTS AND INLAND STATIONS, 1930-31.

Heading.	Melbourne.	Geelong.	Portland.	Warrnam- bool.	Inland Sta- tions.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Oversea Trade*—						
Imports ..	19,841,286	380,414	52,359	31,142	..	20,305,201
Exports ..	23,118,364	1,915,937	362,234	461,352	..	25,857,887
Total ..	42,959,650	2,296,351	414,593	492,494	..	46,163,088
Gross Revenue—						
Customs ..	5,184,331	86,208	26,397	5,695	..	5,302,631
Excise ..	2,991,161	16,508	..	..	15,586	3,023,255
Primage ..	598,051	10,069	546	860	..	609,526
Other sources	26,904	136	45	33	3	27,121
Total ..	8,800,447	112,921	26,988	6,588	15,589	8,962,533†

* Recorded Values. † After deducting £407,381 for Drawbacks, &c., the net revenue was £8,555,152.

Interstate
Trade.

On the 13th September, 1910, the Commonwealth Government abandoned the collecting and recording of information relating to Interstate imports and exports, but at the Statisticians' Conference, held in 1926 at Perth, it was resolved that action should be taken by each Statistician, with the exception of Western Australia and Tasmania (where schemes for collecting Interstate trade statistics are already in force), with a view to obtaining a record of the principal items of Interstate trade.

Monthly returns of fourteen specified articles (quantities only) interchanged between Victoria and the other States, have been received

Destination of principal articles exported. Wool, wheat and flour, butter, fruits (all kinds), meats, and hides and skins were the six principal articles of merchandise exported from Victoria in 1931—their value being equal to nearly 87·3 per cent. of the total exports of merchandise. The countries which received these products are shown in the following statement:—

DESTINATION OF THE PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF MERCHANDISE EXPORTED IN 1930-31.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Destination.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Fruits (all kinds).	Meats.	Hides and Skins.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom ..	2,700,811	853,881	2,509,860	1,698,336	1,482,770	628,002
Aden ..	..	8,064	..	15	..	..
Canada ..	11,759	..	39,456	283,831	6,777	3,258
Hong Kong ..	1,568	73,215	2,643	6,561	375	..
India and Ceylon ..	37,415	349,112	10,640	8,312	15,804	16
Irish Free State ..	..	69,888	..	..	..	..
Malaya (British) ..	..	71,648	38,507	6,398	11,027	..
Malta ..	..	11,725	929	17	7,585	..
Mauritius ..	..	32,888	6,298	38	..	..
New Zealand ..	38	6,660	4	159,565	216	161
Pacific Islands (British) ..	..	1,776	671	1,864	3,680	..
South African Union ..	..	41,284	329	1,147	367	..
Sudan ..	..	17,655	45	44	29	..
Other British Countries ..	..	19,423	5,271	525	1,145	..
Africa, Portuguese East ..	..	28,560	774	357	..	..
Africa, Portuguese West ..	..	26,829	19	..	..	..
Belgium ..	303,023	71,650	894	882	6,385	23,588
China ..	216	889,547	12,791	3,645	18	30
Egypt ..	..	320,160	8,521	942	5,821	518
France ..	907,691	..	..	41	9,574	333,750
French Indo-China ..	..	3,620	168	52	..	..
Germany ..	508,361	8,972	356	35,336	3,827	85,302
Italy ..	301,858	265,323	..	..	8	11,080
Japan ..	1,715,800	610,666	1,557	300	60	6,031
Netherlands ..	28,288	148,790	..	5,416	..	7,047
Netherlands East Indies ..	..	223,346	346,405	15,366	743	23
Norway ..	927	20,894	..	..	..	824
Philippine Islands ..	..	5,532	4,279	23	1,784	..
Siam ..	..	27,643	4,801	15	13	..
Spain ..	9,829	133	31	5	3	2,344
Sweden ..	12,459	..	..	..	34	5,438
United States of America ..	410,962	..	..	8,572	100,979	231,780
Other Foreign Countries ..	9,709	23,775	2,921	1,022	847	2,481
Total ..	6,960,714	4,237,659	2,998,170	2,238,627	1,659,871	1,341,673

The value of the above-mentioned six articles added to that of the next principal item (milk and cream) represented nearly 90 per cent. of the total merchandise exported. The value of milk and cream exported amounted to £596,263, of which £197,744 was sent to Netherlands East Indies, £145,226 to British Malaya, and £87,545 to China.

The foregoing table refers to the quantities of fourteen articles interchanged between Victoria and the other States. The States from and to in the case of imports and exports respectively are available for only seven of the aforementioned items. These consist of butter, flour, wheat, cattle, sheep, horses, and pigs, and information relating to the importing and exporting State of these articles is given below:—

INTERSTATE TRADE OF SEVEN SPECIFIED ARTICLES,
CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THE STATE OF IMPORT
AND EXPORT, 1930-31.

Article.	Imported into Victoria from—					
	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter	34	343	1	..	1,963	2,341
Flour	17,157	..	1,159	..	107	18,423
Wheat	41,381	..	13,385	1	..	54,767
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Cattle	91,097	..	6,616	..	4,548	102,261
Sheep	1,963,749	..	31,511	..	15,869	2,011,129
Horses	2,166	..	316	28	121	2,631
Pigs	2,700	..	71	..	2,496	5,267

Article.	Exported from Victoria to—					
	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter	406	165	687	392	142	1,792
Flour	2,378	355	1,195	12	5,739	9,679
Wheat	294	3	114	3	5,823	6,237
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Cattle	28,180	1	2,732	616	12	31,541
Sheep	623,147	7	107,000	513	7,086	737,753
Horses	1,046	20	440	90	269	1,865
Pigs	739	4	2,436	4	25	3,208

from the Harbor Trusts, Railways Department, Ports and Harbors Department, Warrnambool Harbor Board, and the Department of Agriculture. The tabulated totals of these items for the year 1930-31, excluding all oversea cargo interchanged, are shown in the following table :—

**INTERSTATE TRADE OF 14 SPECIFIED ARTICLES
(QUANTITIES ONLY).**

Article.	Imported into Victoria from other States during 1930-31, and recorded by—					
	Department of Agriculture (Live Stock by Land and Sea).	Victorian Railways.	Port of Melbourne.	Port of Geelong.	Ports of Portland and Warrnam- bool.	Total.
		tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter .. ..	..	15	2,326	..	..	2,341
Coal .. ..	..	2	602,523	140,638	11,689	754,852
Flour .. ..	..	18,313	110	..	..	18,423
Fruits, fresh ..	..	17,715	5,759*	..	..	†
Fruits, dried ..	..	597	470*	..	..	‡
Oats .. ..	..	4,662	461	..	..	5,123
Onions .. ..	..	88	109	..	..	197
Potatoes .. ..	..	586	1,188	..	..	1,774
Wheat .. ..	..	54,766	1	..	..	54,767
Wool .. ..	..	23,088	3,504	1,247	64	27,903
	No.					No.
Cattle	102,261	..	..	..	..	102,261
Sheep	2,011,129	..	..	..	..	2,011,129
Horses	2,631	..	..	..	..	2,631
Pigs	5,267	..	..	..	..	5,267
Article.	Exported from Victoria to other States during 1930-31, and recorded by—					
	Department of Agriculture (Live Stock by Land and Sea).	Victorian Railways.	Port of Melbourne.	Port of Geelong.	Ports of Portland and Warrnam- bool.	Total.
		tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter .. ..	..	262	1,530	..	..	1,792
Coal .. ..	..	579	58	..	..	637
Flour .. ..	..	3,356	6,323	..	..	9,679
Fruits, fresh ..	..	18,324	10,115*	..	..	§
Fruits, dried ..	..	492	4,582*	..	..	||
Oats .. ..	..	697	8,279	78	..	9,054
Onions .. ..	..	5,873	16,464	7,335	..	29,672
Potatoes .. ..	..	35,605	29,392	474	260	65,731
Wheat .. ..	..	407	3,756	2,074	..	6,237
Wool .. ..	..	659	6,295	690	..	7,644
	No.					No.
Cattle	31,541	..	..	..	..	31,541
Sheep	737,753	..	..	..	..	737,753
Horses	1,865	..	..	..	..	1,865
Pigs	3,208	..	..	..	..	3,208

* Measurement tons.

† Comprising 17,715 tons weight and 5,759 tons measurement.

‡ Comprising 597 tons weight and 470 tons measurement.

§ Comprising 18,324 tons weight and 10,115 tons measurement.

|| Comprising 492 tons weight and 4,582 tons measurement.

SHIPPING.

Victorian shipping as dealt with in the succeeding tables **Vessels entered and cleared.** refers to vessels trading with other States and oversea countries; the tonnage quoted is net. Vessels trading on the Victorian coast and on the River Murray have not been taken into consideration. In the particulars of the shipping at Victorian ports (page 287) and at the port of Melbourne (page 289) coastal shipping is included.

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

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING, 1926-27 TO 1930-31.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
Vessels Entered—					
Number	2,667	2,539	2,474	2,499	2,166
Tons	7,187,147	6,844,809	6,798,092	6,911,048	6,161,699
Average tonnage ..	2,694	2,644	2,748	2,766	2,845
Vessels Cleared—					
Number	2,666	2,608	2,466	2,488	2,181
Tons	7,180,748	6,869,313	6,815,305	6,877,418	6,238,325
Average tonnage ..	2,693	2,634	2,764	2,764	2,860

For the twelve months ended 30th June, 1931, steamers numbered 2,159 of the vessels entered, and 2,173 of the vessels cleared, their tonnage aggregating 6,161,139 and 6,234,970 respectively. The inward shipping included 100 vessels in ballast, of an aggregate tonnage of 329,518, whilst the outward shipping included 235 vessels in ballast, having an aggregate tonnage of 351,237.

The more important of the countries having shipping communication with Victoria in 1930-31 are set out in the following statement:—

Shipping with
principal
countries.

SHIPPING WITH PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, 1930-31.

Countries.	Entered.				Cleared.			
	Steamers.		Sailing Vessels.		Steamers.		Sailing Vessels.	
	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.
Australian States	1,527	3,274,049	7	560	1,618	3,604,123	7	560
United Kingdom	158	1,122,610	..	..	180	1,232,754	1	2,795
New Zealand	43	87,682	..	..	37	82,533	..	..
India	20	79,576	..	..	17	62,480	..	..
Straits Settlements	21	76,068	..	..	17	55,719	..	..
Other British	70	221,588	..	..	51	156,058	..	..
Total British Countries	1,839	4,861,573	7	560	1,920	5,193,667	8	3,355
Japan	76	303,732	..	..	68	274,598	..	..
Dutch East Indies	24	113,577	..	..	29	139,509	..	..
United States of America	91	348,906	..	..	28	107,171	..	..
Other Foreign	129	533,351	..	..	128	520,025	..	..
Total Foreign Countries	320	1,299,566	..	..	253	1,041,303	..	..
Grand Total ..	2,159	6,161,139	7	560	2,173	6,234,970	8	3,355

Nationality of vessels.

The nationality of vessels entered and cleared at Victorian ports for the year 1930-31 was as shown hereunder:—

NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1930-31.

Nationality.	Entered.		Cleared.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.
British—				
Australian	1,305	1,860,144	1,314	1,879,931
United Kingdom	489	2,889,135	493	2,934,487
Canadian	13	45,265	13	45,265
Hong Kong	12	30,966	12	30,966
New Zealand	37	63,823	36	63,657
South African	2	6,418	2	6,418
Other British	2	2,362	1	1,922
Total, British ..	1,860	4,898,113	1,871	4,962,646
Foreign—				
Danish	11	29,991	11	29,991
Finnish .. ..	..	..	1	2,795
French	10	50,342	10	50,342
German	40	182,000	40	182,000
Holland	25	125,994	25	125,994
Italian	24	135,588	24	135,588
Japanese	74	300,687	75	303,319
Norwegian	56	208,993	57	210,804
Swedish	34	109,276	35	113,908
United States of America	28	101,942	27	96,520
Other Foreign	4	18,773	5	24,418
Total, Foreign ..	306	1,263,586	310	1,275,679
Grand Total ..	2,166	6,161,699	2,181	6,238,325

Shipping
entered at
Victorian
Ports.

Particulars of shipping—Oversea, Interstate, and Coast-wise—which entered at each port of Victoria are given in the following statement for the year ended 30th June, 1931 :—

VESSELS ENTERED AT EACH OF THE VICTORIAN PORTS, 1930-31.

Direction.	Melbourne.		Cunning- hame (Lakes Entrance).		Geelong.		Portland.		Warrnam- bool.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.
Oversea— Steam ..	157	567,984	..	..	49	176,605	3	9,042	1	1,830
Sailing ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Interstate*— Steam ..	1,832	5,175,414	..	..	102	197,295	7	25,720	8	7,249
Sailing ..	5	400	..	..	2	160	..	..	..	..
Oversea <i>via</i> Ports— Steam ..	12	35,689	..	..	36	121,985	5	22,365	..	..
Interstate <i>via</i> Ports— Steam ..	75	123,346	..	..	84	167,653	5	27,117	4	5,114
Local (within the State)— Steam ..	774	396,829	32	6,176	241	90,597	80	19,866	122	32,080
Sailing ..	159	7,887	..	..	6	1,167	..	..	..	..
Total ..	2,850	6,302,262	32	6,176	512	754,135	100	104,110	135	46,273
Steam ..	164	8,287	..	..	8	1,327	..	..	..	..
Sailing ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grand Total..	3,014	6,310,549	32	6,176	520	755,462	100	104,110	135	46,273

NOTE.—“ Ports ” mean Victorian ports.
* Including “ Oversea *via* States.”

Ferry
Service.

A ferry service which was conducted by the Williams-town City Council between Port Melbourne and Williams-town was discontinued on 27th December, 1930. From 1st October, 1930, to the date of discontinuance, the number of passengers carried was 16,644, and the revenue and expenditure amounted to £393 and £1,488 respectively. There were six persons employed, and the total mileage was 2,808.

Cargo
discharged and
shipped.

Statistics relating to the tonnage of cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria during the year ended 30th June, 1931, are shown hereunder. The first table gives the tonnage of Interstate and Oversea cargo handled at each port in the State, and the second tabulation shows only the tonnage of Oversea cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria according to the nationality of the vessels carrying.

**TONNAGE OF INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA CARGO
DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED AT EACH PORT
DURING THE YEAR 1930-31.**

Port.	Discharged.		Shipped.	
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Melbourne	1,148,158	983,991	530,745	855,059
Geelong	150,000	89,832	27,552	376,532
Portland .. .. .	..	9,835	..	37,007
Warrnambool	11,818	..	5,954	308
Total	1,309,976	1,083,658	564,251	1,268,906

**TONNAGE OF OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED
IN VICTORIA DURING THE YEAR 1930-31, ACCORDING
TO THE NATIONALITY OF THE VESSELS
IN WHICH SUCH CARGO WAS CARRIED.**

Nationality of Vessels Carrying Cargo.	Tonnage.	
	Discharged.	Shipped.
Australian	2,858	7,058
Great Britain	643,204	690,459
Canadian	11,019	25,062
Hong Kong	2,313	5,158
New Zealand	25,908	30,165
South African	2,421	3,201
Other British	1,171	2,008
Total, British	688,894	763,111
Danish	45,681	10,637
Finnish .. .. .	..	4,286
French	2,950	22
German	16,369	32,405
Holland	15,769	44,949
Italian	7,222	25,124
Japanese	16,646	258,087
Norwegian	140,401	54,096
Swedish	69,197	48,399
United States of America	67,417	10,767
Other Foreign	13,112	17,023
Total, Foreign	394,764	505,795
Grand Total	1,083,658	1,268,906

PORT OF MELBOURNE.

Port of Melbourne. The Port of Melbourne is under the control of the Melbourne Harbor Trust, which had 12·21 miles of wharfs, piers, and jetties in the River Yarra, Victoria Dock, and Hobson's Bay at 31st December, 1931. The area of these wharfs, &c., is 62 acres, of which 28·5 acres are under sheds. The constitution of the Trust and the revenue and expenditure are shown in part "Municipal Statistics."

Trade of the Port. In the year 1931, vessels to the number of 2,869 (2,662 steamers, and 207 sailing vessels), with registered gross tonnage aggregating 10,262,551, berthed within the Port. The tonnage of imports in 1931 was 1,896,221, and that of exports 1,426,235. These figures include Interstate and Coastal tonnage, which amounted to 1,075,551 in the case of imports and 516,451 in the case of exports. Coal forms a great part of the Interstate imports, and, excluding 48,692 tons transhipped to vessels and 122,838 tons kept on board and landed at Geelong or used for bunkers, the quantity imported during 1931 amounted to 568,419 tons.

POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, AND TELEPHONES.

Post Offices and Registered Articles. The following statement contains particulars in relation to the number of post offices in Victoria, also the number of registered articles (other than packets) dealt with in this State in the last five years :—

POST OFFICES, AND REGISTERED ARTICLES POSTED AND RECEIVED, 1926-27 TO 1930-31.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Post Offices.*	Registered Articles—			
		Posted for Delivery Within the Commonwealth.	Posted for Delivery Outside the Commonwealth.	Total Posted.	Received from Outside the Commonwealth.
1927	No. 2,729	No. 2,352,500	No. 118,595	No. 2,481,095	No. 176,073
1928	2,748	1,911,366	123,709	2,035,075	187,716
1929	2,733	2,084,423	119,544	2,203,967	162,750
1930	2,732	2,031,550	111,479	2,143,039	171,002
1931	2,559	1,772,144	79,506	1,851,650	133,646

* Excluding "telephone" offices at which telegraph and telephone business only is transacted.

Details of the postal matter dealt with in Victoria during the years 1922-23 to 1926-27 appear in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 477. Pending an investigation into the system of recording such particulars, later information is not available except in regard to registered articles (as shown in the previous table) and parcels. The number of the latter dealt with in 1930-31 was as follows:—Posted for delivery—(a) within the Commonwealth, 1,786,800, and (b) outside the Commonwealth, 46,200; received from outside the Commonwealth, 81,100.

During 1930-31 money and valuables to the amount of £20,401 were found in postal articles sent to the Dead Letter Office as undeliverable. Postal articles (22,557) were posted without address, and of that number 177 contained money and valuables to the extent of £1,017.

The following table shows the total number and value of money orders and postal notes issued and paid in Victoria in each of the last five years:—

MONEY ORDERS AND POSTAL NOTES, 1926-27 TO 1930-31.

Heading.	1926-27.	1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.
Number of Money Order Offices open	680	635	709	735	740
Money Orders issued—					
Inland	{ Number .. 478,621	{ Number .. 495,407	{ Number .. 494,732	{ Number .. 505,212	{ Number .. 483,730
	{ Amount £ 2,513,771	{ Amount £ 2,593,000	{ Amount £ 2,612,542	{ Amount £ 2,623,002	{ Amount £ 2,449,057
Interstate	{ Number .. 87,362	{ Number .. 86,932	{ Number .. 84,227	{ Number .. 81,507	{ Number .. 75,376
Beyond the Com- monwealth	{ Number .. 496,273	{ Number .. 499,437	{ Number .. 471,370	{ Number .. 451,021	{ Number .. 394,506
	{ Amount £ 82,729	{ Amount £ 84,532	{ Amount £ 86,772	{ Amount £ 87,618	{ Amount £ 62,930
	{ Amount £ 281,719	{ Amount £ 280,349	{ Amount £ 286,976	{ Amount £ 316,125	{ Amount £ 262,008
Total	{ Number .. 648,712	{ Number .. 666,871	{ Number .. 665,731	{ Number .. 674,337	{ Number .. 622,236
	{ Amount £ 3,291,763	{ Amount £ 3,372,876	{ Amount £ 3,370,888	{ Amount £ 3,390,148	{ Amount £ 3,105,571
Money Orders Paid—					
Inland	{ Number .. 475,011	{ Number .. 488,738	{ Number .. 495,276	{ Number .. 503,593	{ Number .. 480,379
	{ Amount £ 2,520,942	{ Amount £ 2,595,093	{ Amount £ 2,618,878	{ Amount £ 2,627,713	{ Amount £ 2,460,484
Interstate	{ Number .. 145,105	{ Number .. 151,088	{ Number .. 148,090	{ Number .. 144,178	{ Number .. 127,916
Beyond the Com- monwealth	{ Number .. 754,694	{ Number .. 787,883	{ Number .. 760,638	{ Number .. 732,916	{ Number .. 609,132
	{ Amount £ 35,233	{ Amount £ 37,368	{ Amount £ 37,364	{ Amount £ 38,573	{ Amount £ 36,540
	{ Amount £ 130,916	{ Amount £ 137,881	{ Amount £ 135,220	{ Amount £ 135,988	{ Amount £ 125,416
Total	{ Number .. 655,349	{ Number .. 677,194	{ Number .. 680,730	{ Number .. 686,344	{ Number .. 644,835
	{ Amount £ 3,406,552	{ Amount £ 3,520,857	{ Amount £ 3,514,736	{ Amount £ 3,496,617	{ Amount £ 3,195,032
Postal Notes—					
Issued	{ Number .. 4,589,488	{ Number .. 4,715,578	{ Number .. 4,759,531	{ Number .. 4,893,975	{ Number .. 4,516,951
	{ Amount £ 1,665,216	{ Amount £ 1,704,911	{ Amount £ 1,720,553	{ Amount £ 1,765,486	{ Amount £ 1,600,160
Paid—Issued with- in the State	{ Number .. 2,904,339	{ Number .. 3,013,348	{ Number .. 3,106,130	{ Number .. 3,142,456	{ Number .. 3,053,663
	{ Amount £ 1,089,324	{ Amount £ 1,137,816	{ Amount £ 1,169,662	{ Amount £ 1,186,140	{ Amount £ 1,121,683
Paid — Issued in other States	{ Number .. 393,681	{ Number .. 432,192	{ Number .. 441,366	{ Number .. 422,514	{ Number .. 403,930
	{ Amount £ 156,366	{ Amount £ 164,025	{ Amount £ 166,406	{ Amount £ 164,863	{ Amount £ 156,852

Of the orders issued in 1930-31, 4,988 for £19,782 were payable in New Zealand, and 42,321 for £163,409 were payable in the United Kingdom. The orders paid included 16,460 for £45,022 issued in New Zealand, and 14,739 for £62,782 issued in the United Kingdom.

The following statement gives particulars relating to the telegraph business in the Victorian offices during the last five years :—

TELEGRAPH BUSINESS, 1926-27 TO 1930-31.

Heading.	1926-27.	1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Number of Telegraph Offices (including Railway Telegraph Offices)..	2,333	2,365	2,409	2,442	2,428
Telegrams—					
Within the Commonwealth—					
Despatched ..	4,219,566	3,999,927	3,874,173	3,741,895	3,070,104
Other Countries—					
Despatched ..	240,786	242,991	256,167	250,769	209,356
Received ..	226,383	224,530	230,293	229,231	196,951
Transiting the State ..	16,054	69,231	346,559	329,909	243,657
Total Number of Messages Handled..	4,702,789	4,536,679	4,707,192	4,551,804	3,720,068
Revenue Credited—	£	£	£	£	£
Telegrams	277,863	270,426	258,671	241,332	197,772
Cablegrams	34,204	39,103	46,477	40,712	35,269
Total	312,067	309,529	305,148	282,044	233,041

The connexion of one subscriber to a telephone office constitutes an exchange. Information relating to the telephone service in Victoria is given below for the years 1926-27 to 1930-31 :—

TELEPHONES, 1926-27 TO 1930-31.

Heading.	1926-27.	1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Telephone Exchanges ..	1,518	1,573	1,620	1,656	1,652
Public Telephones ..	2,112	2,208	2,256	2,295	2,213
Lines Connected ..	101,891	108,678	114,603	118,074	113,232
Instruments Connected ..	138,609	147,788	155,841	160,381	154,647
Instruments per 1,000 of Population ..	80·3	83·9	88·2	89·9	86·0

Details of wireless licences issued in Victoria for the year ended 30th June, 1931, are shown hereunder. The licences issued to broadcast listeners in Victoria represented 41 per cent. of the total for Australia.

WIRELESS LICENCES ISSUED IN VICTORIA, 1930-31.

Class of Licence.	Number.
Coast	1
Ship	50
Land	6
Broadcasting*	10
Broadcast Listeners	137,005
Experimental	260
Portable	1
Special	10
Total	137,343

* Exclusive of the 2 stations operated by the National Broadcasting Service (P.M.G.'s Department).

Particulars concerning the revenue and expenditure of the Post and Telegraph Department in Victoria for the years 1926-27 to 1930-31 are contained in the following table :—

Post Office
revenue and
expenditure.

**REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF POST AND TELEGRAPH
DEPARTMENT IN VICTORIA, 1926-27 TO 1930-31.**

Particulars.	1926-27.	1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.
<i>Revenue.*</i>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Postage	1,383,227	1,404,827	1,441,804	1,445,412	1,482,526
Money Order Commission	59,646	60,872	61,422	66,491	54,774
Poundage on Postal Notes	12,376	12,701	16,092	13,447	12,783
Private Boxes and Bags	96,383	149,740	137,008	317,308	92,834
Miscellaneous					
Total Postal	1,551,632	1,628,140	1,656,326	1,842,658	1,642,917
Telegraph	345,896	344,525	334,168	396,383	326,045
Telephones	1,310,880	1,412,763	1,529,634	1,633,790	1,598,415
Grand Total†.. .. .	3,208,408	3,385,428	3,520,128	3,872,831	3,566,377
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries and Contingencies—					
Salaries	1,444,929	1,644,354	1,664,562	1,691,961	1,717,591
Conveyance of Mails	267,345	276,503	282,820	287,994	272,074
Contingencies	549,805	593,267	576,171	591,785	490,623
Miscellaneous	20,057	24,411	24,129	24,993	26,070
Pensions and Retiring Allowances	52,108	52,793	51,376	48,794	46,995
Rents, Repairs, Maintenance, Fit- tings, &c.	32,845	41,981	32,690	25,837	14,740
Proportion of Audit Expenses	2,902	3,114	3,222	3,366	3,576
New Works—					
Telegraph and Telephone	1,088,911	897,240	697,526	630,943	274,818
New Buildings, &c.	58,349	49,834	23,421	54,448	5,571
Interest on Transferred Properties.. .. .	42,779	61,362	61,362	61,362	61,362
Total Expenditure‡	3,569,030	3,644,859	3,417,279	3,421,483	2,943,420

* Including "Central Office" collections.

† Actual collections.

‡ Actual payments, which includes loan expenditure as follows.—£1,147,260 in 1926-27, £947,074 in 1927-28, £720,947 in 1928-29, £685,391 in 1929-30, and £280,389 in 1930-31.

RAILWAYS.

Victorian Railways, length and cost. All railways in Victoria available for general traffic, with the two exceptions referred to on page 300, are the property of the State, and are under the management of three Commissioners appointed by the Government.

The succeeding tables relate to the State railways, the Road Motor Services, and the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramways—all of which are under the control of the Railways Commissioners. The operations of the tramways mentioned are also shown separately on page 298. The usual motive power is steam, but electric traction is used on the suburban lines (with the exception of a small section of the Outer Circle line between East Camberwell and Deepdene), and on the 9·79 miles of tramways referred to above. The gauge of the lines is 5 ft. 3 in., with the exception of 121·77 miles (·21 double and 121·56 single), of which the gauge is 2 ft. 6 in.; and 4·61 miles (2·21 miles double and 2·40 single) of electric street tramway, the gauge of which is 4 ft. 8½ in. The

following table shows the length of double and single lines, the cost of construction, and the average cost per mile at the close of each of the last five years :—

**RAILWAYS, LENGTH AND COST OF CONSTRUCTION,
1926-27 TO 1930-31.**

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
Length of Lines opened to 30th June—					
Double Lines (miles)	336·28	336·28	338·72	347·30	347·30
Single Lines (miles)	4,355·50	4,412·81	4,411·94	4,417·06	4,426·16
Total	4,691·78	4,749·09	4,750·66	4,764·36	4,773·46
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost of Construction	43,693,034	44,432,267	45,298,221	46,331,145	46,448,956
Average Cost per mile	9·313	9·356	9·535	9·725	9·731

At 30th June, 1931, 111½ miles of railways were in course of construction, and 39½ miles had been authorized but construction had not been commenced.

Total capital cost of railways and equipment. The total capital cost of all lines constructed and in course of construction, works, rolling-stock and equipment of the Railways Department at 30th June in each of the last five years was as follows :—

**TOTAL CAPITAL COST OF RAILWAYS, ETC., AND
EQUIPMENT, 1926-27 TO 1930-31.**

Year Ended 30th June—	Railways.		Electric Tramways.	Road Motor Services.	Total Capital Cost.
	Lines Opened.*	Lines in Progress of Construction.	Lines Opened.		
	£	£	£	£	£
1927	70,301,304	419,824	329,426	37,931	71,088,485
1928	72,297,261	501,818	336,215	25,502	73,160,796
1929	73,075,876	894,375	335,987	26,208	74,332,446
1930	74,234,081	408,312	337,718	40,209	75,020,320
1931	74,343,498	438,054	339,325	35,041	75,155,918

* Including at 30th June, 1931, the cost of surveys for lines not constructed (£410,770), and cost of lines now closed for traffic (£392,124)

The loan liability of the Railways Department at 30th June, 1931, is represented by stock and debentures outstanding to the nominal amount of £74,049,433 on which the annual interest *payable* is £3,616,081, or at the average rate of 4·883 per cent. The nominal amount of loans, however, was reduced by £2,825,621—the cost of flotation, together with the discount at time of flotation. It has been computed that, whilst the nominal rate of interest on loans outstanding was 4·883 per cent., the real interest on the net proceeds of current loans available for railway construction, &c., was 5·077 per cent.

In addition to the proceeds from loans, contributions amounting, at 30th June, 1931, to £4,320,604 (on which no interest is charged) have been made from Consolidated Revenue and the Developmental Railways Account for capital purposes.

Railway traffic. The mileage and the traffic of the railways since 30th June, 1926, are given in the following table :—

RAILWAYS—MILEAGE AND TRAFFIC, 1926-27 TO 1930-31.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
Miles Constructed ..	4,601·78	4,749·09	4,750·66	4,764·36	4,773·46
„ Dismantled ..	36·14	36·14	36·14	37·70	37·63
„ Closed to Traffic ..	11·62	6·40	5·71	4·15	9·28
„ Open for Traffic ..	4,644·02	4,706·55	4,708·81	4,722·51	4,726·55
Vehicle Mileage ..	18,781,264	19,302,971	19,022,771	18,708,773	16,937,378
Passenger Journeys ..	177,102,686	172,350,327	168,440,449	164,471,582	141,212,373
Goods and Live Stock Carried (Tons) ..	9,234,923	8,117,961	8,187,088	7,513,606	6,099,310

The tonnage of goods and live stock carried during 1930-31—6,099,310—was 1,414,296 less than in 1929-30.

Railway receipts and expenditure. The receipts and expenditure of the Railways Department during the last five financial years were as follows :—

RAILWAY RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE,
1926-27 TO 1930-31.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
Receipts—	£	£	£	£	£
Passenger, &c., Business—					
Passenger Fares	5,748,514	5,488,652	5,303,122	4,904,785	3,957,859
Parcels, &c. ..	532,900	525,569	518,302	470,188	375,959
Other ..	131,303	131,713	131,255	128,915	112,155
Goods, &c., Busi- ness—					
Goods ..	5,519,649	4,894,706	5,432,815	4,716,294	4,163,987
Live Stock ..	649,743	711,909	664,729	730,008	572,658
Minerals ..	174,704	158,515	159,132	160,600	90,185
Miscellaneous—					
Dining Car and Refreshment Services ..	476,631	471,928	454,018	430,808	317,801
Sale of Electrical Power ..	58,157	35,204	38,574	34,542	43,840
Rentals ..	141,503	145,089	149,118	159,161	149,865
Other ..	327,665	389,754	411,322	352,712	305,575
Total ..	13,760,769	12,953,039	13,262,387	12,088,013	10,089,884
Working Expenses—					
Way and Works ..	2,289,580	2,119,381	1,932,618	1,759,893	1,405,588
Rolling-stock ..	3,757,319	3,671,092	3,588,627	3,596,430	2,849,776
Transportation ..	3,384,729	3,273,646	3,144,911	3,056,555	2,435,177
Electrical Engineer- ing Branch ..	410,671	355,770	357,010	345,566	273,682
Stores Branch ..	90,180	111,706	141,094	133,922	110,810
Pensions and Gratuities ..	215,105	213,080	209,129	201,871	195,210
Payment to the Superannuation Fund ..	78,575	122,870	157,770	192,481	230,278
Other ..	294,873	298,591	302,300	312,175	269,820
Total ..	10,521,032	10,166,136	9,833,459	9,598,893	7,770,341
Net Receipts ..	3,239,737	2,786,903	3,428,928	2,489,120	2,319,543
Interest Charges and Expenses ..	3,287,277	3,340,612	3,491,757	3,526,117	3,798,107*
Deficit for year ..	47,540	553,709	62,829	1,036,997	1,478,564
Proportion of Work- ing Expenses to Receipts ..	% 76·45	% 78·48	% 74·15	% 79·41	% 77·01

* Including £188,863 exchange on interest payments in London.

The receipts for 1930-31 were £1,998,129 less than those received in 1929-30. Passenger business decreased by £1,057,915, and goods, &c.,

business by £780,072. Working expenses showed a decline on the previous year of £1,828,552.

Railway earnings and expenses per mile open. The earnings, expenses, and net profits per average mile of railway worked for each of the last five years were as follows:—

RAILWAY RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE PER AVERAGE MILE OPEN, 1926-27 TO 1930-31.

Heading.	1926-27.	1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.
Average Number of Miles Open for Traffic	4,636	4,671	4,708	4,718	4,720
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross Earnings per Mile ..	2,968	2,773	2,817	2,562	2,137
Working Expenses per Mile ..	2,269	2,176	2,089	2,034	1,646
Net Profits per Mile	699	597	728	528	491

This table does not take account of the interest payable on railway loans and expenses of paying the same, which are given in the table on page 296.

Capital cost of Railway Rolling-stock. At 30th June, 1931, the capital cost of the broad-gauge stock was £13,502,343, of the narrow-gauge stock £112,558, of the electric street tramway stock £100,714, and of the road motor coaches and trucks £28,940.

Railway staff. The number of officers and employees in the railway service and the amount of salaries and wages (excluding travelling and incidental expenses) paid in each of the last five financial years were as set forth below:—

RAILWAY STAFF—NUMBERS, SALARIES, ETC., 1926-27 TO 1930-31.

Year.	Number of Employees at end of Year.			Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid during Year.
	Permanent.	Supernumerary.	Total.	
1926-27 ..	21,982	7,468	29,450	£ 7,792,554
1927-28 ..	21,491	6,705	28,196	7,551,103
1928-29 ..	20,877	6,768	27,645	7,277,902
1929-30 ..	20,258	4,484	24,742	6,959,806
1930-31 ..	19,441	2,716	22,157	5,490,927

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

The results of operating the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramways for 1930-31 are detailed in the following statement. As these tramways are controlled by the Railways Commissioners, particulars relating to them have been included in all the preceding railway tables.

**St. Kilda-
Brighton and
Sandringham-
Beaumaris
Electric
Tramways.**

ELECTRIC STREET TRAMWAYS, 1930-31.
(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	St. Kilda-Brighton Electric Tramway.	Sandringham- Beaumaris Electric Tramway.	Total.
Average Mileage of Tramway Worked	5·18	4·61	9·79
Car Mileage	503,818	184,507	688,325
Number of Passengers Carried	4,613,394	1,297,508	5,910,902
Gross Revenue	£ 47,912	£ 16,684*	£ 64,596
Working Expenses	39,840	11,313	51,153
Interest Charges	9,322	6,845	16,167
Net Result	<i>Loss</i> 1,250	<i>Loss</i> 1,474	<i>Loss</i> 2,724
Capital Expenditure at 30th June, 1931—	£	£	£
Construction of Line	135,481	103,129	238,610
Rolling-stock	68,896	31,818	100,714

* Including £2,693 recouped from the Treasury; and £2,000 representing the guarantee by the Sandringham City Council for the period 1st September, 1929, to 31st August, 1930.

Particulars are given in the following table in relation to the operations during the last three years of the Road Motor Services which are under the control of the Railways Commissioners:—

**Road Motor
Services.**

ROAD MOTOR SERVICES, 1928-29 to 1930-31.

(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.		1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.
Car Mileage	No.	293,593	286,498	323,738
Passenger Journeys	No.	450,799	611,064	646,251
Gross Revenue—				
Passenger Service	£	10,132	7,272	7,908
Goods Service	£	5,004	7,720	9,022
Working Expenses	£	31,237	27,328	24,044
Interest Charges	£	1,738	1,346	1,319
Net Result	£	Loss 17,839	Loss 13,682	Loss 8,433
Capital Expenditure at end of year (less depreciation written off)	£	26,208	40,209	35,041

Railway accidents. The following table shows the number of persons killed or injured in railway accidents and the amount paid in compensation, damages, &c., for the years 1929-30 and 1930-31 :—

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS, 1929-30 and 1930-31.

Nature of Accident.	1929-30.		1930-31.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Train Accidents—				
Passengers .. ..	..	28	..	..
Accidents on Line (other than Train Accidents)—				
Passengers	10	113	11	78
Employees	2	9	2	33
Other Persons .. ..	..	..	1	..
Shunting Accidents—				
Employees	5	16	4	8
Other Persons	2	9	1	6
Employees proceeding to and from Duty	1	..	2	..
Accidents to Persons at Crossings	15	14	12	18
Trespassers	22	8	24	7
Total	57	197	57	150
Compensation, Damages, &c., Paid	£ 23,126		£ 16,923	

Municipal railway. A railway between Kerang and Koondrook, owned and worked by the municipality of the Shire of Kerang, is open for general traffic. This railway, which has a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge, is 13 miles 75 chains in length, and, up to 30th September, 1930, cost £40,648 for construction and equipment. For the year ended 30th September, 1930, the gross receipts were £5,483, and the working expenses, including interest, £5,549. The train mileage for the same year was 8,748, the number of passenger journeys was 6,230, and the tonnage of goods and live stock carried was 11,989.

Private railway. Another railway in Victoria, not belonging to the State system, is one of 3-ft. gauge and 11 miles in length between Yarra Junction and Powelltown. It was constructed principally for private use, but, in addition to serving its immediate purpose, it is engaged in the general business of transportation of passengers and goods. Up to 30th June, 1931, the cost of construction was £80,133, and for the year ended on the same date the receipts and working expenses (exclusive of depreciation and interest on capital) were £3,453 and £3,543 respectively. The above construction and maintenance cost includes the cost of about 8 miles of steel tramway continuation beyond Powelltown. This tramway is used for haulage of the logs of the company to which the line belongs and of sawn timber of other sawmillers, but not for passenger traffic. The freights on the extension line are included in the above receipts. The train mileage for the year between Powelltown and Yarra Junction was 10,560, and the passenger journeys numbered 6,558.

TRAMWAYS.

Victorian tramways (excl. Railways). The various tramway systems in the State comprise 24·292 miles of cable lines, double track, and 148·944 miles of electric lines, of which 114·486 miles are double, and 34·458 miles single track.

The electric street tramways, St. Kilda to Brighton and Sandringham to Beaumaris, under the management of the Victorian Railways Commissioners, are not referred to in this connexion, being included under the heading "Railways," page 298, and "All Victorian Tramways," page 304.

The subjoined table contains particulars relating to all tramways in Victoria (with the above exceptions) for each of the last five years:—

VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1926-27 TO 1930-31.

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

Financial Year.	Miles of Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Number of Rolling-stock.	Number of Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
1926-27	126·511	39·076	24,564,284	227,419,311	£ 2,507,676	£ 1,751,797	1,284	5,965
1927-28	135·711	35·986	25,133,548	225,192,156	2,517,786	1,756,777	1,299	5,761
1928-29	137·982	34·241	25,388,243	221,616,033	2,497,214	1,783,790	1,297	5,575
1929-30	138·292	34·583	24,513,781	207,635,032	2,381,076	1,720,307	1,223	5,038
1930-31	138·778	34·458	23,689,735	182,279,131	2,114,368	1,462,025	1,195	4,658

On 7th January, 1919, the Royal Assent was given to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act, which is administered by a Board consisting of seven members appointed by the Governor in Council. The Board has control of all the tramways in the metropolitan area, with the exception of the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris electric systems, which are managed by the Railways Commissioners.

The Board is empowered to borrow up to £5,500,000 by the issue of stock or debentures secured upon its revenues and undertakings, this being in addition to the transferred liabilities attaching to the tramways vested in it. Power is given to have an overdraft not exceeding £400,000. At 30th June, 1931, the Board had exercised its borrowing power to the extent of £4,950,000.

The following table contains detailed particulars of the operations of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board for the year 1930-31:—

Tramway.	Track Open—		Vehicle Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.*	Working Expenses.	Rolling Stock.	Persons Employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
Cable—								
Melbourne	21·972	..	5,210,559	40,934,312	418,768	349,113	541	1,086
Northcote	2·320	..	403,280	3,051,470	32,080	30,053	30	82
Total, Cable	24·292	..	5,613,839	43,985,782	450,848	379,166	571	1,168
Electric—								
Eastern system† ..	74·067	4·130	12,144,875	95,593,998	1,168,038	728,753	401	2,189
Northern system‡ ..	15·544	1·718	2,533,401	21,629,142	256,390	152,017	82	635
Footscray	3·919	·543	423,088	3,109,928	26,404	21,820	19	55
Essendon§	12·986	1·637	1,466,176	9,535,353	133,435	87,977	54	369
Total, Electric ..	106·516	8·028	16,567,540	129,868,421	1,584,267	990,567	556	3,248
Grand Total	130·808	8·028	22,181,379	173,854,203	2,035,115	1,369,733	1,127	4,416
Motor Omnibuses ..	Route Mileage.							
	5·344		225,767	1,224,949	12,606	17,160	56	..

* Gross revenue from tramways amounted to £2,047,825, and from motor omnibuses to £12,673.

† Prahran and Malvern (including St. Kilda and South Melbourne), and Hawthorn tramways.

‡ Coburg and Preston tramways.

§ Including "West Brunswick."

In addition to traffic receipts (£2,047,721), there was revenue from advertising, rents, &c., of £2,751 from cable tramways, £9,959 from electric tramways, and £67 from motor buses, making a gross revenue for the year of £2,060,498.

The gross surplus on the year's operations, including motor omnibuses, was £673,604. Out of this had to be paid interest on loans, rates, &c., leaving available for appropriation an amount of £317,563, from which the following appropriations were made:—Consolidated Revenue, £117,633; Renewals Reserve Account, £120,000; Loan Redemption and Sinking Fund Accounts, £78,958; and General Reserve Account, £205,600. The resulting deficit of £204,628 was met by a transfer from the General Reserve Account.

Up to 30th June, 1931, the capital cost of the tramways vested in the Tramways Board, including stores on hand, amounted to £8,354,253, of which £1,397,640 was expended on cable, £6,837,635 on electric tramways, and £118,978 on motor omnibuses.

In the next statement interesting comparisons are made between the cable, electric, and bus systems, the receipts per mile, the cost of working, &c., being shown for the year 1930-31:—

System.	Average Traffic Receipts.			Percentage of Working Expenses to Total Revenue.	Average Working Expenses per Vehicle Mile, including Power Cost.	Average Distance per Penny.
	Per Vehicle Mile.	Per Mile of Single Track.	Per Passenger.			
	d.	£	d.	%	d.	Miles.
Cable ..	19·274	9,279	2·460	83·59	13·968	·977
Electric ..	22·950	7,166	2·928	62·13	11·438	·898
Bus	13·400	1,179	2·470	135·41	14·336	·658

Metropolitan
Tramways
Traffic.

Particulars in relation to the traffic of the metropolitan tramways for each of the last five years are given in the following statement:—

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1926-27
TO 1930-31.

Financial Year.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.						
1926-27	121·031	14·786	23,205,337	218,837,383	2,424,170	1,666,307	1,218	5,743
1927-28	128·561	10·236	23,626,224	215,810,431	2,428,546	1,665,127	1,231	5,471
1928-29	130·472	8·531	23,791,857	211,762,137	2,403,990	1,683,819	1,228	5,277
1929-30	130·392	8·553	22,888,596	197,978,645	2,291,192	1,615,318	1,154	4,755
1930-31	130·808	8·028	22,181,379	173,854,203	2,035,115	1,369,733	1,127	4,416

The towns, other than the metropolis, having tramway systems are :—Ballarat, with 13·85 miles of electric lines (1·42 double and 12·43 single track); Bendigo, with 8·79 miles of electric lines (1·79 double and 7·00 single track); and Geelong, with 11·76 miles of electric lines (4·76 double and 7·00 single track).

The traffic particulars of these lines for each of the last five years are summarized below :—

COUNTRY TRAMWAYS, 1926-27 TO 1930-31.

Financial Year.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.						
1926-27	5·480	24·290	1,358,947	8,581,928	83,506	85,490	66	222
1927-28	7·150	25·750	1,507,324	9,381,725	89,210	91,650	68	200
1928-29	7·510	25·710	1,596,386	9,853,896	93,224	99,971	69	208
1929-30	7·900	26·030	1,625,185	9,656,387	89,884	104,989	69	283
1930-31	7·970	26·430	1,508,356	8,424,928	79,253	92,292	68	240

A summary of the operations for the past two years relating to the foregoing tramway systems and the electric tramways under the control of the Railways Commissioners is appended :—

Summary of
All Victorian
Tramways.

ALL VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1929-30 AND 1930-31.

Heading.		1929-30.	1930-31.
Route Mileage Open—Double .. miles		145·682	146·178
Single .. miles		36·983	36·848
Total .. miles		182·665	183·026
Cost of Construction and Equipment	£	8,636,694	8,713,256
Interest Payable on Capital Cost of Construction and Equipment ..	£	327,100	347,927
Gross Revenue—			
Traffic Receipts	£	2,448,801	2,173,876
Other	£	20,844	14,018
Total Revenue	£	2,469,645	2,187,894
Working Expenses	£	1,778,453	1,513,178
Net Earnings	£	694,141	674,716
Net Profit or Loss after Paying Working Expenses and Interest ..	£	Profit 367,041	Profit 326,789
Tram Miles Run	miles	25,265,491	24,378,060
Passenger Journeys	No.	214,376,479	188,190,033
Staff Employed—			
Salaried	No.	743	667
Wages	No.	4,425	4,108
Total Staff	No.	5,168	4,775
Rolling Stock	No.	1,256	1,228

LICENSED VEHICLES.

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

The details of vehicles licensed during 1930-31 are as follows :—
 (a) For passenger traffic—waggonettes, drags (4-wheel), 108; hansom cabs, 5; motor cars (taxi cabs, &c.), 770; motor omnibuses, 146; and motor chars-a-bancs, 15; and (b) for conveyance of goods within the corporate limits of the City of Melbourne only—drivers licensed, 1,408.

Motor vehicles, etc., registrations. A detailed statement of the fees chargeable for the registration of motor vehicles, &c., is given in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 500.

The total registrations of motor vehicles, &c., and the revenue received therefrom by the Police Department during 1930-31, are shown in the appended table :—

REGISTRATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ETC., 1930-31.

Heading.	Registrations.	Revenue.
	No.	£
Motor Cars—		
Private	116,568	717,695
Commercial and Hire	27,068	287,809
Motor Cycles	23,635	25,567
Omnibuses	960	7,528
Traction Engines	126	1,128
Side-cars	3,438	1,719
Trailers	673	1,059
Drivers' and Riders' Licences	228,051	57,016
Dealers' Licences	293	1,465
Transfers	38,565	4,821
Duplicates	4,088	204
Total Revenue .. .. .	.. .. .	1,106,011*

* This amount, less cost of collection and refunds, has been credited to the Country Roads Board Fund.

In the following statement, details of the registrations of motor vehicles, &c., are shown for each of the last five years :—

REGISTRATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ETC.,
1926-27 TO 1930-31.

Heading.	1926-27.	1927-28.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Cars—					
Private			116,880	125,315	116,568
Commercial and Hire	110,950	126,120	26,527	28,541	27,068
Motor Cycles	23,011	24,015	24,554	25,405	23,635
Omnibuses	174	208	437	626	960
Traction Engines	232	142	207	154	126
Side-cars	7,887	7,827	7,735	7,833	3,438*
Trailers	364	440	537	501	673
Drivers' and Riders' Licences	164,380	188,057	212,228	230,853	228,051
Dealers' Licences	310	312	372	377	293
Transfers	33,106	38,119	46,053	50,065	38,565
Duplicates	2,351	3,520	3,651	4,365	4,088
Total Revenue Received	£ 823,493	£ 945,852	£ 1,092,702	£ 1,185,748	£ 1,106,011

* Separate registration discontinued since 18th December, 1930.

A comparative statement of the traffic accidents occurring during the last five years is given below :—

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN VICTORIA, 1927 TO 1931.

Cause of Accident.	1927.		1928.		1929.		1930.		1931.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Bicycle	3	89	5	74	4	60	4	57	7	120
Motor Bus .. ..	..	23	3	72	1	41	..	3	..	3
Motor Car	200	2,798	217	2,691	232	3,590	246	3,351	232	3,345
Motor Cycle	42	355	49	491	31	219	26	403	40	327
Train	20	..	33	30	20	18	39	26	24	45
Tram	24	173	15	145	14	144	11	103	10	71
Other Vehicle*	34	179	18	176	26	105	22	108	18	121
Horses	8	41	9	35	16	44	2	34	2	10
Total	331	3,658	349	3,714	344	4,221	350	4,085	333	4,042

* Including "Improper riding upon, or getting on or off, trams or other vehicles in motion."