

PART V.

FINANCE.

State
Finance.

Under the Constitution Act the revenues of the State are payable into Consolidated Revenue, but certain of these revenues have been hypothecated by various Acts of Parliament for specified purposes, and are payable into special accounts or funds kept at the State Treasury. Apart from these special funds, the financial transactions are concerned with (a) Consolidated Revenue Fund, (b) Trust Funds, and (c) Loan Funds. In the succeeding tables, the revenue and expenditure relating to the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the public revenue of certain special funds or accounts, which appear in the Treasurer's Finance Statement, are included. Payments from Consolidated Revenue are made either under the authority of an Annual Appropriation Act passed by the Legislature, or by a permanent appropriation under a Special Act. Permanent appropriations are made in respect of services such as Interest on the Funded Debt, Exchange on Overseas Interest, contributions to the National Debt Sinking Fund, the salaries of the Governor, the Judges and certain other officials, expenditure on State pensions, payments to the Unemployment Relief Fund, payment of interest, &c., under the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement, contributions to the Hospitals and Charities Fund (including Totalizator Revenue), and the Railway Renewals and Replacement Fund.

A concise statement of the chief special funds kept at the Treasury is shown in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, pages 76 to 80. Amongst the principal funds since established are the Unemployment Relief Fund, the Milk Board Fund, the Federal Aid Roads and Works Accounts 1937, the Railways Repayment Account, the Railway Renewals and Replacement Fund, the Public Trustee Fund, the Decentralization Fund, the Transport Regulation Fund, the Rural Rehabilitation Fund (to take the place of the Farmers' Debts Adjustment Fund), the Municipalities Assistance Fund, the Hospitals and Charities Fund, the Hospital Benefits Fund, the Commonwealth-State Housing Trust Account, and the State Motor Car Insurance Fund.

Under Act No. 4597 of 1938 the Closer Settlement, the Discharged Soldiers Settlement and the Discharged Soldiers Concession Funds were abolished. From 28th February, 1939, the finances of these Funds were brought into the Consolidated Revenue system.

The original Financial Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States was made on 12th December, 1927. It was subsequently affected by the Debt Conversion Agreement of 21st July, 1931, the Debt Conversion Agreement (No. 2) of 22nd October, 1931, the Agreement relating to Soldier Settlement Loans of 3rd July, 1934, and the Financial Agreement of 15th November, 1944. A brief outline of the principal provisions of the original agreement is given in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 75.

A summary of the transactions for the year ended 30th June, 1952, in the Consolidated Revenue Fund and in certain special funds gives the following result:—

	£
Public Revenue	85,821,891
Public Expenditure	88,228,633
	2,406,742
Deficit	2,406,742

The differences between the amounts of revenue and expenditure shown above and those given in the Treasurer's Finance Statement arise from the use for statistical purposes, of a different method of classification. The Public Revenue of certain special funds is added to the Consolidated Revenue—an equivalent amount being entered as expenditure. The particulars for 1951-52 are as follows:—

Items.	Public Revenue.	Public Expenditure.
	£	£
Total—Treasurer's Finance Statement	83,415,360	85,822,102
<i>Add</i> Public Revenue of the following funds:—		
Country Roads Board Fund*	3,541,264	3,541,264
Licensing Fund†	126,946	126,946
Police Superannuation Fund	39,125	39,125
Assurance Fund	2,781	2,781
Cattle Compensation Fund	114,120	114,120
Swine Compensation Fund	23,155	23,155
Mallee Land Account	45,592	45,592
Transport Regulation Fund	246,002	246,002
Municipalities Assistance Fund	159,707	159,707
Rivers and Streams Fund	11,479	11,479
	87,725,531	90,132,273
<i>Deduct</i> —		
Recoups by Treasury to Railways Department for loss of revenue on account of—		
(a) Reduction in certain outer suburban periodical fares	6,000	6,000
(b) Concessions in certain country freight charges	143,000	143,000
Subsidy to Railways Department to reduce amount chargeable in respect of interest, &c., charges	1,754,640	1,754,640
	1,903,640	1,903,640
Total	85,821,891	88,228,633

* Excluding £619,054 recouped to Revenue under Acts Nos. 3944 and 4140.

† In addition to this amount, £1,220,656 was transferred to Revenue under Section 312 of Act No. 3717 as amended by Act No. 5089.

The revenue and expenditure of the State for each of the years 1947-48 to 1951-52, after taking into account the circumstances mentioned on the preceding page, are shown in the next statement.

VICTORIA—STATE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE,
1948 TO 1952.

Year ended 30th June—	Public Revenue.	Public Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-)	Accumulated Deficiency to end of each Year (i.e., 30th June).
	£	£	£	£
1948	43,611,349	44,165,053	(-) 553,704	8,488,740
1949	48,968,397	50,851,178	(-) 1,382,781	9,871,521
1950	58,287,237	58,546,047	(-) 258,810	10,130,331
1951	66,883,618	67,226,845	(-) 343,227	10,473,558
1952	85,821,891	88,228,633	(-) 2,406,742	12,880,300*

* Of this amount, £7,179,485 was provided from the proceeds of Treasury Bonds and £3,700,815 from the Public Account.

**Heads of
State
Revenue**

Details of the sources of revenue for each of the financial years 1947-48 to 1951-52 are given in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF STATE REVENUE,
1948 TO 1952.

Heads of Revenue.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.
	£	£	£	£	£
Taxation—					
Income Tax	66,740	51,072	51,463	40,425	18,351
Income and Entertainments Tax — Commonwealth Reimbursement	9,881,621	12,027,220	14,237,002	17,445,851	20,347,070
Land Tax	373,766	370,547	292,580	415,180	875,746
Probate Duty	2,095,866	2,573,166	2,611,019	3,442,487	3,873,732
Unemployment Relief	19,138	20,187	15,019	12,098	11,022
Entertainments Tax*	1,251,897	1,402,394	1,482,111	1,608,598	2,113,396
Other Stamp Duties	1,482,628	1,655,893	2,376,726	2,987,246	3,320,725
Motor Taxation	2,388,718	2,647,318	3,178,859	3,808,886	5,214,827
Licences—					
Liquor	550,889	606,711	680,233	780,166	1,323,079
Other	112,629	114,060	121,810	131,640	192,213
Other Taxation	22,461	21,848	4,447	..	..
Total Taxation	18,246,353	21,490,416	25,051,269	30,672,577	37,290,161

* Mainly Horse-Racing.

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF STATE REVENUE, 1948 TO 1952—
continued.

Heads of Revenue.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.
	£	£	£	£	£
Commonwealth Payment to State—					
Financial Agreement ..	2,127,159	2,127,159	2,127,159	2,127,159	2,127,159
State's Grants (Special Assistance) Act 1951 ..	..	..	..	4,750,000	9,123,537
Other ..	..	145,000	1,999,212	186,558	220,000
Public Works and Services—					
Railways ..	16,290,532	17,268,058	20,195,657	18,645,703	24,225,986
Water Supply ..	1,056,006	1,311,014	1,575,346	1,774,009	2,080,413
State Coal Mine ..	300,322	350,136	366,073	389,654	551,443
State Electricity Commission					
Interest, &c. ..	817,828	815,096	811,689	812,721	1,125,095
Country Roads Board* ..	Dr. 143,310	Dr. 133,207	Dr. 123,955	Dr. 116,984	Dr. 106,940
Maffra Beet Sugar Factory ..	38,913	6,102	2,936	1,462	519
Victoria Dock Cool Stores ..	87,691	101,457	128,051	96,350	109,167
Wharfage Rates, &c. ..	75,331	90,406	108,135	117,783	102,402
State Saw Mill ..	23,455	24,986	23,692	27,036	39,056
Other ..	110,078	126,501	117,710	157,821	176,240
Land—					
Land Sales, Rents, Penalties, &c. ..	736,788	803,039	857,233	1,029,988	1,590,784
Interest on Loans—					
Land Settlement ..	395,434	340,432	276,648	225,029	179,071
Soldier Settlement ..	58,103	182,339	164,423	240,037	329,441
Fees, Fines, &c. ..	479,906	507,648	608,466	695,209	748,341
Tramways Act No. 3732 (Sec. 77)	137,424	150,270	200,781	199,194	303,113
Government Printer ..	310,760	361,040	385,731	436,722	509,904
Harbor Trust Contributions ..	182,532	205,032	246,814	274,860	319,000
Royal Mint ..	127,558	145,156	151,375	165,613	165,369
Housing Commission—					
Interest ..	311,386	457,964	624,211	830,528	1,115,196
Recoups ..	2,381	2,381	2,417	2,520	2,417
Interest and Recoups, N.E.I.	599,659	597,415	391,768	134,541	162,778
Department of Agriculture† ..	108,941	120,364	131,451	172,583	185,173
Miscellaneous ..	1,130,119	1,372,193	1,862,945	2,834,945	3,087,041
Total Revenue ..	43,611,349	48,968,397	58,287,237	66,883,618	85,821,891
Per Head of Population ..	£ s. d. 21 1 6	£ s. d. 23 3 5	£ s. d. 26 17 2	£ s. d. 29 18 1	£ s. d. 37 5 9

* Represents the difference between the interest received by Consolidated Revenue on account of Country Roads and the recoups to Consolidated Revenue as shown in the Country Roads Board Fund. See remarks in page 250 with reference to the statistical method of arriving at total public revenue.

† Excluding "Maffra Beet Sugar Factory" and "Victoria Dock Cool Stores".

Heads of State Expenditure. A summary of expenditure from State Revenue classified according to functions for each of the years 1947-48 to 1951-52 is shown in the next table:—

Interest on the public debt, pensions and gratuities, and the contribution to the National Debt Sinking Fund have not been allotted to the respective heads of expenditure. They are shown separately under the sub-heading "Financial Administration".

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE
REVENUE, 1948 TO 1952.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Legislature and General Administration.</i>					
Legislature—					
Governor	16,364	36,631	72,495	61,463	74,422
Parliament	142,799	240,185	229,534	266,829	318,815
Electoral	44,151	25,938	61,713	26,418	35,540
Financial Administration—					
Public Debt Charges—					
Interest—					
Funded Debt	6,165,743	6,324,875	6,792,293	7,186,245	8,156,531
Temporary Loan	60,500	48,899	31,443	13,349	23,881
Exchange on Interest	587,549	541,766	567,181	577,794	578,419
Expenses of Paying Interest, Redemptions, Conversions, &c.	23,674	65,021	49,968	68,493	50,530
National Debt Sinking Fund	1,554,945	1,715,318	1,854,162	2,058,650	2,264,867
Pensions and Superannuation Contributions*	1,165,412	1,332,431	1,464,855	1,944,174	1,957,566
Departmental—					
Treasury (including Taxation, Stamps, &c.)	152,845	193,671	196,974	253,817	326,919
Pay-roll Tax	505,609	580,632	668,023	764,774	999,067
Superannuation Board and Pensions Office—Administration	12,718	11,436	13,236	18,250	24,063
Auditor-General	39,907	46,465	50,902	62,675	79,527
Royal Commissions, Boards of Inquiry, &c.	3,175	217	26,681	333	..
Administration, N.E.I.—					
Government Printer	316,720	379,721	412,885	470,976	691,541
Mint Subsidy	84,000	100,000	112,000	120,000	170,000
Other	651,253	796,065	1,064,125	1,318,595	1,635,920
	11,527,364	12,439,251	13,668,470	15,212,835	17,387,608
<i>Law, Order, and Public Safety.</i>					
Salaries of Judiciary	24,694	29,875	31,700	32,000	34,638
Attorney-General, Solicitor-General, &c.	467,335	527,145	604,534	713,711	884,741
Police	1,454,539	1,651,996	2,122,624	2,599,665	3,299,682
Prisons	194,622	220,174	270,476	329,104	455,272
Prevention of Fire and Flood	132,708	143,828	216,317	209,984	335,922
Prices, &c., Control .. .. .	..	146,161	160,708	218,385	221,038
Other	6,248	7,092	8,104	8,702	7,121
	2,280,146	2,726,271	3,414,463	4,111,551	5,238,414
<i>Regulation of Trade and Industry.</i>					
Factories and Shops Legislation }	76,070	88,336	96,886	121,834	153,183
Labour Legislation }	63,445	78,249	113,621	158,491	246,002
Transport Regulation Board	25,213	29,235	38,972	38,976	45,022
Liquor Licence Control (Administration, including Compensation) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Decentralization Fund and concession for establishment of industries in country	50,000	100,000	..	..	..
Other	38,774	33,978	28,001	34,801	51,551
	253,502	329,798	277,480	354,102	495,758

* For details, see page 267.

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE REVENUE,
1948 TO 1952—continued.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Education.*</i>					
Primary, Intermediate, Secondary, Technical — Administration, Salaries of Teaching Staffs, &c.	5,353,526	6,124,127	7,220,317	8,898,736	11,080,584
Technical N.E.I., including Maintenance Grant	388,783	465,462	570,495	747,808	925,997
University†	216,840	276,640	411,140	403,360	449,185
Adult Education Grant	25,000	25,000	25,000	30,560	40,540
Agricultural Education— Colleges, Experimental Farms, University Grants, &c.	137,762	178,891	202,248	269,268	332,308
Other	12,898	15,771	18,028	15,273	27,487
	6,134,809	7,085,891	8,447,228	10,365,005	12,856,101
<i>Encouragement of Science, Art, and Research.</i>					
Public Libraries, Museums, and Art Galleries	108,594	146,190	178,839	215,696	289,864
Cultural Development (including Symphony Orchestra)	175	175	44,054	61,253	82,995
Other			400	400	850
	108,769	146,365	223,293	277,349	373,709
<i>Promotion of Public Health and Recreation.</i>					
Care of Sick and Mentally Afflicted— Hospital and Charities Fund (including Totalizator Con- tribution)	1,626,856	1,617,521	2,391,176	3,817,126	6,069,019
Various Hospitals, &c.	276,706	330,090	366,789	475,609	682,548
Mental Hospitals	893,761	1,077,014	1,291,495	1,748,493	2,423,826
Mental Defectives	58,258	65,426	79,507		
Health of Mothers and Children— Infant Welfare and Clinics	141,103	170,076	248,662	284,219	360,454
Medical and Dental Examination of School Children	4,156	4,353	5,968	10,277	26,533
Preservation of Public Health— Health Department—Administra- tion	109,018	134,937	115,434	149,504	184,973
Other	222,992	307,224	520,723	702,769	864,254
Parks, Gardens, and Recreation Reserves	35,257	51,570	56,032	56,608	66,563
	3,368,107	3,758,211	5,075,786	7,244,605	10,678,170
<i>Social Amelioration.</i>					
Relief of Destitute, Aged, &c.	7,336	7,536	8,810	8,090	10,595
Children's Welfare Department	226,005	234,224	235,533	258,033	300,981
Miners' Phthisis Allowances	18,241	26,500	31,980	30,680	28,970
Care of Aborigines	7,340	8,024	10,814	10,300	11,122
Unemployment Relief Fund	19,838	20,187	15,019	12,098	11,022
Housing Commission—Advance	..	..	..	5,186	70,741
Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement— Interest on Advances	279,735	426,392	593,774	799,445	1,084,879
Repayment of Advances	56,931	98,212	142,315	196,209	269,422
State Relief Committee	7,000	7,000	7,500	10,000	10,950
Other	40,675	37,581	14,206	23,404	38,609
	663,101	865,656	1,069,951	1,353,445	1,837,291

* Detailed information regarding expenditure on education will be found in Part "Social Condition" of this Year-Book.

† Additional items of expenditure on University are included under functions to which they relate.

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FROM STATE REVENUE,
1948 TO 1952—continued.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.
<i>War Obligations.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Passes to Soldiers, Superannuation, &c.	20,663	20,099	34,680	35,074	63,908
<i>Local Government.</i>					
Licensing Fund Payment to Municipalities	58,984	58,984	58,964	58,964	58,924
Municipalities Assistance Fund	132,427	128,555	136,944	68,547	159,707
Other				32,927	26,906
	191,411	187,539	195,908	160,438	245,537
<i>Development and Maintenance of State Resources other than Business Undertakings.</i>					
Land Settlement and Survey	457,408	464,148	551,111	661,259	779,561
Immigration	5,485	13,789	28,186	27,623	30,619
Mining (excluding State Coal Mine)	63,354	109,583	109,654	114,239	165,099
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying*	544,524	668,133	805,903	1,127,592	1,521,753
Forestry†	538,616	683,771	914,008	994,656	1,338,455
Fisheries and Game	31,434	36,291	46,306	60,455	80,656
Roads and Bridges—					
Country Roads Board‡	1,500,613	1,699,567	2,300,136	2,863,732}	3,541,264
Metropolitan Roads Fund	43,235	50,174	50,200	51,449}	
Other					1,973
Tourist Activities	669	3,020	1,992	1,003	9,152
	3,185,338	3,728,476	4,807,496	5,902,008	7,468,532
<i>Business Undertakings.</i>					
Railways	14,541,706	17,009,103	19,143,507	19,692,249	28,275,168
Harbours, Rivers, and Lights	115,654	142,908	142,371	153,351	241,286
Water Supply, Irrigation, &c.	1,160,754	1,272,156	1,454,992	1,731,829	2,202,884
State Coal Mines	407,740	441,092	416,448	476,771	645,963
Maffra Beet Sugar Factory	45,640	22,157	1,291		
Victoria Dock Cool Stores	56,287	67,907	82,518	66,999	84,658
Seasoning Works (Newport)	57,603	60,675	56,859	54,995	73,460
Forest Tramway	10,962	10,168	3,150	2,156	1,000
Wire Netting Manufacture	20,199	21,945	20,190	11,123	23,190
State Saw Mill	15,243	15,510	19,961	20,960	35,996
Other	55		5		
	16,431,843	19,063,621	21,341,292	22,210,433	31,583,605
Total Expenditure	44,165,053	50,351,178	58,546,047	67,226,845	88,228,633
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Per Head of Population	21 6 11	23 16 6	26 19 6	30 1 1	38 6 8

* Excluding Maffra Beet Sugar Factory and Victoria Dock Cool Stores (see Business Undertakings).

† Excluding Newport Seasoning Works, Forest Tramway, and State Saw Mill (see Business Undertakings).

‡ Represents difference between Public Revenue of Country Roads Board and recoups to revenue made by the Board. Details of Country Roads Board Fund expenditure are shown in part "Local Government" of this Year-Book.

For many years prior to 1947-48, Public Revenue exceeded Public Expenditure but since that year deficits have been recorded as shown on page 251. Up to 30th June, 1952, the total amount of this Surplus Revenue authorized for expenditure on Public Works, &c., was £5,593,307, of which £181,464 was unexpended at that date.

The following table shows the expenditure during each of the years 1950 to 1952 and total to 30th June, 1952, exclusive of the amounts applied towards the reduction of the Consolidated Revenue deficit.

VICTORIA—SURPLUS REVENUE EXPENDITURE, 1950 TO 1952, AND TOTAL TO 30TH JUNE, 1952.

Service.	Year ended 30th June—			Total to 30th June, 1952.
	1950.	1951.	1952.	
	£	£	£	£
Capital Services—				
Railways .. .. .	..	..	..	250,696
Other .. .. .	..	..	..	64,170
Revenue Services—				
Social Services—				
Education—				
State Schools and Technical Schools ..	3,225	6,021	1,686	727,925
University .. .. .	..	..	..	27,066
Other	557	5,995	7,393	37,843
Health—				
Hospitals—				
Mental Hygiene	49,489	5,569	14,896	316,096
Other (including Sanatoria)	7,146	167,819	17,023	1,617,911
Other Health	2,790	4,149	2,916	65,075
Law, Order, and Public Safety—				
Penal Establishments and Gaols	1,323	37	15,659	46,514
Other .. .. .	..	..	..	44,446
Public Works—				
Crown Lands (including reclamation, drainage, &c.) .. .. .	..	..	..	149,480
Harbours, Rivers, and Lights .. .. .	..	..	..	117,293
Mining Development .. .. .	..	..	..	85,000
Railways .. .. .	..	..	..	631,740
Roads and Bridges .. .. .	..	..	..	114,812
Water Supply, &c.	2,471	733	..	113,180
Other .. .. .	..	..	..	62,827
Other Purposes—				
Developmental Railways Account .. .. .	..	..	..	129,148
Drought Relief Fund .. .. .	..	..	..	123,803
Redemption of Treasury Bonds and Unfunded Debt .. .. .	..	..	..	503,802
Victorian Inland Meat Authority .. .. .	..	..	..	100,000
Other .. .. .	..	..	..	83,016
Total	67,001	190,323	59,573	5,411,843

TAXATION.

**State
Income Tax.** A brief summary of the history of income tax in Victoria was published in the 1941-42 *Year-Book*, page 292. Details of the rates of tax, assessments, &c., on income earned during 1940-41 (the last year in which the State imposed income tax) are also shown.

**Common-
wealth
Income Tax
and
Social
Services
Contributions.** Uniformity in the taxation of incomes and entertainments throughout Australia was adopted in 1942, and the Commonwealth became the sole authority levying these taxes. Formerly the Commonwealth and each of the States levied separate taxes on incomes, and each of the States (except Queensland) taxed entertainments. Initially, the plans were devised as temporary war-time measures but, in 1946, the Commonwealth Government passed legislation continuing the uniform income tax indefinitely, and the uniform entertainments tax has been continued in practice. The Social Services Contribution was introduced as from 1st January, 1946.

The States are reimbursed for vacating these fields of taxation by annual grants from the Commonwealth. Payment of these grants is conditional upon a State refraining from levying tax on incomes. A similar restraint upon State taxation of entertainments was suspended as from 1st July, 1946. Reimbursements to the States under this agreement for the year 1951-52 totalled £86,267,702 made up as follows:—New South Wales £34,744,841, Victoria £20,347,070, Queensland £13,961,960, South Australia £7,408,780, Western Australia £6,999,753, and Tasmania £2,805,298.

With the introduction of Social Services Contribution, the levy of taxation on the incomes of individuals was divided into two separate taxes—Income Tax and Social Services Contribution. Both taxes were based upon the same definitions of assessable income and both were assessed and collected concurrently. Company income was not subject to Social Services Contribution except with regard to the undistributed income of private companies. Respecting individuals, the two separate levies of tax and contribution still apply to income derived during the year ended 30th June, 1950, but not thereafter. The two taxes have since been merged into a single levy known as

“Income Tax and Social Services Contribution” which title now relates to the tax imposed on the incomes of both individuals and companies. It first applies to the tax imposed on incomes derived by individuals during the year ended 30th June, 1951, and by companies during the year ended 30th June, 1950.

Certain types of income are exempt from tax in Australia. These include income from gold-mining, war, invalid, old-age, and widows' pensions, child endowment, and unemployment and sickness benefits. The service pay of members of the Defence Forces engaged in war service in Korea and Malaya is also exempt.

Expenses incurred in earning income and losses incurred in previous years are allowable deductions.

For the income year 1951-52 Income Tax and Social Services Contribution is payable on the incomes of individuals commencing at a taxable income of £105. However certain limitations apply to the tax payable by aged persons, over 65 years of age in the case of a male and 60 years in the case of a female. Concessional deductions are allowed to taxpayers on account of dependants, certain medical and dental expenses, life insurance premiums, superannuation, Friendly Society payments, &c., and are deductible from income to calculate taxable income. Dependants include spouse, parents, children under sixteen years of age, student children under twenty-one years of age, invalid child, brother, or sister over sixteen years of age, or daughter-housekeeper for widow or widower. A concessional deduction is also allowed in respect of a housekeeper having the care of children under sixteen years of age where the taxpayer is a widow or widower. The amount of concessional deduction allowable in respect of each type of dependant and housekeeper is:—

	£
Spouse	104
Parent	104
Children under sixteen years of age—	
One child	78
Other children	52 each dependant
Student child under twenty-one years of age	78 each dependant
Invalid relatives not less than sixteen years of age	78 each dependant
Housekeeper or daughter-housekeeper ..	104

The following table shows the rates of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution for individuals in respect of the income year 1951-52 :—

INDIVIDUALS—RATES OF INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION.

The rates of tax and contribution payable, as set out in the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Act 1950* are as follows :—

BASIC RATE OF TAX AND CONTRIBUTION.

The rate of income tax and social services contribution for every £1 of each part of the taxable income specified in the first column of the following table is the rate set out in the second column of that table opposite to the reference to that part of the taxable income :—

First Column.					Second Column.
Parts of Taxable Income.					Rates.
The part of the taxable income which—					Pence in £
Does not exceed £100					1
Exceeds	£	but does not exceed	£		
	100		150	.. ..	6
"	150	" " " "	200	" ..	11
"	200	" " " "	250	" ..	16
"	250	" " " "	300	" ..	21
"	300	" " " "	400	" ..	26
"	400	" " " "	500	" ..	32
"	500	" " " "	600	" ..	38
"	600	" " " "	700	" ..	44
"	700	" " " "	800	" ..	48
"	800	" " " "	900	" ..	52
"	900	" " " "	1,000	" ..	56
"	1,000	" " " "	1,200	" ..	64
"	1,200	" " " "	1,400	" ..	72
"	1,400	" " " "	1,600	" ..	80
"	1,600	" " " "	1,800	" ..	88
"	1,800	" " " "	2,000	" ..	96
"	2,000	" " " "	2,400	" ..	104
"	2,400	" " " "	2,800	" ..	112
"	2,800	" " " "	3,200	" ..	120
"	3,200	" " " "	3,600	" ..	128
"	3,600	" " " "	4,000	" ..	136
"	4,000	" " " "	4,400	" ..	144
"	4,400	" " " "	5,000	" ..	152
"	5,000	" " " "	6,000	" ..	160
"	6,000	" " " "	8,000	" ..	168
"	8,000	" " " "	10,000	" ..	176
"	10,000	" .. .. .	.. .. .	" ..	180

In addition a ten per cent. levy was added to the amounts of basic tax and contribution and further tax calculated.

Basic Tax and Contribution is payable on the whole of a person's taxable income if that taxable income exceeds £104.

FURTHER RATES OF TAX AND CONTRIBUTION IN RESPECT OF TAXABLE INCOME DERIVED FROM PROPERTY.

The further rate of income tax and social services contribution for every £1 of each part of the taxable income derived from property specified in the first column of the following table, is the rate set out in the second column of that table opposite to the reference to that part of that taxable income:—

First Column.						Second Column.
Parts of Taxable Income Derived from Property.						Rates.
The part of the taxable income derived from property which—						Pence in £.
	£		£			
Exceeds	100	but does not exceed	1,000	..	..	8
"	1,000	" " " "	4,000	..	..	16
"	4,000	" " " "	6,000	..	..	8
"	6,000	" " " "	10,000	..	..	4

Further tax and contribution is not payable—

- (a) where the taxable income from property is £100 or less, irrespective of the amount of the total taxable income; and
- (b) where the total taxable income is £400 or less even though the taxable income from property exceeds £100.

Where the taxable income from all sources does not exceed £1,000, the further tax and contribution payable is limited to 1s. in the £1 on the excess of the taxable income over £400.

Deduction for Residents of Isolated Areas. A deduction is available to individuals who reside in certain remote areas of the Commonwealth or its Territories. The areas are divided into two Zones—A and B. A resident of Zone A is allowed a deduction of £120 while a resident of Zone B is allowed £20. "Resident" for this purpose means a person who resides, whether continuously or not, in the relevant area for more than one half of the year of income.

Deduction for Members of Forces. A deduction of £120 is allowable to members of the Defence Forces who serve in certain specified overseas localities for a period of more than half of the year of income. A proportionate deduction is allowed if the service is of less duration than one half of the year.

Payment of Income Tax by Instalments. A system is in operation to assist the majority of taxpayers in the payment of their taxes by means of regular deductions from salaries or wages. The amounts deducted are regulated so that the employee will have paid the approximate amount of his taxation by the end of the income year.

The following table shows the number of taxpayers, taxable and contributable income received, and Social Services Contributions and Income Tax assessed during the year 1950-51 (based on incomes received during 1949-50). The particulars are classified according to grades of taxable and contributable income and relate only to individuals who are resident in Victoria:—

VICTORIA—INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTIONS, 1950-51.

Grade of Income.		Tax-payers.	Taxable and Contributable Income.			Social Services Contributions.	Net Income Tax Assessed.
			Personal Exertion.	Property.	Total.		
£	£	No.	£	£	£	£	£
105-	150	41,914	4,752,897	628,356	5,381,253	86,958	..
151-	200	54,726	8,748,818	868,971	9,617,789	218,527	..
201-	250	59,748	12,507,100	948,771	13,455,871	384,291	..
251-	300	68,025	17,756,662	988,840	18,745,502	657,460	..
301-	350	68,616	21,290,952	987,964	22,278,916	904,325	..
351-	400	64,768	23,370,497	933,818	24,304,315	1,052,092	1,192
401-	500	170,459	75,150,226	1,787,209	76,937,435	3,617,735	3,960
501-	600	146,277	77,968,666	1,675,980	79,644,646	4,189,644	124,843
601-	800	118,820	77,840,552	2,647,626	80,488,178	4,892,069	476,377
801-	1,000	35,256	29,114,437	1,956,209	31,070,646	2,200,019	533,635
1,001-	1,250	18,815	18,951,049	1,868,069	20,819,118	1,530,638	766,735
1,251-	1,500	10,303	12,617,210	1,373,981	13,991,191	1,041,062	798,120
1,501-	2,000	11,717	17,896,144	2,116,819	20,012,963	1,497,323	1,721,261
2,001-	3,000	10,287	21,957,862	2,671,807	24,629,669	1,845,149	3,283,966
3,001-	4,000	3,952	11,784,541	1,574,380	13,358,921	1,001,370	2,529,325
4,001-	5,000	1,706	6,475,524	966,949	7,442,473	557,282	1,788,840
5,001-	10,000	1,990	10,162,335	2,363,062	12,525,397	936,905	4,144,897
10,001-	15,000	282	2,350,255	794,719	3,144,974	235,057	1,416,440
15,001 and over	..	155	2,278,429	881,718	3,160,147	237,011	1,656,414
Total		887,816	452,974,156	28,035,248	481,009,404	27,084,917	19,246,005

The rates of tax and contribution payable by a company, other than a company in the capacity of Trustee, on incomes derived during the year ended 30th June, 1952, are as follows:—

For every £1 of the taxable income of a company which is not a life assurance company or a private company, the rate of income tax and social services contribution is seven shillings.

In the case of a company which is not a life assurance company the rates of income tax and social services contribution are—

(a) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income as does not exceed £5,000—five shillings; and

(b) for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—seven shillings.

In the case of a mutual life assurance company, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Four shillings; and
- (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the taxable income—Six shillings.

In the case of a life assurance company other than a mutual life assurance company, the rates of income tax and social services contribution are—

- (a) for every £1 of so much of the mutual income as does not exceed Five thousand pounds—Four shillings;
- (b) for every £1 of the remainder of the mutual income—Six shillings;
- (c) for every £1 of so much of the taxable income of the company other than the mutual income as does not exceed the amount (if any) by which the mutual income is less than Five thousand pounds—Five shillings; and
- (d) for every £1 of that part of the taxable income to which none of the preceding sub-paragraphs of this paragraph applies—Seven shillings.

For every £1 of the undistributed amount in respect of which a private company is liable under section one hundred and four of the Assessment Act to pay additional tax, the rate of income tax and social services contribution is Ten shillings.

For every £1 of interest in respect of which a company is liable, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section one hundred and twenty-five of the Assessment Act, to pay income tax and social services contribution, the rate of income tax and social services contribution is Nine shillings.

LAND TAX.

The State Land Tax Act of 1928 provides for a tax on the unimproved value of land and for the assessment of land and for other purposes. For the purposes of this Act, unimproved value means the sum which might be expected to be realized at the time of valuation, if the land were offered for sale on such terms as a seller might in ordinary circumstances be expected to require, and assuming that the improvements (if any) had not been made. The nature of the taxation is a duty upon land for every £1 of the unimproved value thereof, as assessed under the Act, at a rate declared for each year by Act of Parliament. The *Land Tax Act* 1951 No. 5567 provided for the rate of tax for the year ended 31st December, 1952, to be one penny for every pound (formerly the rate was one halfpenny for every pound) of the unimproved value

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exceeding £250 of land (other than land used for primary production) and £3,000 in respect of land used for primary production. Where the assessed unimproved value exceeded the amount of exemption, the exemption diminished at the rate of £1 for every £1 of such excess, so as to leave no exemption when the unimproved value amounted to, or exceeded £6,000 in the case of land used for primary production and £500 in the case of other land.

An analysis, in specified groups of unimproved values of holdings of the 1952 Land Tax assessments is given in the following table.

VICTORIA—ANALYSIS OF STATE LAND TAX
ASSESSMENTS, 1952.

(Based on unimproved values as at 31st December, 1951.)

Unimproved Values of Holdings Ranging Between—				Number of Taxpayers.	Total Amount of Unimproved Values.	Tax Payable.
£	£				£'000	£
1	and 500	..	..	89,828	32,809	87,622
501	.. 600	..	..	20,251	11,302	46,145
601	.. 750	..	..	17,617	12,085	48,188
751	.. 1,000	..	..	18,062	15,797	61,383
1,001	.. 1,500	..	..	16,465	20,181	74,711
1,501	.. 2,000	..	..	8,407	14,509	51,295
2,001	.. 3,000	..	..	7,961	19,489	60,531
3,001	.. 4,000	..	..	8,444	29,453	66,354
4,001	.. 5,000	..	..	4,763	21,265	64,344
5,001	.. 6,000	..	..	3,049	16,581	59,960
6,001	.. 7,000	..	..	2,062	13,281	50,540
7,001	.. 8,000	..	..	1,340	10,121	38,983
8,001	.. 9,000	..	..	921	7,780	29,938
9,001	.. 10,000	..	..	820	7,756	31,356
10,001	.. 15,000	..	..	1,695	20,473	83,190
15,001	.. 20,000	..	..	785	13,604	53,905
20,001	.. 25,000	..	..	400	9,178	36,993
25,001	.. 30,000	..	..	203	5,560	21,791
30,001	.. 35,000	..	..	160	5,200	20,499
35,001	.. 40,000	..	..	88	3,297	13,410
40,001	.. 50,000	..	..	141	6,329	25,768
50,001	.. 75,000	..	..	165	10,054	41,750
75,001	.. 100,000	..	..	83	7,257	29,910
100,001	.. 150,000	..	..	68	8,112	33,790
150,001	.. 200,000	..	..	30	5,096	21,030
200,000	and over	..	..	42	19,508	81,266
Total				203,850	346,077	1,234,652

In the succeeding statement details are shown relating to the assessments made during each of the years 1948 to 1952.

VICTORIA—STATE LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS, 1948 TO 1952.

Year.	Number of Taxpayers.	Total Tax Payable.	Average Tax Payable per Taxpayer.	Unimproved Value.
		£	£ s. d.	£'000
1948	142,419	377,789	2 13 1	196,858
1949	148,573	384,044	2 11 8	225,550
1950	157,645	400,410	2 10 10	235,400
1951	175,543	458,191	2 12 2	267,526
1952	203,850	1,234,652	6 1 2	346,077

The Commonwealth Government also levies land tax on the lands of the States. Up to and including the year 1941-42 particulars of assessments, &c., for Victoria, were extracted from the report of the Federal Commissioner of Taxation and published in the *Year-Book*. During the period of operation of the National Security (Values of Land Tax) Regulations, however, the compilation of statistics was discontinued and details subsequent to the year 1941-42 are, therefore, not available.

PROBATE DUTIES.

The *Administration and Probate (Estates) Act* No. 5590 of 1951, which came into force as from 1st November, 1951, fixed the rates of duty payable on the estates of deceased persons as follows:—

On that part of the Final Balance which—	The Rate of Duty for every Pound shall be—
	d.
Does not exceed £1,500	12
Exceeds £ 1,500 but does not exceed £ 5,000	24
" 5,000 " " " " " 15,000	30
" 15,000 " " " " " 25,000	36
" 25,000 " " " " " 35,000	42
" 35,000 " " " " " 45,000	48
" 45,000 " " " " " 55,000	54
" 55,000 " " " " " 65,000	60
" 65,000 " " " " " 75,000	66
" 75,000 " " " " " 99,500	78

Where the final balance exceeds £99,500 the duty shall be twenty-two pounds ten shillings per centum of the final balance.

No duty is chargeable on estates where the final balance does not exceed six hundred pounds.

On estates passing to the widow or children or wholly dependent widowed mother of a deceased person a rebate of twelve pence is deducted for every pound of the final balance not exceeding £30,000 provided that where the final balance exceeds £60,000 the rebate shall be the rebate so calculated or the amount of £1,500 reduced by 24 pence for every pound by which the final balance exceeds £60,000, whichever is the less.

Certain exemptions are allowed on the estates of members of the Defence Forces who die on active service or as a result of injuries received or disease contracted on active service provided that the estate is left to widow or widower, brother or sister, lineal descendant or lineal ancestor.

The total amounts of probate duty assessed (including amounts collected by the Public Trustee) for the years 1947-48, 1948-49, 1949-50, 1950-51, and 1951-52 were £2,105,760, £2,705,749, £2,607,758, £3,437,509, and £4,076,671 respectively. Actual collections of probate duty for the years mentioned are shown in the table on page 251.

The Commonwealth Government also levies probate and succession duties. The amount of duty collected throughout Australia in each of the years 1947-48, 1948-49, 1949-50, 1950-51, and 1951-52 was £4,018,620, £4,555,004, £4,740,362, £6,054,250, £6,400,756, and £7,777,682 respectively.

COMMONWEALTH, STATE, AND MUNICIPAL TAXATION.

Taxation in Victoria per head of population levied by the Commonwealth; the State, and the Municipalities for each of the years 1947-48 to 1951-52 was as follows:—

COMMONWEALTH, STATE, AND MUNICIPAL TAXATION IN VICTORIA PER HEAD OF POPULATION, 1947-48 TO 1951-52.

Authority.	1947-48.	1948-49.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.
Commonwealth* ..	£ s. d. 55 5 9	£ s. d. 62 18 8	£ s. d. 64 9 5	£ s. d. 93 10 2	£ s. d. 109 7 6
State† ..	4 0 10	4 9 7	4 19 8	5 18 3	7 7 3
Total (Commonwealth and State) ..	59 6 7	67 8 3	69 9 1	99 8 5	116 14 9
Municipal ..	2 9 6	2 14 2	2 19 8	3 9 3	4 4 1
Grand Total ..	61 16 1	70 2 5	72 8 9	102 17 8	120 18 10

* Average taxation per head collected throughout Australia by the Commonwealth Government on account of taxation derived from the following sources:—Customs, Excise, Estate and Gift Duties; Income, Land, Sales, Entertainment, War-time Company, Gold, Pay-roll and Flour Taxes, Social Services Contributions, Wool, Wheat, and Stevedoring Industry charges.

† Excluding payments by the Commonwealth under the *Income Tax and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts* of 1942 and the *States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act* of 1946.

TAXATION COLLECTIONS—AUSTRALIAN STATES.

The following statement gives particulars of the total taxation collections (irrespective of whether such moneys had been paid into Consolidated Revenue or not) by each of the Australian States during the years 1947-48 to 1951-52. The information has been dissected with a view to showing separately the actual collections by each State and the amounts received by each State from the Commonwealth under the provisions of the *Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts* 1942 and the *States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act* 1946 :—

STATE TAXATION COLLECTIONS—TOTAL AND PER HEAD OF POPULATION, 1948 TO 1952.

Year ended 30th June—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total All States.
TOTAL COLLECTIONS.							
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1948	{ (a) 13,003 (b) 18,302	{ (a) 8,364 (b) 9,882	{ (a) 4,694 (b) 7,357	{ (a) 2,437 (b) 3,884	{ (a) 1,933 (b) 3,793	{ (a) 1,732 (b) 1,370	{ (a) 32,163 (b) 44,588
1949	{ (a) 14,412 (b) 21,878	{ (a) 9,463 (b) 12,027	{ (a) 5,407 (b) 8,313	{ (a) 3,038 (b) 4,623	{ (a) 2,099 (b) 4,482	{ (a) 2,005 (b) 1,665	{ (a) 36,424 (b) 53,488
1950	{ (a) 16,584 (b) 25,331	{ (a) 10,814 (b) 14,237	{ (a) 6,141 (b) 10,215	{ (a) 3,475 (b) 5,367	{ (a) 2,518 (b) 5,151	{ (a) 2,246 (b) 1,970	{ (a) 41,778 (b) 62,271
1951	{ (a) 20,849 (b) 30,363	{ (a) 13,226 (b) 17,446	{ (a) 7,718 (b) 12,273	{ (a) 4,347 (b) 6,468	{ (a) 2,977 (b) 6,169	{ (a) 2,559 (b) 2,388	{ (a) 51,676 (b) 75,107
1952	{ (a) 24,840 (b) 34,745	{ (a) 16,943 (b) 20,347	{ (a) 9,630 (b) 13,962	{ (a) 5,151 (b) 7,409	{ (a) 3,455 (b) 7,000	{ (a) 2,870 (b) 2,805	{ (a) 62,889 (b) 86,268
PER HEAD OF POPULATION.							
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1948	{ (a) 4 6 6 (b) 6 1 9	{ (a) 4 0 10 (b) 4 15 6	{ (a) 4 4 5 (b) 6 12 3	{ (a) 3 14 9 (b) 5 19 1	{ (a) 3 16 0 (b) 7 9 1	{ (a) 6 12 4 (b) 5 4 8	{ (a) 4 4 5 (b) 5 17 2
1949	{ (a) 4 14 1 (b) 7 2 10	{ (a) 4 9 7 (b) 5 13 10	{ (a) 4 15 4 (b) 7 15 4	{ (a) 4 11 4 (b) 6 19 0	{ (a) 4 0 5 (b) 8 11 8	{ (a) 7 9 6 (b) 6 4 1	{ (a) 4 13 8 (b) 6 17 9
1950	{ (a) 5 4 7 (b) 7 19 9	{ (a) 4 19 8 (b) 6 11 2	{ (a) 5 5 7 (b) 8 15 8	{ (a) 5 1 2 (b) 7 16 4	{ (a) 4 12 3 (b) 9 8 9	{ (a) 8 2 0 (b) 7 2 0	{ (a) 5 4 2 (b) 7 15 4
1951	{ (a) 6 7 4 (b) 9 5 6	{ (a) 5 18 3 (b) 7 16 0	{ (a) 6 9 5 (b) 10 5 9	{ (a) 6 2 3 (b) 9 2 0	{ (a) 5 4 2 (b) 10 16 0	{ (a) 8 18 0 (b) 8 6 0	{ (a) 6 4 11 (b) 9 1 7
1952	{ (a) 7 8 0 (b) 10 7 1	{ (a) 7 7 3 (b) 8 16 10	{ (a) 7 17 9 (b) 11 8 8	{ (a) 7 1 3 (b) 10 3 2	{ (a) 5 16 10 (b) 11 16 10	{ (a) 9 12 3 (b) 9 7 11	{ (a) 7 8 0 (b) 10 3 1

(a) State Taxation collections.

(b) Payments by the Commonwealth to the States under *Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts* of 1942 and the *States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act* of 1946.

The total taxation collected by the Commonwealth and all States for each of the years 1947-48 to 1951-52 is shown hereunder :—

**COMMONWEALTH AND ALL STATES—TAXATION
COLLECTIONS, 1948 TO 1952.**

Year ended 30th June—	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.	Taxation by all State Governments.*	Total Taxation.	
			Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1948	422,413	32,163	454,576	59 10 0
1949	490,813	36,424	527,237	67 12 1
1950	518,959	41,778	560,737	69 13 3
1951	777,187	51,676	828,863	99 14 7
1952	934,011	62,889	996,900	116 14 10

* Excluding payments by the Commonwealth to the States under *Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts* of 1942 and the *States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act* of 1946.

PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES.

**Pension and
Superannua-
tion Schemes
in Force.**

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A statement of Pension and Superannuation schemes in force at 30th June, 1928, in the Public Services of Victoria, was published in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29,

**Cost of
Pensions and
Gratuities.**

During the year 1951-52, the State Government expended a sum of £1,957,566 on pensions, gratuities, &c. Of this amount, £46,789 was spent on pensions of a non-contributory nature. The remainder represents payments from State revenue to the Police Superannuation Fund, the Police Pensions Fund, the Superannuation Fund, the Coal Mine Workers' Pensions Fund, and the Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund. Act No. 5464, which came into force on 30th June, 1950, provided for an increase of 20 per cent. in non-contributory pensions of less than £468 per annum and in widow's pensions of less than £234 per annum with a proviso that such pensions shall not exceed £468 per annum or (in the case of a widow's pension) £234 per annum. The following table gives details of the State Government expenditure on pensions for each of the years 1947-48 to 1951-52 :—

**VICTORIA—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PENSIONS,
GRATUITIES, ETC., 1948 TO 1952.**

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.
	£	£	£	£	£
Non-Contributory Pensions, &c.—					
Railways	35,511	40,629	30,318	28,052	22,455
Judges	2,395	2,250	2,688	4,000	4,000
Civil Service	376	298	272	326	327
Public Service					
Education Department	27,396	28,472	21,877	20,494	18,235
Officers transferred to Commonwealth Service	2,700	2,300	1,540	1,166	1,100
Various Allowances, &c.	925	1,015	864	818	672
Total Non-contributory Pensions, Gratuities, &c.	69,303	74,964	57,559	54,856	46,789
Contributory Pensions—					
Police Superannuation Fund—					
Government Subsidy	6,868	3,035	23,698	15,192	2,000
Transferred from Licensing Fund (Act No. 3717)	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000
Fines	25,233	26,038	29,075	33,955	39,125
Total	55,101	52,073	75,773	72,147	64,125
Police Pensions Fund	161,800	175,800	261,800	341,700	376,750
The Superannuation Fund—					
Railways	513,098	602,823	625,698	893,179	858,140
Other	333,657	394,668	409,941	539,925	563,130
Total	846,755	997,491	1,035,639	1,433,104	1,421,270
Coal Mine Workers' Pensions Fund	28,872	32,103	34,084	35,970	47,973
Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund	3,581	..	..	1,397	659
Total Contributory Pensions	1,096,109	1,257,467	1,407,296	1,889,318	1,910,777
GRAND TOTAL	1,165,412	1,332,431	1,464,855	1,944,174	1,957,566

This Fund is maintained by an annual subsidy of £2,000 from the Consolidated Revenue; by a moiety of the fines inflicted by the Court of Petty Sessions; by transfers from the Licensing Fund under the provisions of Act No. 3717; and, should the foregoing sources prove insufficient, by a further grant in aid from the Consolidated Revenue.

During the year 1951-52 the total receipts of the fund from Government Revenue amounted to £64,125, while pension payments totalled £63,808. There was a balance of £317 in the fund at 30th June, 1952.

Pensions are payable out of this fund only to those who joined the Police Force prior to the 25th November, 1902. There are now no members of the Police Force contributing to the fund.

Police Pensions Fund. Under Act No. 3750, which came into operation on 1st January, 1924, pensions are provided for those members of the Police Force who have joined since 25th November, 1902, as well as to persons who may enter the Force in the future. The main provisions of the principal Act were published in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 100. The principal Act was amended by the *Police Regulation Act* No. 4592 of 1938 and the *Police Regulation (Amendment) Act* No. 5359 of 1948. Brief reference to the principal provisions of these Acts is made in previous issues of the *Year-Book*. Further amending legislation is contained in the *Police Regulation (Amendment) Act* No. 5448 of 1949, the *Police Regulation (Pensions) Act* No. 5460 of 1950 and the *Police Regulation (Amendment) Act* No. 5467 of 1950. The main effect of these Acts was to further increase the pension payable to a pensioner. The pension payable to the widow of a deceased contributor or pensioner was also increased.

The receipts of the Police Pensions Fund (established under Act No. 3750) during 1951-52 amounted to £620,162, comprising:—Deductions from pay, £92,844; special appropriation, £376,750; interests on investments, £150,567. During the year £203,098 was paid in pensions, and £8,446 represented deductions from pay returned. There was a balance of £4,597,028 in the Fund at 30th June, 1952, of which £4,543,795 was invested.

The Superannuation Fund. On 24th November, 1925, legislation was enacted by the State Parliament making provision on a contributory basis for superannuation benefits for public servants and railway employees. Contributions of officers, amounts received from the Government, and income from investments are paid into the Superannuation Fund and benefits provided by the Act are paid therefrom. Act No. 3782 of 1928 consolidated existing legislation regarding the Fund. Brief references to the more important amendments to that Act have been made in the *Year-Books* of 1928-29 and subsequent issues. Amending legislation relating to the Fund is contained in the *Superannuation Act* 1947 (No. 5255) the principle provisions of which appeared in the *Year-Book* for 1948-49. Act No. 5453, which came into force on 30th June, 1950, provided *inter alia* for an increase in the unit value from £32 10s. to £39. Pension payments for the child of a deceased contributor or pensioner were also increased from £13 to £19 10s. per unit. The Consolidated Revenue or the Railway Revenue (as the case may be) bear the additional charge.

The number of contributors to the Fund at 30th June, 1952, was 31,855—males 27,712 and females 4,143.

During the year 1951-52, the receipts of the Superannuation Fund amounted to £3,305,730 consisting of contributions from officers, £1,449,030; from Consolidated Revenue, £1,412,812*; interest on investments, £434,373; and other receipts, £9,515. The total payments

* See footnote on next page.

from the fund during the year were £1,908,303, and comprised pensions, £1,806,849*; refund of contributions, £96,330; and other expenditure, £5,124. The balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1952, was £13,552,177 of which £13,552,082 was invested.

**Port Phillip
Pilot Sick and
Superannua-
tion Fund.**

This fund does not receive contributions from the Government but is maintained by deduction from pilots' earnings and annual income derived from investment of moneys belonging to the Fund which, in 1951-52 amounted to £15,172 and £6,330 respectively. During the same period, £10,042 was expended on pensions, £96 on sick allowances and £35 on other purposes.

**Coal Mine
Workers'
Pensions Fund.**

This fund was established under Act No. 4932 of 1942 which provided for the payment of retiring pensions to mine workers (who before retirement have qualified for such pensions by reason of the length of service in the coal mining industry) in one of the several ways specified in the Act and for the payment of disablement pensions to such qualified mine workers who are totally or partially incapacitated by injury. Provision is also made for the payment of additional amounts in respect of dependants.

Amendments to the principal Act are contained in Acts No. 5223 of 1947, No. 5313 of 1948, and No. 5436 of 1949. Each of these Acts provided *inter alia*, for progressive increases in the original rates of pension payable to a miner or his dependants.

During 1951-52 the Treasurer contributed £25,028 to the fund and the State Coal Mines (as owners) £22,945.

**Parlia-
mentary
Contribu-
tory
Retirement
Fund.**

This fund was established under authority of the *Parliamentary Contributory Retirement Fund Act*, No. 5185, of 24th December, 1946, to provide pensions for ex-members of the Victorian Parliament. Originally members were obliged to contribute to the Fund at the rate of one pound per fortnight but amending legislation, which became operative on 1st July, 1948, increased members' subscriptions to two pounds per fortnight and also fixed the amounts of lump sum payments to be made. Under the provisions of Act No. 5587, which came into operation on 7th November, 1951, members now contribute to the Fund at the rate of £3 10s. per fortnight. Should there be insufficient funds available to pay pensions, &c., under the Act, then the additional amounts required shall be paid from the Consolidated Revenue.

Every person who has ceased to be a member and has served as a member for at least fifteen years, or for at least three Parliaments, is entitled to be paid out of the fund, a pension fortnightly at the rate of the basic wage payable in Melbourne.

* This figure does not agree with that shown on page 268, which includes Consolidated Revenue's share of pensions accrued to 30th June.

Provision is also made for payments of certain sums to ex-members who do not fulfil the conditions necessary for a pension and the payment of a pension to the widow of a deceased member or ex-member at a rate equivalent to the amount that would have been paid or was being paid to the deceased.

All payments out of the fund are subject to the approval of trustees appointed to administer the fund.

During the year ended 30th June, 1952, receipts of the fund amounted to £8,295 made up of contributions from members £7,636 and Special Appropriations £659. Pension and lump sum payments from the fund amounted to £7,930.

**STATE GOVERNMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SEMI-
GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.**

In the following statements ordinary revenue and expenditure of the State Government, Local Government, and certain semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies in Victoria have been combined for each of the five years 1947 to 1951. Where a grant has been made by one authority to another, such grant has been excluded from both the revenue and expenditure of the recipient.

**VICTORIA—STATE GOVERNMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1947 TO 1951.**

Heading.	Financial Year ended in—				
	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.
<i>Revenue.</i>	£	£	£.	£	£
State Government	38,641,893	43,291,393	48,613,095	57,839,642	66,341,017
Local Government	9,380,827	10,640,088	12,141,432	13,595,358	15,801,058
Semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies—					
Water Supply and Sewerage	3,080,749	3,247,777	3,493,601	3,616,152	4,038,082
Irrigation	78,061	92,386	103,717	92,769	120,323
Harbors	1,052,077	1,215,154	1,477,273	1,666,718	1,993,682
Tramways	3,869,651	3,856,553	4,126,278	3,679,785	5,031,466
Electricity Supply	6,399,510	7,147,490	8,805,818	10,338,657	12,454,498
Fire Brigades	195,391	220,791	236,059	317,752	345,863
Housing Commission ..	281,310	450,658	668,122	1,159,180	1,554,936
Grain Elevators Board ..	190,384	227,687	235,665	282,748	322,154
Western Metropolitan Mar- ket Trust	4,626	3,300	3,659	3,600	3,265
Total	63,174,479	70,393,277	79,904,719	92,592,361	108,006,344

VICTORIA—STATE GOVERNMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1947 TO 1951—*continued.*

Heading.	Financial Year ended in—				
	1947.	1948.	1949.	1950.	1951.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
State Government	38,636,860	43,845,097	49,995,876	58,098,452	66,684,244
Local Government	9,766,885	11,175,041	12,385,142	13,851,229	16,480,237
Semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies—					
Water Supply and Sewerage	3,191,344	3,297,770	3,539,657	3,693,944	4,044,368
Irrigation	67,336	90,643	114,662	136,568	115,941
Harbors	1,056,411	1,074,786	1,230,022	1,240,584	1,312,304
Tramways	3,890,645	4,035,010	4,375,344	4,327,786	5,268,952
Electricity Supply	6,310,110	7,360,561	8,776,517	10,588,025	12,452,638
Fire Brigades	188,406	187,602	222,001	266,874	441,092
Housing Commission	265,719	419,190	751,486	1,202,787	1,630,286
Grain Elevators Board	187,666	223,503	231,560	273,800	307,700
Western Metropolitan Mar- ket Trust	3,396	3,339	3,648	3,578	3,719
Total	63,564,778	71,712,542	81,625,915	93,683,627	108,741,481

PUBLIC DEBT.

The following statement shows the result of loan transactions, including Treasury Bonds in aid of revenue, to 30th June, 1952:—

LOANS RAISED AND REDEEMED TO 30TH JUNE, 1952.		£
Cash received .. .. .	.. .. .	1,392,253,504
Discount and expenses after deducting premiums .. .. .	.. .. .	9,955,073
Securities issued .. .. .	.. .. .	1,402,208,577
Loans redeemed by—		£
Renewal Loans and other State Funds, &c.	1,065,046,321	
National Debt Sinking Fund	32,502,266	
Liability transferred to Commonwealth Government Act No. 4246	2,160,960	
		1,099,709,547
Loans outstanding at 30th June, 1952.. .. .	.. .. .	302,499,030
Repayable in—		
Australia .. .. .	.. .. .	252,818,479
London .. .. .	.. .. .	45,224,650
New York .. .. .	.. .. .	4,455,901
		302,499,030

It will be seen that, upon the transactions to 30th June, 1952, securities representing £1,402,208,577 were issued, and that the amount of cash received was £1,392,253,504. The State thus received £99 5s. 10d. in cash for every £100 bond given.

Due Dates of Loans. Particulars concerning the due dates of loans outstanding at 30th June, 1952, are given in the following table. Where the Government had the option of redemption during a specified period, the loans have been classified according to the latest date of maturity:—

DUE DATES OF VICTORIAN LOANS AT 30TH JUNE, 1952.

Due Date (Financial Year).	Repayable in London.	Repayable in Australia.	Total.
	£	£	£
1952-53	5,805,525	3,431,083	9,236,608
1953-54 .. .. .	..	9,085,711	9,085,711
1954-55 .. .. .	..	52,328,261	52,328,261
1955-56	1,863,483*	5,082,098	6,945,581
1956-57	934,553*	2,449,060	3,383,613
1957-58 .. .. .	..	9,749,685	9,749,685
1958-59	13,553,800	7,695,720	21,249,520
1959-60 .. .. .	..	19,796,629	19,796,629
1960-61	650,075	15,878,144	16,528,219
1961-62	719,819*	8,995,869	9,715,688
1962-63 .. .. .	..	14,610,441	14,610,441
1963-64 .. .. .	..	24,454,619	24,454,619
1964-65 .. .. .	..	46,412,410	46,412,410
1965-66	1,989,400	27,003,634	28,993,034
1966-67	6,836,246†	105,214	6,941,460
1967-68	8,392,800	109,949	8,502,749
1968-69 .. .. .	..	114,897	114,897
1969-70	8,934,850	120,067	9,054,917
1970-71 .. .. .	..	125,470	125,470
1971-72 .. .. .	..	131,116	131,116
1972-73 .. .. .	..	137,017	137,017
1973-74 .. .. .	..	143,182	143,182
1974-75 .. .. .	..	149,625	149,625
1975-76 .. .. .	..	156,359	156,359
1976-77 .. .. .	..	163,395	163,395
1977-78 .. .. .	..	170,748	170,748
1978-79 .. .. .	..	178,431	178,431
1979-80 .. .. .	..	186,461	186,461
1980-81 .. .. .	..	194,851	194,851
1981-82 .. .. .	..	203,620	203,620
1982-83 .. .. .	..	154,279	154,279
Not yet fixed ¹ .. .. .	..	3,300,434	3,300,434
Total	49,680,551	252,818,479	302,499,030

* Raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government, but repayable by State Treasurer to Agent-General in London.

† Including £938,046 raised in New York.

Loans and
Interest
payable in
London and
Australia.

In the succeeding statement of the Public Debt of Victoria at various dates, loans repayable outside Australia and the annual interest payable thereon are shown separately. Particulars relating to New York loans are included as indicated in the note to the statement.

In the subsequent statements "interest payable" does not include the cost of paying interest overseas. Particulars of exchange paid in each of the years 1947-1948 to 1951-52 are shown on page 253.

All tables in the *Year-Book* relating to the Public Debt show the Oversea Debt of Victoria in Australian currency, but at the time of repayment it will entail the use of sterling or dollars as the case may be.

During 1931-32, the conversion of Victoria's portion of the internal debt of the Commonwealth and States of Australia was effected as provided for by the *Debt Conversion Agreement Acts* (Nos. 1 and 2) of 1931. The conversion was based on a reduction of 22½ per cent. of the interest rates payable on the then existing securities.

VICTORIA—PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE
THEREON IN LONDON AND AUSTRALIA, 1900 TO 1952.

At 30th June—	Amount of Loans Repayable in—		Annual Interest Payable in—	
	London.*	Australia.	London.	Australia.
	£	£	£	£
1900	44,655,579	4,670,306	1,735,307	152,096
1910	39,012,436	16,564,289	1,419,579	560,520
1915	41,333,738	31,750,189	1,520,762	1,131,811
1920	42,406,040	45,241,699	1,637,615	1,902,108
1925	51,869,204	79,300,361	2,319,486	3,999,635
1930	68,750,235	93,538,759	3,225,754	4,831,371
1935	67,638,378	106,522,285	2,651,050	3,930,414
1940	66,963,733	113,586,235	2,623,176	4,274,672
1945	65,834,565	113,570,626	2,515,982	3,840,676
1950	50,057,125	167,355,700	1,627,183	5,463,834
1951	49,781,957	201,150,756	1,618,349	6,210,549
1952	49,680,551	252,818,479	1,644,121	7,456,440

* Loans raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government are included as follows:— (At 30th June) 1930 and 1931, £4,658,461; 1932, £4,648,084; 1933, £4,615,021; 1934, £4,592,459; 1935, £4,569,473; 1936, £4,547,877; 1937, £4,530,842; 1938, £4,517,207; 1939 to 1946, £4,498,878; 1947, £4,500,603; 1948, £4,570,562; 1949, £4,548,370; 1950, £4,516,725; 1951, £4,486,107; 1952, £4,455,901.

The appended table shows the rates of interest which were payable on the public debt at 30th June, 1952, and the portions of the debt at each rate in London and Australia respectively.

VICTORIA—RATES OF INTEREST ON PUBLIC DEBT AT
30TH JUNE, 1952.

Rate of Interest.	Amount Repayable in—		
	London.	Australia.	Total.
Per cent.	£	£	£
5	1,863,483*	..	1,863,483
4 .. .. .	..	117,000	117,000
3 $\frac{7}{8}$ .. .. .	..	13,798,821	13,798,821
3 $\frac{3}{4}$ .. .. .	..	16,904,140	16,904,140
3 $\frac{5}{8}$ .. .. .	..	107,000	107,000
3 $\frac{1}{2}$	20,390,046†	254,650	20,644,696
£3 9s. 9d. .. .. .	..	500	500
3 $\frac{3}{8}$	719,819*	..	719,819
3 $\frac{1}{4}$	10,519,478‡	44,338,261	54,857,739
3 $\frac{1}{8}$ .. .. .	..	115,595,674	115,595,674
£3 2s. .. .. .	..	314,890	314,890
3	10,382,200	1,241,273	11,623,473
2 $\frac{3}{4}$	5,805,525	..	5,805,525
£2 14s. 3d. .. .. .	..	132,456	132,456
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ .. .. .	..	1,525	1,525
£2 6s. 6d. .. .. .	..	710,579	710,579
2 .. .. .	..	55,681,441	55,681,441
1 .. .. .	..	3,620,269	3,620,269
Total	49,680,551	252,818,479	302,499,030
Average rate of interest	3·37	2·95	3·01

* Raised in New York by the Commonwealth Government.

† Including £938,046 raised in New York.

‡ Including £934,553 raised in New York.

The growth of the public debt of Victoria since the establishment of responsible government in 1855 is illustrated in the next statement.

During 1928-29, the amount at credit of the State Redemption and Sinking Funds—£5,540,369—was applied to the liquidation of the public debt, and in 1934-35, the debt was decreased by the transfer of a liability amounting to £2,160,960 from the State to the Commonwealth Government under Act No. 4246. From £174,160,663

at 30th June, 1935—the first occasion on which the debt was less than that of the immediately preceding year—the public debt increased steadily until it reached the amount of £181,219,188 at 30th June, 1941. Although the Public Debt decreased during each of the years 1941-42 to 1943-44, it increased during each of the years 1944-45 to 1951-52, and at 30th June, 1952, amounted to £302,499,030.

The tables in this *Year-Book* relating to the Public Debt do not include an amount of £42,261,000 advanced to Victoria by the Commonwealth under the provisions of the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement. Under the conditions of the Agreement the Commonwealth agreed to make Loan advances to the State to facilitate the financing and construction of dwelling units through the agency of the State Housing Commission. The amounts so advanced are funded at the end of each financial year and the Housing Commission is required to meet from its revenues all interest and redemption charges incidental to the repayment of each year's loan advances by equal instalments over a period of 53 years. Up to 30th June, 1952, repayments of the principal amounted to £913,024.

VICTORIA—GROWTH OF PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST,
1855 TO 1952.

Financial Year ending in—	Loans Outstanding.			Amount per Head of Population.	
	Amount.	Annual Interest Payable.		Debt.	Annual Interest Payable.
		Total.	Average Rate per cent.		
	£	£	%	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1855* ..	1,180,000	70,800	6·00	3 4 9	0 3 11
1860 ..	5,643,100	337,905	5·99	10 9 10	0 12 7
1870* ..	12,099,800	699,240	5·78	16 13 1	0 19 3
1880 ..	20,567,700	1,029,991	5·01	24 9 4	1 4 6
1890 ..	41,377,693	1,649,465	3·99	36 19 11	1 9 6
1900 ..	49,325,885	1,887,403	3·83	41 6 8	1 11 8
1910 ..	55,576,725	1,980,099	3·56	43 6 8	1 10 10
1920 ..	87,647,739	3,539,723	4·04	57 19 1	2 6 10
1925 ..	131,169,565	6,319,121	4·82	78 9 11	3 16 3
1930 ..	162,288,994	8,057,125	4·96	90 18 7	4 10 7
1935 ..	174,160,663	6,581,464	3·78	94 15 2	3 11 8
1940 ..	180,549,968	6,897,848	3·82	94 17 2	3 12 5
1945 ..	179,405,191	6,356,658	3·54	89 2 0	3 3 2
1950 ..	217,412,825	7,091,017	3·26	98 13 11	3 4 5
1951 ..	250,932,713	7,828,898	3·12	110 11 7	3 9 0
1952 ..	302,499,030	9,100,561	3·01	128 6 10	3 17 3

* Including outstanding liabilities of the Melbourne and Geelong Corporations Guarantee Loans.

The following table shows the capital liability of the State at 30th June, 1952, in respect of its public works and services. The apportionment of the State's equity in the National Debt Sinking Fund is also shown:—

VICTORIA—SUMMARY OF CAPITAL LIABILITY UNDER THE VARIOUS WORKS AND SERVICES, TOGETHER WITH THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE STATE'S EQUITY IN THE NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND AT 30TH JUNE, 1952.

Works or Services.	Liability.	Deduction on Account of National Debt Sinking Fund.	Net Liability.
	£	£	£
Railways*—			
As reduced	72,612,233	8,012,089	64,600,144
Transferred	30,684,947	4,800,264	25,884,683
Country Waterworks	57,236,387	4,846,167	52,390,220
Electricity Supply	30,585,499	3,042,591	27,542,908
Land Settlement	24,579,991	5,326,765	19,253,226
Soldier Settlement	25,536,262	349,144	25,187,118
Grain Elevators Board	815,553	65,973	749,580
Housing Commission	952,206	91,624	860,582
Country Roads	12,582,826	1,919,420	10,663,406
Public Works, Buildings, &c. ..	42,621,808	1,444,599	41,177,209
Forests	8,678,142	293,057	8,385,085
Unemployment Relief	12,026,315	1,393,826	10,632,489
Rural Finance Corporation	2,424,936	9,347	2,415,589
In Aid of Revenue	9,186,415	1,481,791	7,704,624
Unapportioned	4,477,776	..	4,477,776
Total	335,001,296	33,076,657	301,924,639

* The *Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act No. 4429* provided for the reduction of railway loan liability by the sum of £30,000,000 on 1st July, 1937, and for the transfer of that amount to the "Reduction of Railway Loan Liability Account".

A reconciliation between the Public Debt as 30th June, 1952, and the net liability shown in the preceding table is given hereunder :—

	£
Public Debt at 30th June, 1952	302,499,030
<i>Deduct</i> Cash at Credit of National Debt Sinking Fund	574,391
Net Liability for Works	301,924,639

In addition to the ordinary expenditure from revenue, certain sums are disbursed annually for various purposes from Loans and on account of Loan Funds. The figures in the following table include all such expenditure, whether the loans have been repaid or are still in existence. The table shows the details for each of the years 1948-49 to 1951-52 and the total to 30th June, 1952 :—

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS, 1948-49 TO 1951-52.

Expenditure on—	During the Year Ended 30th June—				Total to 30th June, 1952.
	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Public Works—					
Railways*—					
As reduced	1,341,265	2,655,235	7,044,316	10,497,824	73,522,917
Transferred .. .. .	..	..	..	..	29,134,658
Country Roads	392,277	389,711	816,477	1,093,825	14,947,597
Bridges	49	29	2	98	476,895
Harbors and Rivers	172,068	101,026	60,304	188,701	2,060,124
Water Supply—					
Country	2,251,873	4,149,501	7,124,902	10,619,672	56,909,163
Metropolitan .. .. .	..	..	..	..	3,142,577
Sewerage	13,936	10,378	28,651	80,095	355,608
Electricity Supply .. .. .	..	..	1,250,000	9,000,000	28,089,227
Gas and Fuel Corporation .. .. .	..	..	2,551,497	2,392,950	4,944,447
Public Buildings—					
Schools	1,023,202	2,160,412	2,686,124	3,521,171	16,983,714
Hospitals	357,497	1,470,402	2,592,533	2,952,002	9,276,410
Other	228,380	471,475	589,605	798,918	3,920,833
Other Public Works	133,597	188,601	309,265	386,470	1,920,651

* Reduced under the authority of Act No. 4429 of 1936.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF
LOANS—*continued.*

Expenditure on—	During the Year Ended 30th June—				Total to 30th June, 1952.
	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.	
	£	£	£	£	£
Decentralization Fund .. ..	..	300,000	199,552	..	499,552
Immigration	16,343	75,315	28,034	36,433	186,163
Municipal Endowment .. ..	..	..	..	..	698,250
Municipalities, Loans, Grants, &c.	74,156	138,624	137,624	217,168	1,610,259
Housing	193,676	304,374	903,710	4,185,079	8,550,429
Unemployment Relief .. ..	..	..	..	..	13,147,158
Rural Finance Corporation .. ..	..	5,000	814,250	1,600,000	2,419,250
Primary Production— Land Settlement† .. ..	..	..	..	..	41,570,934
Soldier Settlement	4,181,682	4,844,148	6,095,841	5,753,681	28,579,829
Wire Netting Advances	16,019	11,006	56,318	22,696	1,007,772
Agriculture .. ..	..	60,465	..	..	211,147
Settlers Advances— Cultivation	500	95	..	..	2,620,806
Other	9,644	5,041	1,250	169	119,129
Bulk Handling of Wheat .. ..	..	153,740	..	..	1,153,740
Forestry	1,331,021	1,543,024	1,589,726	1,390,000	11,394,991
Mining, N.E.I.	26,840	..	137,631	36,072	471,565
Mining—State Coal Mine	13,718	12,924	2,652	2,176	352,757
Primary Products—Advances to Companies .. ..	..	..	..	..	331,101
Cool Stores—Advances to Companies	523	6,878	1,692	2,957	645,679
Drought Relief .. ..	..	..	..	..	1,024,411
Destruction of Vermin and Noxious Weeds .. ..	..	29,185	157,711	121,755	308,651
Other Primary Production .. ..	..	..	..	..	167,862
Other Purposes	945,883	1,238,600	129,193	184,417	3,003,955
Total Works Expenditure	12,727,149	20,325,189	35,308,860	55,084,329	365,760,211
In Aid of Revenue	553,704	1,382,781	..	2,000,000	13,055,167
GRAND TOTAL	13,280,853	21,707,970	35,308,860	57,084,329	378,815,378

† Land Settlement—Closer Settlement and Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Fund abolished during 1938-39 and Soldier Settlement re-established in 1945-46.

The figures in the foregoing table are "net" in as much as they exclude discounts and flotation expenses, particulars of which are as follow:—1948-49, £940,330; 1949-50, £1,436,226; 1950-51, £46,977; and 1951-52, £183,233. The aggregate to 30th June, 1952, was £9,955,073.

The amounts of interest and expenses paid on the Public Debt of Victoria during each of the financial years 1947-48 to 1951-52 are shown in the next table:—

VICTORIA—INTEREST AND EXPENSES OF PUBLIC DEBT,
1948 TO 1952.

Year Ended 30th June.	Interest Paid on Loans in—		Interest Paid on Temporary Loans.	Commission on Payment of Interest in London Expenses of Conversion Loans, &c.	Exchange on Payment of Interest in London.†	Total.‡
	London.*	Melbourne.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1948 ..	2,100,256	4,065,487	60,500	23,674	587,549	6,837,466
1949 ..	1,962,942	4,361,932	48,899	65,021	541,766	6,980,560
1950 ..	1,738,109	5,054,184	31,443	49,968	567,181	7,440,885
1951 ..	1,627,867	5,558,378	13,349	68,493	577,794	7,845,881
1952 ..	1,632,741	6,523,790	23,881	50,530	578,419	8,809,361

* Including interest paid on loans raised in New York—£225,492 for 1947-48; £184,608 for 1948-49; £184,018 for 1949-50; £182,943 for 1950-51; and £181,863 for 1951-52.

† Includes Exchange paid in respect of Loans raised in New York:—£116,247 for 1947-48; £94,955 for 1948-49; £177,132 for 1949-50; £215,496 for 1950-51; and £214,977 for 1951-52.

‡ Includes £2,127,159 contributed each year by the Commonwealth in accordance with the provisions of the "Financial Agreement".

NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND.

The National Debt Sinking Fund was established under the provisions of the *Commonwealth and States Financial Agreement Act 1927* (No. 3554). Under the Federal Aid Roads Agreement, the Commonwealth Government agreed to pay Sinking Fund contributions on loan moneys provided by the States for certain roads. The

agreement was terminated on 30th June, 1947, and from 1st December, 1947, these payments became a State liability. The following table gives particulars of the receipts and disbursements during 1951-52 :—

		£
Balance at credit of Victoria at 30th June, 1951	.. ..	72,745
Contributions during 1951-52—	£	
By Commonwealth under Financial Agreement	.. ..	528,410
,, State under Financial Agreement	.. ..	2,264,867
		2,793,277
Interest received	.. ..	10,856
		2,876,878
Cancellation of securities to the value of £2,366,783 at a cost of	.. ..	2,302,487
		574,391
Balance at credit of the State at 30th June, 1952	.. ..	574,391
Face value of securities cancelled to 30th June, 1954	.. ..	32,502,266
		33,076,657
Net credit to Victoria at 30th June, 1952	.. ..	33,076,657

TRUST FUNDS.

At 30th June, 1952, the liability of the Treasurer on account of moneys lodged for investment and for securities and other lodgments amounted to £20,243,070. Investments in Australian Consolidated Inscribed Stock and other securities amounted to £12,318,447, and cash advances totalled £6,120,574. The balance—£1,804,049—was at the credit of the Public Account.

PUBLIC DEBT OF AUSTRALIA.

The public debts of the six Australian States aggregated £1,395,676,747 at 30th June, 1952. Details of the indebtedness in respect of each State are shown in the following table. Sinking funds have not been deducted. Treasury Bills covering Revenue Deficits are included. Revenue Deficits which are not covered by Treasury Bills, overdrafts on Loan Account, and advances from Trust Funds are excluded :—

PUBLIC DEBTS OF AUSTRALIAN STATES AT 30TH JUNE, 1952.

Heading.	Victoria.	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.
Public Debt	£ 302,499,030	£ 522,491,494	£ 187,309,758	£ 173,436,147	£ 138,288,531	£ 71,651,787
Debt per head of population at 30th June, 1952	£ s. d. 129 10 6	£ s. d. 154 4 0	£ s. d. 151 5 0	£ s. d. 234 10 3	£ s. d. 229 19 11	£ s. d. 237 3 5

**Commonwealth
Public Debt.** The public debt of the Commonwealth exclusive of loans raised on behalf of the States but including debts on account of the Port Augusta-Oodnadatta Railway and the Northern Territory amounted to £1,868,818,645 at 30th June, 1952. This total excludes War (1914-18) Debt £79,724,220 due to the British Government. Repayment of this debt and payment of interest thereon was suspended in 1931. In previous issues of the *Year-Book* this amount was included in the total Commonwealth Public Debt.

**Commonwealth
and States
Public Debt.** The total public debt of Australia—Commonwealth and States—at 30th June, 1952, was £3,264,495,392, of which £2,858,526,062 was payable in Australia, £353,838,094 in London, and £52,131,236 in New York. The loan liability of the Australian public at 30th June, 1952, averaged £377 9s. 3d. per head of population.