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APPENDIX.

(Some recent information which has come to hand since the various chapters were sent to press is given hereunder in summarized form. For further or more detailed information, as also the latest available statistics, reference should be made to other publications issued by this Bureau (see pages 1175-7), notably the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*.)

CHAPTER II.—PHYSIOGRAPHY.

§ 2. Climate and Meteorology of Australia.

Rainfall : Australian Capital Cities, p. 28.—Rainfall recorded in Australian capital cities during 1953 (1952 in parentheses) was as follows :—Canberra, 19.40 ins. (37.87 ins.); Perth, 37.14 ins. (39.28 ins.); Adelaide, 20.00 ins. (19.99 ins.); Brisbane, 43.60 ins. (33.49 ins.); Sydney, 40.86 ins. (59.19 ins.); Melbourne, 28.38 ins. (34.39 ins.); Hobart, 28.06 ins. (30.35 ins.).

CHAPTER III.—GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

§ 1. Scheme of Parliamentary Government.

The Sovereign, p. 49.—On 3rd February, 1954, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, accompanied by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, arrived in Australia on a visit to all States and the Australian Capital Territory, the first occasion on which the reigning Sovereign has visited Australia. Foremost amongst the official acts performed by Her Majesty was the opening of the Commonwealth Parliament in Canberra on 15th February, 1954.

Number and Salary of Members of the Legislatures, p. 52.—From 1st July, 1953, the annual salary of members of the South Australian Legislature was increased to £1,425-£1,500 for both Houses, according to distance of electorate from Adelaide. From April, 1953, the annual salary of members of the Western Australian Legislature was increased to £1,340 for both Houses, subject to adjustment in accordance with variations of the State basic wage (on every £20 per annum rise). As formerly, an allowance of £50 is also payable where any part of the electorate is more than 50 miles from Perth.

§ 2. Parliaments and Elections.

Commonwealth Elections, p. 55.—A Commonwealth election for the Senate was held on 9th May, 1953. Particulars of electors and voting in the several States are shown below :—

COMMONWEALTH ELECTION : SENATE, 9th MAY, 1953.

State.	Electors Enrolled.			Electors who Voted.			Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
N.S. Wales ..	966,830	1,012,764	1,979,594	921,432	952,089	1,873,521	95.30	94.01	94.64
Victoria ..	683,483	728,028	1,411,511	653,787	686,324	1,340,111	95.66	94.27	94.94
Queensland ..	367,872	357,592	725,464	346,932	340,297	687,229	94.31	95.16	94.73
South Australia	220,518	232,978	453,496	213,446	224,137	437,583	96.79	96.21	96.49
W. Australia ..	164,652	164,540	329,192	155,872	154,587	310,459	94.67	93.95	94.31
Tasmania ..	83,634	84,862	168,496	80,729	81,332	162,061	96.53	95.84	96.18
Total ..	2,486,989	2,580,764	5,067,753	2,372,198	2,438,766	4,810,964	95.38	94.50	94.93

State Elections, pp. 56-7.—(a) *Upper Houses.* The following table shows particulars of the voting at the most recent elections for the Upper Houses or Legislative Councils in the States of South Australia and Western Australia :—

STATE UPPER HOUSE ELECTIONS.

State.	Year of Latest Election.	Electors Enrolled— Whole State.			Contested Electorates.					
					Electors who Voted.			Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Fe- males.	Total.
S. Aust. ..	1953	(a)	(a)	168,758	(a)	(a)	79,373	(a)	(a)	81.02
W. Aust. ...	1952	56,854	22,650	79,504	11,677	4,005	15,682	36.16	31.38	34.80

(a) Not available.

Particulars of voting at the latest contested elections for the Legislative Council in Tasmania in 1953 are as follows, the figures representing combined totals for the Divisions of Pembroke, West Devon, Queenborough and Meander :—Number of electors on the roll, 15,117; number of votes recorded, 12,461; percentage of enrolled voters who voted, 82.43.

(b) *Lower Houses.* The following table shows particulars of the voting at the most recent elections for the Lower Houses in the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.

STATE LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS.

State.	Year of Latest Election.	Electors Enrolled— Whole State.			Contested Electorates.					
					Electors who Voted.			Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Fe- males.	Total.
N.S. Wales	1953	954,966	997,987	1,952,953	779,186	809,107	1,588,293	94.05	93.42	93.73
Victoria ..	1952	678,955	723,750	1,402,705	506,736	540,935	1,047,671	93.75	93.43	93.59
Q'land ..	1953	a 372,121	a 365,458	737,579	310,425	306,186	616,611	93.88	93.72	93.80
S. Aust. ..	1953	(b)	(b)	449,630	(b)	(b)	336,592	(b)	(b)	95.01
W. Aust. ...	1953	160,151	159,790	319,941	93,307	98,918	192,225	93.68	93.27	93.47

(a) Approximate.

(b) Not available.

State Parliaments, pp. 58-61.—The dates of dissolutions and openings, respectively, of State Parliaments which have occurred since those recorded on pp. 58-61 are as follows (the number of the Parliament concerned being shown in parentheses) :—New South Wales, 14th January, 1953 (thirty-sixth), 11th March, 1953 (thirty-seventh); Victoria, 31st October, 1952 (thirty-eighth), 22nd December, 1952 (thirty-ninth); Queensland, 6th February, 1953 (thirty-second), 4th August, 1953 (thirty-third); South Australia, 28th February, 1953 (thirty-third), 25th June, 1953 (thirty-fourth); Western Australia, 15th January, 1953 (twentieth), 6th August, 1953 (twenty-first).

§ 3. Administration and Legislation.

Governors-General, p. 62.—The list of Governors-General on page 62 includes some but not all persons appointed to administer the Government of the Commonwealth. The complete list of Governors-General and persons appointed to administer the Government of the Commonwealth up to 31st December, 1953 is as follows :—

	Term of Office.
Rt. Hon. John Adrian Louis, Earl of Hopetoun (afterwards Marquis of Linlithgow), K.T., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.	1st January, 1901 to 9th January, 1903
Rt. Hon. Hallam, Baron Tennyson, G.C.M.G. (Acting Governor-General)	17th July, 1902 to 9th January, 1903
Rt. Hon. Hallam, Baron Tennyson, G.C.M.G. . .	9th January, 1903 to 21st January, 1904
Rt. Hon. Henry Stafford, Baron Northcote, G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., C.B.	21st January, 1904 to 9th September, 1908
Rt. Hon. William Humble, Earl of Dudley, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.	9th September, 1908 to 31st July, 1911
Rt. Hon. Frederic John Napier, Baron Chelmsford, K.C.M.G. (Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth)	21st December, 1909 to 27th January, 1910
Rt. Hon. Thomas, Baron Denman, G.C.M.G., K.C.V.O.	31st July, 1911 to 18th May, 1914
Rt. Hon. Sir Ronald Craufurd Munro Ferguson (afterwards Viscount Novar of Raith), G.C.M.G.	18th May, 1914 to 6th October, 1920
Rt. Hon. Henry William, Baron Forster of Lepe, G.C.M.G.	6th October, 1920 to 8th October, 1925
Rt. Hon. John Lawrence, Baron Stonehaven, G.C.M.G., D.S.O.	8th October, 1925 to 22nd January, 1931
Lieut.-Colonel the Rt. Hon. Arthur Herbert Tennyson, Baron Somers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C. (Administering the Government of the Commonwealth)	3rd October, 1930 to 22nd January 1931
Rt. Hon. Sir Isaac Alfred Isaacs, G.C.B., G.C.M.G.	22nd January, 1931 to 23rd January, 1936
Brigadier-General the Rt. Hon. Alexander Gore Arkwright, Baron Gowrie, V.C., G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., K.G.St.J.	23rd January, 1936 to 30th January, 1945
Captain the Rt. Hon. William Charles Arcedeckne Vanneck, Baron Huntingfield, K.C.M.G., K.St.J. (Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth)	29th March, 1938 to 24th September, 1938
Major-General Sir Winston Joseph Dugan, G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O. (Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth)	5th September, 1944 to 30th January, 1945
His Royal Highness Prince Henry William Frederick Albert, Duke of Gloucester, Earl of Ulster and Baron Culloden, K.G., K.T., K.P., P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., General in the Army, Air Chief Marshal in the Royal Air Force, One of His Majesty's Personal Aides-de-Camp	30th January, 1945 to 11th March, 1947
Major-General Sir Winston Joseph Dugan, G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O (Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth)	18th January, 1947 to 11th March, 1947
Rt. Hon Sir William John McKell, G.C.M.G. . .	11th March, 1947 to 8th May, 1953

General* Sir John Northcott, K.C.M.G., C.B., M.V.O. 19th July, 1951 to 14th December, 1951
(Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth)

Field-Marshal Sir William Joseph Slim, G.C.B., From 8th May, 1953
G.C.M.G., G.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., K.St.J.

* Lieutenant-General Sir John Northcott was granted honorary rank of General whilst administering the Government of the Commonwealth.

Commonwealth Ministries, p. 63.—At 31st December, 1953, the Menzies Ministry, as shown on p. 63, remained unaltered. The Hon. Harold Edward Holt and the Hon. John McEwen were created Privy Councillors on the occasion of the celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday on 1st June, 1953.

State Ministers, pp. 64-6.—The composition of the Ministry in each State at 31st December, 1953, was as shown on pp. 64-6, with the following exceptions:—

Ministries.

NEW SOUTH WALES (from 23rd February, 1953).

Premier and Colonial Treasurer—
THE HON. J. J. CAHILL.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education—
THE HON. R. J. HEFFRON.

Minister of Justice and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
THE HON. R. R. DOWNING, M.L.C.

Minister for Housing and Minister for Co-operative Societies—
THE HON. C. R. EVATT, Q.C.

Chief Secretary and Minister for Immigration—
THE HON. C. A. KELLY.

Minister for Health—
THE HON. M. O'SULLIVAN.

Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Food Production—
THE HON. E. H. GRAHAM.

Attorney-General—
THE HON. W. F. SHEAHAN, Q.C.

Secretary for Lands—
THE HON. F. H. HAWKINS.

Secretary for Public Works and Minister for Local Government—
THE HON. J. B. RENSHAW.

Minister for Conservation—
THE HON. A. G. ENTICKNAP.

Minister for Labour and Industry and Minister for Social Welfare—
THE HON. A. LANDA.

Minister without Portfolio—
THE HON. J. F. McGRATH.

Secretary for Mines—
THE HON. F. P. BUCKLEY, M.L.C.

Minister for Transport—
THE HON. E. WETHERELL.

Minister without Portfolio—
THE HON. W. M. GOLLAN.

QUEENSLAND (from 16th March, 1953).

Premier and Chief Secretary and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
THE HON. V. C. GAIR.

Minister for Transport—
THE HON. J. E. DUGGAN.

Secretary for Public Lands and Irrigation—
THE HON. T. A. FOLEY.

Treasurer—
THE HON. E. J. WALSH.

Secretary for Agriculture and Stock—
THE HON. H. H. COLLINS.

Secretary for Labour and Industry—
THE HON. A. JONES.

Secretary for Health and Home Affairs—
THE HON. W. M. MOORE.

Attorney-General—
THE HON. W. POWER.

Secretary for Public Works and Housing—
THE HON. P. J. R. HILTON.

Secretary for Public Instruction—
THE HON. G. H. DEVRIES.

Secretary for Mines and Immigration—
THE HON. E. J. RIORDAN.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (from 15th May, 1944).

<i>Premier, Treasurer and Minister of Immigration—</i>	<i>Minister of Works and Minister of Marine—</i>
THE HON. T. PLAYFORD.	THE HON. M. MCINTOSH.
<i>Chief Secretary, Minister of Health and Minister of Mines—</i>	<i>Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Forests—</i>
THE HON. A. L. MCEWIN, M.L.C.	THE HON. SIR GEORGE F. JENKINS, K.B.E.
<i>Attorney-General and Minister of Industry and Employment—</i>	<i>Minister of Education—</i>
THE HON. R. J. RUDALL, M.L.C.	THE HON. B. PATTINSON.
<i>Minister of Lands, Minister of Repatriation and Minister of Irrigation—</i>	<i>Minister of Local Government, Minister of Roads and Minister of Railways—</i>
THE HON. C. S. HINCKS.	THE HON. N. L. JUDE, M.L.C.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (from 23rd February, 1953).

<i>Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Child Welfare and Industrial Development—</i>	<i>Minister for Railways, Transport and Police—</i>
THE HON. A. R. G. HAWKE.	THE HON. H. H. STYANTS.
<i>Minister for Education, Works and Water Supplies—</i>	<i>Minister for Health and Justice—</i>
THE HON. J. T. TONKIN.	THE HON. E. NULSEN.
<i>Minister for Native Welfare, Labour and Prices—</i>	<i>Minister for Housing and Forests—</i>
THE HON. W. HEGNEY.	THE HON. H. E. GRAHAM.
<i>Chief Secretary and Minister for Local Government and Town Planning—</i>	<i>Minister for Mines and Fisheries—</i>
THE HON. G. FRASER, M.L.C.	THE HON. L. F. KELLY.
<i>Minister for Lands and Agriculture—</i>	<i>Minister for the North-West and Supply and Shipping—</i>
THE HON. E. K. HOAR.	THE HON. H. C. STRICKLAND, M.L.C.

The foregoing lists show the complete ministries as reconstituted following, respectively, the Legislative Assembly elections in New South Wales on 14th February, 1953, and in Queensland on 7th March, 1953, the appointment of two additional members to the South Australian Ministry on 15th December, 1953, and the Legislative Assembly election in Western Australia on 14th February, 1953. The following particulars refer to changes involving certain Ministers only :—

VICTORIA.

Following the resignation of the Hon. R. W. Holt, the Hon. J. H. Smith, Minister without Portfolio, was elevated to the position of Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, Minister of Soldier Settlement, Minister for Conservation and President of the Board of Land and Works, and was succeeded as Minister without Portfolio by the Hon. M. J. Gladwin.

§ 5. Cost of Parliamentary Government, p. 71.

The cost of Parliamentary Government, Commonwealth and individual States, for the year 1951-52 was as follows :—

Commonwealth, £1,853,709 (4s. 4d. per head); New South Wales, £508,024 (3s.); Victoria, £407,278 (3s. 6d.); Queensland, £298,401 (4s. 11d.); South Australia, £215,673 (5s. 11d.); Western Australia, £294,441 (10s.); Tasmania, £156,982 (10s. 6d.); and total, £3,734,508 (8s. 9d.).

The amounts expended under the major headings for all Governments during 1951-52 were :—Governor-General or Governor, £356,865; Ministry, £245,540; Parliament, £2,384,205; Electoral, £707,816.

CHAPTER IV.—LAND TENURE AND SETTLEMENT.

§ 9. Settlement of Returned Service Personnel: 1939-45 War.

War Service Land Settlement Scheme, pp. 82-5.—At 30th June, 1953, an area of 13,944,944 acres had been submitted by the several States for land settlement. Of this, 11,498,123 acres had been approved by the Commonwealth as suitable for soldier settlement and 9,294,722 acres had actually been acquired by the States. The acreages and holdings allotted to ex-servicemen by the States at 30th June, 1953 were as follows:—New South Wales, 5,603,961 (2,002); Victoria, 789,846 (1,847); Queensland, 216,480 (442); South Australia, 204,457 (536); Western Australia, 1,061,565 (679); Tasmania, 91,363 (136); total, 7,967,672 (5,642).

The total expenditure of the War Service Land Settlement Division to 30th June, 1953, £43,837,805, includes War Service Land Settlement, £33,112,502; agricultural loans, £6,201,644; agricultural allowances, £2,260,115; administrative expenses, £855,300; rural training, £1,408,244. Aggregate expenditure in the States and Territories to 30th June, 1953, was as follows:—New South Wales, £4,757,966; Victoria, £2,726,683; Queensland, £1,471,186; South Australia, £11,374,865; Western Australia, £17,962,304; Tasmania, £5,528,006; Northern Territory, £10,748; New Guinea, £6,047.

After deducting repayments of expenditure to 30th June, 1953, £4,890,309 and miscellaneous receipts, £3,597,987, the net expenditure to 30th June, 1953 was £35,349,509.

§ 11. Alienation and Occupation of Crown Lands.

Summary, p. 96.—The alienation and occupation of Crown lands in Australia at 31st December, 1952, were as follows:—

Private Lands—149,897,000 acres (7.87 per cent.) alienated; 33,296,000 acres (1.75 per cent.) in process of alienation.

Crown Lands—1,011,788,000 acres (53.15 per cent.) leased or licensed; 708,751,000 acres (37.23 per cent.) other Crown lands.

CHAPTER V.—TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION.

A. SHIPPING.

§ 2. Oversea Shipping and § 5. Interstate Shipping.

Summary of Movements, pp. 98, 105.—The following table summarizes the entrances of oversea and interstate shipping in the several States during the years 1951-52 and 1952-53:—

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING: ENTRANCES OF VESSELS,
1951-52 AND 1952-53.

State or Territory of Entry.	1951-52.						1952-53.					
	Oversea.				Interstate.(a)		Oversea.				Interstate.(a)	
	Direct.		Via other States.				Direct.		Via other States.			
	No.	Net Tons ('000).	No.	Net Tons ('000).	No.	Net Tons ('000).	No.	Net Tons ('000).	No.	Net Tons ('000).	No.	Net Tons ('000).
N.S.W. ..	633	2,617	502	2,840	1,189	3,516	600	3,456	494	2,759	1,469	4,141
Victoria ..	446	1,997	548	3,449	1,322	3,612	314	1,370	585	3,322	1,549	3,934
Queensland ..	251	805	194	1,081	413	1,034	305	1,095	233	1,263	494	1,162
S. Australia ..	163	643	286	1,681	807	3,203	242	975	315	1,871	859	3,054
W. Australia ..	494	2,705	33	168	512	2,603	469	2,579	39	186	497	2,573
Tasmania ..	45	183	62	334	795	866	51	211	97	510	864	759
N. Territory ..	6	21	4	10	27	44	7	18	1	7	29	40
Total ..	2,038	8,973	1,629	9,254	5,065	14,818	1,988	8,704	1,764	9,918	5,761	15,665

(a) Includes oversea vessels on interstate voyages.

Total overseas shipping entrances into Australia during 1952-53 (1951-52 in parentheses) numbered 1,988 (2,038) with an aggregate capacity of 8,704,000 (8,973,000) net tons. Of these 1,546 (1,880) for 7,312,000 (8,580,000) net tons were entrances with cargo. Total overseas clearances numbered 2,053 (2,098) for 8,867,000 (9,252,000) net tons, and clearances with cargo 1,582 (1,423) for 6,504,000 (6,118,000) net tons.

§ 6. Shipping Cargo.

Overseas and Interstate Cargo, p. 107.—The table hereunder shows particulars of overseas and interstate cargo discharged at and shipped from each State during the years 1951-52 and 1952-53.

CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED, 1951-52 AND 1952-53. (’000 Tons.)

State or Territory.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Overseas.		Interstate.		Overseas.		Interstate.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Meas.	Tons Weight.	Tons Meas.	Tons Weight.	Tons Meas.	Tons Weight.	Tons Meas.
1951-52.								
New South Wales	2,981	1,646	3,371	329	861	391	3,359	382
Victoria ..	3,093	1,724	2,128	243	1,040	372	444	298
Queensland ..	923	374	367	320	456	93	544	111
South Australia ..	1,223	559	1,436	173	1,073	107	2,862	206
Western Australia	1,275	291	261	254	988	150	133	73
Tasmania ..	196	88	386	319	68	118	347	255
Northern Territory	36	..	23	..	1	..	8	..
Total ..	9,727	4,682	7,972	1,638	4,487	1,231	7,697	1,325
1952-53.								
New South Wales ..	2,290	731	4,124	339	1,339	403	3,419	371
Victoria ..	2,474	630	2,274	189	1,016	505	404	263
Queensland ..	725	155	284	283	1,017	124	634	98
South Australia ..	945	236	1,577	203	1,554	137	2,962	205
Western Australia	1,067	118	258	254	1,008	175	628	108
Tasmania ..	200	59	446	224	111	108	395	230
Northern Territory	32	..	32	..	..	..	5	..
Total ..	7,733	1,929	8,995	1,492	6,045	1,452	8,447	1,275

B. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

Summary of Operations, p. 116.—The following table gives a summary of the operations of all Government railways open for general traffic during the year 1952-53 :—

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS, 1952-53.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	C'wealth.	Aust.
Mileage open (route)								
30th June, 1953	6,113	4,660	6,560	2,553	4,108	613	2,201	26,808
Gross revenue ..	£'000. 72,676	31,864	23,985	11,891	7,667	2,039	2,710	154,832
Working expenses ..	£'000. 66,452	34,008	27,979	15,013	12,510	2,864	2,728	161,554
Net revenue ..	£'000. 6,224	2,144	1,993	3,122	4,844	825	18	6,722
Interest ..	£'000. 6,342	2,128	1,874	1,076	841	222	290	(a) 12,855
Train-miles run ..	'000. 40,193	17,690	18,564	7,199	5,255	1,900	1,738	92,629
Passenger-journeys	'000. 271,699	162,857	33,819	17,565	6,339	3,151	190	497,620
Goods, etc., carried	'000 tons 19,121	9,192	7,351	4,543	2,619	897	660	44,383

(a) Includes £82,375 Commonwealth proportion of Grafton-South Brisbane Line.
(c) Partly estimated.

(b) Estimated.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

At 30th June, 1952, route mileage open was 26,847 and during the year 1951-52 gross revenue was £139,518,000, working expenses £148,174,000, net revenue —£8,656,000, interest £12,180,000, train-miles run 93,363,000, passenger-journeys 500,510,000 and goods, etc., carried 44,841,000 tons.

C. TRAMWAYS.

Summary of Operations, p. 130.—The following is a summary of the operations of all electric tramways in Australia during the year 1952-53 (1951-52 in parentheses):—Route-mileage open for traffic at 30th June was 544 (560); gross revenue, £15,968,000 (£15,121,000); working expenses, £18,420,000 (£17,109,000); net revenue, —£2,452,000 (—£1,988,000); interest, £628,000 (£536,000); car-miles run, 65,895,000 (67,923,000); passenger-journeys, 647,417,000 (685,724,000).

D. MOTOR OMNIBUS SERVICES.

Government and Municipal Services, p. 133.—The following is a summary of the operations of government and municipal motor omnibus services in Australia during 1952-53 (1951-52 in parentheses):—Length of route, 4,533 miles (4,458 miles); gross revenue, £9,320,000 (£8,542,000); working expenses, £11,465,000 (£10,298,000); bus-mileage run, 55,672,000 (54,124,000); passenger-journeys, 336,462,000 (333,200,000).

Private Services, p. 134.—The following is a summary of the operations of motor omnibus services under the control of private operators during 1952-53 (1951-52 in parentheses) in the States of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia respectively:—Gross revenue, £2,347,000 (£2,342,000); £1,839,000 (£1,601,000); £633,000 (£593,000); £1,576,000 (£1,432,000); bus-mileage run, 20,613,000 (17,358,000); 17,548,000 (17,985,000); 5,972,000 (5,926,000); 11,976,000 (12,331,000); passenger-journeys, 87,274,000 (94,917,000); 84,006,000 (79,928,000); 12,816,000 (12,516,000); 34,592,000 (34,546,000)

F. MOTOR VEHICLES.

Motor Vehicle Registrations, pp. 139-40.—Motor vehicles registered at 30th June, 1953 and new motor vehicles registered during 1952-53 were as follows:—

MOTOR VEHICLES : REGISTRATIONS, 1952-53.

(Excluding Defence Service Vehicles)

State or Territory.	Number of Motor Vehicles Registered at 30th June, 1953.(a)				Number of New Motor Vehicles Registered, 1952-53.(a)			
	Motor Cars.(b)	Com-mercial Vehicles.(c)	Motor Cycles.	Total.	Motor Cars.(b)	Com-mercial Vehicles.(c)	Motor Cycles.	Total.
New South Wales ..	364,982	203,472	45,100	613,554	31,340	18,717	3,042	53,099
Victoria ..	376,123	130,172	33,533	539,828	28,598	12,011	2,523	43,132
Queensland ..	132,704	110,117	23,400	266,221	12,163	9,243	1,966	23,372
South Australia ..	124,127	57,796	23,779	205,702	10,204	5,447	1,819	17,470
Western Australia ..	69,917	56,463	15,565	141,945	6,891	4,976	1,416	13,283
Tasmania ..	35,431	19,391	5,723	60,545	3,368	1,724	474	5,566
Northern Territory ..	1,580	2,881	691	5,152	139	247	(e)	(f) 386
Aust. Capital Territory ..	4,375	2,033	539	6,947	414	225	49	688
Total ..	1,109,239	582,325	148,330	1,839,894	93,117	52,590	(f) 11,289	(f) 156,996

(a) Excludes trailers, road tractors, etc., and dealers' plates. (b) Includes taxis and hire cars.
 (c) Includes lorries, vans, buses and utilities. (d) Includes vehicles registered as primary producers' vehicles.
 (e) Not available. (f) Excludes motor cycles, Northern Territory.

Drivers' and riders' licences in force at 30th June, 1953 numbered 2,288,370.

Gross revenue derived during 1952-53 from vehicles' registration and motor tax amounted to £18,779,761, and from licences, etc., £1,403,019, from miscellaneous receipts, £3,708,435—total, £23,891,215.

At 30th June, 1952 there were 1,032,358 motor cars, 583,247 commercial vehicles and 154,579 motor cycles on Australian registers—a total of 1,770,184 vehicles. New vehicles registered in Australia during 1951-52 numbered:—Motor cars, 125,319; commercial vehicles, 73,461; motor cycles, 22,155; total, 220,935.

During 1951-52 gross revenue derived from vehicles' registration and motor tax amounted to £15,995,554, from licences, etc., £1,336,530 and from miscellaneous receipts, £3,607,266—total, £20,939,350.

At 30th June, 1952 drivers' and riders' licences in force numbered 2,194,167.

G. TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

Total Accidents Reported, p. 141.—The following table is a summary of the total number of accidents (known to the police) which occurred in public thoroughfares during the years 1951-52 and 1952-53, the number involving casualties and the number of persons killed or injured in each State and the Commonwealth excluding the Northern Territory.

ACCIDENTS (KNOWN TO THE POLICE) WHICH OCCURRED IN PUBLIC THOROUGHFARES: ACCIDENTS RECORDED AND CASUALTIES, 1951-52 AND 1952-53.

State or Territory.	1951-52.				1952-53.			
	Total Accidents Reported. (a)	Accidents Involving Casualties.	Casualties.		Total Accidents Reported. (a)	Accidents Involving Casualties.	Casualties.	
			Persons Killed.	Persons Injured. (b)			Persons Killed.	Persons Injured. (b)
N.S. Wales ..	22,662	10,292	741	12,637	24,382	9,944	663	12,459
Victoria ..	16,559	10,111	603	12,531	16,351	10,098	515	12,564
Queensland ..	12,545	5,214	251	6,561	14,916	5,748	301	7,152
South Australia	8,373	2,114	172	2,497	8,154	1,998	136	2,449
W. Australia(c)	4,552	2,265	194	2,771	7,510	2,688	182	3,373
Tasmania ..	3,162	1,027	87	1,215	3,664	1,028	56	1,246
Aust. Cap. Terr.	257	121	6	164	318	131	3	162
Total ..	68,110	31,144	2,054	38,376	75,295	31,635	1,856	39,405

(a) Total accidents causing death or injury to persons or damage exceeding £10 to property. (b) Persons injured to an extent requiring surgical or medical treatment. (c) Includes, for the metropolitan area, all accidents causing death or injury to persons or damage exceeding £10 to property. For the remainder of the State, prior to 1st January, 1953, only those accidents causing fatal or "near-fatal" injuries are included. Since that date, statistics have been collected on a basis comparable with that for the other States.

H. AVIATION.

International Activity.—(ii) *International Air Services*, p. 144. On 16th March, 1954, the British, Australian and New Zealand Governments jointly announced major changes in the organization of trans-Pacific and trans-Tasman airline operations. The following is a summary of the proposed changes:—

Qantas Empire Airways and British Overseas Airways Corporation will continue in parallel partnership on the Kangaroo route. British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines' trans-Pacific services between Australia and North America will be taken over by Q.E.A., and when B.O.A.C.'s services are extended to San Francisco, these Q.E.A. services will connect with them. (Q.E.A. took over the services to North America on 15th May, 1954.) Tasman Empire Airways will connect with these world routes at both Sydney and Nadi (Fiji). The services between Australia and New Zealand and between Auckland and

Nadi will be operated by Tasman Empire Airways, which is now owned by the Australian and New Zealand Governments as equal partners, the aircraft being based in New Zealand.

Statistical Summaries, pp. 147-8.—The following is a summary of civil aviation for Australia in 1951-52 and 1952-53:—At 30th June, 1953 (1952 in parentheses):—Registered aircraft owners, 369 (343); registered aircraft, 821 (786); pilots' licences—private, 1,677 (1,444), commercial, 518 (470), student, 2,639 (2,644), 1st class airline transport, 495 (513), 2nd class, 45 (35), 3rd class, 371 (400); flight navigators', 163 (155); during 1952-53 (1951-52 in parentheses)—Accidents—persons killed, 6 (37), persons injured, 19 (22).

Regular internal services' operations during 1952-53 (1951-52 in parentheses) showed the following results:—Hours flown, 237,640 (260,947); miles flown, 39,059,000 (41,831,000); paying passengers, 1,706,446 (1,828,506); paying passenger-miles, 667,321,000 (721,573,000). Freight—Actual short tons, 57,635 (57,464); ton-miles, 27,167,000 (26,684,000). Mail—Actual short tons, 3,311 (2,681); ton-miles, 1,166,000 (1,285,000).

The operations of services between Australia and oversea countries during 1952-53 (1951-52 in parentheses) were as follows:—Route-miles, 66,558 (43,455); hours flown, 54,148 (50,336); miles flown, 11,565,000 (10,664,000); paying passengers, 97,753 (95,134); paying passenger-miles, 275,206,000 (265,756,000); Freight—Actual short tons, 1,957 (2,138); ton-miles, 7,401,000 (6,716,000); Mail—Actual short tons, 1,168 (1,141); ton-miles, 6,122,000 (6,162,000).

I. POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES AND WIRELESS.

§ 1. General to § 4. Telephones.

Summary of Operations, pp. 149-61.—The following table is a summary of the operations of the Postmaster-General's Department during the years 1951-52 and 1952-53:—

POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT: SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS, 1951-52 AND 1952-53.

State.	Gross Revenue.	Expenditure.	Total Postal Matter Dealt with. (a)	Money Orders Issued, value.	Postal Notes Issued, value.	Telegrams Dispatched.	Telephones.			
							Lines Connected. (b)	Instruments Connected. (b)	Local Calls.	Trunk Line Calls.
							£'000.	£'000.	mill.	£'000.
1951-52.										
New South Wales	23,570	34,167	594.7	23,951	4,599	9,729	352	499	412	24
Victoria ..	17,354	23,250	421.6	11,908	4,323	6,007	292	414	296	20
Queensland ..	8,117	12,163	184.7	6,201	1,000	4,315	124	167	113	11
South Australia	5,057	7,402	116.6	3,086	911	3,687	81	112	71	7
Western Australia	3,645	4,925	100.8	2,742	542	2,583	52	72	55	4
Tasmania ..	1,628	2,777	63.9	1,607	233	759	27	37	21	3
Australia ..	59,371	93,109	1,482.3	49,495	11,608	27,080	928	1,301	968	69
1952-53.										
New South Wales	25,449	35,299	602.2	25,635	4,537	8,669	370	527	411	26
Victoria ..	19,184	24,359	423.3	12,680	4,428	5,248	312	442	298	22
Queensland ..	8,678	13,526	189.0	6,567	984	4,058	132	178	114	12
South Australia ..	5,453	7,837	119.4	3,417	958	2,333	87	121	72	7
Western Australia	3,896	5,462	114.9	2,934	522	2,382	55	77	56	4
Tasmania ..	1,738	2,930	67.5	1,855	229	607	29	39	22	4
Australia ..	64,398	98,344	1,516.3	53,088	11,658	23,407	985	1,384	973	75

(a) Comprises (in millions) (1951-52 in parentheses):—Letters, Cards, etc. 1,228.7 (1,198.0); News-papers and Packets 254.4 (249.7); Parcels, 16.3 (16.7); Registered Articles other than Parcels, 16.9 (17.9).

(b) At 30th June.

(c) Includes £8,922,000 (£8,425,000), Central Office expenditure.

(d) Excludes international telegrams—dispatched, 1,207,000 (1,329,000), received 1,187,000 (1,357,000).

§ 5. Cable and Radio Communication.

Radio-communication Stations Authorized, p. 163.—The following radio-communication stations were authorized in Australia and Papua-New Guinea at 30th June, 1953 :—Transmitting and receiving stations—aeronautical, 84 (9) ; coast, 42 (8) ; land, 2,107 (252) mobile (general), 4,046 (49) ; ship, 755 ; aircraft, 230 ; other mobile stations, 247 ; and miscellaneous, 72. In addition, there were 390 land and 165 mobile (general) stations for the purpose of receiving only. The figures in parentheses refer to Papua-New Guinea and are included in the totals preceding them.

§ 6. Broadcasting and Television.

Broadcast Licences, Issued, p. 168.—The following table shows the number of broadcast licences issued at 30th June, 1953 and, for broadcast listeners' licences only, at 30th June, 1952 also.

BROADCAST LICENCES ISSUED.

State or Territory in which Issued.	30th June, 1953.						30th June, 1952. Broadcast Listeners'.
	Broadcasting.		Broadcast Listeners'.			Amateur.	
	National Stations. (a)	Com- mercial Stations.	Metro- politan.	Country.	Total.		
New South Wales	12	36	391,600	345,989	737,589	1,024	736,565
Victoria ..	7	19	317,086	216,243	533,329	959	520,364
Queensland ..	14	20	120,053	162,285	282,338	304	279,852
South Australia ..	4	8	133,858	76,950	210,808	330	207,527
Western Australia	7	13	89,564	55,577	145,141	185	141,950
Tasmania ..	3	8	22,524	48,217	70,741	109	68,832
Northern Territory	2	..	..	1,296	1,296	14	1,164
Aust. Cap. Terr. ..	2	1	..	4,413	4,413	15	4,790
Total ..	(b) 53	105	1,074,685	910,970	1,985,655	(c) 2,977	1,961,044

(a) Includes short-wave stations : New South Wales, 1 ; Victoria, 3 ; Queensland, 2 ; Western Australia, 2. (b) Includes 1 medium-wave and 1 short-wave station in Papua-New Guinea. (c) Includes 37 stations in Papua-New Guinea.

CHAPTER VI.—TRADE.

NOTE.—Values are expressed in £A. f.o.b., port of shipment.

§ 5. Total Oversea Trade.

Summary of Movements, pp. 184-6.—The following is a summary of the total overseas trade movements of Australia during the year 1952-53 :—Merchandise—Exports, £848,498,000, Imports £510,342,000, Commodity balance, + £338,156,000 ; Bullion and Specie—Exports, £22,774,000, Imports, £3,767,000, Balance. + £19,007,000 ; Total balance, + £357,163,000.

§ 6. Direction of Oversea Trade.

Imports according to Country of Origin and Exports according to Country of Destination, pp. 186-8.—The following table shows particulars of the values of total imports and total exports of Australia, including bullion and specie, according to countries of origin or of destination, for the year 1952-53.

TOTAL OVERSEA TRADE, AUSTRALIA : COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN OR OF
DESTINATION, 1952-53.

(£'000.)

Country of Origin or of Destination.	Imports.	Exports.
Australia (Re-imported)	1,533	..
United Kingdom	214,702	359,257
Australian Territories—		
New Guinea	4,750	6,140
Papua	1,142	3,404
Borneo (British)	5,998	778
Canada	19,546	8,712
Ceylon	9,786	14,687
Cyprus	10	1,713
East Africa—Tanganyika Territory	2,030	63
Hong Kong	521	4,855
India	14,646	17,148
Ireland, Republic of	146	4,354
Malaya, Federation of	5,798	9,344
New Zealand	3,999	28,677
Pacific Is.—Fiji	1,435	3,618
Singapore	5,858	12,794
South Africa, Union of	3,100	3,640
West Africa—Gold Coast	1,541	172
Other British Countries	12,710	19,689
Total British Countries	309,251	499,045
Arabian States—		
Saudi Arabia and Yemen	6,736	1,158
Bahrein Is.	14,913	320
Austria	1,195	602
Belgian Congo	1,291	71
Belgium and Luxemburg	5,506	32,141
Brazil	901	467
China	1,408	681
Czechoslovakia	1,020	2,696
Egypt	913	3,374
Finland	883	62
France	9,253	76,016
Germany, Federal Republic of	13,582	22,366
Indonesia	21,544	5,064
Italy	5,225	44,706
Japan	4,692	83,958
Netherlands	5,954	8,081
Netherlands Antilles	2,476	221
Norway	2,420	736
Persia	323	327
Poland	44	3,644
Spain	652	173
Sweden	6,786	2,888
Switzerland	4,056	2,168
Turkey	40	2,788
United States of America	85,168	57,837
Yugoslavia	95	479
Other Foreign Countries	7,776	19,203
Total Foreign Countries	204,858	372,227
Total All Countries	514,109	871,272

§ 9. Classified Summary of Australian Oversea Trade.

Imports and Exports in Statistical Classes, pp. 201-2.—The following table shows the values of total imports and total exports in statistical classes for the year 1952-53 :—

TOTAL OVERSEA TRADE, AUSTRALIA : CLASSES, 1952-53.

(£'000.)

Class.	Imports.	Exports.
I. Foodstuffs of Animal Origin	3,122	117,344
II. Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin, Non-alcoholic Beverages	18,478	180,591
III. Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	1,215	1,518
IV. Tobacco, etc.	15,507	263
V. Live Animals	458	742
VI. Animal Substances, not Foodstuffs	1,946	424,602
VII. Vegetable Substances and Fibres; Cork and Manu- factures; Plastic Moulding Materials and Synthetic Fibres	16,794	1,282
VIII. Manufactured Fibres, Textiles and Apparel—		
(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres	15,745	387
(b) Textiles	28,975	749
(c) Apparel	3,523	474
IX. Oils, Fats and Waxes	74,272	5,273
X. Pigments, Paints and Varnishes	1,287	689
XI. Rocks, Minerals and Hydrocarbons	6,378	22,267
XII. Metals, Metal Manufactures and Machinery—		
(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures	109,768	52,203
(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery, Appliances and Equipment	26,659	1,630
(c) Machines and Machinery	89,462	7,535
XIII. Rubber and Leather and Manufactures thereof—		
(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures	8,654	360
(b) Leather and Leather Manufactures	321	2,504
XIV. Wood and Wicker	6,232	4,080
XV. Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass and Stoneware ..	6,011	710
XVI. Paper and Stationery—		
(a) Pulp, Paper and Board	16,097	389
(b) Paper Manufactures and Stationery	6,334	1,549
XVII. Sporting Materials, Toys, Fancy Goods, Jewellery and Timepieces	2,391	497
XVIII. Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments and Appli- ances and Photographic Goods, n.e.i.	5,577	1,310
XIX. Drugs, Fertilizers and Chemicals	12,749	5,069
XX. Miscellaneous	32,387	14,481
XXI. Gold and Silver; Bronze Specie	3,767	22,774
Total	514,109	871,272

The following table shows the total quantities of some of the principal commodities exported from Australia during 1952-53 :—

TOTAL OVERSEA TRADE, AUSTRALIA : PRINCIPAL EXPORTS, 1952-53.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Quantity.	Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Quantity.
Butter	'000 lb.	110,520	Fruits preserved in Liquid	'000 lb.	143,309
Cheese	"	53,007	Wheat	'000 tons(a)	1,594
Milk and Cream	"	150,327	Barley, Unprepared	"	496
Eggs—			Oats,	"	212
In shell	'000 doz.	20,911	Flour (Wheaten)	"	776
Not in shell	'000 lb.	24,047	Sugar (Cane)	"	459
Meats preserved by Cold Process—			Sheep and Lamb Skins	'000	18,923
Beef and Veal	"	192,500	Wool—		
Lamb	"	86,070	Greasy	'000 lb.	981,493
Mutton	"	80,774	Scoured, etc.	"	107,544
Pork	"	3,453	Silver, Silver lead, Lead and Zinc—		
Meats preserved in Tins, etc.	"	216,414	Ores and Concentrates	'000 tons(a)	286
Currants	"	23,267	Pig Lead	"	42
Raisins	"	131,905			
Apples, Fresh	'000 bus.	4,696			
Citrus Fruit	"	435			

(a) Ton = 2,240 lb.

§ 13. Australian Index of Export Prices.

Monthly Index (Fixed Weights), p. 212.—The following are the export price index-numbers for the year 1952-53 and the six months ended December, 1953.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES : AUSTRALIA.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.

INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES, GROUPS OF COMMODITIES AND ALL GROUPS (COMBINED).

(Base of each section : Average of three years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	But-ter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tal- low. (d)	Hides. (d)	Gold. (e)	All Groups.	
											Ex- clud- ing Gold.	In- clud- ing Gold.
1952-53—												
July	(f) 566	432	313	621	294	501	300	483	340	186	486	465
August	(f) 566	432	313	613	294	501	300	483	381	187	486	465
September	551	432	313	603	294	501	300	483	379	188	477	457
October	588	432	313	501	321	501	300	(f) 483	383	188	490	469
November	588	432	313	501	321	501	300	360	404	187	490	469
December	618	(g) 448	313	510	321	501	300	322	395	184	(g) 508	(g) 485
January	618	(g) 448	313	509	321	501	300	298	391	189	(g) 508	(g) 485
February	626	(g) 448	313	475	321	501	300	295	375	186	(g) 509	(g) 486
March	656	(g) 448	313	463	321	501	290	298	364	185	(g) 522	(g) 499
April	671	(g) 448	313	418	321	501	290	284	344	185	(g) 526	(g) 502
May	701	(g) 448	313	407	321	501	290	252	352	184	(g) 540	(g) 515
June	641	(g) 448	313	429	321	500	290	249	326	181	(g) 512	(g) 489
Year 1952-53	616	(g) 441	313	504	314	501	297	358	369	186	(g) 504	(g) 482
1953-54—												
July	(f) 641	(g) 448	325	446	331	500	290	244	319	183	(g) 515	(g) 492
August	(f) 634	(g) 446	325	450	331	500	290	251	321	182	(g) 511	(g) 488
September	626	(g) 443	325	438	331	500	290	260	336	182	(g) 506	(g) 484
October	634	(g) 428	325	450	340	500	290	269	374	181	(g) 509	(g) 486
November	634	(g) 414	325	458	340	500	290	301	383	176	(g) 508	(g) 485
December	(g) 611	(g) 413	325	442	340	500	290	341	377	177	(g) 495	(g) 473

(a) Non-ferrous—silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. (c) Sultanas, lolas, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calfskins. (e) The price used in the index since 14th December, 1951 is the price of Australian gold on oversea premium markets. (f) Nominal. (g) Subject to revision.

§ 17. The Australian Balance of Payments.

NOTE.—Further details of the summarized estimates presented here will be found in *The Australian Balance of Payments, 1928-29 to 1951-52* and in the mimeographed publication *The Australian Balance of Payments 1951-52, 1952-53 and first half 1953-54*, obtainable from the Commonwealth Statistician.

Australia's Balance of Payments on Current and Capital Account, pp. 217-20.—The following table shows in summary form revised estimates for 1951-52 and estimates for 1952-53 :—

AUSTRALIA : BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, SUMMARY. (£A. million.)

	1951-52.	1952-53.
CURRENT ACCOUNT. (Credit items +, Debit items -)		
Exports f.o.b.	+ 664.2	+846.7
Imports f.o.b.	-1,051.5	-512.7
Trade Balance	-387.3	+334.0
Invisible Credits	+ 98.9	+100.2
Invisible Debits	-298.6	-250.2
Invisible Balance	-199.7	-150.0
Balance on Current Account	-587.0	+184.0
CAPITAL ACCOUNT. (Plus sign (+) indicates net increases in assets or net decreases in liabilities and minus sign (-) indicates net decreases in assets or net increases in liabilities)		
International Reserves	(a) -464.0	+186.2
Public Authority Debt Domiciled Overseas	+ 2.6	+ 2.3
Net transactions with International Monetary Fund and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	- 23.9	- 31.3
Net Investment in Joint Organization (Wool)	+ 0.7	..
Miscellaneous Official Transactions	+ 5.3	- 3.0
Undistributed Income accruing to Oversea Companies	- 24.3	- 20.0
Private Capital Movements and Balancing Items	- 83.4	+ 49.8
Balance on Capital Account	-587.0	+184.0

(a) Excludes movements due to adjustments of an accounting nature during 1951-52 which were not due to balance of payments transactions.

Australia's Balance of Payments on Current Account—Various Countries, p. 221.—Summarized estimates of Australia's regional balance of payments in 1951-52 and 1952-53 are given in the following table.

AUSTRALIA : BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ON CURRENT ACCOUNT, VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND MONETARY AREAS.

(Minus sign (-) denotes debit ; other items are credits.)

(£A. million.)

	Gold Production.	Sterling Area.		Dollar Area.			Other Non-Sterling.		Total.
		United Kingdom.	Other.	United States of America.	Canada.	Other.	O.E.E.C.	Other. (a)	
1951-52—									
Exports f.o.b.	..	208.6	125.6	77.4	9.2	2.6	166.4	74.4	664.2
Imports f.o.b.	..	-466.6	-145.7	-109.6	-23.6	1.5	-189.2	-115.3	-1,051.5
Invisibles (net)	14.2	-83.5	-30.8	-42.6	-8.4	-0.6	-21.0	-27.0	-199.7
Balance on Current Account ..	14.2	-341.5	-50.9	-74.8	-22.8	0.5	-43.8	-67.9	-587.0
		-392.4		-97.1			-111.7		
1952-53—									
Exports f.o.b.	..	347.2	131.0	57.9	8.7	2.1	191.6	108.2	846.7
Imports f.o.b.	..	-216.7	-88.0	-85.4	-19.5	2.2	-59.2	-41.7	-512.7
Invisibles (net)	16.4	-72.7	-30.6	-30.9	-5.2	-0.5	-10.3	-16.2	-150.0
Balance on Current Account ..	16.4	57.8	12.4	-58.4	-16.0	-0.6	122.1	50.3	184.0
		70.2		-75.0			172.4		

(a) Includes international bodies.

Australia's Balance of Payments with the Dollar Area, pp. 222-3.—The following table presents revised estimates, for 1950-51 and 1951-52, and estimates for 1952-53, of Australia's dollar balance of payments:—

AUSTRALIA : BALANCE OF PAYMENTS WITH THE DOLLAR AREA (UNITED STATES DOLLARS).

(Credit Items +, Debit Items -.)

(U.S. \$ million.)

	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.
CURRENT ACCOUNT.			
Merchandise Trade.			
1. Merchandise exports f.o.b. to United States of America and Canada	+ 372	+ 194	+ 149
2. Merchandise imports f.o.b. from United States of America and Canada	- 176	- 298	- 235
3. Trade balance with United States of America and Canada	+ 196	- 104	- 86
4. Trade balance with other American account countries	+ 9	+ 2	..
5. Trade balance with the Dollar Area	+ 205	- 102	- 86

AUSTRALIA: BALANCE OF PAYMENTS WITH THE DOLLAR AREA
(UNITED STATES DOLLARS)—*continued.*
(U.S. \$ million.)

	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.
Other Current Transactions.			
6. Freight on imports	-22.2	-60.4	-34.1
7. Insurance on imports	-1.7	-2.4	-1.7
8. Expenditure by Australian travellers	-2.8	-2.7	-3.0
9. Expenses of Australian companies in North America	-5.0	-3.3	-2.2
10. Film remittances	-3.9	-5.8	-4.5
11. Profits and dividends remitted	-8.5	-7.4	-7.2
12. Undistributed income accruing to companies incorporated in dollar area	-18.1	-27.1	-22.4(a)
13. Public authority interest payments	-8.3	-8.0	-8.0
14. Other miscellaneous debits	-8.3	-9.9	-11.2
15. Miscellaneous credits	+9.6	+11.2	+12.3
16. Other items (net)	-26.3	+26.4	+50.1
17. Invisible balance with the Dollar Area	-95	-89	-32
18. Balance on current account (5 + 17)	+110	-191	-118
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.			
19. Increase in debt of public authorities	-3	-3	-3
20. Undistributed income (see item 12)	+18	+27	+22(a)
21. Identified private capital inflow	+25	+38	+33
22. Errors and omissions (mainly capital movements)	-79	-35	
23. Balance on Investment Account	-39	+27	+52
24. Dollar Surplus or Deficit (18 + 23)	+71	-164	-66
DOLLAR FINANCING.			
25. Dollar purchases from I.M.F.			+30
26. Dollar loans from I.B.R.D.	+9	+54	+40
27. Gold sales to United Kingdom	+21		
28. Estimated dollar drawings from (+) or contributions to (-) Sterling Area Dollar Pool	-97	+133	+12
29. Movement in Australian dollar balances (increase -)	-4	-23	-16
30. Total	-71	+164	+66

(a) Provisional estimate only.

CHAPTER VIII.—LABOUR, WAGES AND PRICES.

A. RETAIL PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

§ 6. Tabular Statements of Retail Price Index-Numbers.

"C" Series Retail Price Index, p. 269.—The following table shows the "C" Series index-numbers for the March to December quarters, 1953 for each capital city and for the six capital cities combined, showing separate series for each of the four main groups of items:—

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS(a): CAPITAL CITIES.

(Base of each Group: Weighted average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Period.	Sydney.	Mel-bourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals. (b)
GROUP I.—FOOD AND GROCERIES.							
Mar. Qtr., 1953	2,664	2,598	2,361	2,371	2,492	2,641	2,572
June " "	2,669	2,653	2,372	2,411	2,594	2,698	2,605
Sept. " "	2,758	2,728	2,429	2,478	2,690	2,890	2,686
Dec. " "	2,751	2,757	2,488	2,514	2,656	2,981	2,702

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"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS (a) : CAPITAL CITIES—
continued.

Period.	Sydney.	Mel- bourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals. (b)
GROUP II.—HOUSING (4 AND 5-ROOMED HOUSES).(c)							
Mar. Qtr., 1953 ..	1,245	985	972	1,147	1,194	1,234	1,122
June " " ..	1,274	986	974	1,154	1,199	1,245	1,136
Sept. " " ..	1,287	989	986	1,157	1,210	1,251	1,144
Dec. " " ..	1,299	990	993	1,160	1,215	1,265	1,151

GROUPS I. AND II.—FOOD, GROCERIES AND HOUSING ("B" SERIES INDEX).

Mar. Qtr., 1953 ..	2,105	1,963	1,814	1,888	1,980	2,087	2,001
June " " ..	2,119	1,997	1,821	1,915	2,044	2,125	2,026
Sept. " " ..	2,178	2,044	1,861	1,957	2,107	2,244	2,079
Dec. " " ..	2,178	2,062	1,900	1,980	2,088	2,305	2,091

GROUP III.—CLOTHING.

Mar. Qtr., 1953 ..	3,246	3,188	3,083	3,195	3,172	3,162	3,200
June " " ..	3,305	3,225	3,104	3,254	3,192	3,210	3,245
Sept. " " ..	3,276	3,200	3,116	3,257	3,195	3,230	3,228
Dec. " " ..	3,263	3,191	3,110	3,235	3,181	3,247	3,217

GROUP IV.—MISCELLANEOUS.

Mar. Qtr., 1953 ..	2,039	2,086	1,903	2,104	2,033	2,086	2,048
June " " ..	2,044	2,089	1,908	2,095	2,039	2,088	2,051
Sept. " " ..	2,039	2,093	1,922	2,097	2,041	2,185	2,054
Dec. " " ..	2,040	2,093	1,980	2,096	2,042	2,188	2,060

GROUPS I. TO IV.—"C" SERIES INDEX.

Mar. Qtr., 1953 ..	2,338	2,250	2,105	2,210	2,247	2,317	2,268
June " " ..	2,360	2,279	2,115	2,238	2,290	2,351	2,293
Sept. " " ..	2,388	2,301	2,143	2,264	2,328	2,444	2,321
Dec. " " ..	2,385	2,310	2,176	2,272	2,314	2,485	2,327

(a) The index-numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of food and groceries, housing, etc., since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000. (b) Weighted average. (c) The rent index-numbers measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. See footnote (b) on page 265.

B. WHOLESALE PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

§ 2. Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index.

Index-numbers, p. 276.—Index-numbers for each group of commodities and for all groups combined for the index of wholesale prices of basic materials and foodstuffs are shown below for the year 1952-53 and the six months ended December, 1953.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base of each group : Average of three years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported.	Goods principally Home Produced.	Total All Groups
1952-53—											
July ..	392	230	570	349	279	435	355	304	302	338	327
August ..	394	230	577	350	241	418	351	303	295	338	325
September ..	399	230	566	349	237	418	352	295	294	333	321
October ..	390	235	589	349	233	418	352	283	295	322	314
November ..	390	237	589	349	223	420	352	280	296	321	313
December ..	390	237	609	349	227	420	353	292	297	329	320
January ..	389	236	608	350	223	420	353	290	297	328	318
February ..	391	235	611	355	212	391	348	290	289	328	316
March ..	393	235	640	355	212	391	350	289	290	328	317
April ..	392	235	643	348	203	391	349	299	288	336	322
May ..	391	233	661	349	203	364	344	301	279	338	321
June ..	392	233	621	348	199	364	342	305	283	338	322
Year 1952-53	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	294	292	331	320
1953-54—											
July ..	391	225	583	329	198	365	336	315	275	346	325
August ..	389	226	581	329	198	365	335	336	275	360	335
September ..	389	226	576	329	199	364	335	331	276	357	333
October ..	389	226	576	327	198	364	334	325	273	353	329
November ..	388	223	574	327	197	365	333	311	270	342	321
December ..	388	223	(a) 561	327	192	365	(a) 332	304	269	(a) 337	(a) 318

(a) Preliminary.

§ 3. Melbourne Wholesale Price Index.

Index-numbers, p. 279.—The following are the index-numbers for each group, and for all groups combined, of those commodities included in the series for the year 1953 :—

Index-numbers—Melbourne Wholesale Prices (Base of each Group : Year 1911 = 1,000), Year 1953 : Metals and Coal, 6,529 ; Wool, Cotton, Leather, etc., 6,950 ; Agricultural Produce, etc., 4,958 ; Dairy Produce, 4,533 ; Groceries, 3,767 ; Meat, 6,303 ; Building Materials, 8,519 ; Chemicals, 4,691 ; All Groups, 5,619.

D. WAGES.

§ 2. Rates of Wage and Hours of Labour.

Weekly Rates of Wage, pp. 282 and 285.—The following table shows for each State and Australia the weighted average nominal weekly rates of wage payable, and the index-numbers based thereon, for adult males and for adult females at 31st March, 1953, 30th June, 1953, 30th September, 1953 and 31st December, 1953 :—

WEEKLY WAGE RATES OF ADULT MALES AND FEMALES.

(WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK AND INDEX-NUMBERS OF WAGE RATES.)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust. (<i>σ</i>)
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ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
31st March, 1953 ..	285 8	275 4	267 9	271 9	285 0	286 3	279 0
30th June, 1953 ..	289 10	278 4	269 11	274 11	288 3	292 4	282 6
30th September, 1953	296 1	281 3	271 0	278 5	292 0	296 7	286 7
31st December, 1953	296 8	282 6	273 10	278 9	292 5	296 11	287 7

ADULT MALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base : Weighted Average Wage for Australia (51s. 3d.), 1911 = 1,000.)

31st March, 1953 ..	5,573	5,372	5,224	5,302	5,561	5,586	5,443
30th June, 1953 ..	5,655	5,431	5,266	5,364	5,624	5,704	5,512
30th September, 1953	5,778	5,487	5,288	5,432	5,697	5,787	5,591
31st December, 1953	5,788	5,513	5,342	5,439	5,705	5,794	5,611

ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
31st March, 1953 ..	194 7	196 6	184 3	194 1	186 0	191 7	193 8
30th June, 1953 ..	196 9	198 11	186 3	196 7	188 5	194 6	196 0
30th September, 1953	198 5	200 4	187 6	199 6	190 5	196 4	197 7
31st December, 1953	198 5	200 10	188 7	199 6	190 5	196 4	197 11

ADULT FEMALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base : Weighted Average for Australia (27s. 2d.), 30th April, 1914 = 1,000.)

31st March, 1953 ..	7,161	7,232	6,782	7,144	6,846	7,050	7,128
30th June, 1953 ..	7,240	7,322	6,855	7,236	6,934	7,158	7,212
30th September, 1953	7,302	7,372	6,900	7,342	7,007	7,226	7,272
31st December, 1953	7,302	7,392	6,940	7,342	7,007	7,226	7,285

(a) Weighted average for Australia.

§ 3. Basic Wages in Australia.

Basic Wage and Standard Hours Inquiry, 1952-53.—On 5th August, 1952 the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration began hearing claims by:—

(1) The Metal Trades Employers' Association and other employers' organizations—

- (a) that the basic wage for adult males be reduced ;
- (b) that the basic wage for adult females be reduced ;
- (c) that the standard hours of work be increased ;
- (d) that the system of adjusting the basic wages in accordance with variations occurring in retail price index-numbers be abandoned.

(2) The Metal Trades Federation, an association of employees' organizations, that the basic wage for adult males be increased, which would also result in increasing the amount, though not the proportion it bears to the basic wage for adult males, of the basic wage for adult females.

The Court consisted of Kelly *C.J.*, Foster, Kirby, Dunphy, Wright, McIntyre and Morgan *JJ.*, but before the hearing of evidence commenced Wright *J.* withdrew and during the hearing of the case Foster *J.* withdrew from the bench. The Court gave its decision on 12th September, 1953 and stated that reasons for its decision would be delivered later. Before the reasons for the judgment could be delivered McIntyre *J.*, who had been ill during the case, died.

The hearing of evidence for employers began on 16th September, 1952 and the hearing of evidence for employees concluded on 11th September, 1953. After the employers had finished their case and before the employees had commenced theirs, the counsel for employees applied to the Court to have the case dismissed on the grounds that "no case" had been made out by the employers. The Court, however, rejected this claim.

The decision of the Court, announced on 12th September, 1953. was expressed in the following terms :—

" 1. The employers' applications for reduction of the current basic wage for adult males and for reduction of the current basic wages for adult females are refused.

2. The employers' applications for an increase of the standard hours of work in the industries covered thereby are refused.

3. The employers' applications for omission or deletion of clauses or sub-clauses providing for the adjustment of basic wages are granted.

4. The Unions' application for increases of basic wages are refused.

The Court makes orders accordingly, to operate as from to-day.

The reasons for the above decision will be delivered at a later date.

The form of the appropriate orders will be settled by the Industrial Registrar."

This decision applied to awards within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration.

The reasons for the decision were delivered on 27th October, 1953.

Commonwealth Basic Wage Rates, p. 294.—The following basic weekly wage rates for adult males for each capital city and the six capitals were operative during 1953 :—

BASIC WAGE : WEEKLY RATES, CAPITAL CITIES, PRESCRIBED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION FOR ADULT MALES.

Date Operative.(a)	Sydney.	Mel-bourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
1953—							
February ..	238 0	229 0	215 0	225 0	229 0	232 0	231 0
May ..	241 0	232 0	217 0	228 0	231 0	239 0	234 0
August(b) ..	243 0	235 0	218 0	231 0	236 0	242 0	236 0

(a) Generally from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing in the month indicated.

(b) By the decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, announced on 12th September, 1953, automatic adjustment of basic wages in accordance with variations occurring in retail price index-numbers was discontinued in Commonwealth awards either then the subject of applications before the Court or subsequently reviewed in this connexion.

State Basic Wage Rates, p. 299.—The table below shows the "basic" weekly wage rates of State industrial tribunals, operative in November, 1952 and 1953.

STATE BASIC WAGE—WEEKLY RATES.

State.	November, 1952.			November, 1953.		
	Date of Operation.	Males.	Females.	Date of Operation.	Males.	Females.
		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
New South Wales—						
Metropolitan and Country excluding Broken Hill ..	(a)	237 0	177 6	(b)	243 0	182 0
Broken Hill ..	(a)	246 0	184 6	(b)	247 0	185 0
Victoria(c)(d) ..	(a)	228 0	171 0	(e)	237 0	177 6
Queensland—						
Southern Division (Eastern District)—including Brisbane(f) ..	3.11.52	216 0	144 6	2.11.53	222 0	149 0
South Australia ..	(a)	229 0	171 6	(g)	231 0	173 0
Western Australia—						
Metropolitan Area ..	27.10.52	238 6	155 0	(h)	246 6	160 3
South-West Land Division ..	27.10.52	239 2	155 6	(h)	246 0	159 11
Goldfields and other areas ..	27.10.52	244 2	158 9	(h)	249 4	162 1
Tasmania(e) ..	(a)	230 0	172 6	(i)	242 0	181 6

(a) Beginning of first pay-period commencing in November, 1952.

(b) Automatic adjustment of basic wages was discontinued by the State Industrial Tribunal following the decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration.

(c) None declared. Rates shown (capital city) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards.

(d) The Victorian Factories and Shops (Wages Boards) Act 1953 (proclaimed 25th November, 1953) required Wages Boards in Victoria to provide for the automatic adjustment of wage rates and piece work prices in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers.

(e) Payable from date in November or December prescribed in determinations. (f) Allowances added for other areas:—Males—Southern Division (Western District), 7s. 4d.; Mackay Division, 5s. 6d.; Northern Division (Eastern District), 10s.; Northern Division (Western District), 17s. 4d.; Females—Half of these allowances.

(g) The "living wage" declared for the metropolitan area is also adopted in country areas except at Whyalla where a loading of 5s. is generally payable. The "living wage" is subject to quarterly variation according to the amount of the general automatic quarterly adjustment in the Commonwealth basic wage (discontinued on 12th September, 1953) for Adelaide.

(h) Following the suspension of quarterly adjustments to the Commonwealth basic wage, the State Arbitration Court declined on 13th November, 1953, to make any quarterly adjustment to the State basic wages.

(i) See note (c) above. However, in Tasmania, increases of 10s. for adult males and 7s. 6d. for adult females were paid from early November, but ceased to operate from 9th December, when automatic adjustments were discontinued.

Average Weekly Total Wages Paid and Average Earnings.—The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax Returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of the total employment for Australia) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. The figures relate to civilian wages and salaries only, pay and allowances of members of the armed forces being excluded. Quarterly figures, also, are published in the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics* and in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*, which contains, in addition, an index of average weekly wage earnings, seasonally adjusted.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

Year.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID. (£'000.)							
1945-46 ..	4,966	3,378	1,563	947	689	344	11,887
1946-47 ..	5,838	3,958	1,770	1,150	827	409	13,952
1947-48 ..	6,976	4,719	2,069	1,369	954	492	16,579
1948-49 ..	8,133	5,540	2,503	1,644	1,120	580	19,520
1949-50 ..	9,018	6,370	2,838	1,894	1,315	672	22,107
1950-51 ..	11,385	7,916	3,501	2,389	1,639	817	27,647
1951-52 ..	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,013	2,108	1,059	34,684
1952-53 ..	15,090	10,490	4,750	3,311	2,344	1,178	37,163

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AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS—
continued.

Year.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT.(c) (£.)							
1945-46	6.57	6.59	5.95	5.89	6.04	5.67	6.37
1946-47	6.81	6.86	6.00	6.19	6.18	5.94	6.59
1947-48	7.73	7.80	6.58	7.02	6.87	6.72	7.44
1948-49	8.73	8.84	7.63	8.03	7.75	7.56	8.44
1949-50	9.50	9.78	8.34	8.83	8.65	8.49	9.26
1950-51	11.46	11.70	9.82	10.58	10.23	9.99	11.09
1951-52	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1952-53	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.95

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State, and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

E. EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

§ 1. Employment.

Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment, pp. 303-4.—The following are particulars of wage and salary earners in civilian employment, excluding rural wage earners, females in domestic work in private homes, persons on the paid strength of the Defence Forces and National Service trainees in camp, for the month of June, 1953:—

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT, JUNE, 1953.

(Excluding Rural Wage Earners, Female Domestic in Private Homes, Persons on Paid Strength of Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp.)

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Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.(a)
Males	734.3	521.6	255.2	170.6	130.2	61.8	1,886.8
Females	266.2	205.9	83.7	53.4	41.0	20.1	673.7
Persons	1,000.5	727.5	338.9	224.0	171.2	81.9	2,560.5

Particulars.	Governmental. (b)	Private Employers.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.
Males	567.8	1,319.0	58.0	666.3	295.1	125.0	191.0
Females	112.0	561.7	0.9	202.9	36.2	109.9	71.5
Persons	679.8	1,880.7	58.9	869.2	331.3	234.9	262.5

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (b) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) Subject to revision.

Government Employees, p. 305.—The number of Government employees in Australia in June, 1953 was as follows:—

Commonwealth Government: Males, 159,000; Females, 41,600; Persons, 200,600.

State Government and Semi-Government Bodies: Males, 349,100; Females, 65,100; Persons, 414,200.

Local Government Authorities: Males, 59,700; Females, 5,300; Persons, 65,000.

Total: Males, 567,800; Females, 112,000; Persons, 679,800.

§ 2. Unemployment.

Unemployment in Reporting Trade Unions, pp. 307-8.—The following particulars relate to unemployment of members of trade unions during the June quarter of 1953:—
Australia: Unions reporting, 365; Membership, 853,668; Unemployed—Number, 26,417; Percentage, 3.1. States: Percentage Unemployed—New South Wales, 3.5; Victoria, 3.7; Queensland, 2.0; South Australia, 2.4; Western Australia, 1.2; Tasmania, 3.3.

§ 4. Industrial Disputes.

Summary of Disputes (involving Stoppage of Work), p. 315.—The following table shows particulars of industrial disputes in each State and Territory during 1953:—

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: SUMMARY, 1953.

State or Territory.	Number.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.	Estimated Loss in Wages.
		Directly.	Indirectly. (a)	Total.		
New South Wales(b)	1,050	302,007	6,375	308,382	759,391	£ 2,403,242
Victoria	53	65,962	2,164	68,126	57,160	176,330
Queensland	265	87,986	3,511	91,497	153,448	465,830
South Australia	24	18,502	190	18,692	55,476	200,610
Western Australia	11	3,665	..	3,665	4,977	15,663
Tasmania	18	5,069	6	5,075	18,441	68,259
Northern Territory	5	535	..	535	1,807	7,161
Australian Capital Territory	3	74	..	74	130	342
Australia(b)	1,459	483,800	12,246	496,046	1,050,830	3,337,437

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. (b) Includes disputes uncompleted at end of 1952.

CHAPTER IX.—POPULATION.

§ 3. Growth and Distribution of Population.

Growth of Population, pp. 328-30.—The following table shows the estimated population of each State and Territory at 31st December, 1953:—

ESTIMATED POPULATION. (EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.)

Population—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
At 31st Decem-ber, 1953—									
Males	1,747,953	1,214,862	645,689	380,278	326,935	168,471	10,048	18,353	4,512,589
Females	1,724,341	1,190,434	624,692	385,242	306,596	154,341	6,898	12,630	4,405,174
Persons	3,472,294	2,405,296	1,270,381	765,520	633,531	322,812	16,946	30,983	8,917,763

§ 4. Mean Population.

Mean Population, p. 335.—Mean populations for the calendar year ended 31st December, 1953 and for the financial year ended 30th June, 1953 are as follows :—

MEAN POPULATION. (EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Year ended—									
30th June, 1953	3,420,171	2,362,440	1,248,823	749,500	612,735	308,926	16,353	28,428	8,747,376
31st Dec., 1953	3,445,165	2,385,011	1,261,435	757,765	622,697	313,196	16,747	29,712	8,831,728

§ 5. Elements of Increase.

Natural Increase, p. 336, Increase by Net Migration, p. 339 and Total Increase, p. 341.—The following table shows particulars of natural increase, increase by net migration and total increase during the year 1953 :—

POPULATION : NATURAL INCREASE, INCREASE BY NET MIGRATION AND TOTAL INCREASE, 1953.

(EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.)

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NATURAL INCREASE (EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS).									
Persons ..	43,183	30,911	19,776	11,194	10,790	5,185	344	664	122,047
Rate(a) ..	12.54	12.96	15.68	14.77	17.32	16.55	20.54	22.35	13.82
INCREASE BY NET MIGRATION.									
Persons ..	7,343	17,562	2,715	2,791	8,258	1,672	718	1,838	42,897
TOTAL INCREASE.									
Persons ..	50,526	48,473	22,491	13,985	19,048	6,857	1,062	2,502	164,944

(a) Excess of births over deaths per 1,000 of mean population.

§ 9. Oversea Migration.

Classes of Arrivals and Departures, p. 362.—Arrivals and departures during 1953 were :—Permanent new arrivals, 74,915 ; Australian residents returning from abroad, 42,695 ; temporary visitors arriving, 45,515 ; total arrivals, 163,125 : Australian residents departing permanently, 32,032 ; Australian residents departing temporarily, 39,946 ; temporary visitors departing, 48,250 ; total departures, 120,228.

CHAPTER X.—VITAL STATISTICS.

§ 1. Marriages, § 2. Fertility and Reproduction, and § 3. Mortality.

Numbers and Rates, pp. 377-8, 382, 387, 398-9 and 403-4.—The following table shows totals and rates for marriages, live births, deaths and infant deaths for 1953 :—

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, DEATHS AND INFANT DEATHS, 1953.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Marriages .. {									
Number	27,573	19,238	9,859	6,149	5,032	2,424	154	211	70,640
Rate(a)	8.00	8.08	7.82	8.11	8.08	7.74	9.20	7.10	8.00
Live Births .. {									
Number	74,890	53,561	30,782	18,156	15,862	7,736	460	788	202,235
Rate(a)	21.74	22.46	24.40	23.96	25.47	24.70	27.47	(b):6.52	22.90
Deaths .. {									
Number	31,707	22,650	11,006	6,962	5,072	2,551	116	124	80,188
Rate(a)	9.20	9.50	8.72	9.19	8.15	8.15	6.93	4.17	9.08
Infant Deaths .. {									
Number	1,845	1,133	769	375	375	177	18	17	4,712
Rate(c)	24.64	21.15	24.98	20.65	23.83	22.88	39.13	21.57	23.30

(a) Number per 1,000 of mean population. (b) Late in 1952, with the provision of maternity accommodation in Queanbeyan, the number of births registered in Canberra declined. The number of births in 1953 to mothers resident in the Territory was 26.66 per 1,000 of mean population. (c) Number of deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births registered.

§ 1. Marriages.

Age and Conjugal Condition at Marriage, p. 379.—A summary of the previous conjugal condition of bridegrooms and brides in 1952 in relation to age at marriage is as follows :—

AGE AND CONJUGAL CONDITION OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES : AUSTRALIA, 1952.

Age at Marriage. (Years).	Bridegrooms.				Brides.			
	Bachelors.	Widowers.	Divorced.	Total.	Spinsters.	Widows.	Divorced.	Total.
Under 20 ..	2,304	..	..	2,304	14,734	7	5	14,746
20-24 ..	31,034	12	50	31,096	33,794	109	315	34,218
25-29 ..	19,886	96	554	20,536	10,200	277	1,183	11,660
30-34 ..	6,637	198	1,020	7,855	3,226	418	1,254	4,898
35-39 ..	2,964	295	1,029	4,288	1,568	516	1,096	3,180
40-44 ..	1,491	357	874	2,722	827	467	663	1,957
45-49 ..	835	389	567	1,791	504	456	385	1,345
50-54 ..	408	474	349	1,231	251	435	222	908
55-59 ..	177	487	192	856	146	324	93	563
60-64 ..	115	512	86	713	73	263	33	369
65 and over ..	95	630	55	780	54	261	13	328
Total ..	65,946	3,450	4,776	74,172	65,377	3,533	5,262	74,172

In 1952 the proportional distribution (per cent.) of bridegrooms and brides according to previous conjugal condition was :—

Bridegrooms : Bachelors, 88.91 ; Widowers, 4.65 ; Divorced, 6.44.

Brides : Spinsters, 88.14 ; Widows, 4.76 ; Divorced, 7.10.

The average age in 1952 of bridegrooms was 28.79 years and of brides 25.61 years.

Celebration of Marriages, pp. 380-1.—The number of marriages in 1952 celebrated by ministers of religion in the various denominations or by civil officers was as follows.

MARRIAGES IN EACH DENOMINATION, 1952.

Denomination.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.	
									No.	Pro- portion of Total. %
Church of England	10,967	5,695	2,726	1,413	1,710	936	23	82	23,552	31.75
Roman Catholic	6,514	4,410	2,384	930	994	489	44	75	15,840	21.36
Methodist	3,071	2,869	1,665	1,791	738	441	17	11	10,603	14.29
Presbyterian	3,513	3,902	1,974	299	444	132	13	18	10,295	13.88
Congregational	331	346	125	274	123	60	..	1	1,260	1.70
Baptist	378	353	191	172	64	64	..	2	1,224	1.65
Lutheran	109	197	214	339	22	1	..	1	883	1.19
Church of Christ	114	324	80	157	74	16	..	..	765	1.03
Salvation Army	88	88	91	33	25	17	7	..	349	0.47
Greek Orthodox	127	73	42	33	50	..	..	..	325	0.44
Seventh-Day Ad- ventist	86	30	26	13	27	9	..	..	191	0.26
Other Christian	172	163	144	51	84	33	..	..	647	0.87
Hebrew	144	213	7	2	17	1	..	..	384	0.52
Total	25,614	18,663	9,669	5,507	4,372	2,199	104	190	66,318	89.41
Civil Officers	3,737	1,557	387	734	1,017	354	33	35	7,854	10.59
Grand Total	29,351	20,220	10,056	6,241	5,389	2,553	137	225	74,172	100.00

PROPORTION OF TOTAL
(Per Cent.)

Denominational	87.27	92.30	96.15	88.24	81.13	86.13	75.91	84.44	89.41
Civil	12.73	7.70	3.85	11.76	18.87	13.87	24.09	15.56	10.59

Summarized tables of Australian marriage statistics for 1952 will be found in the *Monthly Australian Demographic Review*, No. 31, July, 1953.

§ 2. Fertility and Reproduction.

Gross and Net Reproduction Rates for Females, pp. 389-90.—In 1952 the gross reproduction rate was 1.547 and the net reproduction rate (based on 1946-48 mortality experience) was 1.468.

Fertility of Marriages, p. 391.—For the year 1952 the number of nuptial confinements per marriage on the basis explained on p. 391 was 2.63. This figure must be read in conjunction with the text on that page.

Age, Duration of Marriage and Issue of Mothers, p. 394.—The following table shows for 1952 the number of married mothers according to each duration of marriage together with the total issue and average issue in each group.

Duration of Marriage (Years).	Total Married Mothers.	Total Issue.	Average Issue.	Duration of Marriage (Years).	Total Married Mothers.	Total Issue.	Average Issue.
0-1	25,169	25,632	1.02	14-15	2,388	11,259	4.71
1-2	24,346	29,162	1.20	15-16	1,971	9,919	5.03
2-3	21,797	36,403	1.67	16-17	1,634	8,822	5.40
3-4	20,007	40,052	2.00	17-18	1,219	6,845	5.62
4-5	18,415	42,251	2.29	18-19	896	5,381	6.01
5-6	15,787	41,202	2.61	19-20	707	4,467	6.32
6-7	12,209	34,707	2.84	20-21	537	3,509	6.53
7-8	9,006	27,496	3.05	21-22	345	2,476	7.18
8-9	7,514	24,837	3.31	22-23	318	2,223	6.99
9-10	7,381	25,430	3.45	23-24	203	1,596	7.86
10-11	6,998	25,317	3.62	24-25	141	1,178	8.35
11-12	5,241	20,687	3.95	25 and over	168	1,470	8.75
12-13	4,190	17,360	4.14				
13-14	3,083	13,798	4.48	Total	191,670	463,479	2.42

The average number of children born to mothers in the various age groups in 1952 was :—Under 20 years, 1.20; 20–24 years, 1.65; 25–29 years, 2.29; 30–34 years, 2.99; 35–39 years, 3.69; 40–44 years, 4.55; and 45–49 years, 5.53. The average for mothers of all ages was 2.42.

A classification of mothers by age group and previous issue is given for 1952 in the following table :—

NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS : AGE OF MOTHER AND PREVIOUS ISSUE, AUSTRALIA, 1952.

Previous Issue.	Age of Mother (Years).							Total Married Mothers.
	Under 20.	20–24.	25–29.	30–34.	35–39.	40–44.	45 and over.	
0	7,385	29,793	18,096	6,641	2,674	615	34	65,238
1	1,425	17,156	22,299	10,272	3,724	709	42	55,627
2	140	5,830	13,728	10,455	4,601	987	50	35,791
3	12	1,536	5,641	6,211	3,631	897	60	17,988
4	2	320	1,954	2,871	2,291	671	41	8,150
5 .. ..	..	44	718	1,391	1,294	492	32	3,971
6 .. ..	..	14	269	675	761	346	31	2,096
7 .. ..	..	2	76	345	493	242	15	1,173
8 .. ..	..	..	24	166	304	184	21	699
9 .. ..	..	..	6	74	178	111	10	379
10 and over .. ..	..	..	3	52	228	233	42	558
Total Married Mothers ..	8,964	54,695	62,814	39,153	20,179	5,487	378	191,670

Nuptial First Births, pp. 395–6.—The number and proportion of first births in 1952 according to duration of marriage of the mother was :—

FIRST BIRTHS : DURATION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1952.

Duration of Marriage.	Number of First Births.	Proportion of Total First Births.
		%
Under 8 months	10,461	16.03
8 months	2,255	3.46
9	4,784	7.33
10	4,035	6.19
11	3,442	5.28
Total under 1 year	24,977	38.29
1–2 years	19,861	30.44
2–3	8,427	12.92
3–4	4,503	6.90
4–5	2,763	4.24
5–10	3,870	5.93
10–15	716	1.10
15 years and over	121	0.18
Total	65,238	100.00

A comprehensive summary of the Australian birth statistics for 1952 will be found in the *Monthly Australian Demographic Review*, No. 34, October, 1953.

§ 3. Mortality.

Infant Deaths : Causes of Death, pp. 407-8.—The principal causes of death of children under one year of age in 1952 were as follows :—

CAUSES OF DEATH: CHILDREN UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE, AUSTRALIA, 1952.

Cause of Death.	Number of Deaths under one Year.	Cause of Death.	Number of Deaths under one Year.
Tuberculosis	8	Bronchitis	37
Septicaemia and pyaemia	17	Other diseases of the respiratory system	59
Diphtheria	4	Hernia and intestinal obstruction	45
Whooping Cough	18	Gastro-enteritis and colitis, age four weeks and over	133
Meningococcal infections	54	Other diseases of the digestive system	24
Measles	5	Diseases of the genito-urinary system	12
Other infective and parasitic diseases	30	Diseases of the skin and cellular tissue	7
Neoplasms	18	Diseases of the bones and organs of movement	3
Allergic, endocrine system, etc., diseases	24	Congenital malformations	813
Diseases of the blood	11	Certain diseases of early infancy—	
Mental, etc., disorders	17	Without mention of immaturity	1,044
Meningitis	59	With immaturity	1,810
Encephalitis	11	Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	22
Erythroedema polyneuritica	13	Accidents, poisoning and violence	133
Otitis media and mastoiditis	15		
Other diseases of the nervous system, etc.	31	All Causes	4,797
Diseases of the circulatory system	19		
Pneumonia, age four weeks and over	301		

DEATHS FROM CERTAIN DISEASES OF EARLY INFANCY : AUSTRALIA, 1952.

Category No.	Cause of Death.	Without Mention of Immaturity.			With Immaturity.			Total.		
		Males.	Fe-males.	Per-sons.	Males.	Fe-males.	Per-sons.	Males.	Fe-males.	Per-sons.
760	Intracranial and spinal injury at birth	192	116	308	63	26	89	255	142	397
761	Other birth injury	68	34	102	76	50	126	144	84	228
762	Post-natal asphyxia and atelectasis	144	105	249	175	113	288	319	218	537
763	Pneumonia of the newborn	72	49	121	25	20	45	97	69	166
764	Diarrhoea of the newborn	4	2	6	2	3	5	6	5	11
765	Ophthalmia neonatorum .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
766	Pemphigus neonatorum	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1
767	Umbilical sepsis	2	3	5	..	..	..	2	3	5
768	Other sepsis of newborn	7	3	10	2	..	2	9	3	12
769	Neonatal disorders arising from maternal toxæmia	18	14	32	29	40	69	47	54	101
770	Haemolytic disease of newborn (erythroblastosis)	71	47	118	12	11	23	83	58	141
771	Haemorrhagic disease of newborn	16	12	28	7	6	13	23	18	41
772	Nutritional maladjustment	7	6	13	1	..	1	8	6	14
773	Ill-defined diseases peculiar to early infancy	34	17	51	43	31	74	77	48	125
774	Immaturity with mention of any other subsidiary condition .. .. .	..	..	..	15	12	27	15	12	27
775	Immaturity subsidiary to some other cause .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
776	Immaturity unqualified .. .. .	..	..	..	590	458	1,048	590	458	1,048
	Total, Class XV.	636	408	1,044	1,040	770	1,810	1,676	1,177	2,854

Age Distribution, p. 409.—A summary of the ages at death for Australia for the year 1952 is given in the following table:—

AGE AT DEATH : AUSTRALIA, 1952.

Age at Death.	Males.	Fe- males.	Per- sons.	Age at Death.	Males.	Fe- males.	Per- sons.
Under 1 week	1,711	1,221	2,932	Total 5- 9 years..	290	224	514
1 week and under 2 weeks..	138	108	246	" 10-14 " ..	206	143	349
2 weeks " " 3 " ..	54	49	103	" 15-19 " ..	446	160	606
3 " " " 28 days ..	45	30	75	" 20-24 " ..	665	226	891
Total under 28 days ..	1,948	1,408	3,356	" 25-29 " ..	675	333	1,008
28 days and under 3 months	238	174	412	" 30-34 " ..	636	437	1,073
3 months and under 6 " ..	255	196	451	" 35-39 " ..	864	613	1,478
6 " " " 12 " ..	333	245	578	" 40-44 " ..	1,184	812	1,996
Total under 1 year ..	2,774	2,023	4,797	" 45-49 " ..	1,772	1,107	2,879
1 year	270	274	544	" 50-54 " ..	2,570	1,554	4,124
2 years	171	125	296	" 55-59 " ..	3,526	2,137	5,663
3 " " " ..	119	80	199	" 60-64 " ..	5,140	2,983	8,123
4 " " " ..	95	69	164	" 65-69 " ..	5,876	3,805	9,681
Total under 5 years ..	3,429	2,571	6,000	" 70-74 " ..	5,807	4,425	10,232
				" 75-79 " ..	5,211	4,938	10,149
				" 80-84 " ..	4,210	4,719	8,929
				" 85-89 " ..	2,400	3,104	5,504
				" 90-94 " ..	772	1,194	1,966
				" 95-99 " ..	152	238	390
				" 100 and over ..	7	19	26
				Age not stated ..	13	4	17
				Total, All Ages ..	45,851	35,746	81,597

Causes of Death, pp. 411-5.—The total number of deaths in Australia in 1952 according to the causes of death used in the abbreviated list of 50 causes and the death-rate per million of mean population from each of these causes were as shown in the following table. Only the code numbers of the abbreviated list have been shown and reference should be made to pp. 412-5 for the titles or the groupings of detailed list numbers.

CAUSES OF DEATH : AUSTRALIA, 1952.

ABBREVIATED LIST OF 50 CAUSES (BASED ON THE SIXTH REVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LIST).

Code No. (see pp. 412-5 for Titles).	Number of Deaths.			Rate per 1,000,000 of Mean Popu- lation.	Code No. (see pp. 412-5 for Titles).	Number of Deaths.			Rate per 1,000,000 of Mean Popu- lation.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.			Males.	Females.	Persons.	
B 1 ..	884	281	1,165	135	B 27 ..	1,163	836	2,019	233
B 2 ..	70	55	125	14	B 28 ..	1,051	1,161	2,212	257
B 3 ..	150	54	204	24	B 29 ..	678	730	1,408	163
B 4 ..	2	3	5	1	B 30 ..	105	114	219	25
B 5 ..	..	..	..	..	B 31 ..	1,532	1,261	2,793	323
B 6 ..	18	24	42	5	B 32 ..	596	227	823	95
B 7 ..	5	3	8	1	B 33 ..	456	135	591	68
B 8 ..	14	19	33	4	B 34 ..	110	64	174	20
B 9 ..	9	14	23	3	B 35 ..	294	247	541	63
B 10 ..	75	61	136	16	B 36 ..	243	235	478	55
B 11 ..	..	..	..	..	B 37 ..	269	139	408	47
B 12 ..	67	42	109	13	B 38 ..	869	742	1,611	186
B 13 ..	..	..	..	..	B 39 ..	653	..	653	75
B 14 ..	16	16	32	4	B 40 ..	..	190	190	22
B 15 ..	4	..	4	..	B 41 ..	603	487	1,090	126
B 16 ..	3	7	10	1	B 42 ..	718	444	1,162	134
B 17 ..	167	122	289	33	B 43 ..	115	80	195	23
B 18 ..	5,815	5,322	11,137	1,288	B 44 ..	844	654	1,497	173
B 19 ..	173	184	357	41	B 45 ..	865	865	1,731	200
B 20 ..	380	705	1,085	125	B 46 ..	2,740	3,264	6,004	810
B 21 ..	125	197	322	37	BE 47 ..	1,697	383	2,080	240
B 22 ..	4,675	6,123	10,798	1,248	BE 48 ..	1,950	972	2,922	338
B 23 ..	91	54	145	17	BE 49 ..	694	225	919	106
B 24 ..	54	60	114	13	BE 50 ..	94	42	136	16
B 25 ..	372	442	814	94					
B 26 ..	13,343	8,441	21,784	2,519	All Causes	45,851	35,746	81,597	9,434

CHAPTER XI.—EDUCATION.

§ 8. Universities.

Commonwealth Grants, pp. 463-4.—The States Grants (Universities) Act No. 75 of 1953 (assented to 10th December, 1953) repealed the 1951 Act, and shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1st January, 1953. The main provisions are summarized below :—

Section 5 (1).—If the sum of the fees and State grants received by a University during either of the years 1953 and 1954 exceeds the amount specified in column 2 of the table below, the grant to the State for that year is—

- (a) an amount equal to one-third of the excess, and
- (b) the amount shown in column 3 of the table.

Section 5 (2).—The maximum amount payable under Section 5 (1.) (a) above is shown in column 4.

Section 6.—The State will, in the year in which payment is received, pay to the University concerned an amount equal to the grants received and must ensure that—

- (a) the grant under Section 5 (1.) (a) is applied for expenditure, not being capital expenditure, on university purposes ;
- (b) of the grant under Section 5 (1.) (b), the amount shown in column 5 is applied towards the teaching and administrative costs of the residential colleges of the University and the remainder for expenditure, not being capital expenditure, on university purposes.

Section 9.—The provisions of the 1951 Act shall be deemed to have operated in respect of the year 1952 as if the amounts set out on page 464 of Chapter XI.—Education in relation to the New South Wales University of Technology had been the following :—
£7,280 ; £81,885 ; £605,805 ; £30,826 ; £2,356.

COMMONWEALTH GRANTS TO THE STATES FOR UNIVERSITY PURPOSES.

(£.)

University.	Amount of fees and State grants.	Amount of financial assistance under Section 5. (1.) (b).	Maximum amount payable under Section 5. (1.) (a).	Amount for teaching and administrative costs of residential colleges.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
New South Wales—				
University of Sydney	783,369	270,023	202,140	8,900
N.S.W. University of Technology ..	605,805	81,885	61,652	2,356
New England University College ..	64,164	13,099	9,960	220
Victoria—University of Melbourne ..	655,159	220,414	165,000	7,265
Queensland—University of Queensland	309,269	93,226	69,780	3,073
South Australia—University of Adelaide	272,394	93,893	70,320	3,095
Western Australia—University of West- ern Australia	183,531	62,845	47,400	1,668
Tasmania—University of Tasmania ..	106,319	33,127	22,920	505
Total	2,980,010	868,512	649,172	27,082

CHAPTER XII.—PUBLIC JUSTICE.

§ 2. Lower (Magistrates' Courts), § 3. Higher Courts (Judges' Courts),
 § 4. Civil Courts, § 5. Police and Prisons.

Convictions, Bankruptcies, Police, Prisons, pp. 491, 494, 496, 503, 505-6.—The following table is a summary of the more important statistics of this chapter for the latest year for which the information is available :—

PUBLIC JUSTICE : SUMMARY, 1952.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld. (a)	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (a)	A.C.T.	Aust.
Convictions for serious crime, Magistrates' Courts .. No.	17,858	7,602	2,916	(a)1,945	3,446	1,126	149	173	35,215
Convictions for Drunkenness .. No.	79,088	21,526	22,932	(a)6,307	6,042	816	424	541	137,676
Convictions at Higher Courts—									
Offences against the Person .. No.	(a) 411	202	120	86	64	35	10	8	936
Offences against Property .. No.	(a) 1,173	631	284	214	145	123	13	8	2,591
Other Offences ..	(a) 45	50	15	28	4	13	3	..	158
Total ..	(a) 1,629	883	419	328	213	171	26	16	3,685
Bankruptcies (a) .. No.	298	184	116	100	64	44	..	(b)	806
Liabilities £	1,045,490	597,244	417,158	320,768	337,541	44,078	..	(b)	2,762,279
Assets £	685,397	383,094	382,730	202,016	293,857	25,488	..	(b)	1,972,582
Police .. No.	4,688	2,992	2,449	(a)1,091	(a) 929	(a) 418	50	60	12,677
Prisons ..	(a) 15	9	7	16	(a) 19	(a) 2	2	..	70
Prisoners in Gaol ..	(a) 2,231	1,248	538	437	(a) 374	(a) 154	44	..	5,026

(a) Year 1952-53.

(b) Included in New South Wales.

CHAPTER XIII.—PUBLIC HEALTH AND RELATED INSTITUTIONS.

A. PUBLIC HEALTH.

§ 9. Hospital Benefits Act, § 12. Pharmaceutical Benefits Act,
 § 13. Pensioner Medical Service.

Hospital Benefits, pp. 529-30, Pharmaceutical Benefits, p. 531, Pensioner Medical Service, p. 531, The National Health Act 1953.—The Hospital Benefits Act 1951, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Act 1947-1952 and the National Health Service Act 1948-49 providing these respective benefits were repealed by the National Health Act 1953. This Act is largely a consolidating measure, designed to put into statute form all phases of the National Health Scheme. Parts I.—Preliminary and II.—National Health

Services came into operation on 18th December, 1953, Part VII.—Pharmaceutical Benefits commenced on 12th May, 1954 and the remainder on 14th April, 1954. Benefits payable under the former Acts were continued at existing rates and under the same conditions. Particulars of the hospital and pharmaceutical benefits and of the pensioner medical service provided under the scheme will be found in Chapter XIII.

Medical Benefits.—A national medical benefits scheme was introduced on 1st July, 1953. This scheme is based on the principle of voluntary insurance, persons who are contributors to an approved medical benefits organization being entitled under the scheme to receive part reimbursement by the Commonwealth of payments made for medical services to themselves or their dependants. The benefits were originally prescribed under the National Health (Medical Benefits) Regulations, now superseded by the National Health Act 1953.

Commonwealth medical benefits are set out in the First and Second Schedules of the National Health Act 1953. Benefits in the First Schedule which cover the ordinary services provided by a general medical practitioner must be matched by registered organizations. Second Schedule Commonwealth benefits are mainly of a specialist nature. Registered organizations do not have to match these benefits.

B. INSTITUTIONS.

§ 2. Public Hospitals (other than Mental Hospitals).

Number, Staff, etc., pp. 533-4.—The following table gives a summary of details relating to public hospitals in each State for the year 1951-52 :—

PUBLIC HOSPITALS : SUMMARY, 1951-52.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic. (a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Total.
Hospitals .. No.	257	101	136	61	96	23	1	675
Medical staff .. "	3,684	1,623	567	490	296	208	21	6,889
Nursing staff .. "	9,762	5,589	4,593	1,774	1,906	855	77	24,556
Beds and cots .. "	18,762	10,429	8,551	3,448	4,156	1,798	184	47,328
In-patients (Cases) treated during year .. No.	376,343	176,417	175,164	59,374	72,858	31,663	4,201	896,020
Inmates at end of year .. No.	14,171	7,560	6,437	2,297	2,414	1,135	147	34,161
" , average daily number ..	13,648	7,337	6,335	2,370	2,589	1,137	136	33,552
Out-patients treated '000	1,047	423	495	114	(b) 109	86	12	2,286
Revenue—								
Government aid .. £'000.	(c)	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Commonwealth hospital benefits ..	13,140	6,692	(d) 3,702	1,869	2,538	1,040	174	32,046
Public subscriptions ..	129	1,010	895	434	347	183	22	3,818
Fees ..	1,857	1,015	3	172	103	2	..	1,424
Total ..	15,375	1,299	325	332	222	54	7	4,096
Expenditure—								
Salaries and wages ..	10,193	10,254	4,968	3,055	3,223	1,284	204	38,363
Buildings, upkeep, etc.	499	4,637	2,831	1,706	1,573	831	87	21,858
Capital ..	73	235	120	138	73	21	11	1,097
Total ..	16,174	3,018	988	222	436	..	42	4,779
		11,432	5,983	3,053	3,134	1,289	204	41,269

(a) Year ended 31st March, 1952.
expenditure.

(d) Year 1950-51.

(b) Estimated.

(c) Excludes loan receipts and

§ 4. Mental Hospitals.

Number, Staff, etc., pp. 535-7.—The following table gives a summary of details relating to mental hospitals in each State for the year 1951-52.

MENTAL HOSPITALS : SUMMARY, 1951-52.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
	(a)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(a)		
Hospitals	No. 13	9	4	2	4	1	33
Medical staff	(c) 66	75	10	8	6	2	167
Nursing staff	1,925	1,418	817	397	244	184	4,985
Beds and cots	12,189	6,510	4,191	2,427	1,506	750	27,573
In-patients treated	14,813	8,701	5,300	2,837	1,808	981	34,440
Inmates at end of year	12,873	7,568	4,388	2,425	1,599	710	29,563
„ , average daily number	11,235	6,517	4,155	2,358	1,517	707	26,489
Revenue—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Fees	125	116	9	19	24	8	301
Mental institution benefits	203	149	..	34	18	..	408
Other	(d) 83	20	3	31	9	1	152
Total	416	285	12	84	51	13	861
Expenditure—							
Salaries and wages	1,657	1,111	618	355	278	153	4,172
Upkeep, etc., buildings	78	151	6	41	26	8	310
Other	1,306	1,041	460	245	173	97	3,322
Capital Expenditure	341	401	112	48	43	..	945
Total	3,382	2,704	1,196	689	520	258	8,749

(a) Year 1951 except for revenue and expenditure, which relate to the year 1951-52. (b) Includes the Epileptic Home. (c) In addition there are 30 visiting specialists who are paid for their services. (d) Includes £31,000 Commonwealth Hospital Benefits.

CHAPTER XIV.—WELFARE SERVICES.

A. COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFITS.

§ 2. Commonwealth Expenditure on Social and Health Services.

States, 1952-53, p. 539.—The following table shows particulars of payments of social and health services in each State during 1952-53 :—

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, YEAR 1952-53.

(£'000.)

Social and Health Services.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
	(a)			(b)			
Age and Invalid Pensions	30,533	17,476	10,723	6,308	4,842	2,542	72,424
Funeral Benefits	112	70	37	24	18	9	270
Maternity Allowances	1,195	872	497	305	249	128	(e) 3,248
Child Endowment	20,012	13,996	8,343	4,770	4,053	2,059	d 53,244
Widows' Pensions	2,630	1,535	1,059	486	404	220	6,334
Unemployment and Sickness Benefits—							
Unemployment	2,686	924	662	132	124	42	4,570
Sickness	546	370	209	134	85	49	1,393
Special(e)	73	141	40	17	13	8	292
Community Rehabilitation	87	167	54	85	53	8	454
Hospital Benefits	2,842	1,805	1,136	630	551	259	7,223
Tuberculosis Campaign(f)	1,519	1,602	541	389	000	165	4,876
Pharmaceutical Benefits	2,470	1,835	854	636	505	138	(g) 6,487
National Health Services—							
Medical Benefits for Pensioners	808	404	208	169	119	32	1,740
Pharmaceutical Benefits for Pensioners	365	139	97	65	49	14	729
Nutrition for Children	706	433	55	175	92	60	1,521
Miscellaneous Services	46	26	54	13	17	13	(h) 183
Mental Institution Benefits	200	151	99	36	18	10	523
Total	66,830	42,006	24,668	14,374	11,792	5,756	165,511

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes payments overseas, £2,000. (d) Includes payments overseas, £11,000. (e) Includes payments to migrants. (f) Includes allowances and reimbursement to States. (g) Includes £49,000 Head Office Administration. (h) Includes £14,000 Head Office administration.

§ 3. Age and Invalid Pensions, § 4. Maternity Allowances, § 5. Child Endowment, and § 6. Widows' Pensions.

General, pp. 540-9.—The following table gives a summary of age and invalid and widows' pensions, maternity allowances and child endowment for the year 1952-53 :—

SOCIAL SERVICES : SUMMARY, 1952-53. (Number.)

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Age and Invalid Pensions—							
Age Pensions in force	No. 154,936	93,353	54,236	34,207	25,679	12,380	374,791
Invalid Pensions in force	" 33,546	15,019	10,691	4,378	3,996	2,602	70,232
Maternity Allowances—							
Claims paid	No. 74,011	55,297	31,058	19,068	15,535	7,983	c 203,042
Child Endowment—							
Family claims in force	No. 491,848	328,561	178,760	113,529	89,671	44,202	d1,246,986
Endowed children	" 1,005,887	672,525	393,539	234,582	192,991	98,619	d2,599,026
Widows' Pensions—							
Pensions in force	No. 16,812	10,173	6,814	3,163	2,686	1,380	41,028
Children for whom pensions paid	" 7,815	3,844	3,158	1,334	1,127	702	17,980

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes 90 claims paid abroad. (d) Includes 415 claims and 883 children abroad.

§ 7. Unemployment and Sickness Benefits.

Statistics, p. 551.—The following table shows the number of persons in each State admitted to benefit during the year, and the number on benefit at the end of the year 1952-53, together with corresponding particulars for Australia for the year 1953-54 :—

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS : PERSONS ADMITTED TO AND ON BENEFIT, 1952-53 and 1953-54.

State.	Unemployment.		Sickness.		Special.(a)		Total.(c)		
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
NUMBER ADMITTED TO BENEFIT, 1952-53.									
N.S. Wales(b)	76,668	11,972	15,135	4,692	640	247	92,743	16,911	109,654
Victoria	34,689	4,283	8,466	2,580	383	451	43,538	7,314	50,852
Queensland	27,320	3,827	7,067	1,606	620	151	35,013	5,584	40,597
Sth. Australia(c)	5,023	886	3,994	924	244	56	10,161	1,866	12,027
W. Australia	7,092	399	2,977	637	91	37	10,160	1,073	11,233
Tasmania	1,814	203	1,620	321	31	38	3,471	562	4,033
Australia—									
1952-53	153,512	21,570	39,565	10,760	2,009	980	195,086	33,310	228,396
1953-54	52,418	9,715	43,944	12,592	2,298	1,333	98,660	23,640	122,300

NUMBER ON BENEFIT, 30TH JUNE, 1953.

N.S.W.(b)	12,044	2,585	2,500	913	652	422	15,196	3,920	19,116
Victoria	5,056	883	1,565	494	80	303	6,701	1,680	8,381
Queensland	3,017	660	910	277	94	186	4,021	1,123	5,144
Sth. Australia(c)	505	150	549	179	59	45	1,113	374	1,487
W. Australia	626	65	493	94	20	50	1,049	209	1,258
Tasmania	304	19	213	38	7	67	524	124	648
Australia—									
30th June—									
1953	21,552	4,362	6,140	1,995	912	1,073	28,604	7,430	36,034
1954	4,360	1,723	5,791	2,011	543	1,309	10,694	5,043	15,737

(a) Excludes migrants receiving benefits. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

CHAPTER XVI.—PRIVATE FINANCE.

A. CURRENCY.

§ 2. Coinage.

Issues of Australian Coins, p. 608.—The net issues of Australian coins to 30th June, 1953, were :—silver, £32,196,000 ; bronze, £2,633,000 ; total, £34,829,000.

§ 3. Notes.

The Australian Note Issue, p. 614.—The average value of notes in circulation for the year 1952–53 was £319,730,000. This amount was distributed in denominations as follows :—10s., £9,738,000 ; £1, £68,286,000 ; £5, £152,679,000 ; £10, £88,257,000 ; £20, £6,000 ; £50, £55,000 ; £100, £60,000 ; and £1,000, £649,000. The amount held by the banks was £36,400,000 and by the public, £283,330,000.

B. BANKING.

§ 1. Cheque-Paying Banks.

Commonwealth Bank, pp. 623–4.—Particulars of the average liabilities and assets of the Central Banking Business and General Banking Division, etc., of the Commonwealth Bank for the year 1952–53 appear below :—

The average liabilities of the Central Banking Business (including Note Issue Department) of the Commonwealth Bank for the year ended June, 1953 amounted to £874,913,000. Capital and Reserve Funds amounted to £11,023,000 ; Notes on Issue to £318,192,000 ; Special Accounts of Trading Banks to £212,890,000 ; Other Deposits of Trading Banks to £45,447,000 ; Other Liabilities to £287,361,000.

Particulars of the average assets are as follows :—Gold and Balances held abroad, £363,576,000 ; Australian Coin, £2,538,000 ; Cheques and Bills of other Banks, £6,595,000 ; Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills), £434,771,000 ; Bills Receivable and Remittances in Transit, £130,000 ; and Other Assets, £67,303,000.

The average liabilities in Australia of the General Banking Division only, for the year ended June, 1953, were £131,870,000. Of this amount Deposits not bearing interest amounted to £96,664,000 ; Deposits bearing interest to £22,817,000 ; Balances due to other Banks to £3,820,000 ; Other Liabilities to £8,569,000.

The average assets in Australia, £138,762,000, included Cash and Cash Balances, £8,784,000 ; Special Deposit Account with Central Bank, £21,731,000 ; Balances with other Banks, £1,600,000 ; Treasury Bills, £17,239,000 ; Other Australian Public Securities, £25,840,000 ; Other Securities, £92,000 ; Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted, £59,492,000 ; Other Assets, £3,984,000.

Private Trading Banks, pp. 624–6.—Average liabilities in Australia of the Private Trading Banks for the year ended June, 1953, were £1,187,705,000. Interminable Deposits or Deposit Stock amounted to £226,000 ; Deposits not bearing interest to £943,747,000 ; Deposits bearing interest to £218,699,000 ; Notes in Circulation to £158,000 ; Balances due to other Banks to £10,628,000 ; Other Liabilities to £14,247,000.

Average assets in Australia amounted to £1,188,699,000. These comprised Cash and Cash Balances, £74,712,000; Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank, £211,737,000; Balances with other Banks, £22,580,000; Treasury Bills, £123,059,000; Other Australian Public Securities, £86,513,000; Other Securities, £2,313,000; Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted, £638,092,000; All Other Assets, £29,693,000.

Classification of Advances within Australia—Commonwealth Bank and Private Trading Banks, p. 628.—Advances within Australia at the end of June, 1953 dissected by industries were:—Business advances—Agriculture, Dairying and Grazing, £148,279,000; Manufacturing, £141,481,000; Transport, Storage and Communication, £12,710,000; Finance and Property, £64,615,000; Commerce, £109,565,000; Miscellaneous, £42,618,000; Not elsewhere specified, £9,345,000; Total Business advances, £528,613,000; Advances to Public Authorities, £13,551,000; Personal advances, £127,912,000; Total, £670,076,000.

Clearing House Returns, p. 630.—The average weekly bank clearings in each capital city for the year ended June, 1953 were as follows:—Sydney, £88,557,000; Melbourne, £78,965,000; Brisbane, £17,886,000; Adelaide, £16,794,000; Perth, £11,441,000; Hobart, £2,985,000; Total, £216,628,000.

Debits to Customers' Accounts—All Cheque-paying Banks, p. 630.—The average weekly debits to customers' accounts in each State for the year 1952–53 for all cheque-paying banks (excluding debits to accounts of Australian Governments in capital cities) were as follows:—New South Wales, £151,938,000; Victoria, £131,998,000; Queensland, £43,796,000; South Australia, £30,063,000; Western Australia, £22,091,000; Tasmania, £8,850,000; Australian Capital Territory, £580,000; Total, £389,316,000.

§ 2. Savings Banks.

All Savings Banks, p. 633.—The amounts on deposit in the several States at 30th June, 1953 were:—New South Wales, £319,149,000; Victoria, £319,971,000; Queensland, £109,360,000; South Australia, £113,875,000; Western Australia, £49,794,000; Tasmania, £32,078,000; Northern Territory, £1,116,000; Australian Capital Territory, £2,154,000; Total £947,497,000. Total excess of deposits over withdrawals during 1952–53 was £39,020,000, and interest added was £16,579,000.

The number of operative accounts in the several States at 30th June, 1953 was:—New South Wales, 2,280,000; Victoria, 2,079,000; Queensland, 838,000; South Australia, 726,000; Western Australia, 414,000; Tasmania, 269,000; Northern Territory, 9,000; Australian Capital Territory, 18,000; Total, 6,633,000.

D. INSURANCE.

§ 2. Life Assurance.

Life Assurance, pp. 646–51.—The following is a summary of the life assurance business transacted in Australia during 1953 (figures for 1952 in parentheses) compiled from monthly returns collected from the 22 companies registered under the Life Assurance Act 1945–1950, and excluding the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only within their respective States. Particulars shown are therefore not entirely comparable with those in Chapter XVI., which are derived from annual returns and include business of the State Government Offices.

Ordinary Department and Industrial Department, respectively :—New Policies Issued in Australia—Number 288,026 (280,928), 259,704 (275,589); Sum Assured, £244,860,000 (£222,033,000), £34,282,000 (£34,798,000); Policies Matured or Otherwise Discontinued in Australia—Number, 133,150 (116,018), 257,805 (243,181); Sum Assured £74,392,000 (£64,502,000), £19,819,000 (£17,991,000). Particulars of annuities are excluded.

Premium receipts in Australia in 1953 amounted to £53,004,000 (£47,427,000) and £14,006,000 (£13,483,000), Ordinary and Industrial Departments, respectively. Claims, etc., paid amounted to £19,988,000 (£18,483,000) and £7,727,000 (£7,103,000), respectively. Particulars of annuities are included.

CHAPTER XVII.—PUBLIC FINANCE.

A. COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

Consolidated Revenue Fund, pp. 666 and 681.—The table below shows details of revenue and expenditure for the year 1952–53 and preliminary figures of revenue and expenditure for the year 1953–54 :—

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND: REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE. (£'000.)

Revenue.			Expenditure.		
Item.	Amount.		Item.	Amount.	
	1952–53.	1953–54. (a)		1952–53.	1953–54. (a)
Taxation—			Defence Services	174,267	153,605
Customs	70,720	94,758	War and Repatriation Services	117,910	120,262
Excise	113,104	125,460	Subsidies and Bounties	25,332	21,320
Sales Tax	89,067	95,688	Departmental	74,757	70,555
Land Tax	1,250	221	National Welfare Fund—		
Income Taxes	556,960	528,420	Expenditure on Social		
Wool Deduction	—2,223	—239	Services	165,511	176,565
Pay-roll Tax	40,171	40,384	Business Undertakings—		
Estate Duty	8,393	9,825	Postmaster - General's		
Entertainments Tax	6,708	1,977	Department	69,917	72,244
Other Taxes	11,314	3,956	Broadcasting Services	4,556	4,684
			Railways	3,944	4,137
Total	895,464	900,450	Total	78,417	81,065
Business Undertakings—			Territories	9,815	11,133
Postmaster - General's			Capital Works and Services—		
Department	64,398	67,798	Defence Services	42,304	37,578
Broadcasting Services	3,806	3,867	Business Undertakings	33,375	29,023
Railways	2,729	3,461	Other	70,220	64,457
Total	70,933	75,126	Total	145,899	131,658
Territories	1,779	2,195	Payments to or for States	182,891	194,248
Other Revenue	71,891	45,015	Self-Balancing Items	51,868	6,091
Grand Total	1,040,067	1,022,786	Grand Total	1,026,667	966,502

(a) Preliminary.

Taxation, 1953-54 Budget Proposals.—Under legislation introduced to implement the 1953-54 Commonwealth Budget proposals, the following changes were made in Commonwealth taxation provisions :—

Estate Duty, p. 670.—From the 28th October, 1953 the statutory exemption on estates passing to the widow, children or grand-children of the deceased was increased to £5,000 (from £2,000) decreasing on a graduated scale and ceasing to apply when the net value of the estate reaches £20,000. On estates passing to persons other than those referred to above, the statutory exemption was increased to £2,500 (from £1,000) and ceasing to apply at £10,000. Where the estate passes partly to these relatives and partly to others a proportionate allowance is made. In all cases the statutory exemption was varied to diminish by £1 for every £3 of the excess value of the estate.

The legislation also provided, as from 27th June, 1950, for a special deduction of £5,000 from estates of persons serving in Korea or Malaya.

Under the Estate Duty Convention (United States of America) Act 1953, assented to on 11th December, 1953, relief was provided for double taxation on the estates of deceased persons.

Gift Duty, p. 671.—Under the Gift Duty Convention (United States of America) Act 1953, assented to on 11th December, 1953, relief was provided for double taxation on gifts under certain conditions.

Income Taxes, pp. 737-46.—The following changes and rates of tax apply for the 1953-54 financial year (income year 1953-54) for individuals :—

Concessional Deductions, p. 737. Changes in concessional deductions were (a) for a dependent spouse, daughter-housekeeper, housekeeper or parent, £130 (increased from £104); (b) for education expenses, £75 (increased from £50) and (c) for medical expenses, £150 (increased from £100), including dental expenses, £30 (increased from £20).

Effective Exemptions from Tax, p. 738. For the financial year 1953-54 the effect of the deductions for dependants was to exempt from taxation persons with incomes up to the amounts shown hereunder :—

RESIDENT TAXPAYERS : EFFECTIVE EXEMPTIONS FROM TAX.

(£.)

Taxpayers with—	Income Tax and Social Services Contribution.
No dependants	104
Wife	234
Wife and one child	312
" two children	364
" three children	416
" four children	468

An aged person will be exempt from Income Tax and Social Services Contribution if the person's net income does not exceed £375 or, if contributing to the maintenance of a spouse, £750.

Rates of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution on Individuals, p. 739.—Compared with 1952-53, rates for 1953-54 were reduced over all income ranges and the further tax on property incomes was abolished. For

the first time since the inception of Commonwealth Income Tax the same tax is payable on property as on personal exertion income. The rates of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution are—

**INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION—INDIVIDUALS :
RATES OF INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION—1953-54.**

Total Taxable Income.		Column 3.	Column 4.			
Column 1.	Column 2.	Tax and Contribution on amount set out in Column 1.	Tax and Contribution on Remainder of Taxable Income.			
Not less than—	Not more than—					
£	£	£ s. d.	plus 1d. in each £1 in excess of			£
Nil	100	Nil				
100	150	0 8 4				100
150	200	1 5 0	9d.			150
200	250	3 2 6	13d.			200
250	300	5 16 8	17d.			250
300	400	9 7 6	22d.			300
400	500	18 10 10	28d.			400
500	600	30 4 2	33d.			500
600	700	43 19 2	38d.			600
700	800	59 15 10	42d.			700
800	900	77 5 10	46d.			800
900	1,000	96 9 2	50d.			900
1,000	1,200	117 5 10	56d.			1,000
1,200	1,400	163 19 2	64d.			1,200
1,400	1,600	217 5 10	71d.			1,400
1,600	1,800	276 9 2	78d.			1,600
1,800	2,000	341 9 2	85d.			1,800
2,000	2,400	412 5 10	93d.			2,000
2,400	2,800	567 5 10	100d.			2,400
2,800	3,200	733 19 2	107d.			2,800
3,200	3,600	912 5 10	114d.			3,200
3,600	4,000	1,102 5 10	121d.			3,600
4,000	4,400	1,303 19 2	128d.			4,000
4,400	5,000	1,517 5 10	136d.			4,400
5,000	6,000	1,857 5 10	144d.			5,000
6,000	8,000	2,457 5 10	151d.			6,000
8,000	10,000	3,715 12 6	158d.			8,000
10,000	16,000	5,032 5 10	165d.			10,000
16,000	upwards	9,157 5 10	168d.			16,000

Commencing with 1953-54, these graduated rates will not, however, wholly apply to the income of actors, artists, composers, and inventors whose taxable income, including any abnormal receipts, will be taxed at the rate appropriate to the normal taxable income plus one-third of the abnormal receipts.

The Income Tax (International Agreements) Act 1953 assented to on 11th December, 1953, provided for relief from double taxation of incomes flowing between Australia and the United States of America. It also provided similar relief in respect of the United Kingdom which had been covered by the Income Tax Assessment Act since 1947.

Taxes on Specified Incomes, p. 740.—The following table shows the Income Tax and Social Services Contribution payable by taxpayers with various incomes and numbers of dependants on income derived in 1953-54.

COMMONWEALTH TAXES ON INCOME, INDIVIDUALS : 1953-54.
(£.)

Income.	Income from Personal Exertion.			
	Taxpayer with No Dependents.	Taxpayer with Dependent Wife.	Taxpayer with Dependent Wife and One Child.	Taxpayer with Dependent Wife and Two Children.
150	1.25	..	..	..
200	3.10	..	..	..
250	5.85	0.75	..	..
300	9.35	2.00	..	..
350	13.95	4.20	1.10	..
400	18.55	7.25	2.80	1.10
500	30.20	15.80	8.80	5.30
600	43.95	26.70	17.80	13.05
800	77.30	55.05	42.85	35.70
1,000	117.30	90.70	75.90	66.80
1,250	177.30	145.30	127.10	115.20
1,500	246.85	209.30	188.50	174.60
2,000	412.30	366.25	338.85	321.95
3,000	823.10	765.15	730.60	708.95
4,000	1,303.95	1,238.40	1,199.10	1,172.85
5,000	1,857.30	1,783.60	1,739.40	1,709.95
6,000	2,457.30	2,379.30	2,332.50	2,301.30
8,000	3,715.60	3,633.85	3,584.75	3,552.05
10,000	5,032.30	4,946.70	4,895.35	4,861.10
12,500	6,751.05	6,661.65	6,608.05	6,572.30
15,000	8,469.80	8,380.40	8,326.80	8,291.05

Company Income Taxes p. 743.—The rates of Primary and Additional Income Tax and Social Services Contribution payable by companies for the 1953-54 financial year (income year 1952-53) are shown in the following table :—

RATES OF TAX : COMPANIES, 1953-54 FINANCIAL YEAR (INCOME DERIVED, 1952-53).
(Pence per £1.)

Type of Company.	Rate of Tax—		
	On Taxable Income.		On Undistributed Amount—Additional Tax.
	Up to £5,000.	On Remainder of Taxable Income.	
Private	48	72	120
Co-operative and Non-profit(a)	60	84	..
Life Assurance—			
Mutual	48	72	..
Other—			
(1) Mutual Income	48	72	..
(2) Other Income (b)	(c) 72	84	..
Other	(c) 72	84	..

(a) Non-profit companies with taxable incomes not exceeding £104 were exempted from tax and if the taxable income does not exceed £208 the tax may not exceed one-half of the amount by which the taxable income exceeds £104. (b) The rate of 72d. is levied on the amount by which the £5,000 exceeds the mutual income. (c) For non-resident companies dividends included in this part of taxable income are taxed at 60 pence per £1. (A resident company is allowed a rebate of tax in respect of dividends received.)

Pay-roll Tax, p. 672.—From the 1st October, 1953 the exemption was increased to £80 per week, i.e. £4,160 annually. The previous exemption limit was £20 per week, i.e. £1,040 annually.

Entertainments Tax, p. 672.—This tax was abolished from 1st October, 1953.

Sales Tax, p. 673.—From the 10th September, 1953 the special rates of sales tax, 50 per cent., 33½ per cent. and 20 per cent. were abolished. Most goods subject to those rates were then taxed at a special rate of 16½ per cent. The previous general rate of 12½ per cent. was not changed. An extension was made to the list of exemptions.

C. COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

Revenue and Expenditure, p. 717.—The following table shows particulars of Commonwealth and State revenue and expenditure during the year 1952-53 and estimated revenue and expenditure for the year 1953-54.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.(a)

(£'000.)

Government of—	Consolidated Revenue Fund.			Loan Fund— Net Expenditure on Works and Services.
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-)	
1952-53.				
New South Wales(b)	180,908	180,811	+ 97	51,547
Victoria	96,995	97,360	- 365	37,763
Queensland	63,171	62,980	+ 191	19,382
South Australia	44,251	44,226	+ 25	21,981
Western Australia	38,725	39,233	- 508	17,606
Tasmania	12,061	11,763	+ 298	12,822
Six States	436,111	436,373	- 262	161,101
Commonwealth	1,040,067	1,026,667	+ 13,400	35,670
Grand Total—Unadjusted	1,476,178	1,463,040	+ 13,138	196,771
Adjusted	1,310,604	1,297,556	+ 13,138	196,771

1953-54: ESTIMATED.

New South Wales(b)	182,600	183,575	- 955	}	(c)
Victoria	104,822	104,811	+ 11		
Queensland	67,505	67,482	+ 23		
South Australia	47,355	47,345	+ 10		
Western Australia	43,416	43,549	- 133		
Tasmania	13,258	13,644	- 386		
Six States	458,976	460,406	- 1,430	}	(c)
Commonwealth	1,022,786	966,502	+ 56,284		
Grand Total—Unadjusted	1,481,762	1,426,908	+ 54,854	}	(c)
Adjusted	1,311,285	1,256,431	+ 54,854		

(a) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States for compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts, special grants and special financial assistance, also pay-roll tax payments by States to the Commonwealth. The totals of revenue and expenditure of the States have also been adjusted.

(b) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, etc. from undertakings outside the Budget.

(c) Not available.

D. COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

§ 3. Commonwealth and State Public Debt Outstanding.

Public Debt and Annual Interest Payable, pp. 721-2.—The following table shows details of the public debt of the Commonwealth and States and the annual interest payable thereon at 30th June, 1953.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1953.

Particulars.	Maturing in—			Total. £'000.
	Australia. £A'000.	London. £Stg.'000.	New York. £'000.(a)	
DEBT.				
Commonwealth—				
War (1914-18)	144,799	7,534	..	152,333
War (1939-45)	1,467,002	5,775	..	1,472,777
Works and other Purposes	176,842	50,071	36,192	263,105
Total	1,788,643	63,380	36,192	1,888,215
States	1,230,404	289,493	23,751	1,543,648
Grand Total	3,019,047	352,873	59,943	3,431,863
ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE.				
Commonwealth	48,548	2,124	1,572	52,244
States	38,028	9,231	881	48,140
Grand Total	86,576	11,355	2,453	100,384

(a) £ payable in dollars which have been arbitrarily converted to £ at the rate of \$4.8665 to £1.

§ 4. Commonwealth Loan Raisings.

Loans Raised, pp. 732-5.—Particulars of loans raised by the Commonwealth between 1st July, 1952 and 30th June, 1953 are given in the following table.

COMMONWEALTH LOANS RAISED, 1952-53.

Month of Raising.	Where Raised. (a)	Amount Invited. £'000.	Amount Subscribed. £'000.	Rate of Interest. (b)	Year of Maturity.	Purpose.
July, 1952	London	(d) 11,790	(c) 11,790	4½	1960-62	Conversion and redemption, £11,790,000 Advances to States for Housing.
November, 1952	Australia	20,000	20,271	4½	1961	
March, 1953	Australia	77,000	{ 44,177 35,053	{ 3 4½	{ 1955 1962	State purposes, £17,810,000 Conversion and redemption loan, £47,211,000 Advances to States for Housing, £3,688,000 State purposes, £28,331,000 Advances to States for Housing, £15,327,000 State purposes, £107,673
June, 1953	Australia	123,000	{ 35,000 88,000	{ 3 4½	{ 1955 1962	

(a) During 1952-53 \$40,223,000 were drawn against the loan made available by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. (b) Australian Loans bearing interest at 4½ per cent. were issued at par and those at 3 per cent. at £99 10s. The London loan was issued at £98. (c) Sterling.

CHAPTER XVIII.—MINERAL INDUSTRY.

§ 1. The Mineral Wealth of Australia.

Quantity and Value of Production, pp. 749-51.—In the table hereunder particulars are given of the quantity and value of production in Australia of the principal minerals during the years 1952 and 1953 :—

MINERAL PRODUCTION: QUANTITIES AND VALUES, AUSTRALIA.
METALLIC MINERALS.

Year.	Principal Contents of Metallic Minerals Produced.								Total Value of Output of Metal Mining.
	Copper.	Gold.	Iron.	Lead.	Silver.	Tip.	Zinc.	Sulphur. (a)	
	Tons.	Fine oz.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 fine oz.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	£'000.
1952 ..	18,579	980,435	61883087	228,196	11,278	1,610	196,450	217,217	73,820
1953(b) ..	37,364	1,073,080	62132086	269,296	12,249	1,494	239,069	224,530	(d)

NON-METALLIC AND FUEL MINERALS.

Year.	Quantities Produced.						Total Value of Output of Non-metal and Fuel Mining.
	Coal.		Gypsum.	Limestone. (e)	Mica.	Salt.	
	Black.	Brown.					Tons.
1952 ..	19,405	8,104	351,678	2,720,730	71,929	277,000	61,717
1953(b) ..	18,441	8,257	327,204	3,029,584	72,227	239,285	(d)

(a) Includes sulphur content of spent oxide roasted. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Estimated.
(d) Not yet available. (e) Excludes limestone used as a construction material. (f) Incomplete.

The total value of output of all mining and quarrying in 1952 was £135,450,000.

CHAPTER XIX.—PASTORAL PRODUCTION.

Live Stock, Meat and Wool Produced.—The following table shows, for each State, the numbers of live stock at 31st March, 1953, and the amounts of meat and wool produced during 1952-53 :—

LIVE STOCK, MEAT AND WOOL PRODUCED.

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
HORSES ('000.), p. 803.									
1953 ..	298	154	282	57	50	18	(a) 35	1	895
CATTLE ('000.), p. 804.									
1953 ..	3,649	2,297	6,751	483	846	275	936	10	15,247
SHEEP ('000.), p. 811.									
1953 ..	57,461	21,368	17,030	12,036	12,475	2,421	(a) 34	247	123,072
PIGS ('000), p. 797.									
1953 ..	299	183	336	59	76	39	(a) 1	..	993
BEEF, INCLUDING VEAL ('000 TONS BONE-IN WEIGHT), p. 806.									
1952-53 ..	217	124	252	31	32	14	3	2	675

For footnotes see next page.

LIVE STOCK, MEAT AND WOOL PRODUCED—*continued.*

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
MUTTON AND LAMB ('000 TONS BONE-IN WEIGHT), p. 813.									
1952-53 ..	126	153	20	51	33	11	..	1	395
TOTAL MEAT (INCLUDING PIG-MEATS) IN TERMS OF FRESH ('000 TONS BONE-IN WEIGHT)									
1952-53 ..	371	295	292	89	72	28	3	3	1,153
WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED ('000 lb.), p. 816.									
Season— 1952-53 ..	556,552	252,195	163,149	158,658	128,148	19,807	332	2,245	1,281,086

(a) For year ended previous December.

CHAPTER XX.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

§ 3. Distribution, Production and Value of Crops.

Principal Crops, pp. 835-8.—The following table shows the area, production and average yield per acre of wheat in each State for 1952-53 and 1953-54.

WHEAT FOR GRAIN: AREA, PRODUCTION AND AVERAGE YIELD.

Season.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
AREA ('000 ACRES).								
1952-53 ..	2,702	2,232	724	1,544	2,999	7	1	10,209
1953-54(a) ..	3,470	2,400	500	1,510	2,800	10	1	10,691
PRODUCTION ('000 BUSHELS).								
1952-53 ..	56,670	50,335	18,662	33,919	35,458	156	8	195,208
1953-54(a) ..	65,000	54,000	9,800	30,000	40,000	200	15	199,015
AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE (BUSHELS).								
1952-53 ..	20.97	22.55	25.76	21.97	11.82	23.39	12.75	19.12
1953-54(a) ..	18.70	22.50	19.60	19.90	14.30	20.00	15.00	18.60

(a) Subject to revision.

The area, production and average yield per acre of other principal crops in Australia during 1952-53 are set out hereunder:—

Area ('000 acres): Oats, 2,764; Maize, 174; Hay, 1,761; Sugar-cane, 434; Total Crops, 20,371.

Production ('000): Oats, 43,623 bush.; Maize, 4,967 bush.; Hay, 2,765 tons; Sugar-cane crushed, 6,967 tons; Cane-sugar, 949 tons.

Average Yield per Acre: Oats, 15.78 bush.; Maize, 28.53 bush.; Hay, 1.57 tons; Sugar-cane, 24.89 tons; Cane-sugar, 3.39 tons (Sugar-cane and Cane-sugar yields are per acre of productive crop).

CHAPTER XXI.—FARMYARD, DAIRY AND BEE PRODUCTS.

Principal Farmyard, Dairy and Bee Products.—Particulars of the total production of these products in each State during 1952-53 are shown below:—

PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL FARMYARD, DAIRY AND BEE PRODUCTS.

Season.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
TOTAL WHOLE MILK PRODUCED ('000 GALS.), p. 918.								
1952-53 ..	317,385	436,417	285,757	84,247	49,830	44,269	688	1,218,595
BUTTER(a) (TONS), p. 919.								
1952-53 ..	38,875	58,178	49,426	7,982	6,643	6,372	5	167,481

PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL FARMYARD, DAIRY AND BEE PRODUCTS—
continued.

Season.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
CHEESE(a) (TONS), p. 920.								
1952-53	3,163	22,386	9,439	10,454	898	266	..	46,606
PORK (TONS, BONE-IN WEIGHT), p. 926.								
1952-53	9,611	6,925	6,548	2,836	2,436	1,920	132	(b) 30,468
BACON AND HAM (TONS, CURED WEIGHT), p. 927.								
1952-53	13,228	8,165	9,510	3,063	3,693	886	..	38,545
SHELL EGGS: PRODUCTION(c) RECORDED BY EGG BOARDS ('000 DOZ.), p. 928.								
1952-53	50,884	24,700	7,860	11,359	8,783	1,108	..	104,545
HONEY ('000 lb.), p. 932.								
1952-53	8,046	6,235	2,166	7,656	3,393	309	5	27,810

(a) Includes an estimate of farm production.

(b) Includes Northern Territory, 60 tons.

(c) Receipts from consignors and sales by producer agents.

CHAPTER XXIV.—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

Summary, p.967.—The table following gives a summary of operations in manufacturing industries during 1951-52. Particulars for 1952-53, which became available too late for inclusion herein, will be found in the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*, March, 1954, and also in *A Summary of Principal Statistics of Factories, 1952-53*, issued by this Bureau :—

FACTORIES : SUMMARY, 1951-52.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1. Factories No.	18,144	14,758	4,918	3,245	3,266	1,512	45,843
2. Persons employed(a)	495,994	324,143	94,349	84,189	45,071	24,027	977,773
3. Salaries and wages paid(b) £'000	263,651	202,586	51,906	53,798	25,369	14,704	612,014
4. Value of power, fuel light, etc., used £'000	48,664	21,990	8,287	10,408	5,172	2,107	96,628
5. .. materials used £'000	647,291	477,617	150,427	139,198	58,512	40,025	1,513,070
6. .. production(c) £'000	443,391	334,360	91,329	82,409	42,693	29,794	1,023,976
7. .. output of factories £'000	1,139,346	833,967	250,043	232,015	106,377	71,926	2,633,674
8. .. land and buildings £'000	153,662	119,465	28,610	28,507	16,732	13,210	360,186
9. .. plant and machinery £'000	166,437	128,934	41,290	32,177	20,700	22,994	412,532

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

(c) Value of production equals figures in line 7 less totals of figures in lines 4 and 5.

Value of Production in Classes of Industry, p. 991.—The following table shows, for the year 1951-52, the value of production in Australia for the various classes of factories. Particulars for 1952-53 will be found in the two publications referred to in the preceding paragraph :—

FACTORIES : VALUE OF PRODUCTION, AUSTRALIA, 1951-52.

(£.)

Class of Industry.	Value of Production.	Class of Industry.	Value of Production.
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products	21,892,811	VIII. Clothing	81,057,556
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, etc.,	20,946,063	IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco	141,053,124
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease	63,662,399	X. Woodworking and Basket-ware	58,082,368
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements and Conveyances	413,050,950	XI. Furniture, Bedding, etc.	19,320,128
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate	5,438,339	XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Bookbinding, etc.	68,234,231
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods	56,583,422	XIII. Rubber	18,045,024
VII. Skins and Leather	13,622,681	XIV. Musical Instruments	1,415,950
		XV. Miscellaneous Products	17,179,286
		XVI. Heat, Light and Power	24,392,086
		Total	1,023,976,418

Principal Factory Products, pp. 998-1001.—The following table shows the production during 1951-52 and 1952-53 of a selection of the principal commodities manufactured in Australia :—

QUANTITY OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES PRODUCED IN FACTORIES : AUSTRALIA.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	1951-52.	1952-53.(a)	Item.	Unit of Quantity.	1951-52.	1952-53.(a)
Acid, Sulphuric (100%)	'000 tons	650	627	Lacquers	'000 gal.	1,191	1,005
Asbestos Cement Building Sheets	Mill. sq. yds.	23.3	24.3	Malt	'000 bus.	6,182	6,573
Beer	Mill. gal.	b 185	b 199	Margarine—			
Biscuits	Mill. lb.	149.9	145.3	Table	Mill. lb.	16.0	15.9
Blankets	'000 pr.	643	447	Other		56.2	49.3
Boots, Shoes and Sandals	Mill. pr.	18.5	17.4	Meat, Tinned		147.8	211.5
Bricks, Clay	Mill.	715	661	Motors, Electric	'000	610.4	522.2
Cement, Portland	'000 tons	1,237	1,426	Newsprint	'000 tons	32.6	34.0
Cloth, Woolen	Mill. sq. yds.	27.8	26.9	Paluts, Oil	'000 gal.	5,513	4,260
Confectionery—				Refrigerators, Domestic	'000	192.8	181.7
Chocolate	Mill. lb.	61.3	58.4	Soap	'000 cwt.	1,305	1,169
Other		78.4	75.4	Socks and Stockings—	'000		
Electricity	'000	11.3	12.3	Men's and Boys'	doz. pr.	1,462	1,575
Enamels	Mill. kWh.	2,093	2,127	Women's and Girls'		1,868	2,324
Engines, Internal Combustion—				Children's		462	414
Petrol, Marine(c)	'000	2.1	1.3	Stoves, Cooking—			
Other(d)		30.4	21.1	Electric—Domestic	'000	50.9	22.6
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	Mill. sq. yds.	16.5	14.6	Cookers, Stovettes etc.		49.0	40.1
Flour, Wheaten	'000 short tons	1,721	1,721	Gas		51.0	34.4
Fruit, Preserved(e)	Mill. lb.	256.1	218.5	Solid Fuel		71.7	46.6
Gas(f)	'000 mill. cub. ft.	40.4	41.3	Sugar, Refined	'000 tons	493	422
Ice Cream	Mill. gal.	17.3	13.6	Sulphate of Ammonia		63.8	70.2
Iron and Steel—				Superphosphate		1,597	1,581
Pig Iron	'000 tons	1,430	1,692	Tiles, Roofing—			
Ingot Steel		1,521	1,801	Cement	Mill.	66.5	42.7
Jam		48.4	34.2	Terra-cotta		48.9	58.2
				Timber, Sawn Native	Mill. sup. ft.	1,392	1,308
				Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes	Mill. lb.	33.5	36.2
				Vegetables, preserved(g)		100.4	65.1
				Wool, Scoured		121	125
				Yarn, Woolen and Worsted		36.5	35.2

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes waste beer. (c) Other than Diesel type. (d) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor and aero engines. (e) Includes all types of preserved apples. (f) Made in gas-works only. (g) Includes preserved tomatoes.

CHAPTER XXVII.—DEFENCE.

Australian Participation in Korea, Malaya and the Middle East, p. 1103.—(i) Korea. (a) Casualties. The number of casualties sustained by the Australian forces in the Korean campaign is shown in the following table :—

Particulars.	Royal Australian Navy.	Australian Military Forces.	Royal Australian Air Force.	All Services.
Battle Casualties—				
Killed (including died of wounds)	1	252	23	266
Missing (all categories)	2	21	6	39
Prisoners-of-war .. .. .	..	16	6	(a) 22
Wounded in action (including shell shock)	6	1,062	..	1,068
Total Battle Casualties	9	1,351	35	1,395
Other Casualties—				
Accidental and other deaths .. .. .	..	14	10	24
Accidental wounds and injuries .. .. .	..	172	..	172
Total Casualties	9	1,537	45	1,591

(a) Includes 21 prisoners-of-war repatriated since the armistice and one who died while a prisoner-of-war.

(b) *Prisoner-of-War Exchange Agreement.*—As a result of talks between United Nations and Chinese delegates at Panmunjom during April, 1953, the Chinese agreed to release 600 United Nations sick and wounded prisoners-of-war in exchange for 5,100 North Korean and 700 Chinese prisoners. The exchange programme commenced on 23rd April, 1953 and 100 United Nations personnel were exchanged daily. The only Australians released were four captured on 25th January, 1953, and one captured on 14th January, 1953. All were released at Panmunjom on 23rd April, 1953. Under the terms of the Armistice Agreement signed at Panmunjom at 1000 hours on 27th July, 1953, all prisoners-of-war who insisted on repatriation were to be handed over within 60 days to the side to which they belonged at the time of capture. Fifteen Australian Army personnel and six R.A.A.F. personnel were released as a result of the agreement.

(c) *Awards.*—The following table shows the number of operational awards granted for services in the Korean campaign :—

Award.	Royal Australian Navy.	Australian Military Forces.	Royal Australian Air Force.	All Services.
British—				
Commander Order of British Empire (C.B.E.)	1	1	..	2
Distinguished Service Order (D.S.O.) ..	2	6	3	11
Officer Order of British Empire (O.B.E.) ..	..	12	1	13
Member Order of British Empire (M.B.E.) ..	2	14	3	19
Distinguished Service Cross (D.S.C.) ..	10	..	..	10
Distinguished Service Cross, Bar ..	2	..	..	2
Military Cross (M.C.) ..	..	25	..	25
Military Cross, Bar ..	..	1	..	1
Distinguished Flying Cross (D.F.C.) ..	..	..	44	44
Distinguished Flying Cross, Bar ..	..	..	6	6
Air Force Cross (A.F.C.) ..	..	..	12	12
Air Force Cross, Bar ..	..	..	1	1
Medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field (D.C.M.) ..	..	4	..	4
Medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field, Bar ..	..	1	..	1
George Medal (G.M.) ..	..	1	..	1
Distinguished Service Medal ..	3	..	..	3
Military Medal ..	..	39	..	39
Military Medal, Bar ..	..	1	..	1
Distinguished Flying Medal (D.F.M.) ..	..	..	18	18
British Empire Medal (B.E.M.) ..	4	2	..	6
Mention in Despatches ..	30	87	148	265
Commendation for Meritorious Service in the Air ..	..	..	14	14
Total British ..	54	194	250	498
Foreign—				
United States—				
Silver Star ..	..	5	..	5
Bronze Star ..	..	4	1	5
Legion of Merit ..	..	4	1	5
Distinguished Flying Cross ..	..	..	17	17
Air Medal ..	..	..	107	107
Korean Order of Military Merit ..	..	1	..	1
Total Foreign ..	..	14	126	140
Grand Total ..	54	208	376	638

In addition, the following unit citations were awarded :—

Army.—For its part in the Battle of Kapyong on 23rd–24th April, 1951, the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, was awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation by the President of the United States of America.

Air Force.—The Government of the Republic of Korea awarded a Presidential Unit Citation to No. 77 (Interceptor/Fighter) Squadron.

CHAPTER XXIX.—MISCELLANEOUS.

§ 5. Retail Trade.

Value of Retail Sales, p. 1153.—The number of retail establishments and the total value of retail sales for the year ended 30th June, 1953, are classified in the following tables according to thirty broad commodity groups. These are the preliminary results of the Census of Retail Establishments, 1952-53, and are subject to revision.

The first table shows the number of retail establishments which recorded retail sales in each commodity group. Many establishments showed sales in more than one group, so that the aggregate of the number of establishments in all commodity groups is greater than the total number of establishments as shown. The value of retail sales is classified by commodity groups in the second table.

CENSUS OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS : NUMBER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED BY COMMODITY GROUP(a), 1952-53.

Commodity Group.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Total.(b)
Groceries	7,185	4,428	2,704	2,320	1,227		
Butchers' Meat	2,121	1,150	826	606	346		
Fruit and Vegetable	3,114	3,132	1,357	1,587	889		
Bread, Cakes, Pastry	4,667	3,544	1,835	2,587	657		
Confectionery, Ice Cream, Soft Drinks	7,248	4,860	2,801	2,617	1,284		
Other Food	2,689	1,915	1,266	1,160	285		
Beer, Wine, Spirits	2,191	1,400	710	734	318		
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes	10,084	6,543	3,717	3,539	1,689		
Men's and Boys' Clothing	2,188	1,375	999	957	412		
Women's, Girls' and Infants' Clothing	3,485	1,417	1,092	925	459		
Drapery, Piecegoods, Manchester, Soft Furnishings	1,699	1,097	847	786	295		
Men's and Boys' Footwear	1,399	1,029	721	614	347		
Women's, Girls' and Infants' Footwear	1,258	851	655	557	305		
Builders' Hardware	1,472	804	665	692	172		
Domestic Hardware, China, Glass-ware	2,428	1,464	1,279	1,120	445		
Domestic Refrigerators, Electrical Goods, Radios, Musical Instruments	1,932	1,162	874	914	301		
Furniture	963	515	394	419	147		
Floor Coverings	666	309	311	261	135		
Business Machines, etc.	80	77	38	58	22		
Tractors	389	357	232	196	44		
New Motor Vehicles	848	564	460	241	77		
Used Motor Vehicles	825	613	470	293	83		
Motor Parts, Accessories, Tyres, Tubes, etc.	2,252	1,441	1,035	947	291		
Petrol, Oil, Lubricants, etc.	2,803	1,944	1,257	1,049	429		
Newspapers, Books, Stationery	2,667	2,014	1,210	1,021	484		
Chemists' Goods	2,396	1,814	1,089	1,315	432		
Sporting Requisites, Travel Goods	1,062	686	448	461	157		
Jewellery, Silverware, etc.	1,130	675	520	519	192		
Grain, Feed, Fertilizers	1,068	1,030	540	604	248		
Other Goods	2,878	964	776	732	310		
Total	32,879	15,050	9,688	8,476	3,635		

(a) Excludes establishments with retail turnover of less than £500 during the year ended 30th June, 1953. Sales of basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, etc.), farm machinery, farm implements and earth-moving equipment were excluded from the Census by definition but establishments selling these goods are included in so far as they sell goods in other commodity groups. (b) Excludes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory, results for which are not yet available.

**CENSUS OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS: VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED
BY COMMODITY GROUP(a), 1952-53.**

(£ million.)

Commodity Group.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Total.(b)
Groceries	64.9	42.3	20.6	20.7	8.7		
Butchers' Meat	36.8	17.0	10.4	8.2	4.5		
Fruit and Vegetables	15.8	7.1	4.5	4.4	1.6		
Bread, Cakes, Pastry	17.0	7.6	4.8	3.6	2.0		
Confectionery, Ice Cream, Soft Drinks	20.3	7.7	5.3	3.8	1.9		
Other Food	8.9	3.6	2.3	1.9	0.5		
Beer, Wine, Spirits	45.6	22.3	14.8	14.4	5.3		
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes	20.0	8.8	5.9	5.2	2.4		
Men's and Boys' Clothing	26.2	12.1	8.6	6.3	3.3		
Women's, Girls' and Infants' Clothing	41.6	16.8	13.5	9.4	5.7		
Drapery, Piecegoods, Manchester, Soft Furnishings	18.6	10.1	6.3	4.8	2.0		
Men's and Boys' Footwear	4.8	2.2	1.6	1.3	0.7		
Women's, Girls' and Infants' Footwear	9.0	3.6	2.9	2.3	1.1		
Builders' Hardware	16.3	8.5	5.2	5.2	1.6		
Domestic Hardware, China, Glass- ware	14.2	5.9	5.3	4.1	1.6		
Domestic Refrigerators, Electrical Goods, Radios, Musical Instru- ments	21.1	10.3	6.9	6.1	2.3		
Furniture	15.1	5.9	5.0	3.3	1.5		
Floor Coverings	7.7	2.0	2.7	1.9	0.9		
Business Machines, etc.	3.8	1.7	0.9	0.8	0.3		
Tractors	5.6	7.1	3.1	3.4	0.8		
New Motor Vehicles	44.6	26.4	20.3	14.9	5.8		
Used Motor Vehicles	18.1	11.4	10.8	8.6	2.7		
Motor Parts, Accessories, Tyres, Tubes, etc.	15.6	8.9	5.4	4.6	1.9		
Petrol, Oil, Lubricants, etc.	24.3	10.0	6.7	5.8	2.5		
Newspapers, Books, Stationery	16.5	6.3	3.3	3.3	1.5		
Chemists' Goods	14.4	6.4	4.1	3.2	1.5		
Sporting Requisites, Travel Goods	3.0	1.4	0.8	0.8	0.4		
Jewellery, Silverware, etc.	6.3	3.1	2.0	1.8	0.6		
Grain, Feed, Fertilizers	11.4	6.2	2.5	6.6	1.1		
Other Goods	18.0	5.0	4.3	3.9	2.2		
Total	585.5	287.7	190.8	164.6	68.9		

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War Service Homes Division, p. 1157.—During 1952-53, 13,776 applications were approved, 5,848 homes were either built or assistance to build them was given, while homes purchased or mortgages discharged numbered 6,574. The total number of homes provided during 1952-53 was 12,422. Transfers and resales approved numbered 648.

At 30th June, 1953, 4,250 homes were under construction, 1,034 contracts had been let but work not started and 1,031 tenders had been called but not finally dealt with. Capital expenditure for 1952-53 amounted to £27,976,575 and receipts to £7,263,453. £4,049,887 was paid to the National Debt Sinking Fund.

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