

PART XI.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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

The Local Government Act No. 5203 of 1946 consolidated the law relating to Local Government in Victoria. Section 10 (1) of the Local Government Act No. 5443 of 1949 increased the maximum general rate which may be levied by municipalities from three shillings to four shillings in the pound of the net annual value of property and increased the minimum amount of rate payable from two shillings and sixpence to five shillings.

For purposes of local government, the State of Victoria consists of 198 municipalities and the Yallourn Works Area which was constituted under the *State Electricity (Yallourn Area) Act* No. 5219 of 1947. Information relating to the formation of the Yallourn Works Area was published on page 492 of the *Year-Book*, 1947-48.

During the year ended 31st December, 1951, the State Parliament passed several Acts affecting local government, and details of their principal provisions are given in Part I. of this *Year-Book*. The numbers and the titles of the principal Acts are as follow:—

- No. 5530.—*Local Government (Enrolment) Act 1951.*
- No. 5542.—*Country Fire Authority (Financial) Act 1951.*
- No. 5545.—*Vermin and Noxious Weeds (Financial) Act 1951.*
- No. 5555.—*Local Government (Overdrafts) Act 1951.*
- No. 5559.—*Transport Act 1951.*
- No. 5560.—*Marine (Amendment) Act 1951.*
- No. 5563.—*Imported Materials Loan and Application (Financial) Act 1951.*
- No. 5569.—*Transport Regulation (Fees) Act 1951.*
- No. 5573.—*Water (Amendment) Act 1951.*
- No. 5574.—*Latrobe Valley Drainage Act 1951.*
- No. 5576.—*Building Operations and Building Materials Control (Extension) Act 1951.*
- No. 5583.—*Motor Car (Registration Fees) Act 1951.*
- No. 5589.—*Water Supply Loan Application Act 1951.*
- No. 5591.—*Kerang and Koondrook Tramway Act 1951.*
- No. 5595.—*Local Government (Imported Houses) Act 1951.*

- No. 5596.—*Woorayl (Unimproved Rating Poll) Act 1951.*
 No. 5597.—*Health (Radiological Examinations) Act 1951.*
 No. 5601.—*Workers Compensation Act 1951.*
 No. 5602.—*Statute Law Revision Act 1951.*
 No. 5606.—*Local Government (Warrnambool) Act 1951.*
 No. 5609.—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Borrowing Powers) Act 1951.*
 No. 5616.—*Motor Car Act 1951.*
 No. 5618.—*Public Works Loan Application Act 1951.*

Municipalities in Victoria. Of the 198 municipalities in the State at 30th September, 1951, 42 ranked as cities, 4 as towns, 16 as boroughs, and 136 as shires.

At 30th September, 1952, there were 199 municipalities, viz. :—42 cities, 4 towns, 17 boroughs, and 136 shires. The only unincorporated areas of the State are French Island, in Westernport Bay, containing about 42,000 acres; Julia Percy Island, off Port Fairy, containing 650 acres; and Tower Hill, adjacent to the Borough of Koroit, containing approximately 1,350 acres.

Changes in names of municipalities during the years 1951 and 1952 are as follows :—

1951.—On 1st February, 1951, the Shire of Braybrook was redefined after annexation of portion of the Western Riding to the Shire of Melton. The Shire of Braybrook, as redefined, was declared the *City of Sunshine* as from 16th May, 1951.

1952.—The *Borough of Camperdown* was constituted by severance from the Shire of Hampden on 10th September, 1952.

Municipal Elections. Municipal elections of councillors are held in August in every year. Under Section 149 of the *Local Government Act 1946*, the Governor in Council may, on the petition of the council of any municipality, make orders providing for compulsory voting and voting by post. At 30th September, 1951, voting was compulsory in the following 27 municipalities :—

Metropolitan Area.

Cities .. Brunswick, Coburg, Collingwood, Essendon, Fitzroy, Footscray, Heidelberg, Kew, Northcote, Nunawading, Port Melbourne, Preston, South Melbourne, Williamstown.

Outside Metropolitan Area.

Cities .. Ararat, Ballarat, Bendigo, Hamilton, Mildura.
 Town .. Castlemaine.
 Boroughs .. Echuca, Maryborough, Wonthaggi.
 Shires .. Buln Buln, Eltham, Warragul, Woorayl.

Properties rated and number of dwellings.

The following is a statement of the number of rate-payers, the number of properties rated, the estimated value of rateable property, the estimated number of dwellings (occupied and unoccupied), and the number of houses built in the municipalities of Victoria during the years ended 30th September, 1947 to 1949. From 1950, the estimated number of houses built relates to the year ended 31st December.

As the metropolitan area was redefined in 1947, information relating to municipalities in Greater Melbourne and municipalities outside Greater Melbourne is not comparable with that for previous years.

It is not practicable to present all types of statistics for a part of a municipality. Consequently, where only portion of a municipality comes within the Metropolitan Area, the statistics published, unless otherwise stated, relate to the municipality as a whole.

VICTORIA—PROPERTIES RATED AND NUMBER OF DWELLINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1946-47 TO 1950-51.

Year Ended 30th September.	Number of Distinct Rate-payers.	Number of Properties Rated.	Value of Rateable Property.		Estimated Number of Dwellings.†		Estimated Number of Dwellings Erected During the Year.
			Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Occupied.	Unoccupied.	
MUNICIPALITIES IN GREATER MELBOURNE.*							
1947.. ..	401,964	458,592	24,199,094	464,910,600	307,576	35	5,859
1948.. ..	418,521	466,751	25,275,859	486,266,050	315,663	15	6,742
1949.. ..	420,187	477,076	26,304,411	506,771,020	324,985	3	9,348
1950.. ..	427,447	484,770	27,837,345	540,306,930	338,220	6	13,278§
1951.. ..	437,456	498,622	30,200,406	590,298,030	350,610	6	12,434
MUNICIPALITIES OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
1947.. ..	288,760	403,604	16,011,188	319,573,460	222,642	489	3,422
1948.. ..	295,423	409,580	17,443,926	348,302,030	219,651‡	423	4,978
1949.. ..	306,504	422,643	18,883,774	377,166,860	226,565‡	149	6,653
1950.. ..	318,563	435,677	20,448,273	407,871,050	236,407‡	101	9,898§
1951.. ..	330,641	446,686	22,632,350	450,493,670	247,191‡	108	10,890
TOTAL—VICTORIA							
1947.. ..	690,724	862,196	40,210,882	784,484,060	530,218	524	9,281
1948.. ..	708,944	876,331	42,719,785	834,568,080	535,314	438	11,720
1949.. ..	726,691	899,719	45,188,185	883,937,880	551,550	152	16,001
1950.. ..	746,010	920,447	48,285,658	948,177,980	574,627	107	23,176§
1951.. ..	768,097	945,308	52,832,756	1,040,791,700	597,801	114	23,324

* Including the whole of the Cities of Heidelberg and Sunshine, the Borough of Ringwood, and the whole of the Shires of Broadmeadows and Kellor.

† Particulars of occupied and unoccupied dwellings are based on returns furnished by municipalities.

‡ Including occupied dwellings in areas not within any municipality, viz., the Yallourn Works Area, and the Unincorporated areas.

§ These figures cover the period 1st October, 1949, to 31st December, 1950 (15 months). Dwellings erected in the Yallourn Works Area are included in the total figures shown for Outside Greater Melbourne during each year 1948 to 1951.

In 1950-51 the estimated capital improved value of rateable property reached its highest point (£1,040,791,700).

The following table shows, for each municipality in Victoria, the general rate levied in the £1, the estimated value of rateable property, the amount of loans outstanding at 30th September, 1951, the General Account receipts, and the estimated number of dwellings:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1950-51.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1951.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.*	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
MUNICIPALITIES IN GREATER MELBOURNE.	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
<i>Cities.</i>							
Box Hill ..	0 6a	635,742	12,709,280	291,636c	103,127	8,067	..
Brighton ..	2 6	1,037,451	20,749,020	117,868	172,349	10,948	..
Brunswick ..	0 10a	783,187	12,097,260	123,917	224,500	13,870	..
Camberwell ..	0 6a	1,907,499	34,769,890	167,627	288,047	23,435	..
Caulfield ..	0 5a	1,565,628	30,237,260	119,135	221,481	21,261	..
Chelsea ..	0 6½a	247,798	4,713,890	56,454d	71,165	4,032	..
Coburg ..	0 6½a	831,971	15,889,920	383,250	190,030	14,402	..
Collingwood ..	3 0	546,901	10,938,020	46,596	98,802	7,108	..
Essendon ..	0 7½a	1,112,038	20,956,700	302,200	214,000	14,605	..
Fitzroy ..	3 0	580,816	11,616,320	99,921	104,660	7,500	2
Footscray ..	3 6	905,031	18,100,620	359,398	237,516	14,029	..
Hawthorn ..	3 0	780,512	15,610,240	118,177	147,662	10,636	..
Heidelberg ..	3 6b	978,959	19,579,180	493,073	240,268	12,537	..
Kew ..	0 6a	651,266	12,028,210	155,065	131,386	7,965	..
Malvern ..	2 8	1,187,811	23,756,220	115,263	184,086	13,380	..
Melbourne ..	2 5	5,657,555	113,151,100	5,846,000	1,294,816	24,105	4
Moorabbin ..	0 5ab	795,903	15,212,200	258,721e	186,919	13,685	..
Mordialloc ..	0 7½a	297,004	5,833,200	142,683f	76,658	4,594	..
Northcote ..	3 0	589,790	11,795,800	249,761	184,446	11,821	..
Nunawading ..	3 0	316,152	6,323,040	52,875g	76,944	4,142	..
Oakleigh ..	0 5½a	410,504	7,585,300	60,343	70,680	5,323	..
Port Melbourne ..	2 6	398,719	7,974,380	1,806	77,984	3,524	..
Prahran ..	2 2	1,580,778	31,615,560	136,260	211,231	16,995	..
Preston ..	0 8a	741,687	14,009,170	362,578	176,207	13,637	..
Richmond ..	3 3	698,935	13,978,700	100,065	136,527	9,616	..
Sandringham ..	0 6a	576,657	11,385,310	222,172h	94,917	7,992	..
South Melbourne ..	3 3	1,007,785	20,155,700	240,231	207,479	11,419	..
St. Kilda ..	2 10	1,404,283	28,085,660	191,973	222,717	17,173	..
Sunshine(i) ..	2 3	601,727	12,034,540	43,203	118,345	6,024	..
Williamstown ..	3 0	399,674	7,993,480	95,820	117,068	6,980	..
<i>Borough.</i>							
Ringwood ..	3 0	180,816	3,616,320	36,974	49,221	2,334	..

* See footnote § on page 569.

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £1,062 due by City of Nunawading.

d Excluding £468 due to Shire of Dandenong.

e Excluding £1,349 due to City of Sandringham.

f Excluding £1,349 due to City of Sandringham.

g Excluding £1,062 due to City of Box Hill.

h Including £2,698 due by Cities of Moorabbin and Mordialloc.

i Formerly Shire of Braybrook: see page 568.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1950-51—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1951.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.*	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires.</i>							
Broadmeadows ..	2 6	385,508	7,710,160	43,248	71,442	3,850	..
Kellor ..	2 6	121,936	2,438,720	13,167	21,804	1,146	..
Mulgrave ..	2 6	282,383	5,647,660	16,447	51,865	2,475	..
Total Municipalities in Greater Melbourne ..	..	30,200,406	590,298,030	11,063,917	6,086,389	350,610	6
OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>							
Ararat ..	3 3	79,947	1,598,940	115,556	19,123	1,602	..
Ballaarat ..	3 2	622,832	12,456,640	83,147	146,375	10,638	..
Bendigo ..	3 0	429,862	8,597,240	101,940	112,894	7,451	..
Geelong ..	3 6	403,706	8,074,120	92,707	100,198	4,940	..
Geelong West ..	3 0	224,777	4,495,540	51,486 ^b	43,916	4,353	..
Hamilton ..	0 4 ^a	174,574	3,509,480	31,051	39,835	1,941	2
Horsham ..	3 6	118,358	2,367,160	162,959	23,340	1,831	..
Mildura ..	3 2	221,328	4,426,560	409,599	75,707	2,428	..
Newtown and Chilwell ..	0 6 ^a	189,711	3,780,230	17,034	36,292	2,702	..
Sale ..	3 3	103,540	2,070,800	33,847	29,115	1,419	..
Shepparton ..	2 9	209,333	4,186,660	85,835	42,984	2,471	..
Warrnambool ..	3 6	174,205	3,484,100	69,200	48,339	2,631	..
<i>Towns.</i>							
Castlemaine ..	3 6	85,442	1,708,840	33,645	32,380	1,627	..
Colac ..	2 7	159,608	3,192,160	9,787 ^c	30,667	1,866	1
Portland ..	0 7 ^{1/2} ^a	108,238	2,051,110	46,897	28,631	1,212	..
St. Arnaud ..	3 0	59,078	1,181,560	29,982	16,113	814	..
<i>Boroughs.</i>							
Benalla ..	3 0	89,365	1,787,300	10,612	20,114	1,373	..
Ciunes ..	3 6	12,434	248,680	2,747	4,987	301	1
Daylesford ..	3 6	51,177	1,023,540	10,633	16,990	952	..
Eaglehawk ..	4 0	32,921	658,420	1,200	12,642	1,171	..
Echuca ..	0 6 ^{1/2} ^a	73,451	1,356,720	37,431	17,014	1,344	..
Inglewood ..	3 0	10,468	209,360	18,959	5,060	276	1
Koroit ..	2 10	26,037	520,740	639	6,326	372	..
Maryborough ..	3 3	92,074	1,841,480	8,148	25,101	1,823	..
Port Fairy ..	3 6	36,777	735,540	3,845	10,093	562	..
Queenscliffe ..	3 3	43,605	872,100	12,091	13,994	840	..
Sebastopol ..	3 3	24,347	486,940	..	6,627	590	..
Stawell ..	3 9	61,213	1,224,260	106,175	26,196	1,455	..
Swan Hill ..	3 4	82,326	1,646,520	61,291 ^d	20,763	1,151	..
Wangaratta ..	3 3	146,553	2,931,060	60,057	36,697	2,206	..
Wonthaggi ..	3 9	62,081	1,241,620	1,974	17,812	1,263	..

* See footnote § on page 569.

^a Levied on unimproved value of land.^b Excluding £2,934 due to Shire of Corio.^c Excluding £2,551 due to Shire of Colac.^d Excluding £16,842 due to Shire of Swan Hill.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1950-51—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1951.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.*	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Alberton ..	3 0	150,695	3,013,900	13,801	35,253	1,468	..
Alexandra ..	3 3	96,939	1,938,780	4,440	28,573	1,202	..
Arapiles ..	3 0	73,168	1,483,360	5,951	16,718	537	..
Ararat ..	2 9	283,546	5,670,920	..	41,916	1,193	..
Avoca ..	4 0	45,194	903,980	9,516	13,373	753	..
Avon ..	2 9	87,655	1,753,100	6,085	21,143	646	..
Bacchus Marsh ..	2 6b	82,986	1,659,720	..	23,447	946	..
Bairnsdale ..	3 0b	210,640	4,212,800	42,643	52,418	2,427	..
Ballan ..	2 3b	73,113	1,462,260	4,772	13,674	863	..
Ballarat ..	2 9	99,743	1,994,860	5,377	19,264	945	..
Bannockburn ..	2 6	91,620	1,832,400	..	16,040	539	6
Barrabool ..	2 6	78,557	1,577,140	3,537	18,355	662	..
Bass ..	3 0	107,505	2,150,100	3,058c	27,326	1,105	..
Beechworth ..	3 0	70,860	1,417,200	15,468	15,500	984	..
Delfast ..	2 9	108,672	2,173,440	9,926	25,489	501	..
Bellarine ..	3 0	86,732	1,734,640	7,623	23,512	1,463	..
Benalla ..	2 0b	176,292	3,525,840	20,373	32,346	996	..
Berwick ..	3 4b	250,697	5,013,940	..	55,836	3,325	1
Bet Bet ..	3 0	50,126	1,002,520	57,049	10,044	793	..
Birchip ..	2 9	77,586	1,551,720	17,224	22,266	388	3
Bright ..	3 0	62,485	1,249,700	20,950	22,390	2,119	..
Broadford ..	3 3	34,935	698,700	10,231	8,965	508	..
Bulla ..	2 6	52,910	1,058,200	10,761	12,178	415	..
Buln Buln ..	3 9	155,560	3,111,200	14,042	48,343	2,030	6
Bungaree ..	2 6	45,549	910,980	8,346	8,235	467	..
Bunninyong ..	2 6b	72,385	1,447,700	9,875	17,645	1,028	..
Charlton ..	3 0b	93,024	1,860,480	15,040	23,178	601	..
Chiltern ..	2 3b	43,414	868,280	1,537	9,080	496	..
Cohuna ..	3 0b	72,387	1,447,740	13,156	18,466	945	..
Colac ..	2 6	335,854	6,717,080	5,103d	53,857	1,757	..
Corio ..	3 0	320,835	6,416,700	43,572e	59,340	1,580	..
Cranbourne ..	3 3b	174,633	3,492,660	21,252	42,024	2,131	..
Creswick ..	3 0	82,163	1,643,260	11,503	20,381	1,071	..
Dandenong ..	0 7½a	387,312	7,563,200	76,501f	121,016	4,969	..
Deakin ..	3 0b	121,975	2,439,500	38,292	22,222	1,114	..
Dimboola ..	3 0	180,117	3,602,340	39,855g	34,798	1,677	..
Donald ..	3 3	133,054	2,661,080	9,152	26,521	750	..
Doncaster and Templestowe ..	3 0	108,553	2,171,060	10,082	26,846	1,442	..
Dundas ..	3 0	244,873	4,897,460	..	42,855	915	..
Dunmunkle ..	3 3	157,612	3,152,240	32,620	48,807	1,114	..
East Loddon ..	3 9	66,875	1,337,500	6,748	13,946	379	4
Eltham ..	2 9b	148,997	2,979,940	11,545	32,093	2,659	..
Euroa ..	3 3b	133,210	2,664,200	32,661	44,715	1,135	..
Fern Tree Gully ..	3 0	347,725	6,954,500	64,258	77,053	6,887	..
Flinders ..	3 0	259,731	5,194,620	30,877	63,947	4,264	4

* See footnote § on page 569.

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £1,080 due by Shire of Phillip Island.

d Including £2,551 due by Shire of Colac.

e Including £2,934 due by City of Geelong West.

f Including £468 due by City of Chelsea.

g Excluding £105 due to Shire of Karkaroc.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1951-51—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1951.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.*	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
Frankston and Hastings ..	0 4 3a	339,560	6,791,160	96,402	75,211	4,307	..
Gisborne ..	2 6	57,691	1,153,820	4,043	13,336	723	..
Glennelg ..	3 3	201,122	4,022,440	41,296	60,671	1,538	..
Glennyon ..	2 6	55,714	1,114,280	7,336	12,577	842	..
Gordon ..	3 6	122,151	2,443,020	26,326	26,147	801	..
Goulburn ..	2 0	81,603	1,632,060	3,581	11,438	508	..
Grenville ..	3 0	56,669	1,133,380	4,411	16,248	593	..
Hampten ..	2 9	419,808	8,396,160	..	83,148	3,071	1
Healesville ..	3 6	79,880	1,597,600	9,520	28,217	1,341	..
Heytesbury ..	3 3	194,882	3,897,640	26,006	45,223	1,524	..
Huntly ..	2 9	81,622	1,632,440	13,397	16,109	670	..
Kaniva ..	2 10	125,112	2,502,240	6,194	19,470	596	2
Kara Kara ..	3 0	122,545	2,450,900	808	25,683	495	..
Karkaroc ..	2 9	135,441	2,708,820	21,615b	31,062	1,129	..
Kerang ..	3 0	203,480	4,069,600	91,047	45,293	2,039	2
Kilmore ..	3 6	29,977	599,540	14,904	9,198	417	..
Korong ..	3 0	133,788	2,775,760	41,658	23,472	958	..
Korumburra ..	3 0	177,638	3,552,760	8,516	47,584	1,811	..
Kowree ..	3 0	244,960	4,899,200	28,843	47,135	1,224	..
Kyneton ..	3 0	128,810	2,576,200	11,753	33,754	1,854	8
Leigh ..	3 0	69,676	1,393,520	..	14,230	297	4
Lexton ..	3 3	47,436	948,720	..	16,819	375	..
Lillydale ..	2 6	360,907	7,218,140	36,193	65,897	5,676	..
Lowan ..	3 6	148,549	2,970,980	29,570	31,280	1,105	2
Maffra ..	3 0	176,875	3,537,500	39,523	47,670	1,745	..
Maldon ..	3 0	51,384	1,027,680	1,917	11,608	646	..
Mansfield ..	3 2	127,480	2,549,600	17,905	28,039	1,155	..
Marong ..	3 0	125,112	2,502,240	1,312	26,616	1,302	1
Melton ..	2 6	48,825	976,500	3,977	8,390	375	..
Metcalfe ..	2 6	75,449	1,508,980	..	10,549	726	..
Mildura ..	2 0	368,917	7,378,340	99,946	118,578	4,061	..
Minhamite ..	2 9	139,509	2,790,180	1,088	20,955	535	1
Mirboo ..	2 6	49,123	982,460	5,015	13,382	448	..
Mornington ..	2 6	146,538	2,930,760	19,383	26,875	1,609	..
Mortlake ..	3 6	189,083	3,981,660	..	39,387	897	2
Morwell ..	3 0	198,607	3,972,140	12,317	48,064	3,235	..
Mount Rouse ..	3 0	135,823	2,716,460	4,633	24,526	673	..
Melvior ..	3 6	67,557	1,351,140	11,480	15,129	640	..
Narracan ..	3 6	232,339	4,646,780	39,747	74,036	4,403	..
Newham and Woodend ..	3 0	38,341	766,820	7,675	10,796	583	4
Newstead ..	3 0	33,424	668,480	..	6,830	630	4
Nunmurkah ..	3 0	193,672	3,873,440	14,476	38,856	1,698	..
Omeo ..	3 6	72,897	1,457,940	10,209	20,538	586	10
Orbost ..	3 0	134,849	2,696,980	21,585	35,171	1,276	..
Otway ..	3 9	77,649	1,552,980	20,979	23,643	1,123	..
Oxley ..	2 6	114,399	2,287,980	9,751	23,570	1,062	..
Phillip Island ..	4 0	30,606	612,120	15,449c	10,643	402	1
Portland ..	3 0	200,627	4,012,540	29,823	42,918	1,779	..

* See footnote § on page 569.

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Including £105 due by Shire of Dimboola.

c Excluding £1,080 due to Shire of Bass.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1950-51—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1951.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.*	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
Pyalong ..	3 0	32,044	640,880	4,170	7,000	160	..
Ripon ..	4 0	102,432	2,048,640	8,927	35,951	880	..
Rochester ..	2 6b	292,168	5,843,360	375	46,600	1,569	..
Rodney ..	3 0	270,450	5,409,000	33,240	60,911	2,769	..
Romsey ..	3 0	98,237	1,964,740	13,242	20,957	824	..
Rosedale ..	0 4½a	188,086	3,729,410	15,946	37,803	1,021	2
Rutherglen ..	3 0	73,867	1,477,340	12,024	19,558	818	4
Seymour ..	3 6b	90,678	1,813,560	10,246	46,550	1,236	..
Shepparton ..	3 0b	166,885	3,337,700	16,813	33,787	1,228	..
South Barwon ..	2 6b	136,267	2,725,340	44,521	29,713	2,262	..
South Gippsland ..	3 6	100,414	2,008,280	8,717	31,008	1,153	..
Stawell ..	3 0	122,018	2,440,360	2,528	26,662	751	..
Strathfieldsaye ..	2 9	67,435	1,348,700	..	15,214	1,108	4
Swan Hill ..	3 0	196,409	3,928,180	110,681c	52,946	2,626	..
Talbot ..	3 6	28,517	570,340	9,654	7,854	298	2
Tambo ..	3 0	97,366	1,947,320	13,690	30,876	1,127	..
Towong ..	3 6b	99,234	1,984,680	1,915	23,590	1,088	2
Traralgon ..	3 2b	162,273	3,245,460	72,087	68,017	2,209	..
Tullaroop ..	3 0	42,615	852,300	5,929	11,646	444	2
Tungamah ..	3 0b	204,421	4,088,420	19,329	38,905	1,552	..
Upper Murray ..	2 6	118,849	2,376,980	10,914	23,952	605	..
Upper Yarra ..	3 0	105,662	2,113,240	9,995	26,805	1,959	20
Violet Town ..	2 9b	58,814	1,176,280	2,750	9,840	407	..
Walpeup ..	2 6b	114,062	2,281,240	75,613	21,317	1,215	..
Wangaratta ..	2 9	76,362	1,527,240	7,781	12,926	586	..
Wannon ..	3 6	136,431	2,728,620	23,000	38,586	964	..
Waranga ..	2 9	146,646	2,932,920	16,056	38,350	1,235	..
Warracknabeal ..	3 0b	201,718	4,034,360	45,552	43,510	1,307	..
Warragul ..	3 6	196,755	3,935,100	45,180	64,805	1,996	..
Warrnambool ..	2 1b	447,422	8,948,440	..	52,271	2,011	..
Werribee ..	3 0	225,761	2,515,220	119,147	63,767	2,702	..
Whittlesea ..	3 9	84,933	1,698,660	..	19,047	1,192	..
Wimmera ..	2 0b	210,879	4,217,580	7,129	44,439	932	..
Winchelsea ..	2 6b	165,232	3,304,640	30,326	31,015	1,211	..
Wodonga ..	3 0	66,978	1,339,560	22,856	25,669	1,180	..
Woorayl ..	2 9	248,075	4,961,500	23,424	41,021	1,801	..
Wycheproof ..	3 0	146,573	2,931,460	42,398d	34,649	1,138	..
Yackandah ..	3 0	86,554	1,731,080	..	20,863	747	..
Yarrowonga ..	2 9b	115,424	2,308,480	26,374	21,550	885	..
Yea ..	0 7a	111,136	2,206,620	20,971	24,249	751	1
Total Municipalities outside Greater Melbourne ..	..	22,632,350	450,493,670	4,320,385	5,312,869	245,274	108
Total Municipalities ..	..	52,832,756	1,040,791,700	15,384,302	11,399,258	595,884	114
Yallourn Works Area ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,879	..
Unincorporated Areas ..	..	..	..	..	..	38	..
Total Victoria ..	..	..	..	..	..	597,801	114

* See footnote § on page 569.

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £343 due by Shire of Wycheproof and £16,842 due by Borough of Swan Hill.

d Excluding £343 due to Shire of Swan Hill.

Rating on
unimproved
values.

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

There were at 30th September, 1951, twenty-one municipalities which levied the general rate on the unimproved value. The following table gives for those municipalities particulars of the capital value of land (improved and unimproved), the net annual value, the rating, &c., for the year 1950-51:—

VICTORIA—RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES, 1950-51.

Municipality.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Unimproved Capital Value.	Net Annual Value (excluding Special Rateable Properties).	Amount of Rate in the £ of Unimproved Capital Value.	Equivalent Rate on Net Annual Value.	Amount Collectable in 1950-51 on Unimproved Capital Value.	Unimproved Capital Value to Capital Improved Value.
<i>Cities.</i>	£	£	£	<i>d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	%
IN GREATER MELBOURNE.							
Box Hill ..	12,709,280	3,477,600	633,261	6	2 9	86,940	27·36
Brunswick ..	12,097,260	3,269,900	774,200	10	3 6	136,028	27·03
Camberwell ..	34,769,890	9,735,170	1,903,061	6	2 6	243,379	27·99
Caulfield ..	30,237,260	9,402,350	1,559,634	5	2 6	195,882	31·09
Chelsea ..	4,713,890	1,627,770	246,448	6½	3 8	45,781	34·53
Coburg ..	15,889,920	4,503,930	826,854	6½	3 1	124,327	28·34
Essendon ..	20,956,700	5,014,410	1,109,087	7½	2 9	154,088	23·93
Kew ..	12,028,210	3,921,210	646,582	6	3 0	98,030	32·60
Moorabbin ..	15,212,200	5,797,610	778,271	5*	3 1	120,784	38·11
Mordialloc ..	5,833,200	1,532,720	297,004	7½	3 1	46,301	26·27
Oakleigh ..	7,585,300	2,331,360	409,518	5½	2 9	55,855	30·73
Preston ..	14,009,170	3,454,210	727,491	8	3 2	115,140	24·66
Sandringham ..	11,385,310	3,204,570	573,977	6	2 9	80,114	28·15
OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
Hamilton City ..	3,509,480	1,229,380	174,124	4	2 4	20,490	35·03
Newtown and Chillewell City ..	3,780,230	1,118,120	189,261	6	2 11	27,953	29·58
Portland Town ..	2,051,110	636,600	106,050	7½	3 9	19,894	31·04
Echuca Borough ..	1,356,720	426,730	73,451	6½	3 3	12,002	31·45
Dandenong Shire ..	7,563,200	2,535,540	385,482	7½	3 9	76,594	33·52
Frankton and Hastings Shire ..	6,791,160	2,441,390	339,558	4 ³ / ₁₀ *	2 7	43,742	35·95
Rosedale Shire ..	3,729,410	1,506,180	187,956	4½	3 0	28,241	40·39
Yea Shire ..	2,206,620	599,340	111,136	7	3 2	17,481	27·16

* Differential general rates levied.

The following table summarizes for the year ended 30th September, 1951, the revenue and expenditure of municipalities in Victoria under the headings of General Account and Business Undertakings. The transactions of the General Account were presented partly on a revenue basis and partly on a cash basis and those of Business Undertakings generally on a revenue basis. Particulars relating to Loan Accounts, Private Streets Accounts, and Special Improvement Charge Accounts are excluded from this statement.

VICTORIA—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF MUNICIPALITIES, 1950-51.

Heading.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.			City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Account	1,294,816	4,791,573	5,312,869	11,399,258	1,342,162	5,006,592	5,603,849	11,952,603
Business undertakings—								
Electric Light	1,539,951	2,319,426	627,876	4,487,253	1,582,802	2,267,328	648,202	4,498,332
Gasworks ..	..	82,769	115,582	198,351	93,591	138,822	..	232,413
Waterworks ..	..	784	63,430	64,214	..	663	88,513	89,176
Abattoirs ..	159,554	65,240	37,894	262,688	199,511	70,823	40,158	310,492
Hydraulic Power ..	20,694	..	..	20,694	24,147	..	..	24,147
Railway ..	..	..	8,567	8,567	..	..	13,041	13,041
Total ..	3,015,015	7,259,792	6,166,218	16,441,025	3,242,213	7,484,228	6,393,763	17,120,204

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

Details of the principal items of receipts during the year ended 30th September, 1951, are given below:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS,
1950-51.

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Rates—				
General and Extra	677,790	3,541,780	3,456,001	7,675,571
Other		213	514	727
Interest on overdue rates ..	269	12,506	16,887	29,662
In lieu of rates		5,045	16,926	21,971
Licences and Registration Fees—				
Dog	644	18,684	24,528	43,856
Health, Dairy, Slaughtering, and Noxious Trades	1,318	2,270	5,064	8,652
Hackney Carriages	613	1,685	580	2,878
Petrol Pump	172	4,860	5,304	10,336
Other	38	37	1,250	1,325
Total Taxation	680,844	3,587,080	3,527,054	7,794,978
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Sanitary and Garbage	19,509	170,739	308,576	498,824
Infectious Diseases recoups ..	17		2,773	2,790
Other	2,022	24,861	12,694	39,577
Council Properties—				
Markets	163,432	18,176	49,386	230,994
Halls	19,319	53,605	39,752	112,676
Libraries		2,559	6,483	9,042
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	35,188	72,401	42,595	150,184
Weighbridges	9,260	538	16,915	26,713
Sale of Materials	53	26,835	74,170	101,058
Plant Hire		27,740	460,232	487,972
Grazing Fees		73	7,532	7,605
Pounds	150	1,439	6,919	8,508
Other	94,739	79,550	78,436	252,725
Contributions for Road and Pavement Works	16,598	167,547	166,370	350,515
Other Services—				
Car Parking	56,879	1,808	119	58,806
Sheep Dipping			3,279	3,279
Building Fees	1,241	48,010	27,039	76,290
Other		1,390	1,051	2,441
Total Public Works and Services	418,407	697,271	1,304,321	2,419,999

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS,
1950-51—*continued.*

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Transfers from Business Undertakings (excluding Loan Recoups and Administration Refunds)	76,000	148,355	11,719	236,074
Transfers from Other Funds .. .. .	..	34,385	13,868	48,253
Government Grants—				
Roads	9,932	34,888	68,531	113,351
Libraries .. .. .	..	25,015	26,975	51,990
Parks, Gardens, &c. .. .. .	..	2,871	28,244	31,115
River Works .. .. .	..	..	9,677	9,677
Infant Welfare Centres	2,440	27,973	29,940	60,353
Licences Equivalent	8,716	13,614	36,634	58,964
Vermin Destruction .. .. .	..	..	8,224	8,224
Other	175	22,795	29,198	52,168
Total Government Grants	21,263	127,156	237,423	385,842
Miscellaneous—				
Police Court Fines	14,746	10,424	6,762	31,932
Interest on Investments	3,125	15,615	4,814	23,554
Supervision of Private Streets .. .. .	..	41,835	6,750	48,585
Other	8,863	37,425	57,268	103,556
Total Miscellaneous	26,734	105,299	75,594	207,627
Trust Receipts—				
Refunds of Advances	50,231	13,979	50,211	114,421
Contractors' Deposits	7,596	14,809	21,193	43,598
Other	13,741	63,239	71,486	148,466
Total Trust Receipts	71,568	92,027	142,890	306,485
Grand Total	1,294,816	4,791,573	5,312,869	11,399,258

Of the total General Account receipts (excluding trust items) during 1950-51, 70·3 per cent. was derived from taxation (69·7 per cent. from rates and 0·6 per cent. from licences and registration fees); 21·8 per cent. from public works and services; 2·1 per cent. from transfers from business undertakings; 3·5 per cent. from Government

grants; and 2·3 per cent. from other sources. The total amount collected from taxation (£7,794,978) was equivalent to £3 9s. 2d. per head of population or to £10 2s. 11d. per distinct ratepayer.

Details of the principal items of expenditure from the General Account during the year ended 30th September, 1951, are set out hereunder :—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENDITURE,
1950-51.

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
General Administration (including Pay-Roll Tax)*	173,051	669,961	872,864	1,715,876
Debt Services—				
Redemption of Loans		332,907	208,460	541,367
Sinking Fund Instalments	50,847	190	1,460	52,497
Interest on Loans	120,460	145,264	91,678	357,402
Interest on Overdrafts	3,795	10,621	31,690	46,106
Payments to Municipalities on account of severance adjustments		923	5,967	6,890
Other	176	157	359	692
Total Debt Services	175,278	490,062	339,614	1,004,954
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Administration	18,481	47,840	54,098	120,419
Sanitary and Garbage	95,245	519,516	348,152	962,913
Statutory Contributions to				
Fairfield Hospital	9,124	36,593	3,437	49,154
Infant Welfare Centres	9,220	82,088	71,520	162,828
Pre-school (Creche, &c.)	9,233	19,372	1,750	30,355
Infectious Diseases Treatment		100	8,394	8,494
Other	7,402	40,239	14,300	61,941
Council Properties—				
Markets	113,783	13,489	29,629	156,901
Halls	59,836	104,963	65,646	230,445
Libraries	2,550	65,225	47,588	115,363
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	219,783	494,043	228,955	942,781
Weighbridges	4,747	572	6,097	11,416
Grazing Expenses		169	4,591	4,760
Pounds	106	4,802	9,922	14,830
Other Council Properties	17,181	119,446	126,118	262,745

* For details see page 581.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENDITURE,
1950-51—continued.

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
Public Works and Services— <i>continued</i> —	£	£	£	£
Plant, Furniture, and Equipment	8,485	146,534	558,009	713,028
Roads, Streets, Footpaths, and Bridges—				
Construction, Maintenance, Cleaning, and Watering ..	186,504	1,559,714	2,159,218	3,905,436
Lighting	1,070	167,698	89,260	258,028
Other Works and Services—				
Car Parking	60,130	131	93	60,354
Sheep Dipping .. .. .	..	..	1,686	1,686
River Works .. .. .	..	..	13,635	13,635
Vermin Destruction .. .. .	..	..	15,425	15,425
Other .. .. .	..	1,339	1,271	2,610
Total Public Works and Services	822,880	3,423,873	3,858,794	8,105,547
Grants and Contributions—				
Country Roads Board .. .. .	..	9,890	219,640	229,530
Fire Brigades*	35,552	140,536	1,251	177,339
Hospitals and other Charities ..	14,781	23,904	26,962	65,647
Other	39,466	147,062	107,678	294,206
Total Grants and Contributions	89,799	321,392	355,531	766,722
Transfers to Other Funds .. .. .	..	6,317	24,320	30,637
Miscellaneous	7,426	25,668	32,692	65,786
Trust Expenditure—				
Advances	65,671	5,068	52,198	122,937
Contractors' deposits refunded	8,057	12,840	12,941	33,838
Other .. .. .	..	51,411	54,895	106,306
Total Trust Expenditure	73,728	69,319	120,034	263,081
Grand Total	1,342,162	5,006,592	5,603,849	11,952,603

* Contributions by municipalities within the Metropolitan Fire District. Municipalities outside Metropolitan Fire District relieved from contributions to Country Fire Authority by Act No. 5512 of 1950.

Of the total General Account expenditure (excluding trust items) in 1950-51, 14·7 per cent. was for administration; 8·6 per cent. for debt services; 11·9 per cent. for health services; 8·1 per cent. for parks, gardens, &c.; 35·6 per cent. for roads, streets, &c.; 13·7 per cent. for other public works and services; 6·6 per cent. for grants and contributions; and 0·8 per cent. for miscellaneous items.

Particulars of the principal items of expenditure during the year ended 30th September, 1951, in respect of general municipal administration are given in the appended statement.

VICTORIA—COST OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION,
1950-51.

Heading.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.*	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Salaries†	135,697	429,525	593,740	1,158,962
Mayoral and Presidential Allowances	5,000	18,644	21,027	44,671
Audit Expenses	1,250	4,557	8,243	14,050
Dog Registration Expenses	1,907	10,379	12,477	24,763
Election Expenses	383	10,196	3,950	14,529
Insurances	6,208	27,871	41,438	75,607
Legal Expenses	1,232	5,386	6,762	13,380
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Postage, Telephone	7,820	75,557	109,072	192,449
Pay-Roll Tax	8,779	56,773	59,144	124,696
Other	4,685	31,073	17,011	52,769
Total	173,051	669,961	872,864	1,715,876

* Information in respect of Salaries and Insurances relates to expenditure by the Finance and Public Works Committees only.

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

In Victoria, in 1950-51, 43 electric light undertakings were operated by 37 municipalities, and there were also eight municipally-owned gasworks. The revenue and expenditure of such undertakings in 1950-51 amounted to £4,685,604 and £4,730,745 respectively.

The council of any municipality may be constituted a "local governing body" under the provisions of the *Water Act* 1928 with such water supply district as is defined by the Governor in Council. At 30th September, 1951, fifteen municipalities had been so constituted. In six other municipalities the water supply services were being administered in accordance with

the provisions of the *Local Government Act* 1946. An analysis of the authorities controlling water supply in Victoria is given on page 594 of this *Year-Book*.

During 1950-51 the receipts and expenditure of the above-mentioned municipal waterworks amounted to £64,214 and £89,176 respectively.

Other municipal business undertakings. Abattoirs, hydraulic power (in the City of Melbourne), and the Kerang-Koondrook railway are other undertakings which are under the control of municipalities in Victoria. In 1950-51, the total revenue on account of these undertakings was £291,949 and the total expenditure amounted to £347,680. In those cases in which the finances of abattoirs were operated through the General Account, particulars of the amounts have been included in the statement of that Account under the heading of "Other Council Properties". Quarries are now included under the latter heading.

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

Arrears of general and extra rates. The following table shows the total amount of arrears of general and extra rates and also the amount of arrears per distinct ratepayer in metropolitan municipalities and in municipalities outside the metropolitan area at the end of each of the five years, 1946-47 to 1950-51:—

VICTORIA—ARREARS OF GENERAL AND EXTRA RATES,
1946-47 TO 1950-51.

Year Ended 30th September—	Arrears of General and Extra Rates—			Arrears per Distinct Ratepayer—		
	Metropolitan Municipalities.	Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	All Municipalities.	Metropolitan Municipalities.	Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	All Municipalities.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1947	66,592	154,849	221,441	0 3 6	0 10 9	0 6 5
1948	62,281	128,284	190,565	0 3 0	0 8 8	0 5 4
1949	60,352	117,132	177,484	0 2 11	0 7 8	0 4 10
1950	59,536	125,238	184,774	0 2 9	0 7 10	0 4 11
1951	63,187	119,96 5	183,152	0 2 11	0 7 3	0 4 9

Number of councillors. In the municipalities throughout the State, there were at 30th September, 1951, 2,148 councillors, viz., 426 in the 34 municipalities in Greater Melbourne and 1,722 in the 164 municipalities outside Greater Melbourne.

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

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

Municipal loan receipts. The following statement shows the loan receipts (exclusive of conversion loans) during each of the five years, 1946-47 to 1950-51. Particulars of loans raised for works in private streets are also excluded :—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN RECEIPTS, 1946-47 TO 1950-51.
(Excluding Conversion Loans.)

Year Ended 30th September—	Gross Proceeds of Loans—		Other Receipts.*	Total.
	From Government.	From Other Sources.		
	£	£		
1947	19,467	952,258	681,509	1,653,234
1948	4,647	805,524	215,522	1,025,693
1949	7,091	1,456,208	205,814	1,669,113
1950	16,915	1,363,091	237,367	1,617,373
1951	52,330	3,418,623	307,422	3,778,405

* Other Receipts consist mainly of transfers from other accounts of one municipality, viz., the City of Melbourne. During 1950-51 these amounted to £255,388.

Municipal loan expenditure. In the following statement details are given of the loan expenditure, exclusive of expenditure on private streets, by municipalities for each of the five years, 1946-47 to 1950-51.

**VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN EXPENDITURE,
1946-47 TO 1950-51.**

Heading.	Year Ended 30th September—				
	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.
	£	£	£	£	£
Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Drains ..	159,286	205,564	321,211	431,454	470,836
Waterworks	19,467	4,647	7,091	16,915	66,475
Electric Light Undertakings	165,689	385,789	607,062	608,061	1,149,691
Gasworks	21,969	15,660	20,493	34,072	13,445
Halls	1,325	7,278	6,655	5,848	3,569
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	12,789	92,635	50,798	52,522	108,665
Plant	67,378	144,833	198,096	257,173	373,635
Abattoirs	21,138	12,090	19,973	38,348	21,986
Markets	4,345	3,461	4,188	17,188	6,785
Infant Welfare Centres	5,745	21,671	13,262	39,840	20,548
Pre-school (Creche, &c.) .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	21,821
Other Council Properties	30,274	34,434	112,953	101,298	146,517
Other Purposes	4,993	12,567	5,215	19,307	28,232
Transfer to General Revenue Fund	255,340	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Total	769,738	940,629	1,366,997	1,622,026	2,432,205

At 30th September, 1951, there was a credit balance in loan accounts amounting to £3,378,094.

Municipal loan liability. The loan liability of the municipalities in Victoria at the end of each of the five years 1946-47 to 1950-51 is given hereunder :—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN LIABILITY, 1946-47 TO 1950-51.

At 30th September—	Due to—		Gross Loan Liability.	Accumulated Sinking Funds.	Net Loan Liability.	
	Government.*	Public.			Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.
1947	254,570	10,473,798	10,728,368	1,264,794	9,463,574	4 11 10
1948	260,171	10,736,698	10,996,869	1,375,590	9,621,279	4 12 7
1949	262,516	11,587,120	11,849,636	1,488,905	10,360,731	4 17 7
1950	236,029	12,300,115	12,536,144	1,505,538	11,030,606	5 0 11
1951	325,898	15,058,404	15,384,302	1,634,558	13,749,744	6 2 1

* Excluding liability to Country Roads Board.

Construction of private streets. The council of any municipality may form, level, &c., any street, road, &c., which is formed or set out on private property or which is set out on land of the Crown or any public body in such manner as to form means of back access to or drainage from property adjacent to such street, road, &c., where such street, road, &c., is not formed, &c., to the satisfaction of the council. The cost of doing so is recoverable from the owners of adjoining properties. At the request of any owner, the amount apportioned as his total liability may be made payable by 40 or, if the council so directs, 60 quarterly instalments bearing interest on the portion that from time to time remains unpaid.

For the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of work in respect of which any person is liable to pay by instalments, the council may, on the credit of the municipality, obtain advances from a bank by overdraft on current account or borrow money by the issue of debentures, but such borrowings shall not exceed the total amount of instalments payable. This borrowing power is additional to those powers mentioned on page 583.

Details of the receipts and expenditure of Private Streets Accounts during the year ended 30th September, 1951, are shown below:—

VICTORIA—PRIVATE STREETS ACCOUNTS—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1950–51.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£		£
Proceeds of Loans—		Works	988,149
From Government .. .. .	.. .. .	Debt Charges—	
From Other Sources	10,705	Redemption of Loans	9,747
Owners' Contributions	807,82	Interest on Loans	2,058
Advance from Other Funds	22,000	Interest on Overdraft	10,207
Contribution from General		Repayment of Advance	3,879
Account	677	Transfer to General Account	15,320
Other	38,222	Other	6,384
Total Receipts	879,496	Total Expenditure	1,035,744
Cash in hand or in Bank at		Bank Overdraft at 1st October,	
1st October, 1950	106,920	1950	272,119
Bank Overdraft at 30th		Cash in hand or in Bank at	
September, 1951	432,334	30th September, 1951	110,887
	1,418,750		1,418,750

At 30th September, 1951, loans outstanding on account of private street construction amounted to £59,696.

Details of receipts and expenditure of Private Streets Accounts during each of the years 1947–48 to 1950–51, are shown in the following table. This information was not collected for the years 1940–41 to 1946–47 (inclusive), but was resumed in respect of the year 1947–48.

VICTORIA—PRIVATE STREET ACCOUNTS.

	Year Ended 30th September—			
	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.
<i>Receipts.</i>	£	£	£	£
Proceeds of Loans—				
From Government .. ..	..	..	..	..
From Other Sources	8,000	11,560	18,433	10,705
Owners' contributions	307,982	440,828	639,117	807,892
Advance from other funds	8,979	8,096	23,935	22,000
Contribution from General Account	..	4,800	10,635	677
Other.. .. .	7,041	10,635	3,212	38,222
Total	332,002	475,919	695,332	879,496
<i>Expenditure.</i>				
Works	275,504	483,406	822,935	988,149
Debt Charges—				
Redemption of Loans	38,192	24,226	19,613	9,747
Interest on Loans	4,517	3,504	3,061	2,058
Interest on Overdraft	1,683	2,111	2,865	10,207
Repayment of Advance .. .. .	..	3,559	146	3,879
Transfer to General Account .. ..	..	10,000	..	15,320
Other.. .. .	2,147	5,603	9,839	6,384
Total	322,043	532,409	858,459	1,035,744

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

The particulars of the receipts and expenditure of the Special Improvement Charge Accounts during the year ended 30th September, 1951, are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT CHARGE ACCOUNTS—
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1950-51.

Receipts.	Expenditure.
£	£
Special Improvement Charges .. 1,138	Works 1,131
Proceeds of Loans	Debt Charges—
Government Grant 728	Redemption of Loans .. 324
Other 248	Interest on Loans .. 283
	Transfer to General Account .. 2,513
	Other 60
Total 2,114	Total 4,311
Cash in hand or in Bank at 1st October, 1950 5,626	Bank Overdraft at 1st October, 1950 100
Bank Overdraft at 30th September, 1951 72	Cash in hand or in Bank at 30th September, 1951 3,401
7,812	7,812

At 30th September, 1951, loans outstanding on account of special improvement charges amounted to £7,951.

The following table shows the estimated length of all roads and streets in the State in the year 1948. The mileage of roads, &c. (excluding State Highways) has been compiled from information furnished by all municipal authorities, but some doubts exist as to the accuracy of the particulars on a number of returns. The mileage of State Highways has been obtained from the Country Roads Board.

VICTORIA—LENGTH OF ALL ROADS AND STREETS AT
30TH SEPTEMBER, 1948.

Type of Road or Street.	Roads and Streets (excluding State Highways).	State Highways.	Total.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Wood or stone	62	..	62
Portland cement concrete	149	1	150
Asphaltic concrete and sheet asphalt	190	12	202
Tar or bitumen surface seal over tar or bitumen penetrated or water-bound pavements	7,598	2,643	10,241
Waterbound macadam, gravel, sand, and hard loam pavements	27,228	1,190	28,418
Formed, but not otherwise paved	23,901	..	23,901
Surveyed roads not formed which are used for general traffic	38,437	..	38,437
Total	97,565	3,846	101,411

Licensing Fund. During the year 1950-51 a sum of £58,964 was paid out of this Fund to municipalities, as provided by Section 311 of the *Licensing Act 1928*. The payments to cities amounted to £31,984; to towns, £1,415; to boroughs, £4,596, and to shires, £20,969. A statement of the receipts and expenditure of this Fund appears in part "Law, Crime, &c.", of this issue.

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

The premium revenue for the year ended 30th September, 1952, was £1,779 (£1,682), for guarantees amounting to £528,781 (£504,131). The claims paid from January, 1908, the date of the inception of the Fund, to 30th September, 1952, amounted to £7,014 (£7,014). The amount to the credit of the Fund at 30th September, 1952, was £41,955 (£40,467). Figures in parentheses relate to the year ended 30th September, 1951.

Municipalities Assistance Fund. This fund, which was set up under the provisions of the *Municipalities and Other Authorities Finances Act 1950*, came into operation on 1st January, 1951. It has two functions—to provide subsidies towards the cost of approved works by municipalities and other bodies, and to relieve certain municipalities of their obligation to contribute towards the operating cost of the Country Fire Authority. A limit of £100,000 is placed upon the amount which may be approved for works in any one year.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES SUPERANNUATION BOARD.

The Local Authorities Superannuation Board was constituted by the *Local Authorities Superannuation Act 1947* (No. 5216) for the administration of the provisions of the Act.

The Act provides for the payment of a lump sum retiring allowance to permanent employees of Municipal Councils, Water and Sewerage Authorities, Weights and Measures Unions, Cemetery Trusts, any Harbor Board constituted under the *Harbor Boards Act 1928*, the First Mildura Irrigation Trust, and any other body declared by the Governor in Council to be an authority for the purposes of the Act.

The retiring allowance is provided in the case of employees under 55 years of age at the time of their entry into the scheme, and who are medically acceptable for life insurance, by the taking out of an endowment life insurance policy, maturing at age 65 years or prior death, in respect of each employee.

Employees over 55 years of age who at the time of their entry into the scheme, and employees under 55 years of age who are unacceptable for insurance, are catered for by a Provident Fund.

Females of any age may elect to be brought under the Provident Fund in preference to life insurance.

The amount of cover, for which life insurance is provided is that which can be purchased by payment of a premium equal to 7 per cent. of the annual salary or wage of the employee.

In the case of employees who are under the Provident Fund provisions, an amount equal to 7 per cent. of their salary is paid into the Fund annually to the credit of the employee, and this amount accumulates with interest until the employee leaves the service or reaches retiring age.

In each case the 7 per cent. premium or the 7 per cent. contribution to the Provident Fund is paid in advance by the employer at the beginning of each premium or contribution year, and half of the amount or $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. is refunded to the employer by the employee by means of equal instalments from salary or wage payments throughout the year.

The Act is administered by a Board of three members, constituted of persons nominated by the Municipal Association of Victoria, the Municipal Officers' Association (Victorian Branch), and the Federated Municipal and Shire Council Employees' Union (Victorian Branch).

For the year ended 30th June, 1952, the revenue amounted to £439,923 for premiums on policies and contributions to the Provident Fund. The total amount of the Provident Fund at that date was £259,728.

The number of employees participating in the Fund was 2,725, showing an average of £95 per employee. The total insurance cover in respect of 5,695 employees subject to the insurance provisions of the Act was £6,008,105, being an average of £1,055 per employee.

The Board receives commission from the life insurance offices with which the insurance is placed from which it meets the cost of administration and builds up a reserve fund out of which it replenishes a Contingent Fund. Commissions received for the year ended 30th June, 1952, amounted to £35,333. Management expenses for the same period were £7,015.

The Contingent Fund is applied at the discretion of the Board to pay funeral allowances to dependants of the deceased permanent employees, the premium or contributions of employees during sickness when not in receipt of wages, and weekly allowances and payment of medical expenses when deemed advisable in the case of employees absent from work on account of illness and not receiving wages.

COUNTRY ROADS BOARD.

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

The *Country Roads Act* 1928 provides that all fees and fines paid under the Motor Car Acts, less the cost of collection of such fees and fines, shall be placed to the credit of the Country Roads Board Fund, together with repayments by municipalities on account of main road works. From 1930-31 the annual payment into the Fund of an amount from Consolidated Revenue has been suspended.

The *Municipalities and Other Authorities Finances Act* 1950 provided that from the 1st January, 1951, the driver's licence fee shall be increased from 5s. to 10s., and that only half the amount of all such fees, less the cost of collection, be paid to the Country Roads Board Fund.

Money available to the Board is derived from revenue received under the Motor Car Acts, payment from the Commonwealth Government of portion of the duties on motor spirit, the above-mentioned repayment by municipalities, and loan funds made available to the Board by the Government of Victoria.

Receipts and expenditure covering the operation of the Board for the years 1947-48 to 1951-52 were as follows:—

VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD RECEIPTS AND
EXPENDITURE—1947-48 TO 1951-52.

	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Receipts.</i>					
Fees and Fines—Motor Car Act (less cost of collection) ..	1,963,555	2,133,717	2,687,490	3,159,111	3,853,962
Municipalities' Repayments—Per- manent Works—					
Outer Metropolitan Roads ..			1,899		29
Maintenance—Main Roads ..	159,595	203,263	187,889	187,109	283,362
Moreys provided by—					
<i>Federal Aid Roads and Works</i> <i>Act 1937</i> ..	Dr. 31,668	3,729			
<i>Commonwealth Aid Roads and</i> <i>Works Act 1947</i> ..	799,677	1,059,642	1,370,528	77,087	
<i>Commonwealth Aid Roads Act</i> 1950 ..				1,911,575	2,501,150
Receipts from State Loan Funds ..	15,178	437,768	391,867	715,956	1,046,621
Other Receipts—Fees, Fines, &c.	860	603	10,929	3,521	4,222
Total	2,907,197	3,838,722	4,650,602	6,054,359	7,689,346
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Construction and Maintenance of Roads and Bridges	3,127,804	2,639,086	3,185,035	5,262,022	5,835,800
Traffic Line Marking	11,835	9,869	8,918	12,497	12,729
Plant Purchases	150,078	145,340	211,661	578,273	701,760
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments	503,005	512,144	521,184	526,845	537,870
Payment to Tourists' Resorts Fund	10,968	12,540	27,781	37,879	46,098
General Expenditure	322,024	343,612	368,878	671,183	680,995
Total	4,125,714	3,662,591	4,323,457	7,188,699	7,815,252

The following is a summary of the total expenditure by the Country Roads Board on road construction during each of the five years, 1947-48 to 1951-52 :—

**VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD—EXPENDITURE
ON ROADS, 1947-48 TO 1951-52.**

	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.
	£	£	£	£	£
State Highways—					
Construction		324,540	290,704	756,000	949,539
Maintenance and reconditioning	1,181,382	570,060	1,049,884	1,321,175	1,208,666
Main Roads—					
Permanent Works	15,178	37,769	41,867	34,956	100,461
Construction and restoration	1,359,362	12,304	5,801		
Maintenance and reconditioning		1,087,120	1,217,829	2,024,119	2,526,214
Unclassified Roads—					
Construction and maintenance	411,654	439,035	365,004	923,629	757,013
Roads for isolated settlers	24,813	19,438	13,175	14,063	16,371
Tourists Roads—					
Construction		44,137	11,155	126	
Maintenance	98,662	73,340	138,686	212,272	196,512
Forest Roads—					
Construction	560	857	227	11,538	
Maintenance	28,782	21,293	43,947	51,795	69,150
Murray River Bridges and Punts—					
Maintenance	4,004	5,946	6,021	11,641	10,775
Roads adjoining Commonwealth Properties	3,407	3,247	735	709	1,099
Total	3,127,804	2,639,086	3,185,035	5,362,023	5,835,800

HARBOR TRUSTS.

The Port of Melbourne is under the control of this **Melbourne Harbor Trust.** Trust, and its constitution, powers and functions are set out on page 145 of the *Year-Book* for 1929-30. The following are particulars of the ordinary revenue and ordinary and capital expenditure for the years 1948 to 1952. The loan indebtedness as at the end of each of the five years is also shown.

MELBOURNE HARBOUR TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1948 TO 1952.

Heading.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.
	£	£	£	£	£
REVENUE.					
Wharfage and Tonnage Rates ..	961,925	1,118,058	1,293,923	1,493,422	1,256,581
Rents	57,505	60,570	64,072	67,129	71,572
Interest	10,301	11,467	4,672	655	3,868
Other Revenue	284,082	281,126	408,407	568,226	609,231
	1,313,813	1,471,221	1,771,074	2,129,432	1,941,252
<i>Less</i> Statutory Payments to—					
Consolidated Revenue ..	196,420	227,612	260,383	305,119	255,690
Geelong Harbor Trust ..	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Total	1,102,393	1,228,609	1,495,691	1,809,313	1,670,562
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
General Management and Expenses	91,216	81,214	79,419	99,868	152,768
Flotation and Redemption of Loans					
Expenses	1,526	293	..	1,291	387
Operating Expenses	164,818	193,028	293,411	447,004	506,767
Maintenance—					
Dredging	99,367	64,192	128,854	215,895	158,428
Harbor	7,257	7,022	11,096	13,119	18,558
Wharves	72,260	74,305	100,493	148,205	246,810
Approaches	8,063	7,057	5,592	8,444	15,440
Railways	4,635	6,957	5,243	10,382	14,712
Cranes	11,358	16,460	40,246	69,136	79,626
Other Properties	12,065	10,720	11,486	16,390	11,367
Interest on Loans and Exchange	158,131	136,638	127,933	162,705	222,258
Depreciation, Renewals, and Insurance Account	134,230	121,798	162,882	182,371	179,047
Sinking Fund	60,806	53,125	59,649	73,176	70,227
Total	825,732	772,809	1,026,304	1,447,986	1,676,395
Surplus on Revenue Account ..	276,661	455,800	469,387	361,327	..
Deficit .. .. .	..	..	..	..	5,833
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.					
Land and Property	3,720	40,403	23,230	39,242	29,728
Deepening Waterways	101,619	180,613	656,719	611,621	704,889
Wharves Construction	120,698	176,431	345,134	633,534	885,491
Approaches Construction	28,909	9,836	10,260	50,427	65,263
Other Harbor Improvements	22,886	24,649	72,343	47,731	113,264
Floating and General Plant	115,408	191,464	481,706	676,366	447,462
Total	393,240	623,396	1,589,392	2,058,921	2,246,097
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness	3,820,203*	3,766,678*	3,972,029*	5,883,853	7,914,146
Sinking Fund .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Net Indebtedness	3,820,203	3,766,678	3,972,029	5,883,853	7,914,146

* Excluding bank overdraft as follows :—£80,662 in 1948 ; £209,194 in 1949 ; and £517,355 in 1950.

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

The following is a summary of the revenue and expenditure for each year 1948 to 1952. Capital expenditure during, and loan indebtedness at end of, each of the five years are also shown :—

GEELONG HARBOR TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1948 TO 1952.

Heading.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.
	£	£	£	£	£
REVENUE.					
Wharfage, Tonnage, and Special Berth Rates	77,333	93,109	124,518	103,874	96,851
Rents, Fees, and Licences	5,872	5,671	5,763	7,537	8,503
Freezing Works and Abattoirs	18,030	18,030	20,458	26,330	29,660
Contribution by Melbourne Harbor Trust	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Other Revenue	16,375	20,687	28,130	31,959	29,474
Total	132,610	152,497	193,869	184,700	179,488
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
Management Expenses	31,176	38,144	43,122	59,265	48,146
Maintenance—					
Wharves and Approaches	3,838	9,286	12,683	7,351	8,012
Harbor	4,055	11,543	12,491	14,318	12,804
Floating Plant	2,629	2,858	1,872	3,713	2,652
Other	8,585	7,677	2,943	2,609	3,163
Interest on Loans	13,886	13,776	13,641	14,266	20,942
Sinking Fund	3,800	3,799	3,755	3,900	5,946
Freezing Works and Abattoirs	14,607	10,041	26,321	20,787	26,577
Depreciation Reserve Account	22,002	24,769	28,918	31,508	32,908
Miscellaneous	7,925	16,550	16,457	20,170	19,327
Total	112,503	138,443	162,203	177,887	180,476
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (NET).					
Floating Plant	15,596	32,961	10,604	1,732	33,930
Land and Property	13,930	5,196	7,214	10,880	..
Deepening Waterways	32,198	43,124	53,818	87,543	253,011
Wharves and Approaches	4,258	10,143	34,796	160,754	324,523
Other	18,754	11,954	9,924	3,294	82,322
Total	84,736	103,378	121,356	264,203	693,786
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness	517,414	514,896	508,459	567,019	1,649,044
Sinking Fund	75,889	82,368	88,869	95,730	104,860
Net Indebtedness	441,525	432,528	419,590	471,289	1,544,184

Portland Harbor Trust. The *Portland Harbor Trust Act*, No. 5425 of 1949, provided for the constitution of the Portland Harbor Trust and the appointment of three commissioners. A statement relating to the powers of the commissioners was published in the *Year-Book* for 1948-49, page 32. Further reference was made on page 323 of the same *Year-Book*. The amount which may be raised by loan shall not at any time exceed the sum of one million pounds.

Revenue and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1952, are as follows :—

Revenue—		£	
Government grant (maintenance)	.. .. .	.. .. .	20,000
Tonnage rates	1,345
Wharfage	10,636
Shipping services	751
Other	760
	Total	33,492
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Expenditure—			
Administration	5,619
Maintenance	19,868
Shipping services	495
Other	.. .. .	.. .. .	171
	Total .. .. .	.. .. .	26,153

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITIES.

The authorities controlling water supply for domestic purposes in Victoria at 31st December, 1951, are listed in the following statement. It is estimated that about 84 per cent. of the population of this State are so supplied by these authorities.

Authorities.	Administered under the Provisions of—
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission ..	} Water Acts
Waterworks Trusts	
Local Governing Bodies—	
Ballarat Water Commissioners	
Municipal Councils—	
Arapiles Shire	
Ararat City	
Bacchus Marsh Shire	
Beechworth Shire	

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITIES—*continued.*

Authorities.	Administered under the Provisions of—
Bet Bet Shire	} Water Acts
Clunes Borough	
Creswick Shire	
Inglewood Borough	
Korong Shire	
Stawell Borough	
Talbot Shire	
Walpeup Shire	
Warrnambool City	
Werribee Shire	
Wimmera Shire	
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works ..	Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust ..	Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act
Mildura Urban Water Trust	Mildura Irrigation Trusts Acts
Heidelberg City Council (Diamond Creek and Greensborough supplies)	} Local Government Acts
Sale City Council	
Eltham Shire Council (Eltham, Montmorency, and Yarra Glen supplies)	
Grenville Shire Council (Linton supply) ..	
Huntly Shire Council (Goornong supply) ..	
Leigh Shire Council (Rokewood and Corindhap supplies)	

The revenue and expenditure of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission form part of Consolidated Revenue. Information relating to the activities of the Commission is shown in Part "Production" of this *Year-Book*.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.

Creation and Constitution of Board. The Board was established by Act of Parliament on 20th December, 1890, and entered upon its duties on 18th March, 1891. It consists of 48 members, including the chairman, who is elected every four years by the other members, and is eligible for re-election. The other forty-seven members, who are called commissioners, are from time to time elected by the councils of the municipal districts wholly or partly within the metropolis.

Functions of the Board. The principal functions of the Board are to control and manage the metropolitan water supply system, including watersheds, reservoirs, weirs, aqueducts, pipes, &c.; to provide the metropolis with an efficient system of main and general sewerage; to deal with main drains and main drainage works; to control and manage the rivers, creeks, and watercourses within the metropolis; and to collect and dispose of night-soil from unsewered premises within the area under its control. By virtue of the *Town and Country Planning (Metropolitan Area) Act* (No. 5404 of 1949) the Board has also been made the responsible authority for the purpose of preparing and submitting for approval, within a period of three years or such longer period as the Minister of Public Works may authorize, a planning scheme for Greater Melbourne.

Area under Board's control at 30th June, 1952. The metropolis for water supply, sewerage and drainage and river improvement purposes comprises all that land within 13 miles of the post office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth-streets, Melbourne, and the remaining portions of the Cities of Moorabbin, Mordialloc, and Nunawading and the Shire of Mulgrave and certain portions of the remainder of the Shires of Eltham, Doncaster and Templestowe, and Dandenong, but excludes portion of the Shire of Werribee within such 13 miles. This territory has an area of 450 square miles within which are situated 28 cities and 1 shire and the parts of 1 other city and 9 other shires.

Town Planning. The metropolitan area for the purpose of town planning is all that area within a radius of 15 miles of the post office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth streets, Melbourne, together with the remaining portions of the Cities of Heidelberg and Mordialloc, the Borough of Ringwood, and the Shires of Keilor, Mulgrave, Dandenong, and Doncaster and Templestowe, the whole of the City of Chelsea, and that portion of the Shire of Frankston and Hastings within a radius of 26 miles of the said post office but excluding any portion of the Shire of Fern Tree Gully.

Board's borrowing powers and liability on loans. The Board is empowered to borrow £39,750,000, this amount being exclusive of loans amounting to £2,389,934 originally raised by the Government for the construction of waterworks for the supply of Melbourne and suburbs. These works were vested in and taken over by the Board on 1st July, 1891.

The Board's liability under loans was £37,359,220 on 30th June, 1952. The Board was at that date empowered to borrow £4,780,714 before reaching the limit of its borrowing powers.

Revenue and expenditure. The following is a statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Board during each of the five years, 1947-48 to 1951-52 :—

**MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1947-48 TO 1951-52.**

Heads of Revenue and Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.
	£	£	£	£	£
	REVENUE.				
Water Supply— Water Rates and Charges (including Revenue from water supplied by measure)	1,167,610	1,294,558	1,323,236	1,580,933	1,674,096
Sewerage—					
Sewerage Rates	1,158,591	1,202,252	1,243,520	1,299,916	1,496,788
Trade Waste Charges .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	131,084	140,465	144,273
Sanitary Charges	28,137	27,431	30,775	30,787	31,690
Metropolitan Farm—					
Grazing Fees, Rents, Pastures, &c.	2,700	5,496	3,363	1,971	12,799
Balance, Live Stock Account ..	61,439	72,194	75,803	102,583	98,177
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers—					
Drainage and River Improvement Rate	101,515	105,791	110,380	116,771	126,897
River Water Charges	5,571	6,204	6,168	5,185	5,851
Total	2,525,563	2,713,926	2,924,329	3,278,641	3,590,571
	REVENUE EXPENDITURE.				
Water Supply—					
Management and Incidental Ex- penses	145,366	182,151	202,565	269,428	345,793
Maintenance	451,606	504,150	589,178	477,180	468,437
Sewerage—					
Management and Incidental Ex- penses	161,385	186,173	206,646	261,201	313,304
Maintenance	143,124	169,497	202,213	239,477	303,094
Metropolitan Farm—					
Administrative Expenses	6,158	7,578	13,748	20,409	24,994
Maintenance	129,918	146,640	152,355	193,227	216,677
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers—					
Management and Incidental Ex- penses	6,958	8,740	10,016	14,289	18,815
Maintenance	15,828	17,061	16,880	23,055	28,644
Pensions and Allowances	12,900	18,033	21,410	36,353	46,754
Loan Flotation Expenses	3,791	796	2,035	21,032	26,510
Interest (including exchange on interest payments in London)	1,239,372	1,259,743	1,315,342	1,413,196	1,540,009
Contributions to—					
Sinking Fund	67,340	69,840	73,785	81,607	93,398
Renewals Fund	153,414	162,928	163,095	167,502	172,466
Superannuation Accounts	20,187	21,616	29,373	39,259	38,368
Depreciation .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	12,506	.. .. .
Contributions to Municipalities ..	7,290	7,364	7,389	7,438	7,409
Exchange—					
Redemption, London Loan, 1948	.. .. .	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
Total	2,564,637	2,771,310	3,015,030	3,286,159	3,653,672

Cost of Capital Works. The total cost of all capital works of the Board to 30th June, 1952, was £42,698,674, viz., £21,108,305 on water supply, £18,919,769 on sewerage, and £2,670,600 on drainage and river improvement works. For details of expenditure on water supply see below, and for expenditure on sewerage, page 600.

Water supply assessments and rates. The rate to be paid in respect of any lands and houses for the supply of water for domestic purposes, otherwise than by measure, is limited to an amount not exceeding 8d. in the pound of the annual value of the lands and houses served. The water rate levied in the year 1951-52 was 7d. in the £1 on the annual value of the property served. Properties with an annual value of £17 and under are charged a minimum rate of 10s. per annum. The charge for water supplied by measure in excess of the quantity which at 1s. per thousand gallons would produce an amount equal to the water rate payable is 1s. 3d. per 1,000 gallons. For shipping at Melbourne wharves the charge is 3s. 9d. per 1,000 gallons.

Cost of waterworks system. The cost of capital works in respect of the water supply system under the control of the Board is shown in the following table for each of the last four years, together with the total expenditure to 30th June, 1952:—

	During Year Ended 30th June—				Total Cost to 30th June, 1952.
	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Yan Yean System ..	1,022	3,946	4,782	3,399	678,244
Maroondah System ..	4,732	667	3,128	672	1,718,457
O'Shannassy - Upper					
Yarra System ..	688,307	1,076,367	1,387,956	2,035,220	9,227,163
Service reservoirs ..	3,787	7,358	3,807	8,490	647,850
Large mains ..	4,928	26,145	111,321	107,040	3,391,617
Reticulation ..	216,808	249,861	296,863	399,391	5,241,669
Afforestation ..	19,911	19,426	8,308	1,383	191,478
Investigations, future works ..	748	90	517	1,554	11,827
Total ..	940,243	1,383,860	1,816,682	2,557,149	21,108,305

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

Storage and service reservoirs. There are five storage reservoirs (Yan Yean, Toorourrong, Maroondah, O'Shannassy, and Silvan No. 1) with a total capacity of 23,351,305,000 gallons, 22 service reservoirs (including one at the Metropolitan Farm, Werribee) and three elevated tanks with a total capacity of 262,200,000 gallons.

Output of water. The total output of water from the various sources of supply in 1950-51 and 1951-52 was as follows:—

	Year ended 30th June—	
	1951.	1952.
	'000 gals.	'000 gals.
Yan Yean Reservoir	6,339,300	4,897,300
Maroondah Reservoir	13,318,500	16,435,600
O'Shannassy River and Silvan No. 1	17,579,500	17,814,200
Total Output	37,237,300	33,147,100

Consumption of water in Melbourne and suburbs. The total consumption of water amounted to 37,225 million gallons in 1950-51 and 39,293 million gallons in 1951-52; and the average consumption per day was 101.99 million gallons in 1950-51 and 107.36 million gallons in 1951-52. During the year ended 30th June, 1952, the maximum consumption on any one day was 206.9 million gallons on 22nd January, and the minimum consumption was 64.2 million gallons on 23rd September. The maximum daily consumption of 213.3 million gallons was recorded on 30th January, 1951.

The following table shows for each of the five years, 1948 to 1952, the daily average consumption of water, and the daily average per head:—

DAILY AVERAGE QUANTITY OF WATER CONSUMED IN MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS, 1947-48 TO 1951-52.
(MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS AREA.)

Year	Properties Supplied with Water at 30th June.	Number of Properties for which Sewers were Provided at 30th June.	Daily Average of Annual Consumption of Water.	Daily Consumption of Water per Head of Population Served.
			Million Gallons.	Gallons.
1947-48	320,798	302,433	91.94	72.11
1948-49	328,843	308,772	93.92	71.86
1949-50	342,742	320,006	91.66	67.25
1950-51	354,415	321,548	101.99	72.38
1951-52	364,248	329,872	107.36	74.14

These figures show that additional properties to the number of 9,833 were supplied with water during the year ended 30th June, 1952.

Sewerage assessments, rates, and receipts. The Board is empowered to levy a general sewerage rate not exceeding 1s. 2d. in the £1 of the net annual value of properties in sewered areas. The sewerage rate for the year 1951-52 was 1s. 1d. in the £1. The total annual value of property in the Board's area in 1951-52 was £29,762,923, of which £27,184,709 was liable to the sewerage rate, the balance being the value of property in unsewered districts. The receipts from general sewerage rates and charges in 1951-52 amounted to £1,528,478.

Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan sewerage system. The cost of sewerage works during each of the last four years and the total cost to 30th June, 1952, is shown in the following table:—

	During Year Ended 30th June—				Total Cost to 30th June, 1952.
	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Farm purchase and preparation ..	113,335	153,361	195,433	195,887	2,276,551
Treatment works ..	3,325	1,455	1,883	1,370	215,155
Outfall sewers and rising mains ..	Cr. 5,297	1,047	1,466	1,736	535,427
Pumping stations, buildings, and plant ..	1,925	1,652	8,488	15,803	337,796
Main and branch sewers	17,244	19,319	88,611	68,811	3,523,028
Reticulation sewers ..	396,837	470,248	524,258	695,912	11,278,831
Cost of house connexions chargeable to capital	..	..	..	..	670,569
Sanitary depots ..	Cr. 961	89	5	3,308	48,643
Investigations ..	5,088	7,540	8,032	2,179	33,765
Cost of sewerage system ..	531,496	654,711	828,176	985,006	18,919,769

Main and subsidiary sewerage systems. The sewerage system of the metropolis at 30th June, 1952, consisted of the main system and three subsidiary systems:—

The Main system (serving an area of 68,471 acres), the sewage from which gravitates to Spotswood Pumping Station where it is lifted to the main outfall sewer at Brooklyn and thence flows to the Metropolitan Farm at Werribee.

The Sunshine system (serving an area of 730 acres in the City of Sunshine), the sewage from which is pumped to the main outfall sewer.

The Kew system (serving an area of 86 acres in Kew), the sewage from which drains to a local treatment plant.

The South-Eastern system (serving an area of 2,354 acres in Cheltenham, Parkdale, Mentone, and Mordialloc), the sewage from which drains to the Braeside treatment plant in the Shire of Dandenong.

The first house was connected in Port Melbourne in August, 1897. On 30th June, 1952, the number of buildings for which sewers were provided was 329,872, and the estimated population served by the system was 1,311,000. During 1951-52, 13,137 new houses were erected in the Board's area.

The following statement shows the number of sewer connexions at 30th June, 1952:—

**MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—
SEWER CONNEXIONS AT 30TH JUNE, 1952.**

Municipality.	Number of Buildings for which Sewers were provided at 30th June, 1952.
Cities—	
Box Hill	7,334
Brighton	11,262
Brunswick	14,704
Camberwell	23,947
Caulfield	22,076
Coburg	13,205
Collingwood	8,191
Essendon	14,563
Fitzroy	7,897
Footscray	13,795
Hawthorn	10,705
Heidelberg (part)	10,803
Kew	8,314
Malvern	13,993
Melbourne	22,687
Moorabbin	10,740
Mordialloc	4,109
Northcote	12,380
Nunawading	2,575
Oakleigh	4,737
Port Melbourne	3,816
Prahran	16,777
Preston	13,134
Richmond	10,557
Sandringham	7,645
South Melbourne	9,922
St. Kilda	15,556
Sunshine	5,259
Williamstown	7,662
Shires—	
Broadmeadows (part)	951
Keilor (part)	522
Mulgrave	52
Werribee (part)	2
Total	329,872

Pumping stations. At 30th June, 1952, pumping stations or ejector stations had been established at Spotswood, Preston, Sunshine (3), Box Hill, Black Rock, Mordialloc, Port Melbourne, Prahran, Fawkner, and Kew.

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

Statistical data for the year ended 30th June, 1952, are as under :—

Total area of farm	26,073 acres
Area used for sewage disposal	15,529 acres
Rainfall at farm for year	19·49 inches
Average rainfall over 56 years	18·36 inches
Net cost of sewage purification for year per head of population served	3s. 3·3d.
Profit on cattle for year	£98,177

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

For the year 1951-52 the working expenses were £26,921 and interest £2,066, making a total of £28,987. The revenue was £4,928, leaving a deficiency of £24,059.

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

Assessed value of property. The total annual value of property assessed for drainage and river purposes for 1951-52 was £29,650,111.

Cost of drainage and river improvement works. The total cost of drainage and river improvement works to 30th June, 1952, was £2,670,600.

Length of main drains. The classification and length of all main drains under the control of the Board at 30th June, 1952, were as follows:—

Type of Drain.	Miles.
Underground drains.. .. .	110
Constructed open drains	11
Natural watercourses and unlined open drains	8
Total	129

BALLARAT WATER COMMISSIONERS.

The local governing body by the name of "The Ballarat Water Commissioners" was constituted on the 1st July, 1880, by the *Waterworks Act* 1880 (No. 656).

Water supply The water supply district of the Ballarat Water Commissioners embraces an area of approximately 65 square miles, including the City of Ballarat, the Borough of Sebastopol and portions of the Shires of Ballarat, Buninyong, Bungaree, and Grenville. The estimated population in this area is 50,000. The works comprise six reservoirs, which have a total storage capacity of 2,331,600,000 gallons. Another reservoir, with a storage capacity of 3,000 million gallons, is at present under construction. The catchment area is 17,545 acres. The Commissioners supplied water to 14,347 properties, of which 9,741 were connected to the sewers.

To 31st December, 1951, the capital cost of construction was £2,021,960, and the loans outstanding (due to the Government) were £1,078,920. During 1951 receipts amounted to £512,130 and expenditure to £504,384.

Water rate. The water rate is 1s. 3d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all rateable properties, with a minimum of £1 per annum for land on which there is a building or water supply.

BALLARAT SEWERAGE AUTHORITY.

The Ballarat Sewerage Authority was constituted under the provisions of the *Sewerage Districts Act* 1915 by Order in Council dated 30th November, 1920, which provides that the members of the Water Commissioners shall be the Sewerage Authority.

Sewerage. The Ballarat sewerage district embraces the City of Ballarat and portion of the Shire of Ballarat. Work was commenced in December, 1922, and to date the Authority has constructed a disposal works, 1 mile of outfall sewer, 2.1 miles of main sewer, 14.7 miles of sub-mains, 90.7 miles of reticulation, and 6 miles of ejector station and rising main. The whole of the works

so far completed are gravitational. The plant treats an average maximum daily flow of approximately 2,000,000 gallons and comprises screening, grit removal, primary sedimentation, trickling filter, secondary sedimentation, and sludge digestion.

To 31st December, 1951, the capital cost of construction, including side lines, was £624,857, and the loans outstanding at that date were £457,526. The amount outstanding by property owners for sewerage installations was £3,878. During 1951 General Fund revenue amounted to £48,244 and expenditure to £46,909.

General Sewerage Rate. The general sewerage rate is 1s. 5d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all properties within the drainage area. There are minimum rates of £2 4s. in respect of any rateable sewered property on which there is a building, and £1 in respect of any rateable sewered property on which there is no building.

GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE TRUST.

This Trust was constituted as the Geelong Municipal Waterworks Trust on 25th January, 1908. It was reconstituted as a Water and Sewerage Authority under the *Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act 1910*.

The amount of loans which may be raised is limited to £1,500,000 for water supply, £1,250,000 for sewerage works, and £270,000 for sewerage installations to properties under deferred payments conditions. The expenditure on these services to 30th June, 1952, was water supply, £919,847; sewerage, £721,503; and sewerage installation, £258,540, of which £690 is outstanding. The revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1952, was £115,344 on account of waterworks and £69,658 on account of sewerage. Since 1913 the Trust has appropriated and set apart sums out of revenues for the creation of a sinking fund to redeem loans. To 30th June, 1952, the amounts so appropriated were: Sewerage, £112,472, and water supply, £128,179. Of such amounts £184,652 had been used to redeem loans which have matured from time to time.

The population supplied is estimated by the Trust at 64,100. The number of buildings within the "Drainage Area" is 16,036; the number within the "Sewered Areas" 14,378, and the number connected with the sewers 14,376.

Water Supply.—The catchment areas of the Moorabool watersheds is about 16,000 acres. There are five storage reservoirs and nine service basins. The total storage capacity of the reservoirs and service basins is 2,745,864,000 gallons.

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

Sewerage.—The sewerage system consists of a main outfall sewer, 4 ft. by 3 ft. 3 in. to the ocean at Black Rock, a distance of about 9 miles from Geelong, and 156 miles of main and reticulation sewers. The sewerage area is 9,638 acres and includes the City of Geelong, the City of Geelong West, the City of Newtown and Chilwell, and the suburban areas in the Shires of Corio, South Barwon, and Bellarine.

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

Sewerage Rate.—The general sewerage rate is 1s. 4d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all rateable properties.

WATERWORKS TRUSTS.

During 1950-51 there were functioning in Victoria 129 Waterworks Trusts constituted under the provisions of the *Water Act* 1928.

MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST.

This Trust, which was constituted under the provisions of the *Mildura Irrigation and Water Trusts Act* 1928, supplies water for domestic use in the City of Mildura and the township of Irymple in the Shire of Mildura. The revenue and expenditure of this Authority for the years ended 30th June, 1951 and 1952, were as follows:—

MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Year ended 30th June—	
	1951.	1952.
	£	£
<i>Revenue.</i>		
Water Rates	9,452	12,023
Water Charges	8,000	6,717
Interest on overdue rates	28	41
Other	751	1,447
Total	18,231	20,228
<i>Expenditure.</i>		
Administrative Expenses	1,559	2,010
Meter Maintenance	352	500
Maintenance Pumping	7,090	9,852
Maintenance Distribution	2,161	3,617
Interest on Loans	461	1,238
Interest on Overdraft	102	398
Depreciation	2,675	2,868
Other	906	1,242
Total	15,306	21,725

At 30th June, 1952, the net loan liability of the Trust amounted to £75,744 (£25,137), of which £74,928 (£24,211) was due to the Government. Figures in parentheses relate to the year ended 30th June, 1951.

SEWERAGE AUTHORITIES.

In districts outside the areas under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust (which bodies are constituted under special Acts), sewerage authorities may be constituted in Victoria under the provisions of the Sewerage Districts Acts. At 31st December, 1951, 57 such authorities had been constituted.

The following statement gives statistical information relating to all authorities (including the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust) in whose districts the sewerage systems were in operation in 1951:—

SEWERAGE SYSTEMS IN OPERATION IN VICTORIA AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1951.

Authority.	Number of Properties Connected to Sewers.	Sewerage Rate Levied in £ of Net Annual Municipal Value.	Authority.	Number of Properties Connected to Sewers.	Sewerage Rate Levied in £ of Net Annual Municipal Value.
		<i>s. d.</i>			<i>s. d.</i>
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	324,121	1 0	Kyabram	320	2 3
Ararat	1,382	2 0	Kyneton	910	1 9
Bairnsdale	1,250	1 6	Maffra	131	.. ..
Ballarat	9,741	1 5	Mildura	1,961	1 6
Benalla	1,356	1 10	Mornington	407	1 9
Bendigo	7,080	1 3	Morwell	1,300	1 6
Castlemaine	1,310	1 9	Murtoa	294	2 0
Colac	1,750	1 1	Nhill	621	2 0
Dandenong	1,700	1 4	Portland	466	1 6
Dimboola	344	3 0	Shepparton	2,025	1 10
Echuca	1,212	2 2	Swan Hill	1,103	1 8
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust	14,236	1 3	Wangaratta	1,800	2 0
Hamilton	1,800	1 4	Warracknabeal	838	2 3
Horsham	1,600	1 7	Warragul	900	2 2
Kerang	713	2 10	Warrnambool	2,356	1 0
			Yarrawonga	582	2 0
			Total	385,609*	.. ..

* Serving a total population of 1,534,000. This figure is based on estimates by the authorities concerned.

In addition to those enumerated in the foregoing table, sewerage authorities had been constituted in the following districts, but were not in operation at 31st December, 1951:—

Year 1936	..	Sale.
„ 1938	..	Lorne.
„ 1939	..	Beechworth, Euroa, Leongatha, Traralgon, Werribee, Wodonga, Yarram.
„ 1945	..	Maryborough.
„ 1946	..	Charlton.
„ 1947	..	Moe, Mooropna, Queenscliffe, Tatura, Yea.
„ 1948	..	St. Arnaud, Stawell, Springvale and Noble Park.
„ 1949	..	Bacchus Marsh, Donald, Jeparit.
„ 1950	..	Camperdown, Port Fairy, Terang.
„ 1951	..	Casterton, Mansfield, Orbost.

Yallourn Sewerage. Under the provisions of the State Electricity Commission Acts, a scheme of sewerage for Yallourn was adopted after approval by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission and the Public Health Department. The erection of the treatment plant and pipe-testing depot was completed in 1941. The gravity reticulation system was completed in 1951. The sewage treatment plant was put into service in January, 1948, and by June, 1952, 306 houses and 27 public buildings had been fully connected. The use of septic tanks in the town has been discontinued.

To June, 1952, about 2,800 were served by the system which will ultimately serve 8,000 persons when completed.

FIRE BRIGADES.

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

The Board on 30th June, 1952, had under its control the following :— 42 stations, 633 members of permanent staff, 76 members of special service staff, 26 members of clerical staff, 69 men engaged in workshops, 13 employees engaged in the tailoring department, and 18 partially-paid firemen.

During 1951–52 the cost of maintenance of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade was £727,715, one-third being contributed by each of the contributing bodies, viz.:—Government of Victoria, municipalities within the Metropolitan Fire District, and the 156 fire insurance companies carrying on business in that district. The municipalities' contribution was equal to 1·976 pence in the £1 on the annual value

of £29,507,686 of property within the Fire District, and that of the insurance companies to £8 16s. 2·8d. for every £100 of premiums on insured property. The premiums received in the Metropolitan Fire District in 1950 amounted to £2,752,807.

Particulars of receipts and expenditure of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for the five years, 1948 to 1952, are as follows:—

VICTORIA—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE
METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADES BOARD, 1948 TO 1952.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.
<i>Ordinary Receipts.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Contributions—Government, Municipal, and Insurance Companies	269,769	279,764	470,179	465,985	727,715
Receipts for Services	61,388	68,350	66,419	68,076	73,859
Interest and Sundries	30,946	35,588	47,269	63,888	77,541
Total	362,103	383,702	583,867	597,949	879,115
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries	169,875	187,100	282,134	385,275	518,047
Administrative Charges, &c.	53,926	58,875	102,088	141,527	166,128
Partially-paid Firemen and Special Service Staff Allowances ..	45,260	46,905	54,347	49,225	62,559
Plant—Purchase and Repairs ..	32,846	36,469	36,931	44,840	76,696
Interest	6,987	6,571	6,146	5,870	6,873
Repayment of Loans	9,333	9,833	10,360	10,916	11,502
Superannuation Fund	8,795	9,314	13,240	17,720	21,520
Motor Replacement Reserve ..	6,738	7,062	7,436	7,673	7,532
Pay-Roll Tax	6,356	6,857	9,391	11,873	15,728
Miscellaneous	2,644	4,510	3,881	2,458	7,657
Total	342,760	373,526	525,954	677,377	894,242
At 30th June—					
Loan Indebtedness	154,445	144,612	134,252	123,337	111,834

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

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

At 30th June, 1952, there were 195 urban fire brigades and 976 rural fire brigades. The effective registered strength of the brigades at the close of the financial year was 80,911 members. Under the provisions of the *Municipalities and Other Authorities Finances Act* (No. 5512) of 1950, which came into operation on 1st January, 1951, two-thirds of the revenue of the Authority is contributed by the Government and Fire Insurance companies in the proportion of two to one, the third share, formerly contributed by the municipalities now being provided from the Municipalities Assistance Fund. There are 141 insurance companies included in the operation of the Act. The premiums received by these insurance companies outside the Metropolitan Fire District amounted to £2,690,522.

The following statement shows the receipts and expenditure of the Country Fire Authority during the years ended 30th June, 1951 and 1952 :—

	Year Ended 30th June—	
	1951.	1952.
	£	£
<i>Ordinary Receipts.</i>		
Government Contributions	52,234	73,116
Government Contributions on account Municipalities	26,117	73,116
Insurance contributions	52,234	73,116
Municipal contributions	26,117	..
Sundries	6,346	9,872
Total	163,048	229,220
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>		
Administrative (including salaries)	21,048	21,934
Brigade salaries	37,136	46,040
Regional officers—salaries, transport, maintenance ..	17,373	27,867
Fires and practices allowances	5,183	5,046
New stations, repairs, and rentals	5,476	9,978
Rolling stock and plant, purchases and maintenance	38,472	52,907
Hose and appliances	3,599	4,834
Uniforms, telephones, and fuel	7,324	11,873
Repayment of loans	6,869	8,613
Interest on loans	4,050	4,583
Motor Replacement Fund	12,608	15,308
Compensation Fund, accidents	6,880	6,880
Local Government rates	1,446	1,932
Pay-Roll Tax	1,252	1,691
Sundries	8,541	12,258
Total	177,257	231,744
Loan Expenditure	21,598	36,518
Loan indebtedness at 30th June	121,582	151,470

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENT BODIES.

In the following statement particulars are given of the new money loan raisings during each of the years 1938-39 and 1948-49 to 1951-52 by Local Government and Semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies in Victoria. Collection of this information was suspended during the war but was resumed in respect of the year 1946-47:—

VICTORIA—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—NEW MONEY LOAN RAISINGS, 1938-39 AND 1948-49 TO 1951-52.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.
LOCAL GOVERNMENT.	£	£	£	£	£
Due to Government	13,737	25,615	12,247	42,654	50,159
Due to Public Creditor	795,211	1,182,649	1,621,030	2,113,635	2,583,091
Total Local Government	808,948	1,208,264	1,633,277	2,156,289	2,633,250
SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL, &C.					
Due to Government	405,529	5,600,494*	6,752,596*	9,057,458*	12,366,467*
Due to Public Creditor	1,478,840†	8,144,046	20,002,525	37,259,065	31,559,071
Total Semi-Governmental, &c. .. .	1,884,369	13,744,540	26,755,121	46,316,523	43,925,538
ALL AUTHORITIES.					
Due to Government	419,266	5,626,109	6,764,843	9,100,112	12,416,626
Due to Public Creditor	2,274,051	9,326,695	21,623,555	39,372,700	34,142,162
Grand Total	2,693,317	14,952,804	28,388,398	48,472,812	46,558,788

* Including the following advances by the Commonwealth Government under the Commonwealth and State Housing Agreement:—£5,200,000 in 1948-49, £6,300,000 in 1949-50, £8,660,000 in 1950-51, and £10,061,000 in 1951-52.

† Including £100,000 borrowed to repay loans from Government.

HOUSING.

The Council of any municipality may, under existing statutory power, erect or purchase dwelling-houses for eligible persons at a cost not exceeding £1,250, including the cost of the land, if the dwelling be of wood, or £1,500 if it be of brick, stone, or concrete. An eligible person, within the meaning of the *Local Government Act* 1946, is one who does not own a dwelling-house in Victoria or elsewhere and who is in receipt of an income not exceeding £400 a year.

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

Housing and reclamation by municipalities.

Erection of dwelling houses by State Savings Bank Commissioners.

**War Service
Homes in
Victoria.**

Provision of homes is made by the Commonwealth Government for Australian soldiers who served during the 1914-1918 War and the 1939-45 War, and also for the female dependants of Australian soldiers and other classes of eligible persons as defined in the *War Service Homes Act 1918-1951*.

Activities associated with such Act are shown in the following table. The information is furnished by the War Service Homes Division of the Department of Social Services:—

VICTORIA—WAR SERVICE HOMES.

Period.	Applications Approved.	Homes Built and Assisted to Build.	Homes Purchased.	Mortgages Discharged.	Transfers and Resales.
From inception to— 30th June, 1938 ..	10,524	5,009	3,777	461	1,276
Year ended— 30th June, 1939 ..	61	5	4	5	45
.. .. 1940 ..	30	2	..	..	30
.. .. 1941 ..	21	1	3	1	17
.. .. 1942 ..	24	..	1	3	20
.. .. 1943 ..	26	..	2	7	17
.. .. 1944 ..	37	..	4	5	28
.. .. 1945 ..	70	..	7	8	23
.. .. 1946 ..	247	28	38	29	12
.. .. 1947 ..	938	45	483	174	37
.. .. 1948 ..	1,649	119	676	326	28
.. .. 1949 ..	2,641	414	1,030	546	36
.. .. 1950 ..	4,932	453	2,660	1,010	38
.. .. 1951 ..	5,687	925	3,438	1,617	129
.. .. 1952 ..	5,362	1,034	3,141	1,850	116

To 30th June, 1952, the sums paid as instalments of principal and interest amounted to £13,591,186, whilst the arrears of instalments totalled £75,727, the percentage of arrears to the total amount due being 0.55.

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

To 30th June, 1952, contracts were let for the erection of 20,687 dwelling units in Victoria, 12,319 in municipalities within the metropolitan area, and 8,368 in municipalities outside the metropolitan area. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

Particulars are given in the appended table of the type of dwelling units for which contracts have been let (including work performed by day labour) by the Commission.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLING UNITS TO 30TH JUNE, 1952; TYPE OF DWELLING.

Municipality.	Type.						Total Dwelling Units— Contracts Let, &c.
	Brick.	Brick Veneer.	Concrete.	Timber, &c.	Prefabricated Timber.	Steel.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
METROPOLITAN.							
Cities—							
Box Hill .. .. .	..	30	513	9	..	..	552
Brighton	130	..	..	..	..	..	130
Brunswick	22	..	96	5	..	..	123
Camberwell	412	74	485	..	..	..	971
Coburg	637	..	..	133	..	..	770
Essendon	1,009	..	47	34	..	..	1,090
Footscray	10	..	1	95	4	..	110
Heidelberg	833	866	458	235	8	..	2,400
Melbourne	48	..	12	..	..	..	60
Moorabbin	218	338	220	3	17	1	797
Northcote	42	..	16	..	..	..	58
Oakleigh .. .. .	..	..	99	1	..	..	100
Port Melbourne	388	..	70	..	..	..	458
Preston	806	18	389	18	350	..	1,581
Richmond	138	..	..	..	..	..	138
Sandringham	731	13	70	..	6	..	820
Sunshine	1	6	908	96	24	20	1,055
Williamstown	56	..	89	29	..	..	174
Shires—							
Broadmeadows .. .. .	..	..	113	..	..	..	113
Mulgrave .. .. .	..	168	651	..	..	..	819
Total Metropolitan ..	5,481	1,513	4,237	658	409	21	12,319
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA.							
Cities							
Ararat .. .. .	..	..	..	100	156	..	256
Ballaarat	23	17	..	34	..	..	74
Bendigo	30	..	..	..	..	..	30
Geelong .. .. .	..	57	..	353	3	..	413
Geelong West .. .. .	..	37	..	..	..	..	37
Hamilton .. .. .	..	..	..	44	5	..	49
Horsham .. .. .	..	..	..	97	15	..	112
Mildura .. .. .	..	..	..	96	98	..	194
Newtown and Chilwell ..	..	54	..	..	..	..	54
Sale .. .. .	..	..	..	73	..	..	73
Shepparton .. .. .	..	81	..	156	25	..	262
Warrnambool	17	40	..	57	..	..	114
Towns—							
Castlemaine .. .. .	..	13	..	12	25	..	50
Colac .. .. .	..	13	..	125	2	..	140
Portland .. .. .	..	..	..	37	..	..	37
St. Arnaud .. .. .	..	3	..	9	..	..	12
Boroughs—							
Benalla .. .. .	..	..	..	72	6	..	78
Daylesford .. .. .	..	..	..	..	7	..	7
Eaglehawk	5	..	..	..	5	..	10
Echuca .. .. .	..	16	..	33	..	..	49
Inglewood .. .. .	..	..	..	6	..	..	6
Maryborough .. .. .	..	20	..	23	30	..	73
Port Fairy .. .. .	..	..	..	10	..	..	10
Sebastopol .. .. .	..	..	..	13	10	..	23
Stawell .. .. .	..	20	..	..	..	..	20

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF
VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLING UNITS, TO 30TH
JUNE, 1952; TYPE OF DWELLING—*continued.*

Municipality.	Type.						Total Dwelling Units— Contracts— Let, &c.
	Brick.	Brick Veneer.	Concrete.	Timber, &c.	Prefabricated Timber.	Steel.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA— <i>continued.</i>							
BOROUGHES— <i>continued.</i>							
Swan Hill	64	..	..	64
Wangaratta	76	..	279	21	1	377
Wonthaggi	80	7	..	87
Shires—							
Alberton	24	..	..	24
Avon	6	..	..	6
Bacchus Marsh	36	5	..	41
Bairnsdale	34	..	..	34
Ballarat	29	132	..	161
Beechworth	20	..	..	20
Bet Bet	4	..	4
Bright	36	..	..	36
Broadford	8	..	..	8
Buln Buln	15	41	..	56
Charlton	8	..	8
Cohuna	16	2	..	18
Corio	161	112	619	..	892
Cranbourne	12	3	..	15
Dandenong	170	..	1	..	171
Dimboola	26	6	..	32
Donald	5	..	5
Dunmunkle	10	..	..	10
Euroa	6	..	..	6
Frankston and Hastings	7	..	17	37	..	61
Glenelg	10	..	..	10
Gisborne	12	..	..	12
Hampden	66	..	..	66
Heytesbury	12	..	..	12
Kerang	18	14	..	32
Korumburra	34	..	..	34
Kyneton	20	..	..	20
Maffra	37	..	..	37
Mansfield	30	..	..	30
Marong	47	..	47
Mildura	117	52	..	169
Mirboo	8	..	..	8
Morwell	737	407	..	1,144
Narracan	872	466	..	1,338
Numurkah	44	19	..	63
Orbost	22	..	..	22
Ripon	10	..	10
Rochester	12	5	..	17
Rodney	53	28	..	81
Rutherglen	10	..	..	10
Seymour	102	6	..	108
Strathfieldsaye	20	..	..	..	..	..	20
Swan Hill	6	..	..	6
Traralgon	295	..	..	295
Tullaroop	1	..	1
Tungamah	9	11	..	20
Warracknabeal	22	8	..	30
Warragul	236	23	..	259
Winchelsea	18	..	18
Wodonga	71	..	..	71
Woorayl	16	11	..	27
Yarrawonga	32	..	..	32
Total Outside Metropolitan Area	95	454	331	5,083	2,404	1	8,368
Grand Total	5,576	1,967	4,568	5,741	2,813	22	20,687

DWELLING UNITS ERECTED BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA TO 30TH JUNE, 1952.

Municipality.	Completed to 30th June, 1949.	Completed during Year ended 30th June—			Units Completed to 30th June, 1952.
		1950.	1951.	1952.	
METROPOLITAN.					
Cities—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Box Hill	87	176	201	66	530
Brighton	130	..	..	..	130
Brunswick	123	..	..	..	123
Camberwell	545	328	92	6	971
Coburg	653	61	7	..	721
Essendon	296	88	104	181	669
Footscray	110	..	..	..	110
Heidelberg	1,063	393	309	396	2,161
Melbourne	16	..	16	16	48
Moorabbin	631	128	38	..	797
Northcote	42	..	..	16	58
Oakleigh	100	..	..	..	100
Port Melbourne	453*	..	..	..	458
Preston	742	2	123	210	1,077
Richmond	138	..	..	..	138
Sandringham	799	8	..	..	807
Sunshine	316	239	180	213	948
Williamstown	174	..	..	..	174
Shires—					
Broadmeadows .. .. .	..	46	62	5	113
Mulgrave .. .. .	..	10	233	319	562
Total Metropolitan	6,423	1,479	1,365	1,428	10,695
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA.					
Cities—					
Ararat	79	49	37	43	208
Ballaarat	64	9	1	..	74
Bendigo	31	..	..	..	31
Geelong	217	85	70	38	410
Geelong West	37	..	..	..	37
Horsham	78	19	..	2	99
Hamilton	44	..	..	5	49
Mildura	50	..	..	18	68
Newtown and Chilwell	54	..	..	..	54
Sale	38	7	..	..	45
Shepparton	117	54	39	7	217
Warnambool	73	15	8	11	107
Towns—					
Castlemaine	13	12	..	5	30
Colac	71	19	6	44	140
Portland	23	..	..	7	30
St. Arnaud	12	..	..	..	12
Boroughs—					
Benalla	30	..	10	16	56
Daylesford .. .. .	..	4	3	..	7
Eaglehawk	7	..	..	2	9
Echuca	22	..	..	12	34
Ingewood	4	2	..	..	6
Maryborough	29	14	5	..	48
Port Fairy .. .. .	..	1	9	..	10
Sebastopol .. .. .	..	8	15	..	23
Stawell	19	1	..	..	20
Swan Hill	36	8	3	4	51
Wangaratta	218	68	30	33	349
Wonthaggi	66	14	..	..	80
Shires—					
Alberton .. .. .	..	11	1	3	15
Avon .. .. .	..	..	4	..	4
Bacchus Marsh	17	12	4	4	37
Bairnsdale	5	15	14	..	34
Ballarat .. .. .	..	..	22	80	102

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

DWELLING UNITS ERECTED BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA
TO 30TH JUNE, 1952—*continued.*

Municipality.	Completed to 30th June, 1949.	Completed during Year ended 30th June—			Units Completed to 30th June, 1952.
		1950.	1951.	1952.	
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA—<i>continued.</i>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>					
Bet Bet .. .. .	..	..	4	..	4
Beechworth	10	5	..	5	20
Bright .. .. .	..	8	9	9	26
Broadford .. .. .	..	8	..	..	8
Buln Buln	41	..	..	..	41
Charlton .. .. .	..	..	..	3	3
Cobuna	12	..	4	2	18
Corio	10	46	157	227	440
Cranbourne	9	6	..	..	15
Dandenong .. .. .	..	26	47	54	127
Dimboola	26	..	..	..	26
Donald .. .. .	..	..	..	5	5
Dunmunkle .. .. .	..	..	1	3	4
Euroa	6	..	..	..	6
Frankston and Hastings	24	..	..	29	53
Gisborne	12	..	..	..	12
Glenselg .. .. .	..	3	2	..	5
Hampden	34	26	3	3	66
Heytesbury	12	..	..	..	12
Kerang	20	8	..	..	28
Korumburra	20	..	2	12	34
Kyneton	1	11	3	..	15
Maffra	22	..	..	..	22
Mansfield .. .. .	..	4	21	..	25
Marong .. .. .	..	..	..	27	27
Mildura	59	13	13	13	93
Mirboo	4	4	..	..	8
Morwell	82	110	413	347	952
Narracan	347	132	260	337	1,076
Numurkah	15	2	19	16	52
Orbost	10	..	2	4	16
Ripon .. .. .	..	..	..	4	4
Rochester	11	1	..	..	12
Rodney	46	..	19	16	81
Rutherglen	10	..	..	..	10
Seymour	34	26	8	9	77
Strathfieldsaye	19	..	..	..	19
Swan Hill .. .. .	..	6	..	..	6
Traralgon	174	33	22	29	258
Tungamah .. .. .	..	..	20	..	20
Tullaroop .. .. .	..	1	..	..	1
Warracknabeal	22	..	..	8	30
Warragul	119	39	9	27	194
Winchelsea .. .. .	..	8	10	..	18
Wodonga	38	..	1	19	58
Woorayl	16	..	..	..	16
Yarrawonga .. .. .	..	22	4	..	26
Total Outside Metropolitan Area	2,719	975	1,334	1,542	6,570
Grand Total	9,142	2,454	2,699	2,970	17,265

* The above statement is exclusive of 268 dwellings which were erected by the Housing Commission for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust, viz., 234 in the Shire of Braybrook (now City of Sunshine) and 34 in the City of Coburg.

State Building Control. The Building Operations and Building Materials Control Act, No. 5116 of 1946, brought under State administration the control of building operations and materials formerly administered by the Commonwealth under the National Security

Regulations. The principal provisions of this Act were published in the *Year-Book* for 1946-47, pages 510 and 511. Brief summaries of amending Acts appear in successive issues of the *Year-Book*.

The *Building Operations and Building Materials Control Act* 1946 together with amending Acts Nos. 5259, 5271, 5288, 5347, 5445, and 5479 were reprinted under the authority of Act No. 5479, section 1 (2) on a certificate of the Attorney-General dated 31st January, 1951, and cited as the *Building Operations and Building Materials Control Act*. This Act was extended to 31st December, 1952, by amending Act No. 5576 of 1951.

Building permits. Information relating to the value of buildings for which permits were issued by municipal councils gives a reliable indication, in normal circumstances, of the effect of varying economic conditions on the building industry. The particulars represent the values recorded, but, owing to the variation in building costs during the periods under review, a complete comparison cannot be made. The statements include War Service Home dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

Building permits issued in Greater Melbourne. The following statements show the value of buildings for which permits were issued by the municipalities in the metropolitan area during the periods indicated in respect of dwellings, other new buildings, and alterations and additions to existing buildings.

The information is not comparable with statements of building permits issued appearing in the Year-Books prior to 1945-46.

GREATER MELBOURNE—VALUE OF BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE ISSUED, 1938 AND 1944 TO 1952.

Year Ended 31st December—	Value of Buildings Approved.				Index to Total Value=100 in 1938.
	Dwellings (including Flats, &c.).	Other New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	
1938	5,318,295	1,640,634	1,445,613	8,404,542	100·00
1944	177,261	126,210	894,913	1,198,384	14·26
1945	2,059,065	442,719	1,046,643	3,548,427	42·22
1946	9,875,132	1,314,446	1,519,549	12,709,127	151·22
1947	13,685,211	2,156,292	2,057,154	17,898,657	212·96
1948	14,837,267	1,659,443	2,217,297	18,714,007	222·67
1949	20,391,319	1,845,120	2,142,362	24,378,801	290·06
1950	26,342,305	3,044,451	3,186,312	32,573,068	387·56
1951	29,462,521	4,706,556	5,638,532	39,807,609	473·64
1952	18,916,642	6,298,738	6,584,528	31,799,908	378·36

The following tables give detailed information relating to the number and value of buildings for which permits were issued by the municipalities in Greater Melbourne during the years specified:—

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN GREATER MELBOURNE
DURING THE YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1951 AND 1952.

Class of Permit.	Year ended 31st December—			
	1951.		1952.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
		£		£
New Buildings—				
Buildings for Habitation—				
Private Dwellings—				
Brick and concrete ..	1,243	5,031,060	743	3,074,269
Brick veneer ..	2,379	6,733,412	1,641	5,143,021
Wood, steel, fibro-cement, &c.	7,408	15,731,024	4,201	9,857,352
Flats	75*	1,835,025	32†	810,400
Other	5	132,000	4	31,600
Total, Buildings for Habitation	11,110	29,462,521	6,621	18,916,642
Commercial Buildings—				
With Residence—				
Shops	213	749,920	120	490,640
Garages .. .. .	..	..	4	23,200
Factories	4	28,000	3	22,000
Other	3	19,290	4	8,700
Without Residence—				
Shops	5	7,200	112	220,089
Garages	10	34,450	85	299,742
Factories	271	2,447,725	317	3,434,603
Other	27	104,835	52	128,834
Public Buildings—				
Hospitals	2	986,000	5	1,176,070
Churches	16	40,117	27	157,250
Schools	22	242,350	17	118,530
Other	20	46,669	31	219,080
Total, Commercial and Public Buildings	593	4,706,556	777	6,298,738
Alterations and Additions—				
Private Dwellings	16,285	2,678,967	15,802	3,099,458
Flats	30	33,085	22	26,943
Other Buildings for Habitation ..	78	153,909	80	74,384
Shops	170	75,929	266	183,887
Garages (Commercial)	34	23,685	80	138,498
Factories	550	1,868,305	533	1,509,163
Other Business Premises	198	313,706	257	473,444
Public Buildings	105	490,946	172	1,078,751
Total, Alterations, and Additions	17,450	5,638,532	17,212	6,584,528
Grand Total, Building Permits	29,153	39,807,609‡	24,610	31,799,908‡

* 548 self-contained units.

† 270 self-contained units.

‡ See page 619 for details of value in each municipality.

NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW PRIVATE DWELLINGS (INCLUDING FLATS, HOTELS, ETC.) IN GREATER MELBOURNE, 1938 AND 1944 TO 1952.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—									
	1938.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.
CITIES.										
Box Hill	152	9	135	524	665	490	609	685	563	335
Brighton	360	..	60	231	210	214	207	212	183	69
Brunswick	149	3	20	58	53	45	34	61	49	27
Camberwell	882	5	188	829	821	764	752	876	711	343
Caulfield	386	..	42	217	255	183	176	127	103	59
Chelsea	56	14	84	172	231	219	270	285	240	189
Coburg	304	10	131	375	550	579	633	805	716	399
Collingwood	20	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	3	2
Essendon	238	3	53	178	185	171	177	223	202	115
Fitzroy	13	..	1	1	2	1	1	..	..	..
Footscray	322	6	123	197	275	293	326	386	447	221
Hawthorn	139	3	17	41	23	13	24	48	29	9
Heidelberg (Part) (a)	205	16	97	346	525	439	618	587	534	326
Kew	131	1	33	148	127	92	108	136	123	61
Malvern	137	2	40	100	99	121	117	179	158	90
Melbourne	62	1	3	9	8	10	3	11	7	9
Moorabbin	239	20	177	938	1,200	1,171	1,712	1,773	1,372	897
Mordialloc	93	16	81	353	362	314	445	399	313	143
Northcote	120	2	32	106	171	175	199	163	125	76
Nunawading	76	15	114	389	412	489	643	735	787	502
Oakleigh	86	7	65	278	273	217	409	536	439	223
Port Melbourne	20	..	5	15	10	2	6	4	2	2
Prahran	160	..	1	3	14	22	24	42	43	22
Preston	298	13	114	531	650	667	770	816	720	367
Richmond	37	..	..	1	3	2	2	5	3	3
Sandringham	164	30	86	229	237	203	232	264	238	144
South Melbourne	18	..	3	2	2	2	..	1	3	..
St. Kilda	96	..	4	17	13	9	11	14	5	8
Sunshine* (Part) (b)	101	4	62	207	261	337	438	507	465	265
Williamstown	98	3	18	69	85	103	279	259	174	133
BOROUGH.										
Ringwood	37	58	52	228	279	321	375	449	482	350
SHIRES.										
Broadmeadows (Part) (c)	73	5	64	275	394	402	493	841	760	556
Kellor (Part) (d)	46	..	17	49	74	112	180	236	263	169
Mulgrave	15	17	21	176	318	349	493	601	848	502
Total	5,333	263	1,944	7,292	8,787	8,531	10,768	12,268	11,110	6,621

(a) Excluding Greensborough Ward. Renamed North Ward when municipality was re-subdivided into 6 wards on 23rd May, 1952.

(b) Excluding Western Ward.

(c) Broadmeadows Riding and Campbellfield Riding only.

(d) Dousta Galla Riding only.

NOTE.—Excluding contracts let by the Housing Commission for the erection of dwellings see page 612.

VALUE OF ALL BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE
ISSUED IN GREATER MELBOURNE DURING THE
YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1951 AND 1952.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	
	1951.	1952.
	£	£
CITIES.		
Box Hill	1,778,281	1,252,487
Brighton	1,154,563	535,203
Brunswick	197,306	254,845
Camberwell	3,109,448	1,964,879
Caulfield	710,490	564,467
Chelsea	598,828	533,800
Coburg	1,659,215	1,180,257
Collingwood	310,569	221,528
Essendon	745,119	548,254
Fitzroy	108,142	1,047,577
Footscray	1,283,762	876,733
Hawthorn	508,835	310,542
Heidelberg (Part) (a)	1,798,865	1,280,732
Kew	784,608	681,101
Malvern	788,817	557,708
Melbourne	841,163	1,618,768
Moorabbin	4,619,469	3,803,747
Mordialloc	1,004,296	533,038
Northcote	503,873	516,082
Nunawading	2,112,615	1,530,228
Oakleigh	1,317,964	931,696
Port Melbourne.. .. .	512,433	411,697
Prahran	1,152,099	614,039
Preston	2,923,133	1,817,643
Richmond	132,679	172,969
Sandringham	956,396	805,650
South Melbourne	157,356	434,517
St. Kilda	467,152	496,560
Sunshine* (Part) (b)	1,320,309	1,330,492
Williamstown	461,226	461,557
BOROUGH.		
Ringwood	1,127,532	878,655
SHIRES.		
Broadmeadows (Part) (c)	1,686,671	1,414,113
Keilor (Part) (d)	572,494	412,263
Mulgrave	2,401,901	1,806,081
Total	39,807,609	31,799,908

(a) Excluding North Ward. (See footnote page 618.)

(b) Excluding Western Ward.

(c) Broadmeadows and Campbellfield Ridings only.

(d) Doutta Galla Riding only.

NOTE.—The above statement is not comparable with statements of building permits appearing in issues of the *Year-Book* prior to 1945-46.

Building permits issued by provincial municipalities. With a view to gauging the relative activity of the building industry during recent years in centres outside Greater Melbourne, particulars relating to building permits issued by certain municipalities during each of the five years, 1948 to 1952 are given below:—

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE ISSUED BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1948 TO 1952.

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Ballaarat City ..	1948	144	215,269	7	352,250	158	81,421	309	648,940
	1949	200	340,850	9	36,320	184	55,762	393	432,932
	1950	252	474,689	4	6,185	196	73,236	452	554,060
	1951	185	412,797	9	20,800	170	90,393	364	523,990
	1952	104	228,270	12	39,492	160	93,789	276	361,551
Bendigo City ..	1948	123	197,737	2	8,600	190	20,120	315	226,457
	1949	128	220,681	6	165,200	267	41,087	401	426,968
	1950	165	320,685	2	17,000	249	130,540	416	468,225
	1951	149	300,941	8	15,950	260	47,832	417	364,723
	1952	118	288,595	5	230,750	261	68,068	384	587,413
Geelong City ..	1948	42	67,776	5	38,300	104	18,553	151	124,629
	1949	35	68,880	7	107,663	122	43,539	164	220,082
	1950	44	96,680	5	20,983	148	35,144	197	152,807
	1951	36	89,950	13	342,950	215	36,667	264	469,567
	1952	20	61,450	25	216,950	171	68,209	216	346,609
Geelong West City ..	1948	98	158,222	1	2,000	77	8,960	176	169,182
	1949	128	213,118	..	..	63	10,739	191	223,857
	1950	161	322,712	1	3,750	31	6,200	193	332,662
	1951	139	353,994	4	16,500	51	10,681	194	381,175
	1952	84	237,471	1	9,000	53	16,482	138	262,953

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE
ISSUED BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1948 TO
1952—*continued.*

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Horsham City ..	1948	54	64,131	3	1,400	45	4,050	102	69,581
	1949	59	85,307	2	2,760	105	14,111	166	102,178
	1950	81	134,225	1	550	50	4,420	132	139,195
	1951	86	181,810	2	2,800	102	20,012	190	204,622
	1952	50	96,338	13	53,596	94	30,467	157	180,401
Mildura City ..	1948	102	133,332	6	9,590	43	9,179	151	152,101
	1949	142	203,648	4	154,500	72	8,896	218	367,044
	1950	163	285,375	3	17,500	60	11,237	226	314,112
	1951	119	245,925	14	40,850	109	22,778	242	309,553
	1952	49	105,160	14	20,310	83	33,800	146	159,270
Newtown and Chilwell City ..	1948	69	121,394	3	1,005	68	13,417	140	135,816
	1949	85	164,678	..	..	52	35,968	137	200,646
	1950	89	196,539	2	325	101	28,797	192	225,661
	1951	68	204,280	3	15,500	141	33,049	212	252,829
	1952	38	125,134	6	8,850	129	37,986	173	171,970
Sale City ..	1948	50	68,768	3	1,100	53	64,449	106	134,317
	1949	61	90,605	2	1,350	64	11,501	127	103,456
	1950	105	179,265	4	6,930	58	9,311	167	195,506
	1951	83	170,440	2	110,700	43	17,718	128	298,858
	1952	48	109,762	5	18,600	95	109,753	148	238,115

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE
ISSUED BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1948 TO
1952—*continued.*

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Shepparton City ..	1948	74	109,837	3	28,500	29	14,854	106	153,191
	1949	142	278,140	8	23,500	127	38,091	277	339,731
	1950	149	289,893	2	30,150	174	118,054	325	438,097
	1951	125	309,287	2	2,000	159	62,205	286	373,492
	1952	73	174,453	9	38,100	170	113,471	252	326,024
Warrnambool City ..	1948	44	66,719	..	..	65	15,626	109	82,345
	1949	80	126,051	3	93,797	93	15,803	176	235,651
	1950	71	145,188	5	15,390	105	12,623	181	173,201
	1951	82	199,016	3	4,350	119	20,875	204	224,241
	1952	73	160,502	5	6,630	147	31,764	225	198,896