

## PART III.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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

The *Local Government (Amendment) Act* No. 5843 of 1954 included legislation relating to the revenue qualification for the constitution of a town or city and the maximum amount which may be borrowed for permanent works and undertakings. A summary of the Act is published on page 56 of this *Year Book*.

For purposes of local government, the State of Victoria consists of 200 municipalities and the Yallourn Works Area which was constituted under the *State Electricity (Yallourn Area) Act* No. 5219 of 1947.

During the year ended 31st December, 1953, the State Parliament passed several Acts affecting local government, and details of their principal provisions are given in Part I. of this *Year-Book*. The numbers and the titles of the principal Acts are as follows :—

5668—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Borrowing Powers) Act* 1953.

5669—*Water (Amendment) Act* 1953.

5670—*Trustee (Amendment) Act* 1953.

5676—*Workers Compensation Act* 1953.

5677—*Parking of Vehicles Act* 1953.

5695—*Footscray and Maribyrnong Tramway Construction Act* 1953.

5706—*Factories and Shops (Long Service Leave) Act* 1953.

5712—*Country Fire Authority (Finance) Act* 1953.

5715—*Workers Compensation (Amendment) Act* 1953.

5720—*Factories and Shops (Wages Board) Act* 1953.

5730—*Local Government (Imported Houses) Act* 1953.

5733—*Public and Bank Holidays Act* 1953.

- 5736—*Building Operations and Building Materials Control (Extension) Act 1953.*  
 5739—*Housing Act 1953.*  
 5742—*Latrobe Valley Water and Sewerage Act 1953.*  
 5745—*Local Government (Amendment) Act 1953.*  
 5747—*Sewerage Districts (Amendment) Act 1953.*  
 5748—*Water Supply Loan Application Act 1953.*  
 5751—*Motor Car (Fees) Act 1953.*  
 5755—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Reconstruction) Act 1953.*  
 5756—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1953.*  
 5758—*Gas and Fuel Corporation (Mordialloc Undertaking) Act 1953.*  
 5759—*Gas and Fuel Corporation (Traralgon Undertaking) Act 1953.*  
 5763—*Public Works Loan Application Act 1953.*  
 5767—*Licensing (Amendment) Act 1953.*  
 5768—*Land Settlement Act 1953.*  
 5771—*Labour and Industry Act 1953.*

The numbers and the titles of the Acts passed by the State Parliament during 1954 are as follows:—

- 5775—*Local Government (City of Sunshine) Act 1954.*  
 5777—*Chandler Highway and Bridge Act 1954.*  
 5778—*Town and Country Planning Act 1954.*  
 5780—*Health (Infectious Diseases) Act 1954.*  
 5784—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways (Board) Act 1954.*  
 5791—*Country Roads and Level Crossings Funds Act 1954.*  
 5795—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Amendment) Act 1954.*  
 5804—*Vermin and Noxious Weeds (Amendment) Act 1954.*  
 5807—*Parking of Vehicles (Amendment) Act 1954.*  
 5812—*Gas and Fuel Corporation (Kyneton Undertaking) Act 1954.*  
 5814—*Infectious Diseases Hospitals Act 1954.*  
 5821—*Water Supply Loan Application Act 1954.*  
 5822—*Napier Street Bridge Act 1954.*  
 5823—*Health (Amendment) Act 1954.*  
 5829—*Fire Brigades (Amendment) Act 1954.*  
 5831—*Country Roads (Amendment) Act 1954.*  
 5834—*Town and Country Planning (Metropolitan Area) Act 1954.*  
 5835—*Housing Act 1954.*  
 5836—*Gas and Fuel Corporation (Mornington Undertaking) Act 1954.*  
 5838—*Water Act 1954.*

- 5841—*Police Offences (Sports Grounds) Act 1954.*  
 5842—*Transfer of Land Act 1954.*  
 5843—*Local Government (Amendment) Act 1954.*  
 5845—*Water (Connexions to Mains) Act 1954.*  
 5848—*Transport Regulation Act 1954.*  
 5850—*Public Works Loan Application Act 1954.*

Of the 200 municipalities in the State at 30th September, 1953, 42 ranked as cities, 4 as towns, 17 as boroughs, and 137 as shires.

At 30th September, 1954, there were 201 municipalities, viz:— 42 cities, 4 towns, 18 boroughs, and 137 shires. The only unincorporated areas of the State are French Island (65 square miles) in Westernport Bay, Lady Julia Percy Island (1·02 square miles) off Port Fairy, Bass Strait Islands (1·51 square miles), Gippsland Lakes (Part) (128 square miles), and Tower Hill Lake Reserve (2·28 square miles) adjacent to the Borough of Koroit.

Changes in the names of municipalities during the years 1953 and 1954 are as follows:—

1953—The *Shire of Cobram* was constituted by severance from the Shire of Tungamah on 1st April, 1953.

1954—The *Borough of Kyabram* was constituted by severance from the Shire of Rodney on 1st April, 1954.

**Constitution.** The *Local Government (Amendment) Act No. 5843* of 1954 varied the revenue qualification for the constitution of a borough to a town and from a town to a city. Provisions relating to the constitution of a shire or borough and the declaration of a town or city are as follows:—

*Shire* .. A newly-constituted shire must contain rateable property capable of yielding upon a rate not exceeding One shilling in the pound on the Annual Value thereof a sum of £3,000.

*Borough* .. Must not exceed in area nine square miles. No point in such area distant more than six miles from any other point therein.

Population of not less than 500 inhabitant householders  
 Minimum rate revenue of £2,000 on a rate not exceeding  
 One shilling in the pound on Annual value of rateable  
 property.

*Town* .. An annual revenue from General and Extra rates of not less than £15,000.

*City* .. An annual revenue from General and Extra rates of not less than £30,000.

VICTORIA—AREAS OF MUNICIPALITIES AS AT 30TH JUNE,  
1954.

(Revised by the Department of Lands and Survey).

CITIES.			TOWNS.		
Name.	Acres.	Square Miles.	Name.	Acres.	Square Miles.
Ararat ..	4,660		Castlemaine ..	5,760	
Ballaarat ..	8,550		Colac ..	2,685	
Bendigo ..	8,030		Portland ..	2,780	
Box Hill ..	5,309		St. Arnaud ..	6,280	
Brighton ..	3,380				
Brunswick ..	2,625		Total ..	17,505	27.35
Camberwell ..	8,682				
Caulfield ..	5,431		BOROUGHES.		
Chelsea ..	3,020		Benalla ..	1,910	
Coburg ..	4,616		Camperdown ..	3,590	
Collingwood ..	1,180		Clunes ..	5,760	
Essendon ..	4,073		Daylesford ..	4,010	
Fitzroy ..	904		Eaglehawk ..	3,585	
Footscray ..	4,441		Echuca ..	4,380	
Geelong ..	3,320		Inglewood ..	2,560	
Geelong West ..	1,300		Koroit ..	5,695	
Hamilton ..	5,350		Kyabram ..	5,150	
Hawthorn ..	2,411		Maryborough ..	5,760	
Heidelberg ..	30,490		Port Fairy ..	5,680	
Horsham ..	5,940		Queenscliffe ..	2,100	
Kew ..	3,596		Ringwood ..	5,625	
Malvern ..	3,935		Sebastopol ..	1,750	
Melbourne ..	7,765		Stawell ..	5,950	
Mildura ..	5,405		Swan Hill ..	3,370	
Moorabbin ..	13,295		Wangaratta ..	5,480	
Mordialloc ..	3,013		Wonthaggi ..	13,090	
Newtown ..			Total ..	85,445	133.50
and ..					
Chilwell ..	1,375		Yallourn Works		
Northcote ..	2,819		Area ..		13.52
Nunawading ..	10,275				
Oakleigh ..	3,326		SHIRES.		
Port Melbourne ..	2,628		Alberton ..	721	
Prahran ..	2,361		Alexandra ..	722	
Preston ..	9,155		Arapiles ..	768	
Richmond ..	1,513		Ararat ..	1,410	
Sale ..	5,365		Avoca ..	434	
Sandringham ..	3,700		Avon ..	920	
Shepparton ..	4,720		Bacchus Marsh ..	226	
South Melbourne ..	2,203		Bairnsdale ..	948	
St. Kilda ..	2,118		Ballan ..	355	
Sunshine ..	19,775		Ballarat ..	184	
Warrnambool ..	4,040		Bannockburn ..	272	
Williamstown ..	3,377		Barrabool ..	229	
			Bass ..	203	
Total ..	229,471	358.55	Beechworth ..	298	
			Belfast ..	200	
			Bellarine ..	128	

## SHIRES—continued.

Name.	Square Miles.
Benalla .. ..	900
Berwick .. ..	389
Bet Bet .. ..	358
Birchip .. ..	567
Bright .. ..	1,419
Broadford .. ..	226
Broadmeadows .. ..	180
Bulla .. ..	107
Buln Buln .. ..	486
Bungaree .. ..	88
Buninyong .. ..	300
Charlton .. ..	454
Chiltern .. ..	192
Cobram .. ..	170
Cohuna .. ..	192
Colac .. ..	563
Corio .. ..	270
Cranbourne .. ..	287
Creswick .. ..	213
Dandenong .. ..	54
Deakin .. ..	371
Dimboola .. ..	1,897
Donald .. ..	558
Doncaster and Temple- stowe .. ..	34½
Dundas .. ..	1,336
Dunmunkle .. ..	597
East Loddon .. ..	461
Eltham .. ..	188
Euroa .. ..	517
Fern Tree Gully .. ..	117
Flinders .. ..	182
Frankston and Hastings .. ..	83
Gisborne .. ..	100
Glenelg .. ..	1,381
Glenlyon .. ..	229
Gordon .. ..	781
Goulburn .. ..	268
Grenville .. ..	326
Hampden .. ..	1,010
Healesville .. ..	317
Heytesbury .. ..	596
Huntly .. ..	339
Kaniva .. ..	1,190
Kara Kara .. ..	887
Karkaroc .. ..	1,434
Keilor .. ..	55
Kerang .. ..	1,286
Kilmore .. ..	94
Korong .. ..	917
Korumburra .. ..	237
Kowree .. ..	2,077
Kyneton .. ..	280
Leigh .. ..	379
Lexton .. ..	317

Name.	Square Miles.
Lillydale .. ..	166½
Lowan .. ..	1,035
Maffra .. ..	1,609
Maldon .. ..	216
Mansfield .. ..	1,506
Marong .. ..	575
Melton .. ..	160
Metcalfe .. ..	228
Mildura .. ..	4,066
Minhamite .. ..	527
Mirboo .. ..	98
Mornington .. ..	35
Mortlake .. ..	825
Morwell .. ..	259
Mount Rouse .. ..	548
Mulgrave .. ..	26
Melvor .. ..	604
Narracan .. ..	900
Newham and Woodend .. ..	95
Newstead .. ..	158
Numurkah .. ..	757
Omeo .. ..	2,229
Orbost .. ..	3,696
Otway .. ..	681
Oxley .. ..	1,079
Phillip Island .. ..	39
Portland .. ..	1,428
Pyalong .. ..	233
Ripon .. ..	592
Rochester .. ..	750
Rodney .. ..	397
Romsey .. ..	253
Rosedale .. ..	879
Rutherglen .. ..	205
Seymour .. ..	366
Shepparton .. ..	360
South Barwon .. ..	64
South Gippsland .. ..	553
Stawell .. ..	1,008
Strathfieldsaye .. ..	239
Swan Hill .. ..	2,527
Talbot .. ..	197
Tambo .. ..	1,354
Towong .. ..	1,600
Traralgon .. ..	188
Tullaroop .. ..	246
Tungamah .. ..	441
Upper Murray .. ..	949
Upper Yarra .. ..	612
Violet Town .. ..	361
Walpeup .. ..	4,163
Wangaratta .. ..	354
Wannon .. ..	763
Waranga .. ..	722
Warracknabeal .. ..	710
Warragul .. ..	136
Warrnambool .. ..	618

## SHIRES—continued.

Name.	Square Miles.
Werribee .. ..	273
Whittlesea .. ..	216
Wimmera .. ..	1,008
Winchelsea .. ..	539
Wodonga .. ..	134
Woorayl .. ..	481
Wycheproof .. ..	1,587
Yaekandandah .. ..	429
Yarrowonga .. ..	243
Yea .. ..	529
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>87,099</b>

## AREAS NOT INCORPORATED.

Description.	Acres.	Square Miles.
French Island .. ..		65
Lady Julia Percy Island .. ..	650	1·02
Islands (Bass Strait) .. ..		1·51
Gippsland Lakes (Part) .. ..		128
Tower Hill Lake Reserve .. ..	1,460	2·28
<b>Total .. ..</b>		<b>197·81</b>

## AREA OF THE STATE OF VICTORIA.

Composition.	Square Miles.
Cities .. ..	358·55
Towns .. ..	27·35
Boroughs .. ..	133·50
Yallourn Works Area .. ..	13·52
Shires .. ..	87,099
Un-Incorporated .. ..	197·81
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>87,829·73</b>

AREA OF VICTORIA = 87,830  
Square Miles.

NOTE.—The total area of 87,830 square miles as against the adopted area of 87,884 square miles may be accounted for by the indefinite coast line.

Municipal elections of councillors are held in August in every year. Under Section 149 of the *Local Government Act 1946*, the Governor in Council may, on the petition of the council of any municipality make orders providing for compulsory voting and voting by post. At 19th July, 1955, voting was compulsory in the following 38 municipalities:—

*Metropolitan Area.\**

Cities ..	Brunswick, Coburg, Collingwood, Essendon, Fitzroy, Footscray, Heidelberg, Kew, Northcote, Nunawading, Port Melbourne, Preston, Richmond, South Melbourne, Sunshine, Williamstown.
Shires ..	Broadmeadows, Dandenong, Eltham, Keilor, Springvale, and Noble Park.

*Outside Metropolitan Area.*

Cities ..	Ararat, Ballaarat, Bendigo, Hamilton, Horsham, Mildura, Sale.
Town ..	Castlemaine.
Boroughs ..	Echuca, Maryborough, Wangaratta, Wonthaggi.
Shires ..	Buln Buln, Marong, Upper Yarra, Warragul, Woorayl.

\* As redefined from 1st January, 1954.

**Properties rated and number of dwellings.**

The following is a statement of the number of ratepayers, the number of properties rates, the estimated value of rateable property, the estimated number of dwellings, and the number of houses built in the municipalities of Victoria during the years ended 30th September, 1947 to 1949. From 1950, the number of houses built relates to the year ended 31st December.

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

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

**VICTORIA—PROPERTIES RATED AND NUMBER OF DWELLINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1946-47 TO 1952-53.**

Year Ended 30th September.	Number of Rate- payers.	Number of Properties Rated.	Value of Rateable Property.		Esti- mated Number of Dwel- lings.	Esti- mated Number of Dwel- lings Erected during the Year.
			Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.		
			£	£		
<b>MUNICIPALITIES IN METROPOLITAN AREA*</b>						
1947.. ..	401,964	458,592	24,199,694	464,910,600	307,611	5,859
1948.. ..	413,521	466,751	25,275,859	486,266,050	315,678	6,742
1949.. ..	420,187	477,076	26,304,411	506,771,020	324,988	9,348
1950.. ..	427,447	484,770	27,837,385	540,306,930	338,226	13,278†
1951.. ..	437,456	498,622	30,200,406	590,298,030	350,616	12,434
1952.. ..	451,196	506,222	34,528,628	679,630,970	362,573	12,015
1953.. ..	463,922	512,589	40,471,673	802,077,930	374,889	12,422
<b>MUNICIPALITIES OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA.</b>						
1947.. ..	288,760	403,604	16,011,188	319,573,460	223,131	3,422
1948.. ..	295,423	409,580	17,443,926	348,302,080	220,074†	4,978
1949.. ..	306,504	422,643	18,883,774	377,166,860	226,714†	6,653
1950.. ..	318,563	435,677	20,448,273	407,871,050	236,508†	9,898†
1951.. ..	330,641	446,686	22,632,350	450,493,670	247,299†	10,890
1952.. ..	343,192	462,399	25,103,501	495,910,440	258,265†	11,087
1953.. ..	351,547	468,923	28,658,353	573,261,120	268,098†	9,966
<b>TOTAL—VICTORIA.</b>						
1947.. ..	690,724	862,196	40,210,882	784,484,060	530,742	9,281
1948.. ..	708,944	876,331	42,719,785	834,568,080	535,752	11,720
1949.. ..	726,691	899,719	45,188,185	883,937,880	551,702	16,001
1950.. ..	746,010	920,447	48,285,658	948,177,980	574,734	23,176†
1951.. ..	768,097	945,308	52,832,756	1,040,791,700	597,915	23,324
1952.. ..	794,388	968,621	59,632,129	1,175,541,410	620,838	23,102
1953.. ..	815,469	981,512	69,130,026	1,375,339,050	642,987	22,388

\* Including the whole of the cities of Heidelberg and Sunshine, the Borough of Ringwood, and the whole of the Shires of Broadmeadows and Keilor.

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

‡ These figures cover the period 1st October, 1949, to 31st December, 1950 (15 months). Dwellings erected in the Yallourn Works Area are included in the total figures shown for Outside the Metropolitan Area during each year 1948 to 1953.

In 1952-53 the estimated capital improved value of rateable property reached its highest point (£1,375,339,050).

The following table shows, for each municipality in **Municipalities**. Victoria, the general rate levied in the £1, the estimated value of rateable property, the amount of loans outstanding at 30th September, 1953, the General Account income, and the estimated number of dwellings:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1952-53.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1953.	General Account Income.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			
<b>MUNICIPALITIES IN METROPOLITAN AREA.</b>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£	
<i>Cities.</i>						
Box Hill .. .. .	0 7½ <i>a</i>	965,654	19,303,630	394,128	186,614	9,134
Brighton .. .. .	3 9	1,146,577	22,921,540	105,652	258,376	11,351
Brunswick .. .. .	0 10 <i>a</i>	793,640	12,266,680	151,350	222,003	13,951
Camberwell .. .. .	0 8 <i>a</i>	3,118,299	62,065,820	191,659	429,066	24,850
Caulfield .. .. .	0 5½ <i>a</i>	2,698,827	53,416,780	84,921	345,379	21,486
Chelsea .. .. .	0 7 <i>a</i>	259,129	4,938,130	65,754 <i>c</i>	87,031	4,477
Coburg .. .. .	0 7½ <i>a</i>	1,077,283	21,292,370	473,876	255,390	15,699
Collingwood .. .. .	3 6	569,595	11,391,900	37,691	119,478	7,127
Essendon .. .. .	0 10½ <i>a</i>	1,176,368	22,233,950	330,758	291,938	15,426
Fitzroy .. .. .	3 6	628,781	12,575,620	83,600	128,841	7,480
Footscray .. .. .	3 6	1,488,968	29,779,360	579,082	324,410	14,670
Hawthorn .. .. .	3 6	810,605	16,212,100	158,146	184,472	10,746
Heidelberg .. .. .	0 9 <i>ab</i>	1,088,872	21,613,700	645,195	292,283	14,310
Kew .. .. .	0 5-182 <i>a</i>	1,352,935	26,654,350	145,695	200,902	8,217
Malvern .. .. .	3 7	1,247,602	24,952,040	112,592	261,144	13,679
Melbourne .. .. .	2 9	7,421,661	148,433,220	8,121,000	1,636,334	24,222
Moorabbin .. .. .	0 6½ <i>a</i>	1,608,804	31,389,870	439,911 <i>d</i>	344,810	16,482
Mordialloc .. .. .	0 7 <i>a</i>	548,779	11,148,910	140,584 <i>e</i>	105,673	5,237
Northcote .. .. .	3 0	863,333	17,266,660	330,801	230,103	12,087
Nunawading .. .. .	0 6-472 <i>a</i>	481,910	9,277,660	95,608	135,220	5,422
Oakleigh .. .. .	0 7½ <i>a</i>	588,197	11,356,920	130,078	98,919	6,049
Port Melbourne .. .. .	3 3	489,538	9,790,760	934	124,242	3,521
Prahran .. .. .	2 5	2,199,955	43,999,100	123,998	318,111	17,140
Preston .. .. .	0 8 <i>a</i>	1,047,434	21,765,860	482,394	233,080	15,693
Richmond .. .. .	3 6	756,848	15,136,960	98,807	152,374	9,621
Sandringham .. .. .	0 7 <i>a</i>	810,225	16,056,960	334,837 <i>f</i>	154,675	8,484
South Melbourne .. .. .	3 9	1,116,387	22,327,740	211,034	303,638	11,399
St. Kilda .. .. .	3 4	1,539,860	30,797,200	193,403	293,422	17,456
Sunshine .. .. .	3 0	727,071	14,541,420	57,765	182,850	7,672
Williamstown .. .. .	3 5	474,555	9,491,100	92,671	164,784	7,387
<i>Borough.</i>						
Ringwood .. .. .	0 9-125 <i>a</i>	264,719	5,294,380	56,942	83,229	3,066

*a* Levied on unimproved value of land.

*b* Differential general rates levied.

*c* Excluding £125 due to Shire of Dandenong.

*d* Excluding £718 due to City of Sandringham.

*e* Excluding £718 due to City of Sandringham.

*f* Including £1,436 due by Cities of Moorabbin and Mordialloc.



## VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1952-53—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1953.	General Account. Income.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			
<i>Shires.</i>						
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£	
Broadmeadows ..	3 0	482,653	9,653,060	51,588	136,703	5,211
Keilor ..	3 6	217,824	4,356,480	36,439	48,010	1,690
Mulgrave ..	3 0	418,785	8,375,700	53,113	99,156	4,447
Total Municipalities in Greater Melbourne ..	..	40,471,673	802,077,930	14,612,006	8,432,710	374,889
<b>OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA.</b>						
<i>Cities.</i>						
Ararat ..	4 0	93,906	1,878,120	162,650	25,514	1,745
Ballaarat ..	3 2	841,109	16,822,180	131,691	162,764	10,914
Bendigo ..	3 9	521,864	10,437,280	102,686	152,053	7,917
Geelong ..	4 0	499,521	9,990,420	123,061	151,717	5,095
Geelong West ..	3 4	325,998	6,519,960	51,402 <sup>b</sup>	65,696	4,580
Hamilton ..	0 7a	185,293	3,714,100	48,808	49,277	2,111
Horsham ..	2 6	264,902	5,298,040	174,121	45,689	1,947
Mildura ..	2 4	388,412	7,768,240	472,951	83,967	2,727
Newtown and Chilwell Sale ..	0 7a	199,411	3,975,980	28,270	54,280	2,832
Shepparton ..	2 0	128,595	2,571,900	60,344	56,414	1,576
Warrnambool ..	2 0	417,590	8,351,800	129,006	70,799	2,748
	4 0	187,870	3,757,400	87,343	55,913	2,828
<i>Towns.</i>						
Castlemaine ..	3 6	137,423	2,748,460	43,089	31,942	1,780
Colac ..	3 10	171,704	3,434,080	27,176 <sup>c</sup>	41,131	2,049
Portland ..	0 8a	129,530	2,474,590	100,671	38,317	1,375
St. Arnaud ..	4 0	60,780	1,215,600	39,806	18,157	841
<i>Boroughs.</i>						
Benalla ..	3 8	107,205	2,144,100	15,672	24,097	1,335
Camperdown ..	4 0	55,603	1,112,060	6,000	15,289	975
Clunes ..	4 0	12,807	256,140	2,428	6,096	311
Daylesford ..	4 0	53,729	1,074,580	9,882	15,636	988
Eaglehawk ..	4 0	35,871	717,420	2,129	15,041	1,235
Echuca ..	0 9a	130,423	2,601,960	61,306	33,654	1,478
Inglewood ..	4 0	10,950	219,000	21,944	4,841	282
Koroit ..	3 8	28,523	570,580	441	8,460	396
Maryborough ..	4 0	100,940	2,018,800	5,307	35,826	1,967
Port Fairy ..	4 0	44,736	894,720	9,590	18,656	594
Queenscliffe ..	3 6	46,655	933,100	16,137	11,677	924
Sebastopol ..	3 0	42,844	956,880		10,001	617
Stawell ..	4 0	88,114	1,762,280	142,846	27,511	1,511
Swan Hill ..	4 0	88,114	1,762,280	88,404 <sup>d</sup>	24,923	1,253
Wangaratta ..	4 0	252,749	5,054,980	77,458	65,007	2,544
Wonthaggi ..	4 0	65,267	1,305,340	6,040	24,062	1,313

<sup>a</sup> Levied on unimproved value of land.

<sup>b</sup> Excluding £1,207 due to Shire of Corio.

<sup>c</sup> Excluding £1,324 due to Shire of Colac.

<sup>d</sup> Excluding £13,798 due to Shire of Swan Hill.

## VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1952-53—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1953.	General Account. Income.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			
<i>Shires.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	
Alberton .. .. .	4 0	152,197	3,043,940	13,581	61,230	1,518
Alexandra .. .. .	3 9	97,683	1,953,660	5,955	29,075	1,506
Arapiles .. .. .	4 0	73,393	1,467,860	7,449	15,999	552
Ararat .. .. .	4 0	285,502	5,710,040		63,026	1,260
Avoca .. .. .	4 0	82,694	1,653,880	10,149	23,025	769
Avon .. .. .	3 9b	88,470	1,769,400	10,705	33,499	678
Bacchus Marsh .. .. .	2 6b	141,334	2,816,680	21,032	29,920	1,011
Bairnsdale .. .. .	3 6	328,702	6,574,040	43,888	76,897	2,609
Ballan .. .. .	3 3	75,566	1,511,320	3,702	22,376	877
Ballarat .. .. .	3 3	181,770	3,635,400	28,058	42,898	1,251
Bannockburn .. .. .	3 0	92,055	1,841,100		19,991	599
Barrabool .. .. .	3 0	89,449	1,788,980	8,506	28,978	772
Bass .. .. .	4 0	112,172	2,243,440	4,580c	30,914	1,131
Beechworth .. .. .	3 9	72,600	1,452,000	16,133	22,151	1,008
Belfast .. .. .	3 9	116,956	2,339,120	10,487	43,034	513
Bellarine .. .. .	2 9	163,301	3,266,020	23,982	35,145	1,706
Benalla .. .. .	3 3b	179,405	3,588,100	15,753	48,867	1,214
Berwick .. .. .	3 9b	271,108	5,422,160		73,520	3,564
Bet Bet .. .. .	4 0	50,282	1,005,640	55,667	19,576	798
Birchip .. .. .	4 0	78,429	1,568,580	29,808	23,117	410
Bright .. .. .	4 0	66,101	1,322,020	23,882	34,133	2,247
Broadford .. .. .	3 6	59,196	1,183,920	8,913	13,421	565
Bulla .. .. .	3 0	78,879	1,577,580	8,303	16,828	419
Buln Buln .. .. .	4 0	171,790	3,435,800	36,360	54,800	2,162
Bungaree .. .. .	3 0	49,836	996,720	6,725	9,820	475
Buninyong .. .. .	3 5b	77,651	1,553,020	7,795	19,582	1,065
Charlton .. .. .	4 0	136,983	2,739,660	20,591	39,800	626
Chiltern .. .. .	3 9b	44,486	889,720	3,237	12,331	506
Cobram* .. .. .						1,034
Cohuna .. .. .	3 0b	112,605	2,252,100	16,237	28,183	969
Colac .. .. .	3 3	330,786	6,615,720	2,629d	65,334	1,781
Corio .. .. .	3 0	427,607	8,552,140	71,851e	87,494	2,576
Cranbourne .. .. .	3 3b	323,247	6,464,940	15,720	83,123	2,171
Creswick .. .. .	3 3b	83,549	1,670,980	18,371	24,529	1,081
Dandenong .. .. .	0 8a	678,653	13,532,980	78,773f	206,864	6,124
Deakin .. .. .	3 6	180,338	3,606,760	35,060	58,321	1,192
Dimboola .. .. .	4 0	181,499	3,629,980	45,256g	55,839	1,724
Donald .. .. .	3 3	135,085	2,701,700	23,493	29,043	777
Doncaster and Templestowe .. .. .	3 4	171,404	3,428,080	45,024	39,141	1,770
Dundas .. .. .	3 6	247,807	4,956,140		44,223	954
Dunmunkle .. .. .	3 6	214,830	4,296,600	71,343	52,528	1,162
East Loddon .. .. .	4 0	67,399	1,347,980	10,294	18,483	386
Eltham .. .. .	3 0b	208,933	4,178,660	21,412	47,235	3,049
Euroa .. .. .	2 6b	253,634	5,072,680	34,901	59,023	1,205
Fern Tree Gully .. .. .	3 6	496,604	9,932,080	91,065	112,523	7,796
Flinders .. .. .	2 6	783,148	15,662,960	54,402	141,269	5,375

\* Constituted 1st April, 1953.

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £576 due by Shire of Phillip Island.

d Including £1,324 due by Town of Colac.

e Including £1,207 due by City of Geelong West.

f Including £125 due by City of Chelsea.

g Excluding £48 due to Shire of Karkaroo.

## VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1952-53—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1953.	General Account. Income.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	
Frankston and						
Hastings .. .. .	0 5 5 <sup>ab</sup>	456,436	9,128,720	122,985	116,930	5,070
Gisborne .. .. .	4 0	58,723	1,174,460	2,466	20,437	741
Glenelg .. .. .	4 0	207,140	4,142,800	42,407	66,176	1,603
Glenlyon .. .. .	3 6	57,305	1,146,100	6,000	17,247	864
Gordon .. .. .	4 0	143,727	2,874,540	30,325	31,566	826
Goulburn .. .. .	3 0b	83,163	1,663,260	2,828	19,513	541
Grenville .. .. .	4 0	58,687	1,173,740	3,511	19,821	602
Hampden .. .. .	4 0	372,084	7,441,680	..	94,424	2,227
Healesville .. .. .	4 0	83,122	1,662,440	12,772	27,890	1,456
Heytesbury .. .. .	4 0	198,458	3,969,160	35,427	55,707	1,576
Huntly .. .. .	2 9b	83,675	1,673,500	10,751	19,566	681
Kaniva .. .. .	3 9	127,523	2,550,460	8,726	26,321	620
Kara Kara .. .. .	4 0	122,663	2,453,260	6,294	30,854	496
Karkaroc .. .. .	3 9	136,658	2,733,160	26,859 <sup>c</sup>	45,760	1,136
Kerang .. .. .	3 0b	361,448	7,228,960	129,647	70,561	2,108
Kilmore .. .. .	3 9	54,244	1,084,880	20,577	13,127	422
Korong .. .. .	3 6	134,932	2,698,640	80,842	31,898	970
Korumburra .. .. .	4 0	181,526	3,630,520	22,930	57,723	1,899
Kowree .. .. .	4 0	249,880	4,997,600	20,481	56,521	1,304
Kyneton .. .. .	3 6b	130,753	2,615,060	73,571	39,993	1,921
Leigh .. .. .	3 6	73,638	1,472,760	..	22,583	326
Lexton .. .. .	4 0	48,640	972,800	..	20,014	378
Lillydale .. .. .	3 0b	429,323	8,586,460	37,774	96,439	6,368
Lowan .. .. .	3 3	262,380	5,247,600	34,891	49,396	1,155
Maffra .. .. .	4 0	192,620	3,852,400	50,828	48,322	1,931
Maldon .. .. .	4 0	51,367	1,027,340	1,972	14,248	646
Mansfield .. .. .	4 0	132,615	2,652,300	29,294	38,142	1,235
Marong .. .. .	3 6	131,203	2,624,060	5,202	31,786	1,427
Melton .. .. .	3 6	56,169	1,123,380	2,782	13,961	391
Metcalfe .. .. .	3 3	78,494	1,569,880	..	17,855	735
Mildura .. .. .	3 0	390,070	7,801,400	102,952	122,039	4,250
Minhamite .. .. .	4 0	140,808	2,816,160	9,598	43,001	573
Mirboo .. .. .	4 0	50,548	1,010,960	4,597	19,393	470
Mornington .. .. .	2 0	380,014	7,600,280	53,138	52,839	1,942
Mortlake .. .. .	4 0	189,757	3,795,140	..	45,159	969
Morwell .. .. .	4 0	406,844	8,136,880	74,256	134,922	3,772
Mount Rouse .. .. .	3 6	208,036	4,160,720	17,325	50,255	746
Melvor .. .. .	2 9b	76,988	1,539,760	21,445	16,248	652
Narracan .. .. .	3 9	320,018	6,400,360	59,940	103,938	5,336
Newham and Woodend	4 0	39,122	782,440	8,445	12,043	615
Newstead .. .. .	4 0	34,971	699,420	..	9,987	636
Numurkah .. .. .	4 0	207,169	4,143,380	29,813	53,256	1,833
Omeo .. .. .	4 0	75,241	1,504,820	15,588	23,095	602
Orbost .. .. .	3 6	139,655	2,793,100	19,849	36,227	1,334
Otway .. .. .	4 0	85,746	1,714,920	17,169	26,660	1,182
Oxley .. .. .	4 0	116,314	2,326,280	13,072	33,284	1,123
Phillip Island .. .. .	4 0	37,459	749,180	52,891 <sup>d</sup>	10,955	478
Portland .. .. .	3 3b	315,736	6,314,720	26,479	72,412	1,853

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £48 due by Shire of Dimboola.

d Excluding £576 due to Shire of Bass.

## VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1952-53—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Outstanding Loans at 30th September 1953.	General Account of Income.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	
Pyalong .. .. .	4 0	32,042	640,840	3,240	10,200	160
Ripon .. .. .	4 0	209,316	4,186,320	4,587	66,537	942
Rochester .. .. .	3 6	294,534	5,890,680	90	57,508	1,630
Rodney .. .. .	3 6	309,013	6,180,260	51,990	80,613	2,925
Romsey .. .. .	3 6	99,138	1,982,760	11,705	25,097	851
Rosedale .. .. .	0 5½ <sup>a</sup>	186,518	3,651,700	24,475	50,812	1,068
Rutherglen .. .. .	4 0	75,622	1,512,440	10,367	29,559	843
Seymour .. .. .	4 0	99,090	1,981,800	5,556	56,685	1,382
Shepparton .. .. .	3 0b	234,047	4,680,940	22,902	53,601	1,273
South Barwon .. .. .	3 6	245,093	4,901,860	51,973	62,997	2,764
South Gippsland .. .. .	4 0	105,988	2,119,760	32,662	43,253	1,196
Stawell .. .. .	4 0	123,840	2,476,800	2,091	27,627	768
Strathfieldsaye .. .. .	3 3	69,521	1,390,420	..	16,517	1,073
Swan Hill .. .. .	3 6	204,558	4,091,160	137,813c	77,687	2,729
Talbot .. .. .	3 3	47,109	942,180	9,591	11,054	302
Tambo .. .. .	4 0	126,945	2,538,900	32,574	36,260	1,218
Towong .. .. .	2 9b	166,831	3,336,620	19,040	39,734	1,131
Traralgon .. .. .	4 0	209,686	4,193,720	94,042	102,194	2,690
Tullaroop .. .. .	3 9	54,292	1,085,840	4,459	15,040	451
Tungamah .. .. .	3 3b	251,154	5,023,080	24,202	51,068	601*
Upper Murray .. .. .	3 6	121,764	2,435,280	22,224	28,206	626
Upper Yarra .. .. .	3 6	114,767	2,295,340	16,767	33,598	2,087
Violet Town .. .. .	3 3b	59,043	1,180,960	1,215	12,703	410
Walpeup .. .. .	2 9b	115,173	2,303,460	79,357	26,035	1,232
Wangaratta .. .. .	3 6	76,314	1,526,280	6,594	15,160	594
Wannon .. .. .	4 0	137,530	2,750,600	21,150	41,885	1,014
Waranga .. .. .	3 0b	150,165	3,003,300	16,451	45,937	1,271
Warracknabeal .. .. .	3 9b	205,011	4,100,220	46,811	63,124	1,360
Warragul .. .. .	4 0	209,154	4,183,080	54,318	62,967	2,193
Warrnambool .. .. .	2 9b	452,008	9,040,160	..	67,488	2,038
Werribee .. .. .	2 6b	342,906	6,858,120	184,914	87,100	3,047
Whittlesea .. .. .	3 0	173,868	3,477,360	..	33,354	1,372
Wimmera .. .. .	4 0	211,318	4,226,360	5,526	72,106	947
Winchelsea .. .. .	4 0	171,422	3,428,440	42,130	49,891	1,308
Wodonga .. .. .	3 6	72,205	1,444,100	22,785	32,065	1,401
Woorayl .. .. .	3 3	350,746	7,014,920	34,089	63,236	1,909
Wycheproof .. .. .	3 9	225,938	4,518,760	76,073d	61,990	1,196
Yackandandah .. .. .	3 6	87,440	1,748,800	..	24,275	757
Yarrawonga .. .. .	3 0b	118,053	2,361,060	35,838	29,061	940
Yea .. .. .	0 9a	112,533	2,500,000	26,474	29,514	777
Total Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area .. .. .	..	28,658,353	573,261,120	5,894,505	7,416,942	266,252
Total Municipalities .. .. .	..	69,130,026	1,375,339,050	20,506,511	15,849,652	641,141
Yallourn Works Area .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1,808
Unincorporated Areas .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	38
Total Victoria .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	642,987

\* Adjusted figures following on the constitution of the Shire of Cobram.

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £122 due by Shire of Wycheproof and £13,798 due by Borough of Swan Hill.

d Excluding £122 due to Shire of Swan Hill.

Rating on  
unimproved  
values.

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

There were at 30th September, 1953, twentyfour municipalities which levied the general rate on the unimproved value. The following table gives for those municipalities particulars of the capital value of land (improved and unimproved), the net annual value, the rating, &c., for the year 1952-53 :—

VICTORIA—RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES, 1952-53.

Municipality.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Unimproved Capital Value.	Net Annual Value (excluding Special Rateable Properties).	Amount of Rate in the £ of Unimproved Capital Value.	Equivalent Rate on Net Annual Value.	Amount Collectable in 1952-53 on Unimproved Capital Value.	Unimproved Capital Value to Capital Improved Value.
<b>METROPOLITAN AREA.</b>							
<i>Cities.</i>	£	£	£	d.	s. d.	£	%
Box Hill ..	19,303,630	5,060,270	962,700	7½	3 3	158,133	26-21
Brunswick ..	12,266,680	3,276,200	784,653	10	3 6	136,508	26-71
Camberwell ..	62,065,820	11,882,840	3,118,299	8	2 6	369,095	19-14
Claufield ..	53,416,780	13,926,410	2,692,833	5½	2 4	319,147	26-06
Chelsea ..	4,938,130	1,647,550	257,779	7	3 9	48,054	33-36
Coburg ..	21,292,370	5,618,780	1,702,166	7½	3 5	184,366	26-39
Essendon ..	22,233,950	5,011,480	1,173,417	10½	3 9	219,252	22-53
Heidelberg ..	21,613,700	5,463,730	1,082,439	9*	3 9	204,890	25-28
Kew ..	26,654,350	7,662,650	1,346,919	5-182	3 5	165,449	28-74
Moorabbin ..	31,389,870	8,911,930	1,584,558	6½	3 0	241,365	28-39
Mordialloc ..	11,148,910	2,821,460	548,779	7	3 0	82,293	25-31
Nunawading ..	9,277,660	3,568,530	481,910	6-472	4 0	96,231	38-46
Oakleigh ..	11,356,920	2,853,060	587,059	7½	3 1	89,158	25-12
Preston ..	21,765,860	4,850,130	1,027,748	8	3 2	161,671	22-28
Sandringham ..	16,056,960	4,554,890	806,995	7	3 4	132,851	28-37
<i>Borough.</i>							
Ringwood ..	5,294,380	1,237,170	264,719	9½	3 7	47,038	23-37
<b>OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA.</b>							
Hamilton City ..	3,714,100	1,233,770	184,633	7	3 11	35,985	33-22
Newtown and Chilwell City ..	3,975,980	1,127,920	198,961	7	3 4	32,898	28-37
Portland Town ..	2,474,590	660,920	127,342	8	3 5	22,030	26-71
Echuca Borough ..	2,601,960	645,200	130,423	9	3 8	24,195	24-79
Dandenong Shire ..	13,532,950	4,048,480	678,653	8	4 0	134,949	29-92
Frankston and Hastings Shire ..	9,128,720	2,952,530	455,916	5½*	3 0	67,662	32-34
Rosedale Shire ..	3,651,700	1,503,420	186,388	5½	3 6	32,887	41-77
Yea Shire ..	2,500,000	603,020	112,533	9	4 0	22,613	24-12

\* Differential general rates levied.

The following table summarizes for the year ended 30th September, 1953, the revenue and expenditure of municipalities in Victoria under the headings of General Account and Business Undertakings. The transactions of the General Account were presented partly on a revenue basis and partly on a cash basis and those of Business Undertakings generally on a revenue basis. Particulars relating to Loan Accounts, Private Streets Accounts, and Special Improvement Charge Accounts are excluded from this statement.

VICTORIA—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF MUNICIPALITIES, 1952-53.

Heading.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.			City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Account ..	1,636,384	6,796,326	7,416,942	15,849,652	1,700,909	6,558,834	7,327,371	15,587,114
Business undertakings—								
Electric Light	2,404,597	3,592,408	911,546	6,908,551	2,389,661	3,522,430	931,490	6,843,581
Gasworks ..	..	141,973	91,029	233,002	..	156,150	105,496	261,646
Waterworks	..	923	93,146	94,069	..	1,155	92,516	93,671
Abattoirs ..	268,570	62,863	61,259	392,692	282,644	55,581	56,406	394,631
Hydraulic Power ..	27,374	..	..	27,374	29,570	..	..	29,570
Total ..	4,336,925	10,594,493	8,573,922	23,505,340	4,402,784	10,294,150	8,513,279	23,210,213

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

Details of the principal items of income during the year ended 30th September, 1953, are given below:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT INCOME,  
1952-53.

Items of Income.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
Rates—	£	£	£	£
General and Extra .. ..	1,014,818	5,186,359	5,027,162	11,228,339
Other .. .. .	..	..	12,299	12,299
Interest on overdue rates .. ..	566	16,458	15,124	32,148
In lieu of rates .. .. .	..	13,091	22,552	35,643
Licences and Registration Fees—				
Dog .. .. .	586	19,052	25,943	45,581
Health, Dairy, Slaughtering, and Noxious Trades .. .. .	1,234	2,271	4,508	8,013
Petrol Pump .. .. .	177	5,845	5,097	11,119
Other .. .. .	757	84	1,501	2,342
<b>Total Taxation .. .. .</b>	<b>1,018,138</b>	<b>5,243,160</b>	<b>5,114,186</b>	<b>11,375,484</b>
Public Works and Services—				
Contributions for Road and Pavement Works .. .. .	27,467	240,111	232,042	499,620
Health—				
Sanitary and Garbage .. .. .	11,778	291,858	512,752	816,388
Other .. .. .	4,777	39,281	21,811	65,869
Council Properties—				
Markets .. .. .	197,834	24,812	69,150	291,796
Halls .. .. .	23,997	78,480	62,136	164,613
Libraries .. .. .	..	3,664	12,929	16,593
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	42,763	87,757	61,267	191,787
Weighbridges .. .. .	11,147	987	16,008	28,142
Sale of Materials .. .. .	3,010	29,447	90,487	122,944
Plant Hire .. .. .	..	47,115	604,857	651,972
Grazing Fees .. .. .	..	200	8,782	8,982
Pounds .. .. .	107	2,117	7,102	9,326
Other .. .. .	71,056	70,835	102,903	244,794
Other Services—				
Car Parking .. .. .	98,038	3,194	70	101,302
Sheep Dipping .. .. .	..	..	3,439	3,439
Building Fees .. .. .	2,178	40,495	21,441	64,114
Other .. .. .	5,912	376	2,171	8,459
<b>Total Public Works and Services.</b>	<b>500,064</b>	<b>960,729</b>	<b>1,829,347</b>	<b>3,290,140</b>

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT INCOME, 1952-53—*continued.*

Items of Income.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Transfers from Business Undertakings (excluding Loan Recoups and Administration Refunds) .. .. .	50,000	168,949	..	218,949
Transfers from Other Funds ..	..	118,098	90,791	208,889
Government Grants—				
Roads, &c. .. .. .	9,806	27,473	93,505	130,784
Libraries .. .. .	..	37,351	26,146	63,497
Parks, Gardens, &c. .. .. .	..	162	57,645	57,807
River Works .. .. .	..	..	10,154	10,154
Infant Welfare Centres .. .. .	4,085	36,961	44,403	85,449
Licences Equivalent .. .. .	8,676	13,614	36,611	58,901
Vermin Destruction .. .. .	..	22	4,700	4,722
Other .. .. .	..	28,940	24,919	53,859
Total Government Grants ..	22,567	144,523	298,083	465,173
Miscellaneous—				
Police Court Fines .. .. .	20,309	14,091	6,776	41,176
Interest on Investments .. .. .	7,581	6,434	2,702	16,717
Supervision of Private Streets .. .. .	..	93,673	24,372	118,045
Other .. .. .	17,725	46,669	50,685	115,079
Total Miscellaneous .. .. .	45,615	160,867	84,535	291,017
Grand Total .. .. .	1,636,384	6,796,326	7,416,942	15,849,652

Of the total General Account income (excluding "transfers from other funds") during 1952-53, 72·7 per cent. was derived from taxation (72·3 per cent. from rates and 0·4 per cent. from licences and registration fees); 21·0 per cent. from public works and services; 1·4 per cent. from transfers from business undertakings; 3·0 per cent. from Government grants; and 1·9 per cent. from other sources. The total amount collected from taxation (£11,375,484) was equivalent to £4 15s. 6d. per head of population or to £13 19s. per ratepayer.



Details of the principal items of expenditure from the General Account during the year ended 30th September, 1953, are set out hereunder :—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENDITURE,  
1952-53.

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
<b>Public Works and Services—</b>				
Roads, Streets, Footpaths, and Bridges—				
Construction, Maintenance, Cleaning, and Watering	266,100	2,022,209	2,968,788	5,257,097
Lighting .. .. .	1,696	242,575	119,896	364,167
<b>Health—</b>				
Administration .. .. .	25,168	67,326	75,841	168,335
Sanitary and Garbage .. .. .	136,794	767,664	511,553	1,416,011
Statutory Contributions to Fairfield Hospital .. .. .	14,595	56,073	5,985	76,653
Infant Welfare Centres .. .. .	12,274	113,032	122,189	247,495
Pre-school (Creche, &c.) .. .. .	13,844	33,536	5,541	52,921
Infectious Diseases Treatment .. .. .	..	636	12,264	12,900
Other .. .. .	10,176	58,012	19,023	87,211
<b>Council Properties—</b>				
Markets .. .. .	159,434	19,333	42,748	221,515
Halls .. .. .	74,692	153,350	95,409	323,451
Libraries .. .. .	3,050	92,960	56,068	152,078
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	284,785	650,811	319,301	1,254,897
Plant .. .. .	13,012	125,223	496,975	635,210
Weighbridges .. .. .	7,025	1,731	8,097	16,853
Grazing Expenses .. .. .	..	200	5,112	5,312
Pounds .. .. .	182	6,074	12,829	19,085
Materials .. .. .	..	30,508	44,348	74,856
Other Council Properties .. .. .	12,405	118,091	162,108	292,604
<b>Other Works and Services—</b>				
Car Parking .. .. .	69,792	1,101	..	70,893
Sheep Dipping .. .. .	..	..	2,511	2,511
River Works .. .. .	..	..	7,564	7,564
Vermin Destruction .. .. .	..	30	7,895	7,925
Other .. .. .	..	22,350	7,221	29,571
<b>Total Public Works and Services .. .. .</b>	<b>1,105,024</b>	<b>4,582,825</b>	<b>5,109,266</b>	<b>10,797,115</b>

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENDITURE,  
1952-53—continued.

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Debt Services—				
Redemption of Loans ..	2,000	381,499	321,003	704,502
Sinking Fund Instalments ..	53,754	190	1,444	55,388
Interest on Loans .. ..	136,969	175,841	134,734	447,544
Interest on Overdrafts ..	5,497	28,035	47,542	81,074
Payments to Municipalities on account of severance adjustments .. ..	..	901	4,363	5,264
Other .. ..	214	785	310	1,309
<b>Total Debt Services ..</b>	<b>198,434</b>	<b>587,251</b>	<b>509,396</b>	<b>1,295,081</b>
Grants and Contributions—				
Country Roads Board ..	..	22,880	313,893	336,773
Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board .. ..	58,706	222,270	2,571	283,547
Hospitals and other Charities ..	10,513	22,370	26,448	59,331
Other .. ..	78,861	166,958	141,812	387,631
<b>Total Grants and Contributions .. ..</b>	<b>148,080</b>	<b>434,478</b>	<b>484,724</b>	<b>1,067,282</b>
Transfer to other Funds ..	3,700	72,468	53,461	129,629
General Administration* ..	217,696	766,043	1,038,826	2,022,565
Pay-roll Tax .. ..	26,910	74,700	84,496	186,106
Miscellaneous .. ..	1,065	41,069	47,202	89,336
<b>Grand Total .. ..</b>	<b>1,700,909</b>	<b>6,558,834</b>	<b>7,327,371</b>	<b>15,587,114</b>

\* For details see page 123.

Of the total General Account expenditure (excluding "transfers to other funds") in 1952-53, 13·1 per cent. was for administration; 8·4 per cent. for debt services; 13·3 per cent. for health services; 8·1 per cent. for parks, gardens, &c.; 34·0 per cent. for roads, streets, &c.; 4·1 per cent. for plant and equipment; 10·2 per cent. for other public works and services; 7·0 per cent. for grants and contributions; and 1·8 per cent. for miscellaneous items.

Particulars of the principal items of expenditure during the year ended 30th September, 1953, in respect of general municipal administration are given in the appended statement.

VICTORIA—COST OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION,  
1952-53.

Heading.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.*	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Salaries † .. .. .	174,797	541,432	772,961	1,489,190
Mayoral and Presidential Allowances .. .. .	5,000	23,810	24,655	53,465
Audit Expenses .. .. .	1,747	5,860	10,641	18,248
Dog Registration Expenses .. .. .	2,807	11,147	14,359	28,313
Election Expenses .. .. .	9,661	10,947	6,717	27,325
Insurances .. .. .	731	44,848	53,541	99,120
Legal Expenses .. .. .	3,007	10,600	8,813	22,420
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Postage, Telephone .. .. .	10,846	93,996	123,865	228,707
Other .. .. .	9,100	23,403	23,274	55,777
Total .. .. .	217,696	766,043	1,038,826	2,022,565

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

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

In Victoria, in 1952-53, 42 electric light undertakings were operated by 37 municipalities, and there were also six municipally-owned gasworks. The revenue and expenditure of such undertakings in 1952-53 amounted to £7,141,553 and £7,105,227 respectively.

The council of any municipality may be constituted "a local governing body" under the provisions of the *Water Act* 1928 with such water supply district as is defined by the Governor in Council. At 30th September, 1953, fifteen municipalities had been so constituted. In six other municipalities

Municipal electric light undertakings and gasworks.

Municipal waterworks.

the water supply services were being administered in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1946*. An analysis of the authorities controlling water supply in Victoria is given on page 136 of this *Year-Book*.

During 1952-53 the receipts and expenditure of the above-mentioned municipal waterworks amounted to £94,069 and £93,671 respectively.

**Other municipal business undertakings.** Abattoirs and hydraulic power (in the City of Melbourne) are other undertakings which are under the control of municipalities in Victoria. In 1952-53, the total revenue on account of these undertakings was £410,066 and the total expenditure amounted to £424,201. In those cases in which the finances of abattoirs were operated through the General Account, particulars of the amounts have been included in the statement of that Account under the heading of "Other Council Properties". Quarries are included under the latter heading.

**Arrears of general and extra rates.** The following table shows the total amount of arrears of general and extra rates and also the amount of arrears per ratepayer in metropolitan municipalities and in municipalities outside the metropolitan area at the end of each of the five years, 1948-49 to 1952-53.

VICTORIA—ARREARS OF GENERAL AND EXTRA RATES,  
1948-49 TO 1952-53.

Year Ended 30th September—	Arrears of General and Extra Rates—			Arrears per Ratepayer—		
	Metro- politan Muni- cipalities.	Muni- cipalities Outside Metro- politan Area.	All Muni- cipalities.	Metro- politan Muni- cipalities.	Muni- cipalities Outside Metro- politan Area.	All Muni- cipalities.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1949 .. ..	60,352	117,132	177,484	0 2 11	0 7 8	0 4 10
1950 .. ..	59,536	125,238	184,774	0 2 9	0 7 10	0 4 11
1951 .. ..	63,187	119,965	183,152	0 2 11	0 3 7	0 4 9
1952 .. ..	80,746	135,827	216,573	0 3 7	0 7 11	0 5 5
1953 .. ..	97,850	147,736	245,586	0 4 2	0 8 5	0 6 0

**Number of councillors.** In the municipalities throughout the State, there were at 30th September, 1953, 2,163 councillors, viz., the 432 in the 34 Metropolitan municipalities and 1,731 in 166 municipalities outside the metropolitan area.

**Municipal loans.**

With the credit of the municipality as security, moneys may be borrowed by a municipal council for permanent works or undertakings or to liquidate the principal moneys owing on account of any previous loan. Permanent works include *inter alia* the construction or alteration of streets, roads, bridges, and drains, and the construction or purchase of waterworks, electric light undertakings, gasworks, markets, abattoirs, housing or reclamation schemes, libraries, and pleasure grounds.

The amount of money borrowed at any one time for permanent works or undertakings shall not, except so far as it is otherwise expressly provided, exceed the net annual value of all rateable property in the municipality. In addition, an amount not exceeding one half of the net annual value may be borrowed for water, electricity, and gas supply, quarrying and abattoirs. Further loans, not upon the credit of the municipality but on the security of certain specified income thereof, may be raised for permanent works or undertakings by the issue of debentures or by mortgage. Such loans shall have a currency of not more than 30 years and shall not exceed five times the average amount of such income for the three years preceding the raising of the loan.

**Municipal loan receipts.**

The following statement shows the loan receipts (exclusive of conversion loans) during each of the five years, 1949-50 to 1953-54. Particulars of loans raised for works in private streets are also excluded:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN RECEIPTS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.  
(Excluding Conversion Loans.)

Year Ended 30th September—	Gross Proceeds of Loans—		Other Receipts.*	Total.
	From Government.	From Other Sources.		
	£	£	£	£
1950 .. .. .	16,915	1,363,091	237,367	1,617,373
1951 .. .. .	52,360	3,418,623	307,422	3,778,405
1952 .. .. .	58,509	2,663,810	290,252	3,012,571
1953 .. .. .	19,125	3,300,408	366,463	3,685,996
1954 .. .. .	37,806	2,779,296	398,629	3,215,731

\* Other receipts consists mainly of transfers from other accounts of one municipality, viz., the City of Melbourne. During 1953-54 these amounted to £253,763.

**Municipal loan expenditure.**

In the following statement details are given of the loan expenditure, exclusive of expenditure on private streets, by municipalities for each of the four years, 1950-51 to 1953-54:—

**VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN EXPENDITURE,  
1950-51 TO 1953-54.**

Heading.	Year Ended 30th September—			
	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£
Roads, Streets, Bridges and Drains .. .. .	470,836	750,024	932,600	805,766
Waterworks .. .. .	66,475	77,668	36,859	41,682
Electric Light Undertakings .. .. .	1,149,691	1,781,043	1,070,200	1,256,175
Gasworks .. .. .	13,445	13,171	15,115	9,237
Halls .. .. .	3,569	8,909	27,765	62,133
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities .. .. .	108,665	141,784	140,662	172,763
Plant .. .. .	373,635	554,123	315,730	275,080
Abattoirs .. .. .	21,986	27,695	50,436	101,256
Markets .. .. .	6,785	6,940	48,003	72,191
Infant Welfare Centres .. .. .	20,548	40,803	51,078	50,836
Pre-school (Creche, &c.) .. .. .	21,821	23,804	18,525	3,986
Other Council Properties .. .. .	146,517	164,449	145,637	208,079
Other Purposes .. .. .	28,232	9,278	117,220*	96,280*
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>2,432,205</b>	<b>3,600,291</b>	<b>3,569,630</b>	<b>3,155,464</b>

\* Includes special contributions by one municipality for Olympic Games and construction of a subway: 1953, £86,614; 1954, £82,426.

At 30th September, 1954, there was a credit balance in loan accounts amounting to £3,005,571.

**Municipal loan liability.** The loan liability of the municipalities in Victoria at the end of each of the five years 1949-50 to 1953-54 is given hereunder:—

**VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN LIABILITY, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.**

At 30th September—	Due to—		Gross Loan Liability.	Accumulated Sinking Funds.	Net Loan Liability.	
	Government.*	Public.			Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.
1950 .. .. .	236,029	12,300,115	12,536,144	1,505,538	11,030,606	4 19 4
1951 .. .. .	325,898	15,058,404	15,384,302	1,634,558	13,749,744	6 0 4
1952 .. .. .	366,980	16,814,360	17,181,340	1,749,616	15,431,724	6 10 9
1953 .. .. .	357,276	20,149,235	20,506,511	1,895,783	18,610,728	7 14 8
1954 .. .. .	353,609	21,682,181	22,035,790	2,125,710	19,910,080	8 1 4

\* Excluding liability to Country Roads Board.

**Construction of private streets.** The council of any municipality may form, level, &c., any street, road, &c., which is formed or set out on private property or which is set out on land of the Crown or any public body in such manner as to form means of back access to or drainage from property adjacent to such street, road, &c., where such

street, road, &c., is not formed, &c., to the satisfaction of the council. The cost of doing so is recoverable from the owners of adjoining properties. At the request of any owner, the amount apportioned as his total liability may be made payable by 40 or, if the council so directs, 60 quarterly instalments bearing interest on the portion that from time to time remains unpaid.

For the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of work in respect of which any person is liable to pay by instalments, the council may, on the credit of the municipality, obtain advances from a bank by overdraft on current account or borrow money by the issue of debentures, but such borrowings shall not exceed the total amount of instalments payable. This borrowing power is additional to those powers mentioned on page 125.

Details of the receipts and expenditure of Private Streets Accounts during the years 1952-53 and 1953-54 are shown as follows:—

VICTORIA—PRIVATE STREETS ACCOUNTS—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1952-53.

Receipts.	Expenditure.
£	£
Proceeds of Loans .. 457,211	Works .. .. 1,769,172
Owners' Contributions .. 1,239,910	Debt Charges—
Advance from Other Funds 5,000	Redemption of Loans .. 28,357
Contribution from General Account .. .. 17,507	Interest on Loans .. 14,779
Other .. .. 5,137	Interest on Overdraft .. 35,261
	Repayment of Advance .. 44,782
	Transfer to General Account 22,397
	Other .. .. 20,390
Total .. .. 1,724,765	Total .. .. 1,935,138
Cash in hand or in Bank at 1st October, 1952 .. 108,457	Bank Overdraft at 1st October, 1952 .. .. 1,007,652
Bank Overdraft at 30th September, 1953 .. 1,310,531	Cash in hand or in Bank at 30th September, 1953 .. 200,963
3,143,753	3,143,753

VICTORIA—PRIVATE STREETS ACCOUNTS—RECEIPTS AND  
EXPENDITURE, 1953-54.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£		£
Proceeds of Loans ..	299,751	Works .. ..	1,695,494
Owners' contributions ..	1,666,037	Debt charges—	
Advance from Other Funds	3,070	Redemption of Loans ..	56,116
Contribution from General Account .. ..	58,035	Interest on Loans ..	31,748
Other .. ..	17,964	Interest on Overdraft ..	47,216
		Other .. ..	1,050
		Repayment of Advance ..	22,795
		Transfer to General Account	13,658
		Other .. ..	3,894
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,044,857</b>	<b>Total</b> ..	<b>1,871,971</b>
Cash in hand or in Bank at 1st October, 1953 ..	198,612	Bank Overdraft at 1st October, 1953 .. ..	1,308,183
Bank Overdraft at 30th September, 1954 ..	1,279,576	Cash in hand or in Bank at 30th September, 1954 ..	342,891
	<b>3,523,045</b>		<b>3,523,045</b>

At 30th September, 1954, loans outstanding on account of private street construction amounted to £911,862.

Details of receipts and expenditure of Private Streets Accounts during each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 are shown in the following table.



## VICTORIA—PRIVATE STREETS ACCOUNTS.

	Year Ended 30th September—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Receipts.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Proceeds of Loans .. ..	18,433	10,705	139,296	457,211	299,751
Owners' contributions .. ..	639,117	807,892	908,604	1,239,910	1,666,037
Advance from other funds .. ..	23,935	22,000	27,431	5,000	3,070
Contribution from General Account	10,635	677	7,842	17,507	58,035
Other .. .. .	3,212	38,222	4,803	5,137	17,964
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>695,332</b>	<b>879,496</b>	<b>1,087,976</b>	<b>1,724,765</b>	<b>2,044,857</b>
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Works .. .. .	822,935	988,149	1,568,606	1,769,172	1,695,494
Debt Charges—					
Redemption of Loans .. ..	19,613	9,747	11,914	28,357	56,116
Interest on Loans .. ..	3,061	2,058	3,639	14,779	31,748
Interest on Overdraft .. ..	2,865	10,207	19,826	35,261	47,216
Repayment of Advance .. ..	146	3,879	30,137	44,782	22,795
Transfer to General Account .. ..	..	15,320	16,138	22,397	13,658
Other .. .. .	9,839	6,384	11,510	20,390	4,944
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>858,459</b>	<b>1,035,744</b>	<b>1,661,770</b>	<b>1,935,138</b>	<b>1,871,971</b>

The following table shows the estimated length of all roads and streets in the State in the year 1954. The mileage of roads, &c. (excluding State Highways) has been compiled from information furnished by all municipal authorities, but some doubts exist as to the accuracy of the particulars on a number of returns. The mileage of State Highways was obtained from the Country Roads Board.

Length of  
roads and  
streets.

VICTORIA—LENGTH OF ALL ROADS AND STREETS AT  
30TH SEPTEMBER, 1954.

Type of Road or Street.	Roads and Streets (excluding State Highways).	State Highways.	Total.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Wood or stone .. .. .	61	..	61
Portland cement concrete .. .. .	133	2	135
Asphaltic concrete and sheet asphalt .. .. .	226	7	233
Tar or bitumen surface seal over tar or bitumen penetrated or water-bound pavements .. .. .	9,198	2,999	12,197
Waterbound macadam, gravel, sand, and hard loam pavements .. .. .	30,960	806	31,766
Formed, but not otherwise paved .. .. .	25,005	35	25,040
Surveyed roads not formed which are used for general traffic .. .. .	30,531	..	30,531
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>96,114</b>	<b>3,849</b>	<b>99,963</b>

**Licensing Fund.** During the year 1952-53 a sum of £58,901 was paid out of this Fund to municipalities, as provided by Section 311 of the *Licensing Act* 1928. The payments to cities amounted to £31,944; to towns, £1,415; to boroughs, £4,627; and to shires, £20,915. A statement of the receipts and expenditure of this Fund appears in part "Law, Crime, &c.", of this issue.

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

The premium revenue for the year ended 30th September, 1954, was £1,905, for guarantees amounting to £613,176. The claims paid from January, 1908, the date of the inception of the Fund, to September, 1954, amounted to £7,114. The amount to the credit of the Fund at 30th September, 1954, was £43,562.

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

**LOCAL AUTHORITIES SUPERANNUATION BOARD.**

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

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

For the year ended 30th June, 1954, the revenue amounted to £581,839 for premiums on policies and contributions to the Provident Fund. The total amount of the Provident Fund at that date was £402,894.

The number of employees participating in the Fund was 2,877, showing an average of £140 per employee. The total insurance cover in respect of 6,454 employees subject to the insurance provisions of the Act was £7,988,845, being an average of £1,238 per employee.

The Board receives commission from the life insurance offices with which the insurance is placed from which it meets the cost of administration and builds up a reserve fund out of which it replenishes a Contingent Fund. Commissions received for the year ended 30th June, 1954, amounted to £41,146. Management expenses for the same period were £8,254.

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

**COUNTRY ROADS BOARD.**

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

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

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

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

Receipts and expenditure covering the operation of the Board for the years 1949-1950 to 1953-54 were as follows:—

**VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD RECEIPTS AND  
EXPENDITURE—1949-50 TO 1953-54.**

	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<i>Receipts.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Fees and Fines— Motor Car Act (less cost of collection) ..	2,687,490	3,159,111	3,853,962	3,861,533	3,970,528
Municipalities' Repayments—Per- manent Works—					
Outer Metropolitan Roads ..	1,899		29	272	1,456
Maintenance—Main Roads ..	187,889	187,109	283,362	344,048	330,149
Moneys provided by—					
<i>Commonwealth Aid Roads and Works Act 1947 ..</i>	1,370,528	77,087	..	..	..
<i>Commonwealth Aid Roads Act 1950 ..</i>		1,911,575	2,501,150	2,446,029	2,741,608
Receipts from State Loan Funds ..	391,867	715,956	1,046,621	1,191,509	1,512,741
Other Receipts—Fees, Fines, &c. ..	10,929	3,521	4,222	2,092	1,841
Total .. ..	4,650,602	6,054,359	7,689,346	7,845,483	8,558,323
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Construction and Maintenance of					
Roads and Bridges .. ..	3,185,035	5,362,022	5,835,800	6,023,120	6,686,290
Traffic Line Marking .. ..	8,918	12,497	12,729	23,366	23,854
Plant Purchases .. ..	211,661	578,273	701,760	840,258	670,389
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments	521,184	526,845	537,870	570,001	611,154
Payment to Tourists' Resorts Fund	27,781	37,879	46,098	57,750	58,000
General Expenditure .. ..	368,878	671,183	680,995	367,914	469,192
Total .. ..	4,323,457	7,188,699	7,815,252	7,882,409	8,518,879

The following is a summary of the total expenditure by the Country Roads Board on road construction during each of the five years, 1949-50 to 1953-54 :—

**VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD—EXPENDITURE  
ON ROADS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.**

	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>State Highways—</b>					
Construction .. .. .	290,704	756,000	949,539	567,383	951,812
Maintenance and reconditioning	1,049,884	1,321,175	1,208,666	1,683,420	1,552,099
<b>Main Roads—</b>					
Permanent Works .. .. .	41,867	34,956	100,461	197,617	315,188
Construction and restoration ..	5,801	..	..	..	..
Maintenance and reconditioning	1,217,829	2,024,119	2,526,214	2,295,238	2,528,063
<b>Unclassified Roads—</b>					
Construction and maintenance	365,004	923,629	757,013	916,145	995,788
Roads for isolated settlers ..	13,175	14,063	16,371	2,801	..
<b>Tourists Roads—</b>					
Construction .. .. .	11,155	126	..	..	..
Maintenance.. .. .	138,686	212,272	196,512	232,778	217,804
<b>Forest Roads—</b>					
Construction .. .. .	227	11,538	..	..	..
Maintenance.. .. .	43,947	51,795	69,150	113,895	108,504
<b>Murray River Bridges and Punts—</b>					
Maintenance.. .. .	6,021	11,641	10,775	13,843	17,032
<b>Roads adjoining Commonwealth Properties .. .. .</b>	735	709	1,099	..	..
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	3,185,035	5,362,023	5,835,800	6,023,120	6,686,290

### HARBOR TRUSTS.

The Port of Melbourne is under the control of this **Melbourne Harbor Trust**. Trust, and its constitution, powers, and functions are set out on page 145 of the *Year-Book* for 1929-30. The following are particulars of the ordinary revenue and ordinary and capital expenditure for the years 1950 to 1954. The loan indebtedness as at the end of each of the five years is also shown.

**MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST—REVENUE AND  
EXPENDITURE, 1950 TO 1954.**

Heading.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>REVENUE.</b>					
Wharfage and Tonnage Rates ..	1,293,923	1,493,422	1,256,581	1,423,345	1,800,811
Rents .. .. .	64,072	67,129	71,572	78,957	106,135
Interest .. .. .	4,672	655	3,868	6,464	13,242
Other Revenue .. .. .	408,407	568,226	609,231	543,506	673,159
	1,771,074	2,129,432	1,941,252	2,052,272	2,593,347
Less Statutory Payments to—					
Consolidated Revenue .. .. .	260,383	305,119	255,690	288,263	364,162
Geelong Harbour Trust .. .. .	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>1,495,691</b>	<b>1,809,313</b>	<b>1,670,562</b>	<b>1,749,009</b>	<b>2,214,185</b>
<b>REVENUE EXPENDITURE.</b>					
General Management and Expenses	79,419	99,868	152,768	147,046	158,102
Flotation and Redemption of Loans					
Expenses .. .. .	..	1,291	387	2,632	3,008
Operating Expenses .. .. .	293,411	447,004	506,767	423,700	456,340
Maintenance—					
Dredging .. .. .	128,854	215,895	158,428	331,808	306,952
Harbor .. .. .	11,096	13,119	18,558	14,312	16,300
Wharves .. .. .	100,493	148,205	246,810	191,076	175,234
Approaches .. .. .	5,592	8,444	15,440	19,588	12,554
Railways .. .. .	5,243	10,382	14,712	8,954	8,289
Cranes .. .. .	40,246	69,136	79,626	64,755	61,230
Other Properties .. .. .	11,486	16,390	11,367	26,324	34,565
Interest on Loans and Exchange	127,933	162,705	222,258	298,877	329,990
Depreciation, Renewals, and In-					
surance Account .. .. .	162,882	182,371	179,047	98,182	479,393
Sinking Fund .. .. .	59,649	73,176	70,227	83,037	88,823
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>1,026,304</b>	<b>1,447,986</b>	<b>1,676,395</b>	<b>1,710,291</b>	<b>2,130,785</b>
Surplus on Revenue Account ..	469,387	361,327	..	38,718	83,400
Deficit .. .. .	..	..	5,833	..	..
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.</b>					
Land and Property .. .. .	23,230	39,242	29,728	22,434	60,753
Deepening Waterways .. .. .	656,719	611,621	704,889	156,849	171,804
Wharves Construction .. .. .	345,134	633,534	885,491	781,368	552,866
Approaches Construction .. ..	10,260	50,427	65,263	21,120	40,747
Other Harbor Improvements ..	72,343	47,731	113,264	76,062	50,582
Floating and General Plant .. ..	481,706	676,366	447,462	197,780	378,873
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>1,589,392</b>	<b>2,058,921</b>	<b>2,246,097</b>	<b>1,255,613</b>	<b>1,255,625</b>
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness .. .. .	3,972,029*	5,883,853	7,914,146	9,581,934	9,641,361
Sinking Fund .. .. .	..	..	..	1,500	77
<b>Net Indebtedness .. .. .</b>	<b>3,972,029</b>	<b>5,883,853</b>	<b>7,914,146</b>	<b>9,580,434</b>	<b>9,641,284</b>

\* Excluding bank overdraft \$517,355.

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

The following is a summary of the revenue and expenditure for each year 1950 to 1954. Capital expenditure during, and loan indebtedness at end of, each of the five years are also shown:—

**GEELONG HARBOR TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1950 TO 1954.**

Heading.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
<b>REVENUE.</b>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Wharfage, Tonnage, and Special Berth Rates .. .. .	124,518	103,874	96,851	114,092	403,482
Rents, Fees, and Licences .. .. .	5,763	7,537	8,503	7,943	9,872
Freezing Works and Abattoirs .. .. .	20,458	26,330	29,660	31,500	31,939
Contribution by Melbourne Harbor Trust .. .. .	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Other Revenue .. .. .	28,130	31,959	31,474	56,066	84,108
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>193,869</b>	<b>184,700</b>	<b>179,488</b>	<b>224,601</b>	<b>544,401</b>
<b>REVENUE EXPENDITURE.</b>					
Management Expenses .. .. .	43,122	59,265	48,145	51,034	58,215
Maintenance—					
Wharves and Approaches .. .. .	12,683	7,351	8,012	10,637	10,972
Harbor .. .. .	12,491	14,318	12,804	12,065	17,877
Floating Plant .. .. .	1,872	3,713	2,652	2,007	1,318
Other .. .. .	2,943	2,609	3,163	4,027	5,847
Interest on Loans .. .. .	13,641	14,266	20,942	22,046	111,283
Sinking Fund .. .. .	3,755	3,900	5,946	11,196	13,378
Freezing Works and Abattoirs .. .. .	26,321	20,787	26,577	28,377	23,239
Depreciation Provision .. .. .	28,918	31,508	32,908	38,886	46,838
Miscellaneous (including other provisions.) .. .. .	16,457	20,170	19,327	29,763	81,473
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>162,203</b>	<b>177,887</b>	<b>180,476</b>	<b>210,038</b>	<b>370,440</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (NET).</b>					
Floating Plant .. .. .	10,604	1,732	33,930	45,186	112,308
Land and Property .. .. .	7,214	10,880	..	14,254	118,585
Deepening Waterways .. .. .	58,818	87,543	253,011	842,259	519,038
Wharves and Approaches .. .. .	34,796	160,754	324,523	258,665	161,748
Other .. .. .	9,924	3,294	82,322	35,823	10,904
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>121,356</b>	<b>264,203</b>	<b>693,786</b>	<b>1,196,187</b>	<b>922,583</b>
<b>At 31st December—</b>					
Loan Indebtedness .. .. .	508,459	567,019	1,649,044	2,302,010	2,695,862
Sinking Fund .. .. .	88,869	95,730	104,860	119,571	137,159
<b>Net Indebtedness .. .. .</b>	<b>419,590</b>	<b>471,289</b>	<b>1,544,184</b>	<b>2,182,439</b>	<b>2,558,703</b>

The *Portland Harbor Trust Act*, No. 5425 of 1949, provided for the constitution of the **Portland Harbor Trust**. Trust and the appointment of three commissioners. A statement relating to the powers of the commissioners was published in the *Year-Book* for 1948-49, page 32. Further reference was made on page 323 of the same *Year-Book*.

Revenue and expenditure for the years ended 30th June, 1953, and 1954, are as follows :—

	Year ended 30th June—	
	1953.	1954.
	£	£
<b>Revenue—</b>		
Government grant (maintenance) .. .. .	17,000	20,000
Tonnage rates .. .. .	1,464	2,247
Wharfage .. .. .	11,660	11,340
Shipping services .. .. .	794	1,066
Other .. .. .	1,797	2,842
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>32,715</b>	<b>37,495</b>
<b>Expenditure—</b>		
Administration .. .. .	8,482	8,041
Maintenance .. .. .	18,522	18,634
Shipping services .. .. .	478	617
Depreciation .. .. .	780	1,074
Other .. .. .	3,771	11,686
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>32,033</b>	<b>40,052</b>

### WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITIES.

The authorities controlling water supply for domestic purposes in Victoria at 31st December, 1954, are listed in the following statement. It is estimated that about 84 per cent. of the population of this State is so supplied by these authorities.



## WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITIES.

Authorities.	Administered under the Provisions of—
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission ..	} Water Acts
Waterworks Trusts (130) .. ..	
Local Governing Bodies—	
Ballarat Water Commissioners .. ..	
Municipal Councils—	
Arapiles Shire .. ..	
Ararat City .. ..	
Bacchus Marsh Shire .. ..	
Beechworth Shire .. ..	
Bet Bet Shire .. ..	
Clunes Borough .. ..	
Creswick Shire .. ..	
Inglewood Borough .. ..	
Korong Shire .. ..	
Stawell Borough .. ..	
Talbot Shire .. ..	
Walpeup Shire .. ..	
Warrnambool City .. ..	
Werribee Shire .. ..	
Wimmera Shire .. ..	
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works ..	Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust ..	Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act
Mildura Urban Water Trust .. ..	Mildura Irrigation Trusts Acts
Heidelberg City Council (Diamond Creek and Greensborough supplies) .. ..	} Local Government Acts
Sale City Council .. ..	
Eltham Shire Council (Eltham, Montmorency, and Yarra Glen supplies) .. ..	
Grenville Shire Council (Linton supply) ..	
Huntly Shire Council (Goornong supply) ..	
Leigh Shire Council (Rokewood and Corindhap supplies) .. ..	

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

**MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.**

**Creation and Constitution of Board.** The Board was established by Act of Parliament on 20th December, 1890, and entered upon its duties on 18th March, 1891. It consists of 50 members, including the chairman, who is elected every four years by the other members, and is eligible for re-election. The other 49 members, who are called commissioners, are from time to time elected by the councils of the municipal districts wholly or partly within the metropolis.

**Functions of the Board.**

The principal functions of the Board are to control and manage the metropolitan water supply system, including watersheds, reservoirs, weirs, aqueducts, pipes, &c.; to provide the metropolis with an efficient system of main and general sewerage; to deal with main drains and main drainage works; to control and manage the rivers, creeks, and watercourses within the metropolis; and to collect and dispose of night-soil from unsewered premises within the area under its control. Under the Town and Country Planning Acts the Board was made the responsible authority as regards the preparation and submission for approval of any planning scheme in relation to the metropolitan area and the making of any interim order and the enforcement and carrying out of any such scheme or order.

**Area under Board's control at 30th June, 1954.**

The metropolis for water supply, sewerage and drainage and river improvement purposes comprises all that land within 13 miles of the post office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth-streets, Melbourne, and the remaining portions of the Cities of Moorabbin, Mordialloc, and Nunawading and the Shire of Mulgrave and certain portions of the remainder of the Shires of Eltham, Doncaster and Templestowe, and Springvale and Noble Park, but excludes portion of the Shire of Werribee within such 13 miles. This territory has an area of 451 square miles within which are situated 28 cities and 1 shire and the parts of 1 other city and 9 other shires.

**Town Planning.**

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

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

The Board is empowered to borrow £44,750,000, this amount being exclusive of loans amounting to £2,389,934 originally raised by the Government for the construction of waterworks for the supply of Melbourne and suburbs. These works were vested in and taken over by the Board on 1st July, 1891.

The Board's liability under loans was £42,718,470 on 30th June, 1954. The Board was at that date empowered to borrow £4,421,464 before reaching the limit of its borrowing powers.

**Revenue and expenditure.**

The following is a statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Board during each of the five years, 1949-50 to 1953-54 :—

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—  
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Heads of Revenue and Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>REVENUE.</b>					
Water Supply—					
Water Rates and Charges (including Revenue from water supplied by measure) ..	1,323,236	1,580,933	1,674,096	1,741,760	2,271,269
Sewerage—					
Sewerage Rates .. .. .	1,243,520	1,299,916	1,406,788	1,687,936	1,973,391
Trade Waste Charges .. .. .	131,084	140,495	144,273	152,880	168,641
Sanitary Charges .. .. .	30,775	30,787	31,690	31,714	35,466
Metropolitan Farm—					
Grazing Fees, Rents, Pastures, &c. Balance, Live Stock Account ..	3,363 75,803	1,971 102,583	12,799 98,177	7,649 88,102	-2,973 90,806
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers—					
Drainage and River Improvement Rate .. .. .	110,380	116,771	126,897	144,853	168,576
River Water Charges .. .. .	6,168	5,185	5,851	7,154	7,357
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>2,924,329</b>	<b>3,278,641</b>	<b>3,590,571</b>	<b>3,862,048</b>	<b>4,712,533</b>
<b>REVENUE EXPENDITURE.</b>					
Water Supply—					
Management and Incidental Ex- penses .. .. .	202,565	269,428	345,793	362,674	367,509
Maintenance .. .. .	589,178	477,180	468,437	535,016	556,817
Sewerage—					
Management and Incidental Ex- penses .. .. .	206,646	261,201	313,304	333,413	338,717
Maintenance .. .. .	202,213	239,477	303,094	371,520	368,752
Metropolitan Farm—					
Administrative Expenses .. .. .	13,748	20,409	24,994	21,450	14,194
Maintenance .. .. .	152,355	193,227	216,677	246,052	256,101
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers—					
Management and Incidental Ex- penses .. .. .	10,016	14,289	18,815	25,028	32,817
Maintenance .. .. .	16,880	23,055	28,644	34,770	46,072
Pensions and Allowances .. .. .	21,410	36,353	46,754	45,277	50,032
Loan Floating Expenses .. .. .	2,035	21,032	26,510	82,622	58,670
Interest (including exchange on interest payments in London)	1,315,342	1,413,196	1,540,009	1,682,733	1,910,730
Contribution to—					
Sinking Fund .. .. .	73,785	81,607	93,398	101,564	106,796
Renewals Fund .. .. .	163,095	167,502	172,466	114,013	128,793
Superannuation Accounts .. .. .	29,373	39,259	38,368	46,715	44,050
Depreciation .. .. .	..	12,506	..	4,470	4,254
Contributions to Municipalities .. .. .	7,389	7,438	7,409	7,411	7,411
Contributions to Construction of Cremorne Railway Bridge .. .. .	..	..	..	..	39,942
Exchange—					
Redemption, London Loan, 1948	9,000	9,000	9,000	8,880	..
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>3,015,030</b>	<b>3,286,159</b>	<b>3,653,672</b>	<b>4,023,608</b>	<b>4,331,657</b>

**Cost of  
Capital  
Works.**

The total cost of all capital works of the Board to 30th June, 1954, was £50,156,227, viz., £25,564,214 on water supply, £20,815,248 on sewerage, and £3,776,765 on drainage and river improvement works. For details of expenditure on water supply see below, and for expenditure on sewerage, page 143.

**Water supply  
assessments  
and rates.**

The rate to be paid in respect of any lands and houses for the supply of water for domestic purposes, otherwise than by measure, is limited to an amount not exceeding 8d. in the pound of the annual value of the lands and houses served. The water rate levied in the year 1953-54 was 8d. in the £1 on the annual value of the property served. Properties with an annual value of £14 and under are charged a minimum rate of 10s. per annum. The charge for water supplied by measure in excess of the quantity which at 1s. per thousand gallons would produce an amount equal to the water rate payable is 1s. 6d. per 1,000 gallons. For shipping at Melbourne wharves the charge is 4s. 6d. per 1,000 gallons.

**Cost of  
waterworks  
system.**

The cost of capital works in respect of the water supply system under the control of the Board is shown in the following table for each of the last four years, together with the total expenditure to 30th June, 1954:—

	During Year Ended 30th June—				Total Cost to 30th June, 1954.
	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Yan Yean System ..	4,782	3,399	3,658	1,761	683,663
Maroondah System ..	3,128	672	603	1,467	1,720,527
O'Shannassy - Upper Yarra System ..	1,387,956	2,035,220	1,677,834	1,737,067	12,642,064
Service reservoirs ..	3,807	8,490	4,359	8,562	660,771
Large mains ..	111,321	107,040	48,628	346,858	3,787,103
Reticulation ..	296,863	399,391	266,207	344,077	5,851,953
Afforestation ..	8,308	1,383	3,474	9,766	204,718
Investigations, future works ..	517	1,554	1,557	31	13,415
Total ..	1,816,682	2,557,149	2,006,320	2,449,589	25,564,214

**The Melbourne  
and  
Metropolitan  
waterworks.**

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

**Storage and service reservoirs.**

There are five storage reservoirs (Yan Yean, Toorourrong, Maroondah, O'Shannassy, and Silvan No. 1) with a total capacity of 23,351,305,000 gallons, 20 service reservoirs (including one at the Metropolitan Farm, Werribee) and three elevated tanks with a total capacity of 257,200,000 gallons.

The Upper Yarra water supply works now under construction include the provision of a storage reservoir on the upper reaches of the River Yarra in the vicinity of McVeigh's and the construction of a conduit from that reservoir to the Silvan Reservoir.

In 1946 the Board approved of the construction by day labour of an earth and rock fill dam on the River Yarra immediately upstream from the confluence of Doctor's Creek. The dam will be 293 feet high and will impound 45,800 million gallons of water, which will treble the available water storage under the control of the Board. This work is estimated to cost £12,628,000.

The clearing of the area to be submerged by the water of the reservoir is proceeding and up to the 30th June, 1955, 316 acres had been cleared by contract, the work being confined mainly to the Walsh's Creek area.

The water from the Upper Yarra catchment will be conveyed to the Silvan Reservoir by a conduit consisting of 22 miles of 68-inch diameter steel pipes and  $1\frac{1}{3}$  miles of tunnel. This conduit will be capable of delivering 75 million gallons daily from the existing Upper Yarra Aqueduct at Starvation Creek. The tunnels have been built with sufficient capacity to allow the laying of a duplicate pipeline with a similar capacity when the need arises. This work was completed in 1953.

**Output of water.** The total output of water from the various sources of supply in 1952-53 and 1953-54 was as follows:—

	Year ended 30th June—	
	1953.	1954.
	'000 gals.	'000 gals.
Yan Yean Reservoir .. .. .	5,904,700	4,816,200
Maroondah Reservoir .. .. .	15,656,200	16,462,900
O'Shannassy River and Silvan No. 1 .. .. .	15,792,600	19,047,900
<b>Total Output .. .. .</b>	<b>37,353,100</b>	<b>40,327,000</b>

The total consumption of water amounted to 37,383 million gallons in 1952-53 and 40,353 million gallons in 1953-54, and the average consumption per day was 102·42 million gallons in 1952-53 and 110·56 million gallons in 1953-54. During the year ended 30th June, 1954, the maximum consumption on any one day was 227·1 million gallons on 12th January, 1954, and the minimum consumption was 68·9 million gallons on 20th September, 1953. The maximum daily consumption of 227·1 million gallons was the highest on record.

The following table shows for each of the five years, 1950 to 1954, the daily average consumption of water, and the daily average per head :—

**DAILY AVERAGE QUANTITY OF WATER CONSUMED IN  
MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.**

(MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS AREA.)

Year	Properties Supplied with water at 30th June	Properties for which Sewers were Provided at 30th June	Daily Average of Annual Consumption of Water.	Daily Consumption of Water per Head of Population Served.
	No.	No.	Million Gallons.	Gallons.
1949-50 .. ..	342,742	320,006	91·66	70·13*
1950-51 .. ..	354,415	321,548	101·99	76·51*
1951-52 .. ..	364,248	329,872	107·36	79·52*
1952-53 .. ..	378,439	338,314	102·42	74·11*
1953-54 .. ..	390,035	345,370	110·56	78·75*

\* Revised after Census of June, 1954.

These figures show that additional properties to the number of 11,596 were supplied with water during the year ended 30th June, 1954.

The Board is empowered to levy a general sewerage rate not exceeding 1s. 2d. in the £1 of the net annual value of properties in sewered areas. The sewerage rate for the year 1953-54 was 1s. 1d. in the £1. The total annual value of property in the Board's area in 1953-54 was £40,265,249, of which £36,303,675 was liable to the sewerage rate, the balance being the value of property in unsewered districts. The receipts from general sewerage rates and charges in 1953-54 amounted to £2,008,857.

**Sewerage assessments, rates, and receipts.**

**Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan sewerage system.**

The cost of sewerage works during each of the last four years and the total cost at 30th June, 1954, are shown in the following table :—

	During Year Ended 30th June—				Total Cost at 30th June, 1954.
	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Farm purchase and preparation ..	195,433	195,887	178,958	152,828	2,608,337
Treatment works ..	1,883	1,370	271	3,560	218,986
Outfall sewers and rising mains .. ..	1,466	1,736	3,100	584	539,111
Pumping stations, buildings, and plant ..	8,488	15,803	11,951	5,450	355,197
Main and branch sewers	88,611	68,811	77,733	124,511	3,725,272
Reticulation sewers ..	524,258	695,912	585,757	709,572	12,574,160
Cost of house connexions chargeable to capital ..	..	..	..	..	670,569
Sanitary depots ..	5	3,308	2,461	4,292	55,396
Investigations ..	8,032	2,179	10,208	24,243	68,220
<b>Cost of sewerage system ..</b>	<b>828,176</b>	<b>985,006</b>	<b>870,439</b>	<b>1,025,040</b>	<b>20,815,248</b>

**Main and subsidiary sewerage systems.**

The sewerage system of the metropolis at 30th June, 1954, consisted of the main system and three subsidiary systems :—

The Main system (serving an area of 69,984 acres), the sewage from which gravitates to Spotswood Pumping Station where it is lifted to the main outfall sewer at Brooklyn and thence flows to the Metropolitan Farm at Werribee.

The Sunshine system (serving an area of 1,352 acres in the City of Sunshine), the sewage from which is pumped to the main outfall sewer.

The Kew system (serving an area of 103 acres in Kew), the sewage from which drains to a local treatment plant.

The South-Eastern system (serving an area of 2,498 acres in Cheltenham, Parkdale, Mentone, and Mordialloc), the sewage from which drains to the Braeside treatment plant in the Shire of Dandenong.

The first house was connected in Port Melbourne in August, 1897. On 30th June, 1954, the number of buildings for which sewers were provided was 345,370, and the estimated population served by the system was 1,243,000. During 1953-54, 11,596 new houses were erected in the Board's area.

**Number of buildings for which sewers were provided.**

The following statement shows the number of sewer connexions at 30th June, 1954 :—

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—  
SEWER CONNEXIONS AT 30TH JUNE, 1954.

Municipality.	Number of Buildings for which Sewers were provided at 30th June, 1954.
<b>Cities—</b>	
Box Hill .. .. .	7,865
Brighton .. .. .	11,770
Brunswick .. .. .	14,781
Camberwell .. .. .	24,861
Caulfield .. .. .	22,400
Coburg .. .. .	14,534
Collingwood .. .. .	8,178
Essendon .. .. .	15,051
Fitzroy .. .. .	7,841
Footscray .. .. .	14,666
Hawthorn .. .. .	10,820
Heidelberg (part) .. .. .	12,320
Kew .. .. .	8,116
Malvern .. .. .	14,620
Melbourne .. .. .	22,520
Moorabbin .. .. .	13,961
Mordialloc .. .. .	4,909
Northcote .. .. .	12,477
Nunawading .. .. .	2,694
Oakleigh .. .. .	4,972
Port Melbourne .. .. .	3,853
Prahran .. .. .	16,840
Preston .. .. .	13,765
Richmond .. .. .	10,623
Sandringham .. .. .	8,065
South Melbourne .. .. .	10,066
St. Kilda .. .. .	15,837
Sunshine .. .. .	5,562
Williamstown .. .. .	7,539
<b>Shires—</b>	
Broadmeadows (part) .. .. .	2,517
Keilor (part) .. .. .	1,214
Mulgrave .. .. .	127
Werribee (part) .. .. .	6
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>345,370</b>

NOTE.—Figures of "population served" for previous years were revised after the Census at June, 1954, viz., 1952-53, 1,236,000; 1951-52, 1,223,000; 1950-51, 1,209,000; 1949-50, 1,202,000.

At 30th June, 1954, pumping stations had been established at Spotswood, Preston, Sunshine (2), Box Hill, Black Rock, Mordialloc, and Port Melbourne.

**Pumping  
stations.**



**Metropolitan  
Sewage  
Farm.**

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

Statistical data for the year ended 30th June, 1954, are as under :—

Total area of farm .. .. .	26,073 acres
Area used for sewage disposal .. .. .	16,175 acres
Rainfall at farm for year .. .. .	29.63 inches
Average rainfall over 57 years .. .. .	18.65 inches
Net cost of sewage purification for year per head of population served .. .. .	4s. 7d.
Profit on cattle for year .. .. .	£90,800

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

For the year 1953-54 the working expenses were £42,788 and interest £2,144, making a total of £44,932. The revenue was £6,906, leaving a deficiency of £38,026.

**Metropolitan  
drainage and  
river  
improvement  
rate.**

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

**Assessed value  
of property.**

The total annual value of property assessed for drainage and river purposes for 1953-54 was £34,430,514.

**Cost of  
drainage and  
river  
improvement  
works.**

The total cost of drainage and river improvement works to 30th June, 1954, was £3,776,765.

**Length of main drains.** The classification and length of all main drains under the control of the Board at 30th June, 1954, were as follows :—

Type of Drain.	Miles.
Underground drains .. .. .	120
Constructed open drains .. .. .	12
Natural watercourses and unlined open drains .. .. .	5
Total .. .. .	137

### BALLARAT WATER COMMISSIONERS.

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

**Water supply.** The water supply district of the Ballarat Water Commissioners embraces an area of approximately 65 square miles, including the City of Ballarat, the Borough of Sebastopol and portions of the Shires of Ballarat, Buninyong, Bungaree, and Grenville. The estimated population of this area is 50,000. The works comprise seven reservoirs, which have a total storage capacity of 5,520 million gallons. The catchment area is 18,695 acres. The Commissioners supplied water to 15,574 properties of which 10,207 were connected to the sewers.

To 31st December, 1954, the capital cost of construction was £2,068,695 and loans outstanding (including Private loans) were £1,122,293. During 1954 receipts amounted to £246,617 and expenditure to £250,312.

**Water rate.** The water rate was 1s. 2d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all rateable properties, with a minimum of £1 per annum for land on which there is a building or water supply.

### BALLARAT SEWERAGE AUTHORITY.

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

The Ballarat sewerage district embraces the City of Ballarat, portions of the Shires of Ballarat and Bungaree, and Borough of Sebastopol. Work was commenced in December, 1922, and to date the Authority has constructed a disposal works, 1 mile of outfall sewer, 2·1 miles of main sewer, 14·7 miles of sub-mains, 99·5 miles of reticulation, an ejector station, and 0·6 miles of rising main. The whole of the works so far completed is gravitational. The plant treats an average maximum daily flow of approximately 2,000,000 gallons and comprises screening, grit removal, primary sedimentation, trickling filter, secondary sedimentation, and sludge digestion.

To 31st December, 1954, the capital cost of construction, including side lines, was £726,928, and the loans outstanding at that date were £537,788. The amount outstanding by property owners for sewerage installations was £5,847. During 1954, General Fund revenue was £65,111, and expenditure to £63,164.

**General  
Sewerage  
Rate.**

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

**GEE LONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE TRUST.**

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

The amount of loans which may be raised is limited to £1,500,000 for water supply, £1,250,000 for sewerage works, and £270,000 for sewerage installations to properties under deferred payments conditions. The expenditure on these services to 30th June, 1954, was water supply, £1,333,712; sewerage, £980,414; and sewerage installation, £260,349, of which £1,982 is outstanding. The revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1954, was £158,905 on account of waterworks and £100,615 on account of sewerage. Since 1913 the Trust has appropriated and set apart sums out of revenues for the creation of a sinking fund to redeem loans. To 30th June, 1954, the amounts so appropriated were: Sewerage, £122,080, and water supply, £142,433. Of such amounts £222,602 had been used to redeem loans which have matured from time to time.

The population supplied is estimated by the Trust at 76,700. The number of buildings within the "Drainage Area" is 17,427, the number within the "Sewered Areas" 15,790, and the number connected with the sewers 15,777.

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

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

*Sewerage.*—The sewerage system consists of a main outfall sewer, 4 ft. by 3 ft. 3 in. to the ocean at Black Rock, a distance of about 9 miles from Geelong, and 186·3 miles of main and reticulation sewers. The sewerage area is 10,219 acres and includes the City of Geelong, the City of Geelong West, the City of Newtown and Chilwell, and the suburban areas in the Shires of Corio, South Barwon, and Bellarine.

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

*Excess Water.*—The charge for water supplied beyond the rating allowance of 900 gallons per £1 of the municipal valuation is 1s. 3d. per 1,000 gallons.

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

### **MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST.**

This Trust, which was constituted under the provisions of the *Mildura Irrigation and Water Trusts Act 1928*, supplies water for domestic use in the City of Mildura and the township of Irymple in the Shire of Mildura. The revenue and expenditure of this Authority for the years ended 30th June, 1953, 1954, and 1955, were as follows :—

**MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.**

	Year ended 30th June—		
	1953.	1954.	1955.
<i>Revenue.</i>			
Water Rates .. .. .	£ 17,255	£ 20,722	£ 21,373
Water Charges .. .. .	9,668	5,012	7,493
Interest on overdue rates .. .. .	38	54	83
Other .. .. .	1,266	1,190	1,468
Total .. .. .	28,227	26,978	30,417
<i>Expenditure.</i>			
Administrative Expenses .. .. .	2,747	2,362	2,453
Meter Maintenance .. .. .	973	611	204
Maintenance Pumping .. .. .	9,737	10,563	10,487
Maintenance Distribution .. .. .	3,008	3,321	3,936
Interest on Loans .. .. .	2,434	3,268	3,626
Interest on Overdraft .. .. .	484	49	56
Depreciation .. .. .	3,069	3,571	3,672
Other .. .. .	868	891	960
Total .. .. .	23,320	24,636	25,394
Loan indebtedness at 30th June .. .. .	99,253	111,496	120,782

**SEWERAGE AUTHORITIES.**

In districts outside the areas under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust, and the State Electricity Commission (which bodies are constituted under special Acts), sewerage authorities may be constituted in Victoria under the provisions of the Sewerage Districts Acts. At 31st December, 1954, 60 such authorities had been constituted.

The following statement gives statistical information relating to all authorities (including the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, the State Electricity Commission (Yallourn), and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust) in whose districts the sewerage systems were in operation in 1954:—

**SEWERAGE SYSTEMS IN OPERATION IN VICTORIA  
AT 31st DECEMBER, 1953 AND 1954.**

Year ended 31st December, 1953.			Year ended 31st December, 1954.		
Authority.	Number of Properties Connected to Sewers.	Sewerage Rate Levied in £ of Net Annual Municipal Value.	Authority.	Number of Properties Connected to Sewers.	Sewerage Rate Levied in £ of Net Annual Municipal Value.
		<i>s. d.</i>			<i>s. d.</i>
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	341,842	1 1	Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	348,493	1 1
Ararat	1,640	2 0	Ararat	1,731	1 2
Bairnsdale	1,315	1 9	Bairnsdale	1,325	1 9
Ballarat	10,020	1 4	Ballarat	10,207	1 4
Benalla	1,455	1 10	Benalla	1,884	1 5
Bendigo	7,480	1 3	Bendigo	7,700	1 3
Castlemaine	1,360	2 0	Castlemaine	1,450	2 0
Colac	1,850	1 3	Colac	1,900	1 3
Dandenong	1,950	1 2	Dandenong	2,280	1 2
Dimboola	382	4 4	Dimboola	398	3 2
Echuca	1,350	2 7	Echuca	1,390	1 10
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust	15,367	1 4	Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust	16,094	1 4
Hamilton	2,000	1 7	Hamilton	2,103	1 7
Horsham	1,697	0 10	Horsham	1,702	0 9
Kerang	746	2 3	Kerang	772	2 5
Kyabram	400	2 0	Kyabram	430	2 0
Kyneton	1,012	2 0	Kyneton	1,030	1 9
Maffra	209	3 0	Maffra	227	3 0
Mildura	2,071	1 2	Mildura	2,130	1 2
			Moe	35	3 6
Mornington	498	1 9	Mornington	556	1 9
Morwell	1,402	1 6	Morwell	1,500	1 2
Murtoa	308	2 3	Murtoa	310	2 3
Nhill	654	2 0	Nhill	679	2 0
Portland	550	1 9	Portland	579	1 9
Shepparton	2,135	1 2	Shepparton	2,407	1 2
Swan Hill	1,163	1 11	Swan Hill	1,193	1 6
Wangaratta	2,000	2 0	Wangaratta	2,150	2 0
Warracknabeal	857	2 6	Warracknabeal	870	2 7
Warragul	1,100	2 6	Warragul	1,150	2 6
Warrnambool	2,471	1 3	Warrnambool	2,542	0 9
Yallourn	407	..	Yallourn	482	..
Yarrawonga	651	2 0	Yarrawonga	675	1 3
Total	408,342	..	Total	418,374	..

In addition to those enumerated in the foregoing table, sewerage authorities had been constituted in the following districts, but were not in operation at 31st December, 1954:—

Year 1936	..	Sale.
„ 1938	..	Lorne.
„ 1939	..	Beechworth, Euroa, Leongatha, Traralgon, Werribee, Wodonga, Yarram.
„ 1945	..	Maryborough.

- „ 1946 .. Charlton.
- „ 1947 .. Mooroopna, Queenscliffe, Tatura, Yea.
- „ 1948 .. St. Arnaud, Stawell, Springvale and Noble Park.
- „ 1949 .. Bacchus Marsh, Donald, Jeparit.
- „ 1950 .. Camperdown, Port Fairy, Terang.
- „ 1951 .. Casterton, Mansfield, Orbost.
- „ 1952 .. Croydon, Lilydale.
- „ 1953 .. Tallangatta.

### FIRE BRIGADES.

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

The Board on 30th June, 1954, had under its control the following :—  
43 stations, 670 members of permanent staff, 61 members of special service staff, 26 members of clerical staff, 72 men engaged in workshops, 10 employees engaged in the tailoring department, and 15 partially-paid firemen.

During 1953-54 the cost of maintenance of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade was £877,311, one-third by municipalities within the Metropolitan Fire District, and two-thirds by the 171 Fire Insurance Companies carrying on business in that district. The municipalities' contribution was equal to 1·779 pence in the £1 on the annual value of £39,451,543 of property within the Fire District, and that of the insurance companies to £14 7s. 10·925d. for every £100 of premiums on insured property. The premiums received in the Metropolitan Fire District in 1952 amounted to £4,062,889.

Particulars of receipts and expenditure of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for the five years, 1950 to 1954 are as follows :—

**VICTORIA—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE  
METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADES BOARD, 1950 TO 1954.**

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£	£	£	£	£
Contributions—Government, Municipal, and Insurance Companies	470,179	465,985	727,715	839,981	877,311
Receipts for Services	66,419	68,076	73,859	101,787	102,534
Interest on Sundries	47,269	63,888	77,541	98,706	96,330
<b>Total</b>	<b>583,867</b>	<b>597,949</b>	<b>879,115</b>	<b>1,040,474</b>	<b>1,076,175</b>
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries	282,134	385,275	518,047	620,126	643,767
Administrative Charges, &c.	102,088	141,527	166,128	163,749	154,236
Partially-paid Fireman and Special Service Staff Allowances	54,347	49,225	62,559	68,126	61,492
Plant—Purchase and Repairs	36,931	44,840	76,696	64,975	82,294
Interest	6,146	5,870	6,873	6,516	5,148
Repayment of Loans	10,360	10,916	11,502	12,121	11,009
Superannuation Fund	13,240	17,720	21,520	23,790	24,478
Motor Replacement Reserve	7,436	7,673	7,532	9,368	10,551
Pay-Roll Tax	9,391	11,873	15,728	19,016	19,039
Miscellaneous	3,881	2,458	7,657	2,938	3,761
<b>Total</b>	<b>525,954</b>	<b>677,377</b>	<b>894,242</b>	<b>990,725</b>	<b>1,015,775</b>
At 30th June— Loan Indebtedness	134,252	123,337	111,834	109,714	98,705

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

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

At 30th June, 1954, there were 198 urban fire brigades and 1,007 rural fire brigades. The effective registered strength of the brigades at the close of the financial year was 91,875 members. The *Country Fire Authority (Finance) Act 1953* (No. 5712) provided that the



contributions of the insurance companies to this Authority were increased as from 1st January, 1954, from one-third of the nett estimated expenditure to two-thirds thereof, and the contribution by the Government of Victoria was reduced proportionately. There are 155 insurance companies included in the operation of the Act. The premiums received by these insurance companies outside the Metropolitan Fire District amounted to £3,506,991.

The following statement shows the receipts and expenditure of the Country Fire Authority during the years ended 30th June, 1953, and 1954 :—

	Year Ended 30th June—	
	1953.	1954.
	£	£
<i>Ordinary Receipts.</i>		
Government Contributions .. .. .	92,738	51,731
Government Contributions on account Municipalities	92,738	103,461
Insurance contributions .. .. .	92,738	155,192
Sundries .. .. .	14,488	16,789
Total .. .. .	292,702	327,173
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>		
Administrative (including salaries) .. .. .	26,745	30,408
Brigade salaries .. .. .	53,264	58,718
Regional officers—salaries, transport, maintenance ..	31,713	34,357
Fires and practices allowances .. .. .	6,966	7,231
New stations, repairs, and rentals .. .. .	19,443	18,099
Rolling stock and plant, purchases and maintenance	64,875	73,448
Hose and appliances .. .. .	5,584	6,260
Uniforms, telephones, and fuel .. .. .	10,220	14,251
Repayment of loans .. .. .	12,235	15,956
Interest on loans .. .. .	6,899	10,865
Motor Replacement Fund .. .. .	17,290	21,676
Compensation Fund, accidents .. .. .	3,440	8,600
Local Government rates .. .. .	2,294	2,454
Pay-roll Tax .. .. .	1,979	2,150
Sundries .. .. .	16,224	19,033
Total .. .. .	279,171	323,506
Loan Expenditure .. .. .	78,212	87,558
Loan indebtedness at 30th June .. .. .	242,734	326,778

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENT BODIES.

In the following statement particulars are given of the new money loan raisings during each of the years 1949-50 to 1953-54 by Local Government and Semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies in Victoria.

VICTORIA—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—NEW MONEY LOAN RAISINGS, 1949-50 TO 1953-54.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
LOCAL GOVERNMENT.	£	£	£	£	£
Due to Government .. .. .	12,247	42,654	50,159	23,428	56,053
Due to Public Creditor .. .. .	1,621,030	2,113,635	2,583,091	3,900,790	3,340,500
Total Local Government .. .. .	1,633,277	2,156,289	2,633,250	3,924,218	3,396,553
SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL, &C.					
Due to Government .. .. .	6,752,596*	9,057,458*	12,366,467*	21,620,526*	20,976,865*
Due to Public Creditor .. .. .	20,002,525	37,259,065	31,559,071	32,373,296	34,485,209
Total Semi-Governmental, &c. .. .	26,755,121	46,316,523	43,925,538	53,993,822	55,462,074
ALL AUTHORITIES.					
Due to Government .. .. .	6,764,843	9,100,112	12,416,626	21,643,954	21,032,918
Due to Public Creditor .. .. .	21,623,555	39,372,700	34,142,162	36,274,086	37,825,709
Grand Total .. .. .	28,388,398	48,472,812	46,558,788	57,918,040	58,858,627†

\* Including the following advances by the Commonwealth Government under the Commonwealth and State Housing Agreement:—£6,300,000 in 1949-50, £8,600,000 in 1950-51, £10,061,000 in 1951-52, £11,270,000 in 1952-53, and £12,000,000 in 1953-54.

† Subject to revision.

### HOUSING.

**Housing and reclamation by municipalities.** The Council of any municipality may, under existing statutory power, erect or purchase dwelling-houses for eligible persons at a cost not exceeding £1,250, including the cost of the land, if the dwelling be of wood, or £1,500 if it be of brick, stone, or concrete. An eligible person, within the meaning of the *Local Government (Amendment) Act* (No. 5843 of 1954), is one who does not own a dwelling-house in Victoria or elsewhere and who is in receipt of an income not exceeding £750 a year.

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

**War Service Homes in Victoria.**

Provision of homes is made by the Commonwealth Government for Australian soldiers who served during the 1914-1918 War and the 1939-1945 War, and also for the female dependants of Australian soldiers and other classes of eligible persons as defined in the *War Service Homes Act 1918-1955*.

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

**VICTORIA—WAR SERVICE HOMES.**

Period.	Applications Approved.	Homes Built and Assisted to Build.	Homes Purchased.	Mortgages Discharged.	Transfers and Resales.
From inception to— 30th June, 1948 ..	13,627	2,509	4,995	1,019	1,533
Year ended— 30th June, 1949 ..	2,641	414	1,030	546	36
.. .. 1950 ..	4,932	453	2,660	1,010	38
.. .. 1951 ..	5,687	925	3,438	1,617	129
.. .. 1952 ..	5,362	1,034	3,141	1,850	116
.. .. 1953 ..	4,376	1,292	1,757	483	258
.. .. 1954 ..	4,145	1,412	1,917	522	297
.. .. 1955 ..	4,423	1,281	1,876	848	354

To 30th June, 1955, the sums paid as instalments of principal and interest amounted to £23,406,724, whilst the areas of instalments totalled £116,312, the percentage of arrears to the total amount due being 0.49.

**Housing Commission of Victoria.**

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

To 30th June, 1954, contracts were let for the erection of 27,570 dwelling units in Victoria, 16,920 in municipalities within the metropolitan area, and 10,650 in municipalities outside the metropolitan area. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

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

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION  
OF VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLING  
UNITS TO 30TH JUNE, 1954; TYPE OF DWELLING.

Municipality.	Type.						Total Dwelling Units— Contracts Let, &c.
	Brick.	Brick Veneer.	Concrete.	Timber, &c.	Prefabricated Timber.	Steel.	
<b>METROPOLITAN.</b>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>Cities—</b>							
Box Hill .. .. .		30	513	9	..	..	552
Brighton .. .. .	130	..	..	..	..	..	130
Brunswick .. .. .	22	..	96	5	..	..	123
Camberwell .. .. .	412	75	557	..	..	..	1,044
Coburg .. .. .	637	..	..	133	..	..	770
Collingwood .. .. .	16	..	..	..	..	..	16
Essendon .. .. .	1,097	..	47	34	..	..	1,178
Fitzroy .. .. .	72	..	..	..	..	..	72
Footscray .. .. .	10	..	1	95	4	..	110
Heidelberg .. .. .	1,005	1,350	533	235	9	..	3,132
Melbourne .. .. .	88	..	12	..	..	..	100
Moorabbin .. .. .	318	338	324	3	27	1	1,011
Northcote .. .. .	42	..	16	..	..	..	58
Oakleigh .. .. .	..	..	99	1	..	..	100
Port Melbourne .. .. .	388	..	70	..	..	..	458
Preston .. .. .	861	88	929	94	351	..	2,323
Richmond .. .. .	152	..	..	..	..	..	152
Sandringham .. .. .	811	13	70	..	6	..	900
Sunshine .. .. .	1	6	1,292	96	628	20	2,043
Williamstown .. .. .	56	..	89	29	..	..	174
<b>Shires—</b>							
Broadmeadows .. .. .	..	..	113	100	50	..	263
Dandenong* .. .. .	..	..	523	..	19	..	542
Frankston and Hastings* .. .. .	..	7	..	17	112	..	136
Mulgrave .. .. .	..	184	1,349	..	..	..	1,533
<b>Total Metropolitan .. .. .</b>	<b>6,118</b>	<b>2,091</b>	<b>6,633</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>1,206</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16,920</b>
<b>REMAINDER OF STATE</b>							
<b>Cities—</b>							
Ararat .. .. .	..	..	..	100	177	..	277
Ballaarat .. .. .	23	17	..	34	..	..	74
Bendigo .. .. .	50	..	..	..	..	..	50
Geelong .. .. .	57	..	..	353	3	..	413
Geelong West .. .. .	..	37	..	..	..	..	37
Hamilton .. .. .	..	..	..	44	71	..	115
Horsham .. .. .	..	..	..	97	20	..	117
Mildura .. .. .	..	..	..	103	98	..	201
Newtown and Chilwell .. .. .	..	54	..	..	..	..	54
Sale .. .. .	..	..	..	83	..	..	83
Shepparton .. .. .	..	81	..	156	140	..	377
Warrnambool .. .. .	17	40	..	73	75	..	205
<b>Towns—</b>							
Castlemaine .. .. .	..	13	..	12	48	..	73
Colac .. .. .	..	13	..	125	62	..	200
Portland .. .. .	..	..	..	37	10	..	47
St. Arnaud .. .. .	..	3	..	9	6	..	18
<b>Boroughs—</b>							
Benalla .. .. .	..	..	..	77	69	..	146
Camperdown .. .. .	..	..	..	29	6	..	35
Daylesford .. .. .	..	..	..	..	7	..	7
Eaglehawk .. .. .	5	..	..	..	5	..	10
Echuca .. .. .	..	16	..	38	26	..	80
Inglewood .. .. .	..	..	..	..	6	..	6
Maryborough .. .. .	..	20	..	23	50	..	93
Port Fairy .. .. .	..	..	..	10	..	..	10
Sebastopol .. .. .	..	..	..	13	17	..	30
Stawell .. .. .	..	20	..	..	7	..	27
Swan Hill .. .. .	..	..	..	68	20	..	88
Wangarratta .. .. .	..	76	..	279	236	1	592
Wonthaggi .. .. .	..	..	..	90	25	..	115

\* Included in the statistical metropolitan area from 1st January, 1954.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF  
VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLING UNITS, TO 30TH  
JUNE, 1954; TYPE OF DWELLING—*continued.*

Municipality.	Type.						Total Dwelling Units—Contracts Let. &c.
	Brick.	Brick Veneer.	Concrete.	Timber. &c.	Prefabricated Timber.	Steel.	
REMAINDER OF STATE <i>Continued.</i>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Shires—							
Alberton .. .. .	..	..	..	24	..	..	24
Avon .. .. .	..	..	..	6	..	..	6
Bacchus Marsh .. .. .	..	..	..	46	25	..	71
Bairnsdale .. .. .	..	..	..	34	..	..	34
Ballan .. .. .	..	..	..	..	6	..	6
Ballarat .. .. .	..	..	..	57	245	..	302
Beechworth .. .. .	..	..	..	20	5	..	25
Bet Bet .. .. .	..	..	..	..	6	..	6
Bright .. .. .	..	..	..	46	..	..	46
Broadford .. .. .	..	..	..	8	5	..	13
Bulu Bulu .. .. .	..	..	..	15	41	..	56
Charlton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	8	..	8
Cobram .. .. .	..	..	..	19	31	..	(a) 50
Cohuna .. .. .	..	..	..	16	2	..	18
Corio .. .. .	..	..	161	130	1,671	..	1,962
Cranbourne .. .. .	..	..	..	12	3	..	15
Deakin .. .. .	..	..	..	8	..	..	8
Dimboola .. .. .	..	..	..	26	6	..	32
Donald .. .. .	..	..	..	..	5	..	5
Dunmunkle .. .. .	..	..	..	10	..	..	10
Euroa .. .. .	..	..	..	6	20	..	26
Glenelg .. .. .	..	..	..	10	..	..	10
Gisborne .. .. .	..	..	..	12	..	..	12
Hampden .. .. .	..	..	..	37	..	..	37
Heytesbury .. .. .	..	..	..	12	..	..	12
Kerang .. .. .	..	..	..	18	22	..	40
Korumburra .. .. .	..	..	..	45	1	..	46
Kyneton .. .. .	..	..	..	20	10	..	30
Maffra .. .. .	..	..	..	42	..	..	42
Mansfield .. .. .	..	..	..	30	10	..	40
Marong .. .. .	..	..	..	..	94	..	94
Mildura .. .. .	..	..	..	117	52	..	169
Mirboo .. .. .	..	..	..	13	..	..	13
Mortlake .. .. .	..	..	..	..	5	..	5
Morwell .. .. .	..	..	..	737	393	..	1,130
Narraean .. .. .	..	..	..	869	455	..	1,324
Numurkah .. .. .	..	..	..	52	41	..	93
Orbost .. .. .	..	..	..	22	..	..	22
Ripon .. .. .	..	..	..	..	10	..	10
Rochester .. .. .	..	..	..	12	12	..	24
Rodney .. .. .	..	..	..	53	36	..	89
Rutherglen .. .. .	..	..	..	14	..	..	14
Seymour .. .. .	..	..	..	102	60	..	162
Swan Hill .. .. .	..	..	..	20	1	..	21
Traralgon .. .. .	..	..	..	295	..	..	295
Tullaroop .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Walpeup .. .. .	..	..	..	5	..	..	5
Wannoo .. .. .	..	..	..	..	12	..	12
Warracknabeal .. .. .	..	..	..	22	12	..	34
Warragul .. .. .	..	..	..	256	35	..	291
Winchelsea .. .. .	..	..	..	..	48	..	48
Wodonga .. .. .	..	..	..	81	42	..	123
Woorayl .. .. .	..	..	..	16	17	..	33
Wycheproof .. .. .	..	..	..	..	5	..	5
Yackandandah .. .. .	..	..	..	8	..	..	8
Yarrawonga .. .. .	..	..	..	42	11	..	53
Total, Remainder of State	152	390	161	5,298	4,648	1	10,650
Grand Total .. .. .	6,270	2,481	6,794	6,149	5,854	22	27,570

(a) Includes 20 dwellings in that portion of the Shire of Tungamah which was severed to constitute the *Shire of Cobram* on 1st April, 1953.

**DWELLING UNITS ERECTED BY THE HOUSING  
COMMISSION OF VICTORIA TO 30TH JUNE, 1954.**

Municipality.	Completed to 30th June, 1954.	Completed during Year ended 30th June, 1954.
<b>METROPOLITAN.</b>		
<b>Cities—</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>
Box Hill .. .. .	552	..
Brighton .. .. .	130	..
Brunswick .. .. .	123	..
Camberwell .. .. .	1,043	68
Coburg .. .. .	770	..
Collingwood .. .. .	16	16
Essendon .. .. .	1,114	248
Fitzroy .. .. .	32	32
Footscray .. .. .	110	..
Heidelberg .. .. .	2,679	334
Melbourne .. .. .	100	40
Moorabbin .. .. .	807	10
Northcote .. .. .	58	..
Oakleigh .. .. .	100	..
Port Melbourne .. .. .	453*	..
Preston .. .. .	1,933	372
Richmond .. .. .	188	..
Sandringham .. .. .	836	16
Sunshine .. .. .	1,723	592
Williamstown .. .. .	174	..
<b>Shires—</b>		
Broadmeadows .. .. .	131	10
Dandenong† .. .. .	231	104
Frankston and Hastings† .. .. .	127	43
Mulgrave .. .. .	1,295	316
<b>Total Metropolitan</b> .. .. .	<b>14,680</b>	<b>2,201</b>
<b>REMAINDER OF STATE.</b>		
<b>Cities—</b>		
Ararat .. .. .	266	10
Ballaarat .. .. .	74	..
Bendigo .. .. .	50	..
Geelong .. .. .	413	1
Geelong West .. .. .	37	..
Horsham .. .. .	113	1
Hamilton .. .. .	90	33
Mildura .. .. .	197	84
Newtown and Chilwell .. .. .	54	..
Sale .. .. .	83	10
Shepparton .. .. .	333	56
Warrnambool .. .. .	189	60
<b>Towns—</b>		
Castlemaine .. .. .	73	18
Colac .. .. .	185	35
Portland .. .. .	43	13
St. Arnaud .. .. .	18	6
<b>Boroughs—</b>		
Benalla .. .. .	145	54
Camperdown .. .. .	35	6
Daylesford .. .. .	7	..
Eaglehawk .. .. .	12	..
Echuca .. .. .	68	9
Inglewood .. .. .	6	..
Maryborough .. .. .	83	10
Port Fairy .. .. .	10	..
Sebastopol .. .. .	30	7
Stawell .. .. .	27	7
Swan Hill .. .. .	84	19
Wangaratta .. .. .	540	135
Wonthaggi .. .. .	105	..

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

† See footnote on page 156.

DWELLING UNITS ERECTED BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA  
TO 30TH JUNE, 1954—*continued.*

Municipality.	Completed to 30th June, 1954.	Completed during Year ended 30th June, 1954.
<i>REMAINDER OF STATE—continued.</i>		
Shires—	No.	No.
Alberton .. .. .	22	3
Avon .. .. .	6	..
Bacchus Marsh .. .. .	61	20
Bairnsdale .. .. .	34	..
Ballan .. .. .	6	..
Ballarat .. .. .	264	73
Bet Bet .. .. .	6	..
Beechworth .. .. .	25	..
Bright .. .. .	41	7
Broadford .. .. .	13	..
Buln Buln .. .. .	56	5
Charlton .. .. .	8	..
Cobram .. .. .	35	15
Cohuna .. .. .	18	..
Corio .. .. .	1,106	395
Cranbourne .. .. .	73	..
Dandenong .. .. .	(a)	(a)
Dimboola .. .. .	32	..
Donald .. .. .	5	..
Dunmunkie .. .. .	10	..
Euroa .. .. .	26	12
Frankston and Hastings .. .. .	(a)	(a)
Gisborne .. .. .	12	..
Glenelg .. .. .	10	..
Hampden .. .. .	37	..
Heytesbury .. .. .	12	..
Kerang .. .. .	28	..
Korong .. .. .	4	..
Korumburra .. .. .	46	11
Kyneton .. .. .	30	13
Maffra .. .. .	42	19
Mansfield .. .. .	40	1
Marong .. .. .	85	37
Mildura .. .. .	169	57
Mirboo .. .. .	13	5
Morwell .. .. .	1,150	..
Narracan .. .. .	1,324	15
Numurkah .. .. .	77	15
Orbost .. .. .	22	6
Ripon .. .. .	10	..
Rochester .. .. .	24	6
Rodney .. .. .	89	..
Rutherglen .. .. .	10	..
Seymour .. .. .	131	14
Swan Hill .. .. .	17	10
Traralgon .. .. .	295	..
Tullaroop .. .. .	1	..
Wannon .. .. .	6	6
Warracknabeal .. .. .	34	2
Warragul .. .. .	261	15
Winchelsea .. .. .	43	5
Wodonga .. .. .	113	34
Woorayl .. .. .	33	6
Wycheproof .. .. .	5	5
Yarrawonga .. .. .	43	3
Total Remainder of State .. .. .	9,413	1,389
Grand Total .. .. .	24,093	3,590

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

(a) See footnote on page 156.

**State  
Building  
Control.**

The Building Operations and Building Materials Control Act, No. 5116 of 1946, brought under State administration the control of building operations and materials formerly administered by the Commonwealth under the National Security Regulations. The principal provisions of this Act were published in the *Year-Book* for 1946-47, pages 510 and 511. Brief summaries of amending Acts appear in successive issues of the *Year-Book*.

The *Building Operations and Building Materials Control Act 1946* together with amending Acts Nos. 5259, 5271, 5288, 5347, 5445, and 5479 were reprinted under the authority of Act No. 5479, section 1 (2) on a certificate of the Attorney-General dated 31st January, 1951, and cited as the Building Operations and Building Materials Control Act. This Act was extended to 31st December, 1952, by amending Act No. 5576 of 1951, and to 31st December, 1953, by amending Act No. 5650 of 1952.

**Building  
permits.**

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

**Building  
permits  
issued in  
Metropolitan  
Area.**

As from 1st January, 1954, the metropolitan area for statistical purposes was re-defined by the inclusion of the following municipal areas :—

*Altona Riding* of the Shire of Werribee.

*Western Ward* of the City of Sunshine.

*Maribyrnong and Tullamarine Ridings* of the Shire of Keilor.

*North Ward* of the City of Heidelberg.

\* *Montmorency and Eltham Ridings*, and part of the North Riding, of the Shire of Eltham.

*Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe.*

*West, North, and South Ridings* of the Shire of Lillydale.

*North, Centre, and East Ridings* of the Shire of Fern Tree Gully.

*Shire of Dandenong.*

*Seaford, Frankston, and Mt. Eliza Ridings* of the Shire of Frankston and Hastings.

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\* Prior to 6th March, 1955 known as the "South" Riding.



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

METROPOLITAN AREA OF MELBOURNE—VALUE OF BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE ISSUED, 1949 TO 1954.

Year Ended 31st December—	Value of Buildings Approved.			
	Dwellings (including Flats, &c.).	Other New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	<i>(a) Old Series.</i>			
1949 .. .. .	20,391	1,845	2,142	24,378
1950 .. .. .	26,342	3,045	3,186	32,573
1951 .. .. .	29,462	4,707	5,638	39,807
1952 .. .. .	18,917	6,298	6,584	31,799
1953 .. .. .	25,823	7,400	7,182	40,405
	<i>(b) New Series.</i>			
1954 .. .. .	40,550	17,140	9,496	67,186

(a) Metropolitan Area prior to 1st January, 1954.

(b) Metropolitan Area as from 1st January, 1954.

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

**BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA  
OF MELBOURNE DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st  
DECEMBER, 1954.**

Class of Permit.	Year ended 31st December, 1954.	
	Number.	Value.
		£
<b>New Buildings—</b>		
<b>Buildings for Habitation—</b>		
<b>Private Dwellings—</b>		
Brick and concrete .. .. .	849	3,983,639
Brick veneer .. .. .	3,500	11,924,101
Wood, fibro-cement, &c. .. .. .	9,094	22,613,104
Flats .. .. .	54*	884,991
Other .. .. .	8	1,144,489
<b>Total, Buildings for Habitation .. .. .</b>	<b>13,505</b>	<b>40,550,324</b>
<b>Commercial Buildings—</b>		
<b>With Residence—</b>		
Shops .. .. .	189	821,145
Garages .. .. .	5	28,700
Factories .. .. .	7	2,775,432
Other .. .. .	16	95,824
<b>Without Residence—</b>		
Shops .. .. .	618	1,902,520
Garages .. .. .	85	445,182
Factories .. .. .	421†	7,896,723
Other .. .. .	115	881,358
<b>Public Buildings—</b>		
Hospital buildings .. .. .	6	618,177
Churches .. .. .	44	324,589
Schools .. .. .	27	425,991
Other .. .. .	59	924,604
<b>Total, Commercial and Public Buildings .. .. .</b>	<b>1,592</b>	<b>17,140,245</b>
<b>Alterations and Additions—</b>		
Private Dwellings .. .. .	17,431	3,869,743
Flats .. .. .	16	21,559
Other Buildings for Habitation .. .. .	157	305,276
Shops .. .. .	516	563,183
Garages (Commercial) .. .. .	65	138,887
Factories .. .. .	709	3,313,978
Other Business Premises .. .. .	260	596,821
Public Buildings .. .. .	179	686,276
<b>Total, Alterations, and Additions .. .. .</b>	<b>19,333</b>	<b>9,495,723</b>
<b>Grand Total, Building Permits .. .. .</b>	<b>34,430</b>	<b>67,186,292‡</b>

\* 285 self-contained units.

† Includes 3 permits relating to an Oil Refinery, £4,300,000.

‡ See page 164 for details of value in each municipality.

NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW  
HABITABLE BUILDINGS BY MUNICIPALITIES IN THE  
METROPOLITAN AREA OF MELBOURNE DURING THE  
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1954.

Name of Municipality.	Habitable Buildings (Private Dwellings, Flats, Hotels, etc.)			
	Year ended 31st December--			
	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
CITIES.				
Box Hill .. .. .	563	335	515	548
Brighton .. .. .	183	89	154	142
Brunswick .. .. .	49	27	37	44
Camberwell .. .. .	711	343	524	609
Caulfield .. .. .	103	59	92	134
Chelsea .. .. .	240	159	237	233
Coburg .. .. .	716	399	547	613
Collingwood .. .. .	3	2	7	3
Essendon .. .. .	202	115	150	115
Fitzroy .. .. .	..	..	4	..
Footscray .. .. .	447	221	226	296
Hawthorn .. .. .	29	9	20	18
Heidelberg .. .. .	665	443	558	649
Kew .. .. .	123	61	97	94
Malvern .. .. .	158	90	106	121
Melbourne .. .. .	7	9	14	9
Moorabbin .. .. .	1,372	897	1,088	1,653
Mordialloc .. .. .	313	143	202	214
Northcote .. .. .	125	76	118	86
Nunawading .. .. .	787	502	609	848
Oakleigh .. .. .	439	228	297	441
Port Melbourne .. .. .	2	2	..	..
Prahran .. .. .	43	22	45	44
Preston .. .. .	720	367	459	438
Richmond .. .. .	3	3	3	4
Sandringham .. .. .	238	144	236	310
South Melbourne .. .. .	3	..	..	1
St. Kilda .. .. .	5	8	9	15
Sunshine .. .. .	1,025	460	522	640
Williamstown .. .. .	174	133	100	164
BOROUGH.				
Ringwood .. .. .	482	350	423	542
SHIRES.				
Broadmeadows (a) .. .. .	763	557	813	841
Dandenong .. .. .	*	*	*	705
Doncaster and Templestowe .. .. .	*	*	*	186
Eltham (Part) (b) .. .. .	*	*	*	130
Fern Tree Gully (Part) (c) .. .. .	*	*	*	349
Frankston and Hastings (Part) (d) .. .. .	*	*	*	281
Keilor .. .. .	542	453	427	625
Lilivdale (Part) (e) .. .. .	*	*	*	327
Mulgrave .. .. .	848	502	573	863
Werribee (Part) (f) .. .. .	*	*	*	170
Total Metropolitan Area .. .. .	*	*	*	13,505

(a) Broadmeadows and Campbellfield Ridings.

(b) Montmorency and Eltham Ridings and part of North Riding, (formerly known as the South Riding).

(c) North, Centre, and East Ridings.

(d) Seaford, Frankston, and Mt. Eliza Ridings.

(e) North, Southern, and Western Ridings.

(f) Altona Riding.

\* Not available.

VALUE OF ALL BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE  
ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA OF MELBOURNE  
DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1954.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	
	1953.	1954.
CITIES.		
	£	£
Box Hill .. .. .	1,975,150	2,277,805
Brighton .. .. .	1,043,698	956,798
Brunswick .. .. .	493,033	741,420
Camberwell .. .. .	2,926,280	3,167,888
Caulfield .. .. .	869,195	1,209,846
Chelsea .. .. .	641,341	713,805
Coburg .. .. .	1,923,827	2,147,811
Collingwood .. .. .	207,407	450,890
Essendon .. .. .	786,227	841,209
Fitzroy .. .. .	236,938	154,921
Footscray .. .. .	1,171,333	1,755,358
Hawthorn .. .. .	548,194	423,532
Heidelberg .. .. .	2,130,634	2,668,986
Kew .. .. .	833,996	852,825
Malvern .. .. .	858,319	869,325
Melbourne .. .. .	1,871,225	1,765,415
Moorabbin .. .. .	4,198,407	6,511,730
Mordialloe .. .. .	745,897	1,000,462
Northcote .. .. .	621,178	927,607
Nunawading .. .. .	2,077,438	2,795,699
Oakleigh .. .. .	1,062,794	1,874,719
Port Melbourne .. .. .	840,185	1,480,397
Prahran .. .. .	725,904	877,773
Preston .. .. .	1,799,789	2,229,532
Richmond .. .. .	222,421	319,779
Sandringham .. .. .	1,352,677	1,510,811
South Melbourne .. .. .	556,030	1,260,756
St. Kilda .. .. .	321,724	724,739
Sunshine .. .. .	1,663,900	2,524,990
Williamstown .. .. .	503,215	734,649
BOROUGH.		
Ringwood .. .. .	1,098,852	1,598,032
SHIRES.		
Broadmeadows (a) .. .. .	2,102,138	2,400,955
Dandenong .. .. .	*	2,544,390
Doncaster and Templestowe .. .. .	*	668,928
Eltham (Part) (b) .. .. .	*	377,744
Fern Tree Gully (Part) (c) .. .. .	*	939,745
Frankston and Hastings (Part) (d) .. .. .	*	1,091,040
Keilor .. .. .	1,061,815	1,594,472
Lilydale (Part) (e) .. .. .	*	987,363
Mulgrave .. .. .	2,263,111	4,428,106
Werribee (Part) (f) .. .. .	*	4,784,040
	*	67,186,292

\* Not available.

Building permits issued by provincial municipalities.

With a view to gauging the relative activity of the building industry during recent years in centres outside the Metropolitan Area, particulars relating to building permits issued by certain municipalities during each of the five years, 1950 to 1954, are given below:—

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE ISSUED BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1950 TO 1954.

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Ballarat City	1950	252	474,089	4	6,135	196	73,236	452	554,060
	1951	185	412,797	9	20,800	170	90,393	364	523,990
	1952	104	228,270	12	39,492	160	93,789	276	361,551
	1953	147	363,759	22	446,695	191	142,802	360	953,256
	1954	182	471,711	24	107,693	193	198,651	399	778,055
Bendigo City	1950	165	320,685	2	17,000	249	130,540	416	468,225
	1951	149	300,941	8	15,950	260	47,832	417	364,723
	1952	118	288,595	5	230,750	261	68,068	384	587,413
	1953	181	462,308	13	29,750	315	98,998	509	591,056
	1954	156	439,636	11	113,765	362	193,391	529	746,792
Geelong City	1950	44	96,680	5	20,983	148	35,144	197	152,807
	1951	36	89,950	13	342,950	215	36,667	264	469,567
	1952	20	61,450	25	216,950	171	68,209	216	346,609
	1953	33	94,270	37	394,172	202	135,347	272	623,789
	1954	28	87,050	32	623,890	204	147,047	264	857,987
Geelong West City	1950	161	322,712	1	3,750	31	6,200	193	332,662
	1951	139	353,994	4	16,500	51	10,681	194	381,175
	1952	84	237,471	1	9,000	53	16,482	138	262,953
	1953	75	217,390	8	46,900	35	21,215	118	285,505
	1954	117	374,595	17	77,932	63	24,083	197	476,610

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDINGS FOR WHICH PERMITS WERE  
ISSUED BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1950 TO  
1954—continued.

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other. Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Horsham City ..	1950	81	134,225	1	550	50	4,420	132	139,195
	1951	86	181,810	2	2,800	102	20,012	190	204,622
	1952	50	96,338	13	53,596	94	30,467	157	180,401
	1953	55	118,615	9	27,150	79	22,381	143	168,146
	1954	76	184,105	10	20,750	87	28,615	173	233,470
Mildura City ..	1950	163	285,375	3	17,500	60	11,237	226	314,112
	1951	119	245,925	14	40,850	109	22,778	242	309,553
	1952	49	105,160	14	20,310	83	33,800	146	159,270
	1953	51	118,929	8	24,970	96	59,713	155	203,612
	1954	71	192,829	15	109,798	101	38,599	187	341,226
Newtown and Chilwell City ..	1950	89	196,539	2	325	101	28,797	192	225,661
	1951	68	204,280	3	15,500	141	33,049	212	252,829
	1952	38	125,134	6	8,850	129	37,986	173	171,970
	1953	49	175,834	9	15,400	113	30,666	171	221,900
	1954	82	335,393	9	18,870	127	48,559	218	402,822
Sale City ..	1950	105	179,265	4	6,930	58	9,311	167	195,506
	1951	83	170,440	2	110,700	43	17,718	128	298,858
	1952	48	109,762	5	18,600	95	109,753	148	238,115
	1953	43	112,059	12	41,714	32	25,800	137	179,573
	1954	34	93,021	11	42,679	77	12,375	122	148,075
Shepparton City ..	1950	149	289,893	2	30,150	174	118,054	325	438,097
	1951	125	309,287	2	2,000	159	62,205	286	373,492
	1952	73	174,453	9	38,100	170	113,471	252	326,024
	1953	86	226,180	21	55,925	185	119,590	292	401,695
	1954	126	346,898	20	143,860	182	59,460	328	550,218
Warrnambool City ..	1950	71	145,188	5	15,390	105	12,623	181	173,201
	1951	82	199,016	3	4,350	119	20,875	204	224,241
	1952	73	160,502	5	6,630	147	31,764	225	198,896
	1953	67	184,627	11	91,900	175	55,576	253	332,103
	1954	92	262,247	10	59,000	162	106,616	264	427,863