

INTERCHANGE.

COMMERCE.

By the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (section 51) ^{Customs and Excise.} the power to make laws with respect to trade and commerce with other countries and among the States was conferred on the Federal Parliament, and by the same Act (section 86) the collection and control of duties of Customs and Excise passed to the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on 1st January, 1901. The Customs Tariff of 1908, which is given in detail on page 465 of the *Year-Book* for 1908-9, came into operation as from the 8th August, 1907. Certain amendments of the Tariff came into force on 17th November, 1910, and are given on page 407 of the *Year-Book* for 1910-11. Further amendments were assented to in December, 1911, and came into operation, unless otherwise specified, on the 1st of that month. They are as follows:—

AMENDMENTS OF CUSTOMS TARIFF 1908-10.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	General Tariff.	Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.
1. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— " 1. Ale and other Beer, Porter, Cider and Perry, spirituous :— (A) In bottle* .. per gallon (B) In bulk .. per gallon	1s. 6d. 1s."	
2. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— " 2. Ale and other Beer, Porter, Cider and Perry, non-spirituous ad val.	20 per cent."	
6. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— " 6. Wood Naphtha, Methyl Alcohol, and Acetone per gallon	1s."	

* Six reputed quarts or twelve reputed pints or twenty-four reputed half-pints to be charged as one gallon.

AMENDMENTS OF CUSTOMS TARIFF, 1908-10—continued.

Tariff Items.	General Tariff.	Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom
59. By adding at the end of the item the words " and on and after the 15th December, 1911 Bananas per cental	Is. 6d."	
88. By inserting in sub-item (A) after the word " Birds " the letters " , n.e.i."		
97. By omitting the whole of the item and inserting in its stead the following item :— " 97. (A) Seed—Canary, Hemp and Rape; also mixtures in which such seeds predominate, in packages exceeding 20 lb. per cental (B) Seed (Rape), for the manufacture of Rape Seed Cake and denaturated Colza Oil under Departmental By-laws ..	Is. 6d. Free"	
100. By inserting in sub-item (A) after the word " Fancy," the word " or " By inserting in sub-item (B) after the letters " N.E.I." the words " ; also Soap Substitutes and Compound Detergents for washing and cleansing purposes "		
101. By adding to the item a new sub-item as follows :— " (C) Unground, for manufacture of Curry Paste or Powder under Departmental By-laws per lb.	Id."	
106. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A), and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—" (A) N.E.I., for the human body, partly or wholly made up, including materials cut into shape therefor; also Looping for Boots and Labels and Hangers for Coats and other textile goods, plain, printed, or having woven lettering or ornamental designs, whether in the piece or otherwise ad val.	40 per cent.	35 per cent."
107. By omitting the whole item.		
108. By omitting from the item the words " 107 or 134 " and inserting in their stead the words " 106 or 110 ".		
110. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— " 110. Feathers, Dressed, including Feathers made up into trimmings; also Natural Birds and Wings ad val.	30 per cent.	25 per cent."
114. By omitting from the item the words " Flannels, whether plain fancy or printed, including Domett containing wool; "		

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Tariff Items.	General Tariff.	Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.
115. By inserting in the item after the word "any" the word "textile"		
116. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— "116. Articles of Coir, viz. :—Mats, Matting, and Fenders ad val.	25 per cent.	20 per cent."
117. By inserting in the item before the word "Cosies" the letter "(A)" and by adding a new sub-item— "(B) Cotton or Linen Handkerchiefs and Serviettes ad val.	25 per cent. and on and after 21st December, 1911 30 per cent.	20 per cent. 25 per cent."
123. By inserting in the item new sub-item as follows :— "(H) Cotton and Linen Piece Goods defined otherwise than by printing or dyeing for cutting up for the manufacture of hemmed or hem-stitched Handkerchiefs or Serviettes ad val.	5 per cent.	Free"
126. By omitting from the item the words "Collar Check; Collar Cloth" and inserting in their stead the words "Collar Check and Collar Cloth 36 inches and over in width"		
134. By inserting in sub-item (A) after the words "Badges n.e.i.;" the words "Braids n.e.i.;" By omitting from sub-item (A) the words "Natural Birds and Wings;" By omitting from sub-item (B) the semicolons after the words "Buckles", "Clasps", "Slides" and "Buttons", and inserting commas in their stead. By inserting in sub-item (B) a comma after the word "Fringes" By omitting from sub-item (B) the words "Braids n.e.i.;" and inserting in their stead the following words :— "Cotton Featherstitch Braids; Plain Braids (other than Cotton Featherstitch) of one colour and not exceeding three inches in width, but not including braids containing gold silver or tinsel threads;" By omitting from sub-item (B) as on and after 21st December, 1911, the words "Gimp n.e.i.;"		
139. By inserting in sub-item (a) before the word "Fittings" the word "Service"		

AMENDMENTS OF CUSTOMS TARIFF, 1908-10—continued.

Tariff Items.	General Tariff.	Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.
177. By omitting the first line of the item and inserting in its stead the following words:—"Electrical machines and Appliances:—"		
By adding at the end of sub-item (A) the words "and on and after 21st December, 1911 ad val.	25 per cent.	20 per cent."
By adding at the end of sub-item (B) the words "and on and after 21st December, 1911 ad val.	17½ per cent	12½ per cent."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (G)		
178. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—		
"(A) Electroliers; Gasaliers; Chandeliers; Pendants; Brackets; Zinc Tubing ad. val.	30 per cent.	25 per cent."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—		
"(B) (1) Gas Meters ad val.	20 per cent.	15 per cent.
(2) Parts of Gas Meters as prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val.	5 per cent.	Free "
179. By inserting in the item the letter "(A)" before the word "Accumulators"		
By omitting from the sub-item (A) the words "Arc Lamp Carbons;"		
By adding a new sub-item as follows:—		
"(B) Arc Lamp Carbons ad val.	10 per cent.	Free "
182. By omitting from the item after the word "diameter" the word "including"		
189. By inserting in the item after the word "Tubes" the words "and Rods"		
191. By inserting in the item after the word "Rods" the word "(plain)"		
195. By inserting in the item after the word "Rods" the word "(plain)"		
198. By inserting in the item after the word "Rod" the word "(plain)"		
206. By inserting in the item after the words "hooks and eyes" the words "for apparel,"		
224. By inserting in the item after the word "empty" the words "but not including Tubes having printed paper attached thereto"		

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Tariff Items.	General Tariff.	Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.
227. By omitting from the item after the word “(plain)” the word “, and” and inserting in the item after the word “(plain)” a semicolon. By inserting in the item after the words “Zinc Sheets” the words “in size not less than 7 feet by 3 feet or its equivalent” By omitting the words “, for meat safes and covers”		
229. By omitting from sub-item (D) the words “, and Parts”		
230. By inserting in the item after the words “Furniture Oils, Pastes, and Polishes;” the words “Floor Polishes;”		
231. By inserting in the item before the word “Graphite” the letter “(A)” By adding a new sub-item as follows:— “(B) French Chalk and other preparations of Steatite, n.e.i. ad val.	25 per cent.	20 per cent.”
234. By omitting the whole of sub-items (F) (G) (H) and (I) and inserting in their stead the following sub-items:—		
“(F) Vegetable Oils, Edible, including Salad, Cooking and Fish-frying Oils per gallon	2s.	
(G) Vegetable Oils, Edible, n.e.i., when denaturated as prescribed by Departmental By-laws per gallon	6d.	
(H) China, Sesame and Soya Bean Oils, when denaturated as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free	
(I) Castor; Turkey Red Oil; Commercial Oleic Acid; Linseed, Tung and other Vegetable Paint Oils per gallon	6d.”	
By omitting the whole of sub-item (K) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—		
“(K) Mineral and Coal Tar, viz.—Naphtha, Benzine, Benzoline, Gasoline, Pentane, Petrol, Turpentine Substitutes, and all Petroleum Spirit under 790 gravity per gallon	½d.	½d.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (N)		
By omitting the whole of sub-item (O)		
By inserting in sub-item (P) after the word “Petroleum” the word “Burning”		
235. By inserting in the item after the words “Cloth Oil” the words “for use in the manufacture of Textile Goods, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws”		
By omitting from the item the words “China Oil when denaturated as prescribed by Departmental By-laws;”		

AMENDMENTS OF CUSTOMS TARIFF, 1908-10—continued.

Tariff Items.	General Tariff.	Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.
<p>236. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(B) Ground in liquid in packages containing 14 lb. and under; Paints and Colours prepared for use; and Tattoo Oil per cwt. or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.” By omitting the whole of sub-item (a) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(a) (1) Barytes crude per cwt. (2) Barytes ground per cwt. By inserting a new sub-item as follows :— “(H) Kalsomine, Water Paints, and Distempers, in powder form per cwt.</p>	<p>6s. 20 per cent. 2s. ; and on and after 14th December, 1911, 2s. 6d. 3s.” 4s.”</p>	<p>6s. 15 per cent.</p>
<p>237. By inserting in the item after the word “Blacks” the words “and substitutes therefor”</p>		
<p>240. By inserting in the item before the word “Portland” the letter “(A)” By inserting in sub-item (A) after the word “basis;” the words “Magnesia, Magnesium Carbonate, and Magnesium Chloride, in packages over 14 lb. ;” By adding a new sub-item as follows :— “(B) Articles, n.e.i., composed wholly or in chief value of cement, and articles of reinforced cement per cwt. or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.”</p>	<p>2s. 25 per cent.</p>	<p>1s. 6d. 20 per cent.</p>
<p>247. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “247. Fire and Glazed Bricks; Fire Lumps; Fibro-Cement n.e.i.; Fire Clay Manufactures, n.e.i.; and Asphalt Tiles ad val.</p>	<p>20 per cent.</p>	<p>15 per cent.”</p>
<p>250. By inserting in sub-item (B) after the word “Sheet” the words “, viz. :—Plain Clear” By omitting from sub-item (c) the words “up to 25 superficial feet” and inserting in their stead the words “not exceeding 25 superficial feet”</p>		
<p>253. By omitting from sub-item (A) the words “including Smelling and Perfume Bottles, Glass Stoppers”</p>		

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Tariff Items.	General Tariff.	Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.
255. By inserting in the item before the word "Glass" the letter "(A)" By adding to the item a new sub-item as follows:— "(B) Tubes and Rods of Resistant Glass; Articles of Fused Silica; Glass Retorts exceeding a quart in capacity ad val.	5 per cent.	Free "
259. By inserting in sub-item (B) after the word "Bottles" the word "empty" By adding to the item a new sub-item as follows:— "(C) Bottles, fancy ground or cut glass, empty, over 5 drams fluid capacity, and Glass Stoppers ad val.	25 per cent.	20 per cent."
260. By inserting in the item after the word "duty" the words "and not exempted from duty under Item 450" By adding to the item a new sub-item as follows:— "(F) Bottles, fancy ground or cut glass, over 5 drams fluid capacity; also stoppers for such bottles ad val.	25 per cent.	20 per cent."
261. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— "(B) Cements and Prepared Adhesives n.e.i., including Acetylated Starch, Caseine, Mucilage; also Belting Compounds ad val.	30 per cent.	25 per cent."
268. By inserting in sub-item (A) after the word "Marble" the words "and Granite" .. By omitting from sub-item (D) the words "30 per cent." and inserting in their stead the words "35 per cent. and on and after 14th December, 1911 .. ad val.	40 per cent.	35 per cent."
271. By omitting from the item the word "—Agate" and inserting in its stead the words "of any material"		
275. By inserting in the item before the word "Carbonate" the letter and word "(A) Acetate," By omitting from sub-item (A) the words "Muriate, and Sulphate" and inserting before the word "Liquid" the word "and" By adding to the item a new sub-item as follows:— "(B) Muriate and Sulphate	Free "	
282. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item:— "282. Bromide Salts; Cyanide of Potassium and Cyanide of Sodium	Free "	

AMENDMENTS OF CUSTOMS TARIFF, 1908-10—continued.

Tariff Items.	General Tariff.	Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.
<p>284. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(A) Sheep Washes and Cattle and Horse Washes ; Insecticides and Disinfectants in liquid form in drums containing not less than 5 gallons and, when in other than liquid form, in packages containing not less than 28 lb.</p> <p>By inserting in sub-item (B) before the word “Insecticides” the word “Formalin ;”</p>	Free”	
<p>285. By omitting from the item the word “Free” and inserting in its stead the words “ad val. 10 per cent.”</p>		
<p>287. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“287. Chemicals and Drugs, n.e.i., other than those packed for use in the household ..</p>	Free”	
<p>292. By omitting from sub-item (A) the words “Medicinal Compounds (not chemical);” and inserting in their stead the words “Chemicals and Drugs packed for use in the household, n.e.i. ;”</p>		
<p>295. By omitting from sub-item (A) the word “including”</p> <p>By adding to the item a new sub-item as follows :—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(C) Fuller’s Earth, in bulk per cwt.</p>	1s.”	
<p>303. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(B) New Zealand White Pine and Rimu, undressed, n.e.i. .. per 100 super. ft.</p>	6d.”	
<p>By inserting in sub-item (D) before the word “Timber” the figure “(1)”</p>		
<p>By adding to sub-item (D) the following words :—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(2) Timber undressed, cut to size for making boxes per 100 super. ft.</p>	4s.”	
<p>By omitting from sub-item (T) the words “per 100 feet super. face .. 2s. 6d.” and inserting in their stead the words “per 100 super. feet 5s.”</p>		
<p>By omitting from sub-item (X) the word “Free” and inserting in its stead the words “ad val. 10 per cent.”</p>		
<p>By omitting the whole of sub-item (Z) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(Z) Hubs, Elm, with or without metal bands ad val.</p>	10 per cent.”	
<p>By omitting from sub-item (DD) the words “, Rims, and Felloes” and inserting in sub-item (DD) before the word “Spokes” the figure “(1)”</p>		

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Tariff Items.	General Tariff.	Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.
<p>By omitting from sub-item (DD) (1) the words "in the rough" and inserting in their stead the words "rough-turned, but not shouldered or tenoned"</p> <p>By adding to sub-item (DD) the following words:—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(2) Felloes of Hickory, cut, shaped, or bent, plain, in the rough. ad val.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(3) Rims of Hickory, bent, squared, plain, in the rough. ad val.</p> <p>By omitting the whole of the note defining "super. face", immediately following the item 303.</p>	<p>10 per cent.</p> <p>10 per cent."</p>	
<p>306. By omitting from sub-item (A) the words "Wire-doors;"</p> <p>By inserting in sub-item (A) after the words "Mitre Boxes;" the words "Wood Split Pulleys;"</p>		
<p>307. By omitting from sub-item (D) the words "ad val. 10 per cent." and "Free" and inserting in their stead the word "Free"</p>		
<p>309. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item:—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"309. (A) Tool Handles of Wood, n.e.i., attached to exempt tools; also handles, not in excess of one for each unhandled exempt tool imported therewith. . .</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(B) Tool Handles of wood, unattached, n.e.i. ad val.</p>	<p>Free</p> <p>20 per cent.</p>	<p>15 per cent."</p>
<p>310. By omitting the whole of the item</p>		
<p>311. By inserting in the item after the word "wood" the words "including Fly Doors"</p>		
<p>312. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item:—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"312. Photograph Frames, Stands for Pictures, and Picture Frames, on pictures or otherwise, of any material. ad val.</p>	<p>35 per cent.</p>	<p>30 per cent."</p>
<p>326. By omitting from the item the words "Purses n.e.i.; Wallets;" also the words "other than dolls undressed" also the words "including fancy, ground, and cut glass bottles of over 5 drams of fluid capacity, containing goods not subject to ad valorem duty, and stoppers for such bottles"</p>		
<p>327. By omitting the whole of the item</p>		
<p>339. By omitting from the item the words ", and parts thereof"</p>		

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Tariff Items.	General Tariff.	Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.
340. By inserting in the item before the word "Compasses" the word "Magnetic"		
342. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— "342. Gramophones, Phonographs, and other Talking Machines, including cases (but not horns) imported with machines; and Records ad val.	5 per cent.	Free "
345. By inserting in the item after the words "Soles" the letters "n.e.i."		
350. By inserting in the item before the words "Rubber Manufactures" the letter "(A)" By omitting from the item the words "Tyres; Tubes, valved or unvalved;" By adding to the item a new sub-item as follows :— "(B) Pneumatic Rubber Tyres, and Tubes therefor, valved or unvalved— (1) Covers weighing each 2½ lbs. or less; Tubes weighing each 1 lb. or less ad val. (2) Covers weighing each over 2½ lbs.; Tubes weighing each over 1 lb. .. per lb. or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty. (C) Rubber Tyres other than pneumatic ad val.	25 per cent. 25 per cent.	20 per cent. 1s. 2d. 20 per cent.
By adding a new sub-item as follows :— "(D) Floor and Carriage Mats of Rubber ad val.	15 per cent.	10 per cent."
351. By inserting in the item before the words "Indiarubber, crude" the letter "(A)" By omitting from the item the words "or powdered and reclaimed" By inserting in the item before the word "Surgical" the word "cut-sheet" By adding to the item a new sub-item as follows :— "(B) Indiarubber, powdered or reclaimed ad val.	15 per cent.	10 per cent."
352. By omitting the whole of the item and inserting in its stead the following item :— "352. (A) Leather Manufactures n.e.i.; Leather cut into shape; Harness n.e.i.; Razor Straps; Whips, including keepers, thongs and lashes ad val. (B) Harness and Buggy Saddles .. each or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty."	30 per cent. 6s. 30 per cent.	25 per cent. 5s. 25 per cent.

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Tariff Items.	General Tariff.	Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.
353. By adding to the item a new sub-item as follows :— “ (D) Hides, Limed or Fleshed or Split per hide	3s.”	
356. By inserting in sub-item (A) before the word “ Bags ” the words “ or Embossed ” By inserting in sub-item (r) before the word “ Wrapping ” the figure “ (1) ” By inserting in sub-item (r) (1) after the words “ candle carton paper ” the words “, paper felt and carpet felt paper ” By adding to sub-item (r) the following words :— “ (2) Apple Wrapping as prescribed by Departmental By-laws By adding to sub-item (r) the following words :— “ (3) Paper Felt or Carpet Felt Paper for the manufacture of Roofing Felt and like substances, subject to Departmental By-laws By omitting from sub-item (M) the words “ Carpet Felt Paper,”	Free ” Free ”	
357. By inserting in sub-item (A) after the word “ Transfers ” the letters “ n.e.i.” By inserting in sub-item (A) after the word “ Inkwells ; ” the words “ Ink Stands ; ” By inserting in sub-item (B) after the word “ purposes ” the words “ when not elsewhere dutiable at a higher rate ”		
364. By omitting from sub-item (B) the words “ Ink Stands,”		
370. By omitting the whole of the item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 370. Lichtpause-rohpapier	Free ”	
380. By omitting the whole of the item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 380. (A) Vehicles n.e.i. ad val. (B) Vehicle Parts, n.e.i., including Under-gear (inclusive of Axles, Springs, and Arms), Axles n.e.i., Springs, Hoods, Bodies n.e.i. ad val. (C) Roller bearing and Ball bearing Axles, n.e.i. ad val.	35 per cent.; and on and after 21st December, 1911, 40 per cent. 35 per cent.; and on and after 21st December, 1911, 40 per cent. 5 per cent.	30 per cent.; and on and after 21st December, 1911, 35 per cent. 30 per cent.; and on and after 21st December, 1911, 35 per cent. Free

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Tariff Items.	General Tariff.	Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.
(D) Motor Cars Lorries and Waggon— (1) Bodies, including Dash boards, Footboards and Mudguards ad val. and on and after 15th December, 1911—	35 per cent.	30 per cent.
(D) Bodies of Motor Cars Lorries and Waggon including Dashboards Footboards and Mudguards—		
(1) Single-seated Bodies each	£17	£15
(2) Double-seated Bodies each	£24 10s.	£21
(3) Bodies with fixed or movable canopy tops, e.g., Landaulette, Limousine, Taxi-cab, and similar types and N.E.I. each	£42	£36
(E) Chassis of Motor Cars Lorries and Waggon (but not including rubber tyres) ad val.	5 per cent.	Free
(F) Aeroplanes	Free	
(G) Vehicle Parts, viz. :—Wheels, n.e.i. ad val. and on and after 21st December, 1911	35 per cent.	30 per cent.
ad val.	40 per cent.	35 per cent."
381. By inserting in the item after the word "Articles" the letters "n.e.i.,"		
384. By omitting the whole of the item and inserting in its stead the following item :— "384. Pianos and Pianola-Pianos—		
(A) Grand each or ad val.	£14	£12
whichever rate returns the higher duty.	35 per cent.	30 per cent.
(B) Upright each or ad val.	£7	£6
whichever rate returns the higher duty.	35 per cent.	30 per cent.
(c) Parts thereof, n.e.i., under Departmental By-laws ad val.	20 per cent.	15 per cent."
387. By inserting in the item after the word "Bags" the words "Purses n.e.i., Wallets,"		
389. By omitting the whole of the item and inserting in its stead the following item :— "389. Articles of an advertising character, and which would not otherwise be dutiable at a higher rate of duty under any other heading, including all Articles which would be free but for their advertising characteristics ad val.	30 per cent.	25 per cent."
392. By omitting the whole of the item and inserting in its stead the following item :— "392. Vessels, including all fittings imported therewith—		
(A) Marine, Mining, and similar Dredges ad val.	30 per cent.	25 per cent.

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Tariff Items.	General Tariff.	Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of the United Kingdom.
(B) Vessels, n.e.i., not exceeding 500 tons gross register, trading intra-State or inter-State, or otherwise employed in Australian waters for any continuous period of three months .. ad val.	30 per cent.	25 per cent.
(C) Yachts, the property of tourists visiting Australia, under such conditions as may be prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free	
(D) Yachts, n.e.i., Launches and Boats ad val.	30 per cent.	25 per cent.
(E) Vessels built in Australia; Vessels upon which duty has been collected under this item; Vessels owned and registered in Australia on 30th November, 1911	Free	
(F) Vessels specified in sub-item (E), ordered for the purpose of Australian trade, and for the construction of which a contract was signed within twelve months before 1st December, 1911, provided such vessels arrive in Australia on or before 31st December, 1912	Free "	
408. By adding at the end of the item the following words:— "and on and after the 15th December, 1911— Corks—		
(A) Small Corks (up to 8-oz. bottles), bungs and rings per lb. or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty	30 per cent.	1s.
(B) N.E.I. per lb. or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty "	30 per cent.	6d.
411. By inserting in the item before the word "lenses" the word "mounted "		
416. By omitting from the item the words "Clay Smoking Pipes" and inserting in their stead the following words "Smoking Pipes wholly of clay "		
419. By omitting the whole of the item and inserting in its stead the following item:—		
"419. (A) Pictures n.e.i., including Scripture Cards of all kinds	Free	

imports and exports, and consequently the trade particulars since available relate exclusively to overseas imports and exports, *i.e.*, direct imports from and exports to countries outside Australia. A further curtailment of particulars in regard to exports took place in 1911, as the distinction that had previously been made between Victorian produce and Australian produce was not observed in that year.

The total values and the values per head of population of imports from and exports to overseas countries for the eleven years 1901-1911 are set forth hereunder:—

VALUES OF OVERSEA IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1901 TO 1911.

Year.	Imports Oversea		Exports Oversea.	
	Total.	Per head of population	Total.	Per head of population.
	£	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.
1901 ...	12,686,880	10 10 6	13,075,259	10 16 11
1902 ...	12,857,725	10 11 5	10,369,335	8 10 6
1903 ...	12,339,615	10 2 7	11,185,012	9 3 8
1904 ...	12,743,375	10 9 1	16,172,694	13 5 4
1905 ...	12,957,855	10 11 5	14,028,641	11 8 11
1906 ...	14,855,163	12 0 0	18,110,020	14 12 6
1907 ...	17,101,022	13 12 10	17,112,298	13 13 0
1908 ...	16,433,382	12 19 6	15,165,031	11 19 6
1909 ...	16,531,981	12 18 1	17,842,876	13 18 6
1910 ...	20,002,606	15 7 11	18,188,236	14 0 0
1911 ...	21,850,963	16 10 9	18,915,716	14 6 4

Overseas imports and exports.

During the period covered by the above table imports from overseas countries have increased by £9,164,083, and exports to those countries by £5,840,457, these figures representing increases of £6 os. 3d. and £3 9s. 5d. per head of population respectively.

The values of total imports and exports, which are only available up to 1909, and their values per head of the population, are shown in the following table for the ten years 1900-9:—

Total imports and exports, 1900-9.

VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1900 TO 1909.

Year.	Imports.		Exports.			
	Total.	Per Head of Population.	Gold.	Merchandise.	Total.	Per Head of Population.
	£	£ s. d.	£	£	£	£ s. d.
1900 ...	18,301,811	15 6 9	4,132,061	13,290,491	17,422,552	14 12 0
1901 ...	18,927,340	15 14 8	4,298,528	14,347,569	18,646,097	15 10 0
1902 ...	18,270,245	15 2 8	4,305,697	13,904,826	18,210,523	15 1 8
1903 ...	20,096,442	14 15 6	5,420,974	14,286,094	19,707,068	16 6 0
1904 ...	17,859,171	16 12 10	4,444,011	19,960,906	24,404,917	20 4 2
1905 ...	22,337,886	18 8 5	1,999,297	20,759,531	22,758,828	18 15 5
1906 ...	25,234,402	20 11 4	4,910,177	24,007,815	28,917,992	23 11 4
1907 ...	28,198,257	22 12 4	2,660,544	26,074,460	28,735,004	23 0 11
1908 ...	27,197,696	21 10 2	4,363,078	22,833,123	27,196,201	21 10 2
1909 ...	28,150,198	21 18 6	2,846,981	27,049,294	29,896,275	23 5 8

Imports
from and
exports to
principal
countries.

The value of Victorian trade with various oversea countries, and the surplus of imports or exports in each case during 1911 are as follows:—

IMPORTS FROM AND EXPORTS TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES, 1911.

Country.	Value of Imports into Victoria from each Country.	Value of Ex- ports from Victoria to each Country.	Victorian Excess of— Imports (+) Exports (-)
	£	£	£
United Kingdom	12,502,234	10,507,025	+1,995,209
Canada	241,170	2,841	+238,329
Ceylon	281,976	198,069	+83,907
Fiji	56,249	25,552	+30,697
Hong Kong	92,820	155,688	-62,868
India (including Burmah)	846,678	604,186	+242,492
Mauritius	11,545	24,767	-13,222
New Zealand	978,677	805,029	+173,648
Ocean Island	130,436	10,616	+119,820
South African Union	16,454	567,781	-551,327
Straits Settlements	128,397	143,469	-15,072
Other British Possessions	2,523	6,487	-3,964
Argentina .. ..	..	91,209	-91,209
Belgium	608,891	755,106	-146,215
Borneo (Dutch)	11,822	10,972	+850
Canary Islands .. ..	..	572,615	-572,615
Chili .. ..	..	45,877	-45,877
China	50,728	34,792	+15,936
Egypt	16,933	52,320	-35,387
France	250,411	2,407,978	-2,157,567
Germany	1,631,455	801,302	+830,153
Holland	63,175	28,696	+34,479
Italy	96,796	100,955	-4,159
Japan	258,662	40,141	+218,521
Java	200,985	146,768	+54,217
Madeira Island .. ..	..	31,639	-31,639
Norway	380,853	40	+380,813
Peru	3,626	143,831	-140,205
Philippine Islands	47,698	89,541	-41,843
Portuguese East Africa .. ..	..	28,263	-28,263
Russia	98,620	2,272	+96,348
Siam	24	21,700	-21,676
Sumatra	18,099	6,091	+12,008
Sweden	202,541	413	+202,128
United States of America	2,592,032	412,160	+2,179,872
Other Foreign Countries	28,453	39,525	-11,072
Total	21,850,963	18,915,716	+2,935,247

The oversea trade in 1911 shows an excess in the value of imports amounting to £2,935,247, and it will be observed that this excess is due principally to the state of the trade with British countries. The excess in favour of imports from these countries was £2,237,649, there being a balance of imports to the amount of £2,884,102 as regards the United Kingdom, India, Canada, New Zealand, Ocean Island, Ceylon, and Fiji; and a balance of exports amounting to

£646,453 in respect of the remaining British countries. As regards foreign countries, the value of the imports from the United States was greater by £2,179,872 than that of exports thereto, while, on the other hand, exports to France showed a surplus over imports of £2,157,567. The value of all goods received from other foreign countries exceeded that of goods sent thereto by the sum of £675,293.

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

**IMPORTS FROM AND EXPORTS TO PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES,
1907 TO 1911.**

Countries.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
Imports.					
From—	£	£	£	£	£
Other Australian States	11,097,235	10,764,314	11,618,217	*	*
New Zealand ...	852,470	802,847	861,313	925,819	978,677
United Kingdom ...	10,294,691	9,345,736	9,946,089	11,643,160	12,502,234
India and Ceylon ...	972,123	862,126	980,719	1,358,721	1,128,654
South Africa ...	11,609	121,284	16,663	26,114	16,454
Other British Possessions	352,408	482,761	452,736	625,927	663,140
Belgium ...	342,572	370,293	338,908	418,719	608,891
France ...	174,106	178,631	152,441	184,207	250,411
Germany ...	1,310,917	1,305,602	1,205,359	1,338,612	1,631,455
United States of America	1,954,102	2,081,594	1,556,997	2,211,517	2,592,032
Other Foreign Countries	836,024	882,508	1,020,756	1,264,810	1,479,015
Total ...	28,198,257	27,197,696	28,150,198	20,002,606†	21,850,963†
Exports.					
To—	£	£	£	£	£
Other Australian States	11,622,706	12,031,170	12,053,399	*	*
New Zealand ...	962,932	773,557	1,117,807	945,019	805,029
United Kingdom ...	8,514,274	7,528,932	8,871,161	10,259,719	10,507,025
India and Ceylon ...	1,038,339	559,027	548,070	334,936	802,255
South Africa ...	608,755	444,644	643,870	569,055	567,781
Other British Possessions	329,301	215,471	243,136	297,418	369,420
Belgium ...	871,997	500,007	747,510	809,609	755,106
France ...	2,318,227	1,589,428	1,954,548	2,441,502	2,407,978
Germany ...	626,572	2,015,536	872,461	1,071,391	801,302
United States of America	936,982	575,863	1,169,762	473,467	412,160
Other Foreign Countries	904,919	962,566	1,674,551	986,120	1,487,660
Total ...	28,735,004	27,196,201	29,896,275	18,188,236†	18,915,716†

* No record.

† Exclusive of Inter-State trade.

The proportion of imports coming from Australian States formed 42 per cent. of the total in 1905, 41 per cent. in 1906, 39 per cent. in 1907, 39½ per cent. in 1908, and 41 per cent. in 1909, or an average of 41 per cent. over the five years 1905-1909. Of the total exports the proportion sent to Australian States was 38 per cent. in 1905, 37 per cent. in 1906, 40 per cent. in 1907, 44 per cent. in 1908, and 40 per cent. in 1909, or an average of 40 per cent. for the five years 1905-1909. In each of the last five years exports were of greater value than imports in the trade with South Africa, Belgium, and France; but, in trade with the United Kingdom and the United States, the value of imports was greater than that of exports. There was an excess of exports in trade with New Zealand in 1907, 1909, and 1910, with India and Ceylon in 1907, and with Germany in 1908; but in other years there was an excess of imports from those countries. In interchange with the other Australian States there was an excess of exports in each of the three years for which figures are available.

Principal
articles of
trade.

A list of the principal articles of trade between Victoria and oversea countries during the last five years is as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM AND EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES, 1907 TO 1911.

Articles.	Value in Year.				
	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imported into Victoria from Oversea Countries.</i>					
Piece Goods	2,891,452	2,691,767	2,904,304	3,267,755	3,388,987
Machines and Machinery	855,458	760,077	818,657	1,013,728	1,218,516
Iron and Steel	822,566	705,260	781,347	1,064,648	1,177,275
Metal Manufactures	1,010,033	894,337	859,687	970,688	1,145,484
Timber	628,886	735,353	616,348	847,139	1,107,317
Apparel and Attire	673,228	544,701	536,574	699,809	797,566
Rubber and Rubber Manufactures	229,272	258,424	305,696	396,419	568,740
Gold—Bullion	398,009	343,054	407,260	411,976	541,268
Vehicles and parts	233,293	283,603	315,332	403,548	530,012
Paper	451,315	512,880	433,459	524,450	600,585
Tea	484,340	360,446	420,720	503,152	517,172
Oil	352,438	364,403	379,212	472,160	432,768
Tobacco	305,508	297,028	261,344	312,699	369,191
All Other Articles	7,765,224	7,682,049	7,442,041	9,114,435	9,456,132
Total	17,101,022	16,433,382	16,531,931	20,002,606	21,850,963
<i>Exported from Victoria to Oversea Countries.</i>					
Wool	7,237,716	6,009,568	7,004,623	7,190,789	6,255,599
Wheat and Flour	2,295,703	1,048,330	3,440,777	3,701,039	4,221,961
Butter	1,544,836	1,037,628	1,100,459	1,780,044	2,361,587
Skins and Hides	1,009,181	835,225	1,088,384	1,296,516	1,089,451
Gold—Specie	1,123,898	2,976,081	2,037,927	428,264	1,084,479
Meat	671,636	526,301	513,866	912,192	996,368
Tallow	205,758	133,644	214,080	378,924	480,256
Tin Ingots	378,628	305,711	249,669	241,896	338,982
All Other Articles	2,644,942	2,292,543	2,193,091	2,258,572	2,087,013
Total	17,112,298	15,165,031	17,842,876	18,188,236	18,915,716

It is worthy of notice that, during the last five years, the larger portion of the oversea trade consisted of imports, also that these were composed mainly of manufactured goods, and contained a greater variety of articles than in the case of exports. The latter were accounted for almost entirely by a small number of agricultural, pastoral, or mineral products. The value of wool exported exceeded that of the five principal items included in the imports, while the three leading articles exported were valued at much more than the thirteen leading articles imported. The varied nature of the imports is shown by the fact that the thirteen principal articles represented only 55 per cent. of the total value; in the case of the exports, on the other hand, 87 per cent. of the value came under eight headings.

Since 1907 Victorian trade with the United Kingdom has increased from £18,808,965 to £23,009,259. The value of imports exceeded that of exports by £1,780,417 in 1907, and by £1,995,209 in 1911. The principal articles imported from and exported to the United Kingdom in the last five years were as follows:—

Trade with
United
Kingdom.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM AND EXPORTED TO
THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1907 TO 1911.

ARTICLES.	Value.				
	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
Imported into Victoria from United Kingdom.					
Piece Goods— Cotton and Linen	£ 1,133,056	£ 1,064,356	£ 1,248,104	£ 1,424,097	£ 1,511,023
Woolen ...	804,829	665,632	643,832	724,447	791,258
Velvets, &c. ...	300,342	358,984	448,431	459,633	352,376
Silk ...	362,008	295,572	293,066	323,947	323,193
Iron and Steel ...	639,285	524,988	606,430	770,696	800,117
Machines, Tools, and Implements ...	487,366	451,195	550,399	641,408	688,147
Apparel and Attire ...	571,376	464,917	494,324	581,195	651,798
Paper ...	239,317	260,404	277,096	326,348	339,937
Books ...	186,661	174,746	205,041	208,635	251,904
Vessels (Ships) ...	260,000	460,000	264,000	310,500	10,000
All other articles ...	5,310,451	4,624,942	4,915,366	5,877,254	6,782,481
Total ...	10,294,691	9,345,736	9,946,089	11,648,160	12,502,234

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM AND EXPORTED TO
THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1907 TO 1911—*continued.*

ARTICLES.	Value.				
	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911
Exported from Victoria to United Kingdom.					
Wool	£ 3,472,248	£ 3,269,901	£ 2,905,230	£ 3,365,410	£ 3,261,235
Butter	1,323,673	868,068	936,675	1,595,268	2,178,650
Wheat and Flour ...	1,205,062	533,332	2,547,669	2,424,848	2,137,643
Meat, Frozen—					
Beef, Mutton, and					
Lamb	467,131	407,078	414,443	796,255	815,147
Rabbits and Hares	153,421	82,335	80,729	67,921	65,351
Hides and Skins ...	481,598	407,405	553,529	568,619	442,005
Tallow	176,271	104,555	174,096	286,850	318,730
Gold	177,412	811,160	213,020	34,098	313,372
Tin Ingots	370,524	294,358	233,184	219,162	294,363
Leather	135,457	147,111	130,566	92,704	84,782
Copper	7,297	189,991	250,882	285,320	48,299
All other articles ...	544,180	413,638	426,138	523,264	547,448
Total	8,514,274	7,528,932	8,871,161	10,259,719	10,507,025

Imports from the United Kingdom are chiefly made up of manufactures, while exports thereto from Victoria consist almost entirely of agricultural, pastoral, and mineral products. It will be observed in the figures for 1911 that, of the imports, piece goods and apparel and attire represent 29 per cent. of the total, also that, of the exports, wool is responsible for 31 per cent., and if to its value be added that of butter, wheat, and flour, 72 per cent. of the total is accounted for.

In 1911 the value of imports from New Zealand was about 15 per cent. more, and that of exports thereto about 16 per cent. less than in 1907. The principal articles imported and exported during the last five years were as follows:—

Trade with
New
Zealand.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM AND EXPORTED TO
NEW ZEALAND, 1907 TO 1911.

ARTICLES.	Value.				
	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
Imported into Victoria from New Zealand.					
	£	£	£	£	£
Gold—Bullion ..	397,873	342,659	407,215	411,052	541,132
Timber ...	122,250	160,142	134,093	151,631	173,828
Animals (horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs) ...	24,979	14,527	30,522	91,482	71,190
Skins and Hides ...	122,651	105,080	110,146	99,847	68,248
Fish ...	23,288	13,646	16,705	17,150	21,679
Flax and Hemp ...	53,305	53,992	59,750	57,717	17,965
Seeds ...	9,287	16,425	13,952	18,667	9,254
Machines, Tools, and Implements ...	14,008	7,224	7,083	6,226	6,220
Wool ...	23,900	7,195	13,995	4,624	4,745
Hops ...	2,624	1,667	706	3,745	2,274
All other Articles ...	58,305	80,290	67,146	63,678	62,142
Total ...	852,470	802,847	861,313	925,819	978,677
Exported from Victoria to New Zealand.					
Gold—Specie ...	352,000	50,000	600,000	306,108	100,000
Rubber manufactures ...	36,999	40,833	38,396	60,626	91,181
Tobacco, manufactured ...	54,320	65,699	69,435	64,058	65,425
Tea ...	17,953	22,194	18,745	33,912	42,850
Books ...	19,632	22,802	24,396	26,846	36,964
Machinery ...	46,433	34,097	35,692	37,579	31,575
Manures ...	10,609	22,687	14,915	19,542	27,798
Leather ...	21,699	25,429	22,900	26,938	24,375
Wheat and Flour ...	34,423	107,197	31,614	13,665	15,727
Wine ...	16,689	15,347	15,610	16,985	13,913
All other Articles ...	352,175	367,272	246,104	333,760	355,221
Total ...	962,932	773,557	1,117,807	945,019	805,029

In 1911 the exports to New Zealand were less than the imports therefrom by 17.7 per cent. Leaving gold out of consideration, it will be observed that the articles imported are not very numerous, as the nine leading items account for 86 per cent. of the total, whilst the varied character of the exports is evidenced by the fact that the nine leading items make up only 50 per cent. of the total.

Trade with
India and
Ceylon.

Trade with India (including Burmah) and Ceylon, which was less than 5 per cent. of the Victorian oversea trade in 1911, has declined by £108,193 since 1907, the value of the exports being less by £240,381 (principally gold), but that of the imports greater by £132,188. The principal articles interchanged during the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM AND EXPORTED TO
INDIA AND CEYLON, 1907 TO 1911.

ARTICLES.	Value.				
	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
Imported into Victoria from India and Ceylon.					
	£	£	£	£	£
Bags, Sacks, &c. ...	300,540	336,739	414,848	600,472	405,166
Tea ...	416,697	313,122	363,165	422,943	400,641
Rice ...	40,870	48,761	49,544	55,578	67,854
Hessian ...	65,101	53,370	46,159	56,332	50,847
Coffee ...	9,101	10,677	16,886	17,606	22,087
Pig Iron ...	9,719	7,288	6,675	13,927	20,229
Oils in Bulk ..	12,203	8,639	8,397	12,641	16,463
Cotton (raw) ...	20,375	8,458	8,425	21,476	14,563
Nuts ..	9,257	3,428	6,801	10,589	11,301
Skins ...	19,025	39,996	25,619	64,126	10,628
All other Articles ...	93,578	78,861	80,644	133,995	108,875
Total ..	996,466	909,339	1,027,163	1,409,685	1,128,654
Exported from Victoria to India and Ceylon.					
Gold ...	822,265	372,889	399,602	162,601	611,792
Horses ...	129,121	63,156	60,171	80,880	67,764
Wool ...	13,773	21,600	15,915	21,693	20,797
Wheat and Flour ...	11,587	56,019	17,761	9,888	11,683
Hay and Chaff ...	9,185	4,647	4,562	8,644	10,606
Soap ...	8,855	7,562	6,890	7,800	8,969
Butter ...	6,019	5,366	4,705	6,307	6,531
Biscuits ...	5,944	5,097	6,195	6,475	6,179
Oats ...	3,995	2,595	5,392	5,880	5,952
Tallow ...	7,919	3,384	2,897	3,367	3,200
All other Articles ...	23,973	25,200	31,519	30,922	48,782
Total ...	1,042,636	567,515	555,609	344,467	802,255

The import trade from India and Ceylon is largely made up of tea and jute goods, whose value in 1911 formed 76 per cent. of the total. In return gold was the leading item of exchange, outside of which the export trade in horses and wool was the only business of importance, all other exports in 1911 being responsible for only 13 per cent. of the total.

Imports from Belgium have increased by 78 per cent. in the last five years, but exports thereto have decreased by 13 per cent. in the same period. That country accounted for about $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of Victoria's oversea trade in each of the years 1907 and 1911. The principal articles of trade with Belgium in the last five years were as follows:—

Trade with
Belgium.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM AND EXPORTED TO BELGIUM, 1907 TO 1911.

ARTICLES.	Value				
	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
Imported into Victoria from Belgium.					
	£	£	£	£	£
Iron and Steel ...	68,719	78,287	73,758	121,098	168,073
Cameos and Precious Stones	28,712	43,105	35,567	34,858	59,419
Glass and Glassware...	41,857	31,845	40,531	39,671	52,672
Vehicles, and parts ...	9,536	8,660	14,452	16,771	30,205
Paper ...	13,461	22,408	14,807	20,748	24,722
Wire ...	12,109	19,785	21,415	20,868	23,028
Wine ...	12,528	15,472	14,819	7,554	20,656
Piece Goods ...	11,195	9,296	9,815	16,506	19,552
Copper ...	6,237	15,699	11,714	9,748	3,802
Manures ...	13,544	2,411	2,737	10,786	3,080
All other articles ...	124,674	123,325	99,293	120,111	203,682
Total ...	342,572	370,293	338,908	418,719	608,891
Exported from Victoria to Belgium.					
Wool ...	612,551	335,589	458,475	381,183	365,026
Hides and Skins ...	153,338	96,999	204,490	241,635	194,814
Wheat ...	6,415	...	9,896	105,239	78,800
Tallow ...	6,702	1,502	9,040	18,993	55,650
Ores—Silver Lead, &c.	32,278	35,689	34,936	23,342	22,098
Leather ...	31,283	23,755	22,700	23,397	9,050
Cameos and Precious Stones	6,753	3,087	1,626	1,791	3,132
All other articles ...	22,677	3,386	6,347	14,029	26,536
Total ...	871,997	500,007	747,510	809,609	755,106

The trade with Belgium is largely in the form of exports, of which the principal articles in 1911 were wool and hides and skins, together representing 74 per cent. of the total; if to these be added the other five articles specified in the above table, only $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. is unaccounted for.

Trade with
France.

With France, the principal trade is in exports, which in 1911 amounted to £2,407,978, as against imports of £250,411. The increase in the total trade in the last five years was £166,056, viz., exports £89,751, and imports £76,305. The principal articles imported from and exported to France in the years 1907 to 1911 were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM AND EXPORTED TO
FRANCE, 1907 TO 1911.

ARTICLES.	Value.				
	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
Imported into Victoria from France.					
	£	£	£	£	£
Cream of Tartar ...	43,104	48,668	41,778	33,314	50,002
Piece Goods ...	7,730	10,218	11,443	15,504	28,935
Vehicles, and parts	+ 539	2,860	2,116	22,524	26,117
Wine ...	6,002	6,660	2,957	12,817	11,874
Cameos and Precious Stones ...	28,610	3,953	17,707	3,183	9,774
Acids ...	11,435	14,437	6,162	4,951	9,691
Corks, Cork Mats, &c.	8,973	7,639	6,090	5,201	6,965
Tiles ...	5,432	3,500	5,361	5,057	6,086
Pipes (Smoking) ...	3,178	4,763	3,427	4,721	2,559
All other articles ...	59,103	75,933	55,400	76,935	98,408
Total ...	174,106	178,631	152,441	184,207	250,411
Exported from Victoria to France.					
Wool ...	1,973,829	1,330,715	1,683,732	1,967,053	1,465,492
Wheat ...	...	4,103	5,040	49,075	499,428
Hides and Skins ...	334,653	246,893	243,352	397,204	390,989
Tallow ...	...	4,366	10,325	24,074	38,822
Horns ...	448	827	1,093	255	995
Ore-Tin ...	...	...	5,848	...	...
All other articles ...	9,297	2,519	5,098	3,841	12,252
Total ...	2,318,227	1,589,428	1,954,548	2,441,502	2,407,978

Imports direct from France, of which one-fifth consisted of cream of tartar, did not in 1911 indicate the extent to which articles produced in France were received in Victoria, as it is shown on page 383 that goods of French origin to the extent of £847,883 were imported in that year. The value of exports was practically covered by that of wool, hides and skins, and wheat, as all other items accounted for only 2 per cent. of the total.

The trade with Germany amounted to £1,937,489 in 1907, and £2,432,757 in 1911, or to about 6 per cent. of the total with oversea countries in each of these years. The imports for 1911 were worth £320,538, and the exports £174,730 more, than in 1907. The principal articles interchanged with Germany during the last five years were as follows:—

Trade with
Germany.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM AND EXPORTED TO GERMANY, 1907 TO 1911.

ARTICLES.	Value.				
	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
Imported into Victoria from Germany.					
	£	£	£	£	£
Machines, Tools, and Implements	96,931	89,810	70,191	84,557	127,718
Wire	135,442	131,718	112,284	136,739	125,627
Pianos	96,812	78,784	69,753	81,523	119,392
Rubber Manufactures	32,459	57,777	95,373	60,279	110,029
Paper	110,390	110,103	56,024	77,494	91,416
Apparel and Attire ...	63,420	46,009	62,059	74,351	82,381
Piece Goods	55,753	68,819	53,956	65,851	60,900
Glass and Glassware ...	30,810	34,673	26,758	33,523	39,973
Iron and Steel	38,653	24,213	31,662	61,167	39,174
Leather	23,802	37,233	30,129	29,234	25,758
All other Articles ...	626,496	626,463	597,170	633,894	809,087
Total ...	1,310,917	1,305,602	1,205,359	1,338,612	1,631,455
Exported from Victoria to Germany.					
Gold—Specie ... ..	...	1,410,000	...	...	...
Wool	549,669	533,050	792,840	952,760	688,166
Apples—Fresh	10,971	9,630	17,405	14,080	17,213
Tallow	1,251	59	940	11,100	15,803
Sausage Casings ...	27,206	11,698	10,596	12,431	13,400
Wheat ... ..	...	...	9,003	39,089	11,931
Hides and Skins ...	365	31,961	17,733	9,908	7,711
Cameos and Precious Stones	4,184	1,685	2,052	713	6,223
Eucalyptus Oil	6,379	1,415	2,155	2,465	3,072
All other Articles ...	26,547	16,038	19,737	28,845	37,783
Total ...	626,572	2,015,536	872,461	1,071,391	801,302

The articles imported from Germany are very varied in character, as may be seen from the fact that only half their total value is accounted for in the ten leading items shown above. In exchange for the imports, only half their value was returned in merchandise in

1911. Of the exports for that year 86 per cent. consisted of wool, but Germany also supplied a good market for Victorian apples, tallow, and sausage casings.

Trade with
United
States.

Trade with the United States amounted in 1911 to £3,004,192, of which £2,592,032 represented imports. As compared with the year 1907, this trade had increased by £113,108, there having been a growth of £637,930 in imports and a reduction of £524,822 in exports. The exports in 1911 were worth 65 per cent. less than in 1909, and 56 per cent. less than in 1907, the reduction since 1909 being due principally to a shrinkage in exports of wool. The principal articles included in the trade with the United States in the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM AND EXPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES, 1907 TO 1911.

ARTICLES.	Value.				
	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
Imported into Victoria from the United States.					
	£	£	£	£	£
Machines, Tools, and Implements ...	353,878	316,072	275,114	386,178	477,271
Timber ...	201,524	292,139	141,269	249,808	325,668.
Tobacco, Cigars, and Cigarettes ...	183,908	190,792	140,945	249,345	286,783
Rails, Fishplates, &c. ...	165	109,368	53,203	129,530	139,686
Kerosene ...	143,451	150,610	172,817	229,381	119,485
Iron and Steel ...	51,469	58,801	51,422	76,225	115,671
Wire ...	84,872	78,440	51,923	52,978	89,781
Oil (lubricating) ...	46,823	33,411	37,873	44,065	54,357
Leather ...	38,757	50,045	54,319	30,207	50,396
Paper ...	78,989	96,685	51,054	56,530	43,592
Fish ...	20,501	36,666	29,409	28,013	23,154
All other Articles ...	749,765	668,565	497,649	679,257	866,188
Total ...	1,954,102	2,081,594	1,556,997	2,211,517	2,592,032
Exported from Victoria to the United States.					
Wool ...	501,578	496,739	1,103,807	391,985	362,072
Hides and Skins ...	35,204	41,025	57,867	63,719	35,687
Eucalyptus Oil ...	1,311	1,102	1,747	1,986	3,926
Leather ...	...	1,555	1,762	3,208	3,601
Copper in matte ...	315,459	21,264	...	535	...
Silver in matte ...	39,134	3,895	...	61	...
Gold in matte ...	36,487	4,138	...	54	...
All other Articles ...	7,809	6,145	4,579	11,919	6,874
Total ...	936,982	575,863	1,169,762	473,467	412,160

The imports from the United States cover a wide range of articles, as after the four leading items, which account for 47 per cent., the next largest seven are responsible for only 19 per cent. of the total, and more than one-third of the whole is made up of articles of much smaller value. The exports to that country in 1911 were equivalent to less than one-sixth of the imports, and consisted principally of wool, which accounted for 88 per cent. of the total.

The value of the imports from different countries is not a true indication of the produce of such countries received by Victoria. The next table contrasts the country of shipment with the country of origin of the oversea imports for 1911.

OVERSEA IMPORTS, 1911—COUNTRY OF SHIPMENT AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.

Country.	Value of Oversea Imports.		Percentage of Oversea Imports.	
	Imported from each Country.	Produced in each Country.	Imported from each Country.	Produced in each Country
	£	£		
Canada	241,170	290,799	1·10	1·33
Ceylon	281,976	273,340	1·29	1·25
India (including Burmah)	846,678	864,733	3·87	3·96
New Zealand	978,677	953,382	4·48	4·39
Ocean Island	130,436	130,374	·60	·60
Straits Settlements ...	128,397	70,484	·59	·32
United Kingdom	12,502,234	9,910,822	57·21	45·36
Other British Countries	179,591	131,217	·82	·60
Austria-Hungary	732	100,849	·01	·46
Belgium	608,891	426,233	2·79	1·95
China	50,728	160,159	·23	·73
France	250,411	847,883	1·15	3·88
Germany	1,631,455	2,297,256	7·47	10·51
Holland (Netherlands) ...	63,175	133,726	·29	·61
Italy	96,796	190,772	·44	·87
Japan	253,662	260,847	1·18	1·19
Java	200,985	211,972	·92	·97
Norway	380,853	416,006	1·74	1·90
Russia	98,620	143,228	·45	·66
Sweden	202,541	235,373	·93	1·08
Switzerland	192	447,607	·01	2·05
United States	2,592,032	2,756,454	11·86	12·62
Other Foreign Countries	125,731	592,447	·57	2·71
Total	21,850,963	21,850,963	100·00	100·00

Origin of imports.

The countries in which the imports of 1908 and 1909 were produced or manufactured are given in the succeeding statement:—

ORIGIN OF IMPORTS, 1908 AND 1909.

Countries which produced the Imports into Victoria.	Value of Imports the Produce of each Country.		Percentage of Total.	
	1908.	1909.	1908.	1909.
	£	£		
Australian States ...	9,937,236	10,653,317	36·54	37·85
New Zealand ...	794,399	847,008	2·92	3·01
United Kingdom ...	7,971,902	8,312,417	29·31	29·53
India and Ceylon ...	909,185	1,025,721	3·34	3·64
Canada ...	197,587	180,423	·73	·64
Other British Countries...	440,432	343,693	1·62	1·22
Belgium ...	251,047	280,207	·92	1·00
France ...	698,906	744,311	2·57	2·64
Germany ...	1,722,343	1,701,024	6·33	6·04
Japan ...	210,041	223,834	·77	·80
Norway ...	192,296	254,523	·71	·90
Switzerland ...	318,259	344,698	1·17	1·22
United States ...	2,377,037	2,040,057	8·74	7·25
Other Foreign Countries	1,177,026	1,198,965	4·33	4·26
Total ...	27,197,696	28,150,198	100·00	100·00

It has been shown that imports to the value of £10,764,314, or 39½ per cent. of the total in 1908, and of £11,618,217, or 41 per cent. of the total in 1909, came from the Australian States, and to the value of £9,345,736, or 34 per cent. of the total in 1908, and of £9,946,089, or 35 per cent. of the total in 1909, from the United Kingdom; but it will be seen from the figures in the above table that much smaller proportions of the total are the produce of those places. On the other hand, while the imports from foreign countries in 1908 amounted to £4,818,628, or 18 per cent. of the total, and in 1909 to £4,274,461, or 15 per cent. of the total, the produce of foreign countries received was valued at £6,946,955, or 25½ per cent. of the total in the former year, and at £6,787,619, or 24 per cent. of the total in the latter year.

An examination of the various articles of Australian merchandise exported from Victoria to oversea countries reveals the fact that about 89 per cent. of the total is covered by the seven articles specified below:—

Australian
produce
exported.

PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE EXPORTED FROM VICTORIA TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES, 1907 TO 1911.

Principal Articles.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
	£	£	£	£	£
Butter	1,544,836	1,037,409	1,100,459	1,780,044	2,361,587
Flour	534,467	461,534	642,508	609,960	629,427
Wheat	1,761,236	586,796	2,798,269	3,091,079	3,592,534
Meat, Frozen—					
Mutton and Lamb ...	479,712	401,883	402,376	760,575	798,508
Other	180,760	114,457	100,651	127,426	142,898
Skins and Hides ...	1,009,131	833,049	1,088,271	1,296,421	1,089,258
Tallow	205,758	132,761	214,080	378,924	480,256
Wool	7,237,716	6,008,992	7,004,623	7,190,789	6,255,599
Other Merchandise ...	2,320,065	1,770,273	1,797,771	1,890,564	1,950,637
Total Merchandise	15,273,681	11,347,154	15,149,008	17,125,782	17,300,704
Gold (Bullion and Specie)	1,109,239	3,424,048	1,932,981	262,926	635,313
TOTAL	16,382,920	14,771,202	17,081,989	17,388,708	17,936,017
Per Head of Population	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	13 1 8	11 13 5	13 6 9	13 7 9	13 11 6
Percentage of Total Exports	95·74	97·40	95·74	95·60	94·82

Those articles of Australian produce exported oversea which are not specified in the above table, but are grouped under the heading "Other Merchandise," represent only 15 per cent. of the total in 1907, 15½ per cent. in 1908, 12 per cent. in 1909, 11 per cent. in 1910, and 11 per cent. in 1911.

The most conspicuous variations in 1911, as compared with 1910, are butter, which shows an increase of £581,543, and wool, which shows a decrease of £935,190, the decline being due principally to reduced prices.

Distribution
of
Australian
produce.

The subjoined table shows the destination under general headings of Australian produce exported from Victoria in each of the past five years:—

EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE, 1907 TO 1911.

Destination.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
	£	£	£	£	£
Australian States ...	8,665,759	9,121,076	9,067,782	*	*
United Kingdom ...	8,417,272	7,445,129	8,800,572	10,092,947	10,222,247
Other British Possessions	2,333,660	1,708,368	1,892,028	1,550,563	1,906,761
Foreign Countries ...	5,631,988	5,617,705	6,389,389	5,745,198	5,807,000
Total ...	25,048,679	23,892,278	26,149,771	17,388,708†	17,936,017†

* No record.

† Exclusive of exports to Australian States.

Of the Australian produce exported, 35 per cent. was sent to the sister States in 1907, 38 per cent. in 1908, and 35 per cent. in 1909. Thirty-four per cent. was sent to the United Kingdom in 1907, 31 per cent. in 1908, and 34 per cent. in 1909. Nine per cent was sent to "Other British Possessions" in 1907, and 7 per cent. in each of the years 1908 and 1909. Twenty-two per cent. was sent to foreign countries in 1907, and 24 per cent. in each of the years 1908 and 1909. Compared with 1908 the total value of Australian produce exported in 1909 shows an increase of £2,257,493, or over 9 per cent.

Unlike the table on page 385, the following table includes exports to Australian States, and deals only with Victorian produce. It relates, however, to the years 1905-1909, as owing to the cessation

of Inter-State records, it is not possible to give similar particulars for later years:—

PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF VICTORIAN PRODUCE EXPORTED,
1905 TO 1909.

Principal Articles.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.
	£	£	£	£	£
Animals—Cattle ...	293,241	512,569	248,776	364,356	331,053
Horses ...	278,033	275,445	336,942	347,272	314,825
Sheep ...	326,526	429,775	480,349	585,737	405,345
Apparel and Attire	437,672	468,960	593,579	659,513	744,706
Boots and Shoes ...	294,913	337,056	415,031	430,839	512,586
Butter and Cheese	1,576,189	2,038,900	1,895,910	1,313,254	1,345,965
Fruit—Dried ...	56,808	56,776	141,935	108,347	108,329
Fresh ...	68,522	73,620	139,783	89,651	147,213
Jams and Jellies ...	73,233	75,254	76,536	87,891	97,208
Grain—Oats ...	165,585	111,859	112,058	31,971	140,063
Wheat ...	1,835,204	2,277,533	1,787,325	627,484	2,828,275
Other ...	68,553	35,239	41,935	76,616	62,304
Grain prepared—					
Flour ...	590,297	582,494	582,285	554,887	733,916
Hay and Chaff ...	97,471	127,722	129,296	149,483	235,215
Fodder ...	63,260	41,065	48,655	27,725	35,008
Meat—Bacon and					
Ham ...	89,943	125,338	140,317	104,387	96,046
Frozen Beef	22,697	16,882	15,333	19,878	19,319
„ Mutton	275,195	373,757	456,245	402,699	402,985
„ Rabbits					
& Hares	220,940	221,516	154,829	85,820	82,733
Potatoes ...	102,184	189,224	55,198	96,054	111,743
Skins and Hides ...	535,086	682,783	873,884	814,228	1,019,505
Leather ...	252,569	300,106	317,235	325,559	335,966
Tallow ...	135,489	203,471	196,120	119,652	171,409
Wool ...	2,501,990	2,602,088	4,261,526	3,928,558	3,748,193
Other Articles ...	2,836,801	3,730,521	4,163,409	4,913,981	5,447,967
Total Merchandise	13,198,401	15,889,953	17,664,485	16,265,842	19,477,877
Gold (Bullion and Specie) ...	1,078,560	3,991,280	1,820,959	3,443,003	1,300,011
Total ...	14,276,961	19,881,233	19,485,444	19,708,845	20,777,888
Per head of Population ...	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Percentage of Total Exports ...	11 15 6	16 4 1	15 12 7	15 11 9	16 3 8
	62·731	68·750	67·811	72·469	69·500

The exports of Victorian produce were greater in 1909 than in any previous year, exceeding in value those for 1906, the next highest year, by £896,655, although representing 5d. less *per capita*. Compared with 1908 these exports show an increase of £1,069,043, merchandise being £3,212,035 in excess of the amount for that year, but gold £2,142,992 less. The item chiefly responsible for the increase in merchandise is wheat, the value of which in 1909 exceeded that for the previous year by £2,200,791.

The value and proportion of Victorian produce sent to countries beyond Australia in 1900 and in each of the four years 1907 to 1910 are detailed in the following return:—

EXPORTS TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES OF VICTORIAN PRODUCE,
1900, AND 1907 TO 1910.

Countries.	Value of Victorian Produce Exported in—				
	1900.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.
	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom ...	5,559,669	6,140,305	5,496,630	6,848,205	7,461,695
Ceylon ...	574,149	275,971	95,488	109,396	40,909
Hong Kong ...	76,255	174,575	96,393	102,994	59,610
India ...	664,298	441,442	427,588	349,531	235,496
New Zealand ...	257,781	602,178	445,987	428,092	354,554
South Africa* ...	1,817,302	538,469	418,894	547,660	536,375
Other British ...	40,401	97,119	92,154	122,247	154,183
Total British ...	8,989,855	8,270,059	7,073,134	8,508,125	8,842,822
Belgium ...	173,071	498,961	316,172	539,764	528,475
France ...	546,832	1,390,836	942,255	1,055,288	1,387,574
Germany ...	208,844	376,519	1,916,077	271,860	932,316
Japan ...	3,282	101,192	467,631	988,223	47,721
Peru ...	...	184,020	17,586	70,987	133,373
Philippines ...	27,348	115,143	106,053	127,086	63,791
Portuguese East Africa ...	...	145,306	87,594	98,973	162,430
United States of America ...	94,554	321,914	332,905	631,717	200,891
Other Foreign ...	441,423	282,311	240,469	324,861	511,853
Total Foreign ...	1,495,354	3,416,202	4,426,742	4,108,759	3,968,374
Total ...	10,485,209	11,686,261	11,499,876	12,616,884	12,811,196
	Percentage of Victorian Produce Exported—				
United Kingdom ...	53·02	52·54	47·80	54·28	58·24
Ceylon ...	5·48	2·36	·83	·87	·32
Hong Kong ...	·73	1·50	·84	·82	·46
India ...	6·33	3·78	3·72	2·77	1·84
New Zealand ...	2·46	5·15	3·88	3·39	2·77
South Africa* ...	17·33	4·61	3·64	4·34	4·19
Other British ...	·39	·83	·80	·96	1·20
Total British ...	85·74	70·77	61·51	67·43	69·02

EXPORTS TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES OF VICTORIAN PRODUCE,
1900, AND 1907 TO 1910—*continued.*

Countries.	Percentage of Victorian Produce Exported.				
	1900.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.
Belgium	1·65	4·27	2·75	4·28	4·12
France	5·22	11·90	8·19	8·36	10·83
Germany	1·99	3·22	16·66	2·16	7·28
Japan	·03	·87	4·07	7·83	·37
Peru ... ..	...	1·58	·15	·56	1·04
Philippines	·26	·98	·92	1·01	·50
Portuguese East Africa ... ..	...	1·24	·76	·78	1·27
United States of America	·90	2·75	2·90	5·01	1·57
Other Foreign	4·21	2·42	2·09	2·58	4·00
Total Foreign	14·26	29·23	38·49	32·57	30·98
Total	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00

* Comprising Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Orange River, Rhodesia, Transvaal.

A noticeable feature of the above table is the revival of the trade in Victorian produce with British countries in 1909 and 1910, which trade, in the years 1907 and 1908, had steadily receded from the proportion existing in 1900.

Trade with each of the other States of the Commonwealth in each of the five years ended with 1909 was as follows:—

IMPORTS FROM AND EXPORTS TO OTHER STATES, 1905 TO 1909.

State.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.
Imports.					
From—	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales...	5,477,163	6,640,333	6,668,888	6,155,738	7,109,071
Queensland	1,172,771	904,678	1,271,163	1,422,682	1,326,140
South Australia	770,778	812,454	941,725	1,169,819	917,251
Western Australia	207,623	212,000	337,981	260,603	780,822
Tasmania	1,751,696	1,809,774	1,877,478	1,755,472	1,484,933
Total	9,380,031	10,379,239	11,097,235	10,764,314	11,618,217
Exports					
To—	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales...	3,932,531	5,265,169	5,561,294	5,631,562	5,486,994
Queensland	717,399	844,291	977,711	1,180,233	1,300,275
South Australia	1,392,222	1,380,820	1,701,781	1,788,959	1,863,692
Western Australia	1,331,877	1,569,340	1,530,445	1,524,138	1,575,136
Tasmania	1,356,158	1,748,352	1,851,475	1,906,278	1,827,302
Total	8,730,187	10,807,972	11,622,706	12,031,170	12,053,399

Trade with Australian States.

This statement includes for 1909, under the head of exports, £3,892,395 worth of goods other than those of Victorian origin, which serves to illustrate the importance of Melbourne as a distributing and manufacturing centre for the neighbouring States. This is more apparent on scrutinizing the classes of articles imported and exported. The imports comprised chiefly raw materials for manufacture, or for transfer to oversea markets, and in 1909 the nine articles of highest value accounted for 75 per cent. of the total as follows:—Wool, £3,391,225; live stock (horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs), £1,723,021; gold and silver, £1,193,510; sugar, £686,967; coal, £535,760; hides and skins, £473,333; tin ingots, £297,244; copper in matte, £250,882; and butter, £147,024. On the other hand, the exports were mainly in a manufactured form, intended for consumption in the States. They were also more varied than in the case of imports; the nine leading items accounted for 44 per cent. of the total, and were as follows:—Live stock, £1,079,216; apparel and attire, £983,071; machines, tools, and implements, £732,344; piece goods, £596,253; boots and shoes, £571,640; gold, £449,000; tobacco, £376,671; butter, £264,690; and jewellery, £261,852. During the five years dealt with the exports showed an annual increase, and they exceeded the imports in each year excepting 1905. The average yearly figures for the five years show an excess of about £401,300 in exports, made up of an excess in exports to South Australia, Western Australia, and Tasmania, amounting to £1,851,500, less an excess of imports from New South Wales and Queensland, amounting to about £1,450,200. In 1909, as compared with 1905, imports from New South Wales increased by £1,631,908, from Queensland by £153,369, from South Australia by £146,473, and from Western Australia by £573,199; while those from Tasmania decreased by £266,763. Comparing the same years, viz.:—1909 with 1905, exports to New South Wales increased by £1,554,463, or 40 per cent.; to Queensland by £582,876, or 81 per cent.; to South Australia by £471,470, or 34 per cent.; to Western Australia by £243,259, or 18 per cent.; and to Tasmania by £471,144, or 35 per cent.

Since the abolition of Inter-State duties towards the end of 1901, trade with the other States has increased considerably. In 1901 this trade was valued at £11,811,298, of which the imports formed 53, and the exports 47 per cent. In 1909 it had increased to £23,671,616, or by 100 per cent., the imports representing 49, and

the exports 51 per cent. of the total. Particulars of the Inter-State imports and exports of articles of Australian and oversea production during these two years are shown hereunder:—

VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF ARTICLES THE PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIA AND OF OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM AND TO THE OTHER STATES, 1901 AND 1909.

State from which Imported or to which Exported.	1901.			1909.		
	Imports.	Exports.	Excess of— Exports (+) Imports (—)	Imports.	Exports.	Excess of— Exports (+) Imports (—)
PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIA.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales	4,076,009	2,210,315	-1,865,194	6,393,200	4,381,393	-2,011,807
Queensland ...	511,164	255,537	-255,627	1,302,234	1,045,074	-257,160
South Australia ...	403,497	320,998	-82,499	812,325	1,291,998	+479,673
Western Australia	265,642	781,277	+515,635	695,859	1,341,720	+645,861
Tasmania ...	335,499	317,241	-18,258	1,442,753	1,007,597	-435,156
Total ...	5,591,811	3,885,868	-1,705,943	10,646,371	9,067,782	-1,578,589
PRODUCE OF OVERSEA COUNTRIES.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales	521,852	781,527	+259,675	715,871	1,105,601	+389,730
Queensland ...	6,532	111,246	+104,714	23,906	255,201	+231,295
South Australia ...	89,157	202,980	+113,823	104,926	571,694	+466,768
Western Australia	11,190	207,204	+196,014	84,963	233,416	+148,453
Tasmania ...	19,918	382,013	+362,095	42,180	819,705	+777,525
Total ...	648,649	1,684,970	+1,036,321	971,846	2,985,617	+2,013,771

In the interchange of Australian produce great expansion took place in imports from and exports to the other States during the period covered by the above table, and of the two the exports showed the more substantial improvement, especially in the case of trade with South Australia and Western Australia. In the trade in oversea produce, Victoria showed a great advance in its position as a distributing centre for Australia between 1901 and 1909, there being an increase in the value of exports of 77 per cent., whilst the increase

in imports was only 50 per cent. The State whose share of these exports showed the greatest increase was Tasmania, followed by South Australia and New South Wales.

The following is a statement of the values of some of the principal articles imported from the States of Australia in 1909, compared with the values of similar imports in 1901:—

IMPORTS OF SOME PRINCIPAL ARTICLES FROM AUSTRALIAN STATES,
1901 AND 1909.

Articles.	Year.	Value of Imports from—					
		New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian States.
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Wool	1901	1,540,161	158,310	116,443	2,490	21,906	1,839,310
	1909	2,495,105	287,339	322,288	93,336	193,157	3,391,225
Animals (horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs)	1901	969,255	..	85,579	22	27,508	1,082,424
	1909	1,612,576	6,650	72,662	1,275	29,858	1,723,021
Gold and Silver ..	1901	305,717	263	125,039	254,434	143,388	833,841
	1909	452,852	..	27,442	542,468	170,748	1,193,510
Sugar	1901	11,344	229,044	8,502	..	..	248,890
	1909	45,604	638,364	2,932	..	7	686,967
Coal	1901	446,053	..	..	3	2	446,058
	1909	535,077	..	427	29	227	535,760
Hides and Skins ..	1901	143,652	52,703	2,388	3	30,113	223,859
	1909	212,537	98,385	18,841	20,499	123,071	473,333
Tin Ingots	1901	..	..	..	194	33,183	33,377
	1909	..	..	7,850	..	289,394	297,244
Copper in matte ..	1901	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1909	..	..	..	..	250,882	250,882
Butter	1901	24,006	2,957	25	..	337	27,325
	1909	91,057	33,177	3,274	..	19,516	147,024
Fruits—Fresh ..	1901	60,060	18,581	2,203	278	6,368	87,490
	1909	44,107	64,678	9,082	55	6,970	124,892
Leather	1901	22,777	1,448	606	..	760	25,591
	1909	85,053	5,608	20,596	4,320	6,009	121,586
All other Articles ..	1901	1,074,836	54,390	151,869	19,408	86,792	1,387,295
	1909	1,535,043	191,939	431,857	118,840	395,094	2,672,773
Total	1901	4,597,861	517,696	492,654	276,832	355,417	6,240,460
	1909	7,109,071	1,326,140	917,251	780,822	1,484,933	11,618,217

Between 1901 and 1909 the increase in Inter-State imports, though substantial, was not so great as that in exports. It was due chiefly to larger importations from New South Wales and Tasmania, the principal articles contributing to the increase being wool and animals received from the former and minerals from the latter State. There was a growth in the imports from Queensland and South

Australia, the increase in the former case having been derived mainly from wool and sugar, and in the latter from wool. The importations from Western Australia were unimportant if gold be left out of account.

In the next table the values of the principal articles exported to the other States in 1909 are compared with the values of similar exports in 1901 :—

EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES TO AUSTRALIAN STATES,
1901 AND 1909.

Articles.	Year.	Value of Exports to—					
		New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian States.
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Animals (horses, cattle, sheep, pigs) ..	1901	316,363	5,492	52,506	86,783	31,611	492,755
	1909	842,395	10,617	123,396	46,251	56,557	1,079,216
Apparel and Attire ..	1901	136,210	5,430	18,838	50,883	51,065	262,426
	1909	378,051	92,661	188,435	150,413	173,511	983,071
Machines, Tools, and Implements ..	1901	181,722	25,220	27,316	49,063	35,573	318,899
	1909	326,027	95,221	131,336	90,803	88,957	732,344
Piece Goods ..	1901	85,263	6,307	27,363	9,003	24,850	152,786
	1909	254,248	66,154	126,124	46,699	103,028	596,253
Boots and Shoes ..	1901	39,154	499	3,198	15,076	11,208	69,135
	1909	234,253	55,035	106,093	105,605	70,654	571,640
Gold ..	1901	893,686	..	50,000	..	17,000	960,686
	1909	443,720	..	..	..	5,280	449,000
	1901	29,890	8,194	11,185	15,801	27,716	92,786
Tobacco, &c. ..	1909	107,896	78,335	51,716	81,273	57,451	376,671
	1901	7,886	194	31,763	176,408	10,054	226,305
Butter ..	1909	14,771	2	58,607	133,236	58,074	264,690
	1901	18,559	6,368	8,595	2,674	11,610	47,806
Jewellery ..	1909	126,657	25,198	37,086	29,983	42,928	261,852
	1901	22,753	21,485	4	1,254	6	45,502
Hay and Chaff ..	1909	198,534	49,251	109	391	5,739	254,024
	1901	35,317	7,256	8,343	10,316	6,911	68,143
Leather ..	1909	96,269	26,168	58,108	17,058	26,952	224,555
	1901	6,353	980	6,611	5,862	2,167	21,973
Rubber Manufactures ..	1909	84,361	26,863	45,151	24,892	19,366	200,633
	1901	1,219,181	279,358	278,256	565,353	469,433	2,811,631
All other Articles ..	1909	2,379,812	774,770	937,531	843,532	1,118,805	6,059,450
Total ..	1901	2,992,342	366,783	523,978	988,481	699,254	5,570,838
	1909	5,486,994	1,300,275	1,863,692	1,575,136	1,827,302	12,053,399

Between 1901 and 1909 the exports to other States increased by 116 per cent. The greatest increase in amount was to New South Wales, but the highest rate of increase was to South Australia, followed by Queensland and Tasmania. The items which showed the greatest expansion of trade during that period were apparel and

attire, followed by live stock and boots and shoes. The leading items exported to New South Wales were animals, gold, apparel and attire, machines, &c., and piece goods, which, in 1909, made up more than two-fifths of the total export, and accounted for 25 per cent. of the increase since 1901; to Queensland, machines, &c., apparel and attire, tobacco, piece goods, and boots and shoes, which represented 30 per cent. of the total, and 37 per cent. of the increase; to South Australia, apparel and attire, machines, &c., piece goods, animals, and boots and shoes, which represented 36 per cent. and 41 per cent. respectively of the total and increased export; to Western Australia, apparel and attire, butter, boots and shoes, machines, &c., and tobacco, which accounted for 36 per cent. of the whole and 43 per cent. of the increase; and to Tasmania, apparel and attire, piece goods, machines, &c., boots and shoes, and butter, which represented 27 per cent. of the exports and 32 per cent. of the increase.

Trade
between
Australian
States.

The following statement illustrates the great development which has taken place in the Inter-State trade of Victoria, as compared with that of each of the other States, since the inauguration of Federation and the introduction of free-trade between the States:—

TRADE BETWEEN AUSTRALIAN STATES, 1900 AND 1909.

State.	Value of Trade with Other States.					
	1900.			1909.		
	Imports.	Exports.	Excess of Imports (+) Exports (-)	Imports.	Exports.	Excess of Imports (+) Exports (-)
Victoria	£ 6,364,167	£ 5,257,188	+1,106,979	£ 11,618,217	£ 12,053,399	-435,182
New South Wales ..	10,164,080	9,979,214	+184,866	17,146,943	15,792,608	+1,354,335
Queensland	3,067,278	5,412,881	-2,345,603	5,594,309	8,982,846	-3,388,537
South Australia ..	4,225,870	4,018,678	+207,192	6,239,257	4,177,986	+2,061,271
Western Australia ..	2,675,156	1,125,081	+1,550,125	3,084,578	2,060,537	+1,024,041
Tasmania	1,372,552	1,071,829	+300,723	2,387,854	3,003,782	-615,928

The Victorian export trade grew from £5,257,188 in 1900 to £12,053,399 in 1909, there being thus an increase in the nine years of £6,796,211, or 129 per cent. In New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, and Tasmania, exports showed increases of 58 per cent., 66 per cent., 4 per cent., 83 per cent., and 180 per cent. respectively. The import trade of Victoria increased during the same period by 83 per cent., as compared with increases of 69 per cent. in New South Wales, 82 per cent. in Queensland, 48 per cent. in South Australia, 15 per cent. in Western Australia, and 74 per cent. in Tasmania. The growth of exports exceeded that of imports by £1,542,161 in Victoria, by £1,042,934 in Queensland, by £526,084 in Western Australia, and by £916,651 in Tasmania; whereas the growth of imports exceeded that of exports by £1,169,469 in New South Wales, and by £1,854,079 in South Australia.

The following are the net amounts of Customs and Excise duty collected in each of the last five years, the principal items being shown separately:—

Net revenue
of Customs
Depart-
ment.

REVENUE OF CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, 1906-7 TO 1910-11.

Hheads of Revenue.	1906-7.	1907-8	1908-9.	1909-10.	1910-11.
Import Duty—	£	£	£	£	£
Alcoholic Liquors ...	567,743	559,842	552,780	549,828	615,332
Narcotics ...	260,550	320,122	253,229	266,715	440,328
Sugar... ..	86,933	16,343	36,886	47,005	45,351
All other Articles ...	1,207,402	1,602,510	1,353,676	1,495,213	2,014,175
Total	2,122,628	2,498,817	2,196,571	2,358,761	3,115,186
Excise Duty—					
Spirits	94,624	114,362	68,486	84,139	101,587
Beer	173,928	187,468	181,303	189,868	208,254
Tobacco	169,862	163,938	169,842	175,156	249,104
Sugar... ..	138,982	226,638	229,409	229,981	270,656
Starch	9,943	9,237	5,748	895	...
Agricultural machinery ... ..	...	4	Dr. 41	...	...
Total	587,339	701,684	654,747	680,039	829,601
Miscellaneous	9,464	11,637	10,650	10,211	85,383
Grand Total	2,719,431	3,212,138	2,861,968	3,049,011	4,030,170

The amounts given for the first four years are net, after making Inter-State adjustments and deducting drawbacks and refunds; but those for 1910-11 have been reduced by drawbacks and refunds only. No record has been kept since 1st July, 1910 of goods which, after being imported into or manufactured in the State, afterwards passed into another State for consumption, and consequently no adjustment of duties paid has been possible between the States concerned. The net debit against Victoria on this account amounted to £564,746 for the financial year 1909-10, so that the total duties shewn for 1910-11 may be assumed to be an overstatement to about that extent.

Drawback.

Imported goods on which duty has been paid are allowed drawback, or refund of the duty paid, if subsequently exported. Drawback is allowed not only on goods exported in the same condition as when imported, but also upon imported goods which have been subjected to some process of manufacture in Victoria. Drawbacks are included in the general exports. The following are the figures for the last ten years:—

REFUND OF DUTY ON EXPORTS (DRAWBACK), 1902 TO 1911.

Year.	Amount Paid as Drawback.
1902	£ 45,022
1903	34,096
1904	18,840
1905	20,275
1906	15,962
1907	15,103
1908	25,920
1909	21,873
1910	23,295
1911	21,955

From 1872, when the system of allowing drawback was first introduced, to the end of 1911, the total amount of duty repaid as drawback was £3,048,017. The withdrawals were heavy in 1901, but light in later years.

SHIPPING.

Victorian shipping is dealt with in the succeeding tables, which refer to vessels trading with other States and oversea countries. Vessels trading exclusively on the Victorian coast and on the River Murray have not been taken into consideration, although in the particulars of the shipping of the port of Melbourne given on page 402 *post*, shipping entered and cleared coastwise is included. The number of vessels entered and cleared, their total tonnage, and the number of men forming their crews in each of the last five years were as follows:—

SHIPPING INWARD AND OUTWARD, 1907 TO 1911.

	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
Vessels Entered—					
Number	2,219	2,293	2,174	2,308	2,335
Tons	4,203,614	4,488,768	4,506,973	4,952,273	5,148,184
Average tonnage	1,894	1,958	2,073	2,146	2,205
Crews	127,669	137,450	137,128	145,845	153,184
Vessels Cleared—					
Number	2,216	2,290	2,157	2,312	2,347
Tons	4,192,360	4,472,302	4,514,298	4,954,773	5,156,952
Average tonnage	1,892	1,953	2,093	2,143	2,197
Crews	127,067	137,398	136,833	145,567	152,683

Vessels
entered
and
cleared.

The vessels entered from inter-state and oversea ports during 1911 were greater in number than in any other year except 1853 and 1854. It is to the tonnage, not the number, of vessels, however, that we must look for an indication of the increase or decrease in shipping. The aggregate net tonnage of 1911 was greater than that of any previous year, and exceeded that of 1910, the next in volume, by 195,911 tons, and that of 1906 by 1,110,835 tons. The departures to inter-state and oversea ports in 1911 represented an increase over the previous year of 35 vessels, and of 202,179 in the aggregate net tonnage, whilst in comparison with 1906 there was an increase of 187 in the number of vessels, and of 1,115,552 in the net tonnage.

In 1911 steamers numbered 2,150 of the vessels entered, and 2,151 of the vessels cleared, their tonnage aggregating 5,028,862 and 5,020,280 respectively.

The inward shipping of 1911 included 42 vessels in ballast, of an aggregate tonnage of 96,854, whilst the outward shipping included 273 vessels in ballast, having an aggregate tonnage of 363,122.

Shipping in
ballast.

Shipping
with
principal
countries.

The more important of the countries having shipping communication with Victoria in 1911 are set out in the following statement:—

SHIPPING WITH PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, 1911.

Countries.	ENTERED.		CLEARED.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.
Australian States	1,648	2,959,551	1,765	3,233,531
United Kingdom	207	961,108	237	1,002,583
New Zealand	111	217,013	106	278,774
Other British	102	255,570	94	213,408
Total British Countries	2,068	4,393,242	2,202	4,728,296
France	16	44,845	45	131,542
Germany	75	256,776	36	140,257
United States	67	199,227	1	2,788
Other Foreign	109	254,094	63	154,069
Total Foreign Countries	267	754,942	145	428,656
Total	2,335	5,148,184	2,347	5,156,952

The nationality of vessels entered and cleared at Victorian ports in each of the years 1907 to 1911 was as shown hereunder:—

NATIONALITY OF VESSELS ENTERED AND CLEARED, 1907 TO 1911.

Year.	NUMBER OF VESSELS.				TONNAGE OF VESSELS.			
	Australian.	Other British.	Foreign.	Total.	Australian.	Other British.	Foreign.	Total.
Entered.								
1907...	1,351	648	220	2,219	1,646,404	1,946,055	611,155	4,203,614
1908...	1,394	693	206	2,293	1,825,906	2,056,934	605,928	4,488,768
1909...	1,249	682	243	2,174	1,679,938	2,156,974	670,061	4,506,973
1910...	1,327	746	235	2,308	1,765,041	2,504,249	682,983	4,952,273
1911...	1,347	724	264	2,335	1,855,341	2,534,846	757,997	5,148,184
Cleared.								
1907..	1,351	655	210	2,216	1,635,531	1,971,706	585,123	4,192,360
1908...	1,393	690	207	2,290	1,828,770	2,032,916	610,616	4,472,302
1909...	1,245	673	239	2,157	1,695,525	2,152,599	666,174	4,514,298
1910...	1,327	752	233	2,312	1,772,253	2,501,349	681,171	4,954,773
1911...	1,351	729	267	2,347	1,852,717	2,544,239	759,996	5,156,952

Nationality
of vessels.

The proportions of the shipping of each nationality as tabulated, to the total entered and cleared for the respective years in their proper sequence from 1907 to 1911 are, Australian vessels, 61, 61, 58, 58, 58 per cent., Australian tonnage, 39, 41, 37, 36, 36 per cent.; other British vessels, 29, 30, 31, 32, 31 per cent.; other British tonnage 47, 46, 48, 50, 49 per cent.; foreign vessels, 10, 9, 11, 10, 11 per cent.; and foreign tonnage, 14, 13, 15, 14, 15 per cent.

In the next table further details of the nationality of the shipping for the year 1911 are given:—

NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1911.

Nationality.	ENTERED.		CLEARED.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.
British—				
Australian	1,347	1,855,341	1,351	1,852,717
United Kingdom	547	2,313,332	551	2,322,438
New Zealand... ..	177	221,514	178	221,801
Total British	2,071	4,390,187	2,080	4,396,956
Foreign—				
American (United States)	1	902	1	902
Danish	1	2,040	1	2,040
Dutch	12	23,174	12	23,174
French	34	95,738	34	97,690
German	132	457,126	129	448,717
Greek	1	2,901	1	2,901
Italian	1	1,942	1	1,677
Japanese	18	53,622	18	53,622
Norwegian	46	80,218	51	86,409
Russian	5	7,650	5	7,650
Spanish	1	2,800	1	2,800
Swedish	12	29,884	13	32,414
Total Foreign	264	757,997	267	759,996
Total	2,335	5,148,184	2,347	5,156,952

Vessels on
Victorian
register.

The vessels on the Victorian register on 31st December, 1911, were as follows, the ports of registration and net tonnage being distinguished:—

VESSELS ON THE VICTORIAN REGISTER, 1911.

Port of Registration.	Steamers.		Sailing Vessels.		Total.	
	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.
Melbourne	189	117,281	203	35,092	392	152,373
Geelong	3	430	4	353	7	783
Port Fairy	3	621	...	...	3	621
Total	195	118,332	207	35,445	402	153,777

During 1911 there were added to the register 7 steamers with net tonnage of 5,558, and 5 sailing vessels with net tonnage of 578; whilst 8 steamers having net tonnage of 7,184, and 4 sailing vessels having net tonnage of 689, were taken off the register.

Vessels on
Austral-
asian
registers

The following statement, compiled by the Marine Underwriters' Association of Victoria, shews the number and net tonnage of vessels on the registers of all the Australian States and New Zealand on 30th June, 1911:—

VESSELS OWNED IN AUSTRALASIA, 1911.

States, &c.	Steamers.		Sailing Vessels.		Total.	
	Number	Tons.	Number.	Tons.	Number.	Tons.
Victoria	183	123,959	200	35,729	383	159,688
New South Wales	536	74,913	561	48,092	1,097	123,005
Queensland	102	15,353	224	9,984	326	25,337
South Australia	115	45,006	239	19,184	354	64,190
Western Australia	41	11,982	375	9,919	416	21,901
Tasmania	59	8,688	162	8,514	221	17,202
Total Australia	1,036	279,901	1,761	131,422	2,797	411,323
New Guinea ... ..	...	...	2	28	2	28
New Zealand	272	109,988	333	39,006	605	148,994
Total	1,308	389,889	2,096	170,456	3,404	560,345

Compared with 1910, vessels owned in Australia and New Zealand have increased by 5 in number but diminished by 3,941 in tonnage.

LIGHTHOUSES AND LIGHTS, 1911.

Where situated.	Description.	Nature.	Power in Lighthouse. (Units of 1,000 Candles.)			Colour.	Distance Visible.	Persons employed.	Ordinary	Capital
			White.	Red.	Green.				Expenditure during the Financial Year 1910-11.	Cost.
								£	£	
Cape Nelson	Dioptric ..	Fixed	4½	3½	..	White* ..	19	} 3	463	16,178
Auxiliary .. .. .	.. ..	.. ..	..	..	..	Red	3			
Portland	Dioptric ..	.. ..	..	..	..	Green	12	} 2	312	2,573
Port Fairy .. .. .	.. ..	Fixed and Flashing	..	..	..	Red	9			
Warrnambool (upper light)	.. ..	Fixed	½	..	..	White	14	} 2	220	7,917
(lower light)	.. ..	.. ..	..	..	..	Red	5			
Cape Otway .. .. .	.. ..	Triple Flashing	24	..	..	White	24	} 3	562	10,367
Auxiliary .. .. .	.. ..	Fixed .. ..	..	..	..	Red	4 to 8			
Split Point	Dioptric ..	.. ..	7½	5½	..	Red†	18	} 3	493	11,838
Auxiliary .. .. .	.. ..	.. ..	..	..	..	White	3			
Port Phillip—										
Point Lonsdale	Dioptric ..	Occulting	22	13	..	White and Red	17	} 3	524	4,113
Queenscliff (high)	Catadioptric	Fixed	2½	..	..	White	17			
(low)	Dioptric ..	.. ..	2	..	..	Red and White	10 & 14	} 8	1,238	19,071
West Channel Pile Light	.. ..	.. ..	2	½	..	.. ..	11			
South Channel (Eastern Light)	.. ..	.. ..	2½	2½	..	.. ..	13	} 4	523	9,456
(pile)	.. ..	.. ..	..	..	..	.. ..	10			
Schnapper Point .. .. .	.. ..	.. ..	..	1½	..	White	10	} 3	489	5,005
Gellibrand Point (Pile Light)	Dioptric ..	Occulting	2½	1½	..	Red and White	12			
Cape Schanck	Catadioptric	Fixed and Flashing	4½f.	..	..	White	23	} 3	538	19,278
Auxiliary .. .. .	.. ..	Fixed	48½f.	..	..	Red	3			
Wilson's Promontory	Catoptric ..	.. ..	24	..	..	White	24	} 3	744	24,433
Cliffy Island	Dioptric ..	Flashing	4½	..	..	.. ..	15			
Cape Everard	Holophotal	Double Flashing	30	12	..	White* ..	21	} 3	580	21,785
Auxiliary .. .. .	.. ..	Fixed .. ..	..	..	..	Red	2			
Gabo Island	Catadioptric	.. ..	4½	..	..	White	20	} 3	984	22,631
Auxiliary .. .. .	.. ..	.. ..	..	..	..	Red	3			
						Total			8,474	191,727

* Red sectors between the limits of white light and shore at either side.
 † White sectors between the limits of red light and shore at either side.

The following return contains particulars of the lighthouses and lights on the Victorian coast:—

LIGHTHOUSES AND LIGHTS.

Interchange.

PORT OF MELBOURNE.

Port of
Melbourne.

The port of Melbourne is under the control of the Melbourne Harbor Trust, which has 8.33 miles of wharfs, piers, and jetties in the River Yarra, Victoria Dock, and Hobson's Bay. The area of these wharfs is 47 acres 0 roods 25½ perches, of which 14 acres 0 roods 16 perches are under sheds. According to a return prepared by the Harbor Master the total number of vessels berthed within the port of Melbourne in 1911 comprised 4,457 steamers, 45 ships, 107 barques, 3 brigs, 63 schooners, 457 ketches, and 479 lighters, with registered tonnage aggregating 6,076,897. The tonnage of imports was 2,762,851, and that of exports 1,517,457. The floating plant of the Trust in commission includes 5 dredges, 1 steam tug, 9 steam hopper barges, 10 iron towing hopper barges, 2 steam launches, and 1 Lobnitz rock breaker. The material dredged and disposed of during 1911 amounted to 1,269,819 cubic yards, viz., 197,030 cubic yards from Hobson's Bay, and 1,072,789 cubic yards from the River Yarra and Victoria Dock. Since the establishment of the Trust, the river dredgings have amounted to 26,646,571, and the bay dredgings to 15,227,091 cubic yards, making a total of 41,873,662 cubic yards. Of the dredgings, 28,518,022 cubic yards were deposited in deep water, and 13,355,640 were landed and deposited for reclamation work. The average cost of dredging, towing, and depositing in 1911 was 7.85d. per cubic yard.

POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, AND TELEPHONES.

The Department of Posts and Telegraphs was transferred to the Federal Government by proclamation on 1st March, 1901.

Rates of
postage.

The rates of postage on letters from the Commonwealth to the United Kingdom and to Oversea Dominions, British Colonies and protectorates, except New Hebrides, were reduced to 1d. per half-ounce on 1st May, 1911. On the same date the following reduced rates of postage on the undermentioned postal articles came into operation throughout the Commonwealth and Papua:—

Letters	...	...	...	1d. per half ounce
Letter-cards...	...	...	...	Single, 1d. each
				Reply, 1d. each half
Post-cards	...	...	...	Single, 1d. each
				Reply, 1d. each half
Printed papers as prescribed	...	...	...	¾d. per 2 ounces
Books printed outside Australia	...	...	...	¾d. per 4 ounces
Books printed in Australia	...	...	...	¾d. per 8 ounces
Magazines printed and published in Australia	...	...	...	¾d. per 8 ounces
Magazines printed and published outside Australia	...	...	...	¾d. per 4 ounces
Hansard	...	...	...	¾d. per 12 ounces
Commercial papers, patterns, samples, and merchandise as prescribed	...	...	...	1d. per 2 ounces
Newspapers printed and published in Australia	...	...	...	¾d. per 10 ounces
Newspapers printed and published outside Australia	...	...	...	¾d. per 4 ounces

NOTE.—For further details relating to post and telegraph rates see part Interchange of the Statistical Register, 1911.

The post-offices in the State on 31st December, 1911, numbered 1,720, and in addition there were 824 receiving offices (principally loose-bags), 90 travelling offices, and 1,460 letter boxes. The postal and telegraphic staff numbered 3,889 persons, and there were in addition 4,480 non-official postmasters, mail contractors, and casual employés. The postal routes in 1911 covered a distance of 15,174 miles, of which 3,387 were by railway, the distance traversed being 8,201,402 miles, including 4,338,803 railway miles. In the following table is shown the business done by the Postal Department in each of the last five years:—

POSTAL RETURNS, 1907 TO 1911.

	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
Posted and Received—					
Letters and Post-cards ...	122,508,040	128,985,872	133,601,053	143,483,191	159,092,001
Newspapers ...	{ 27,959,631	{ 49,435,511	{ 32,294,427	{ 53,058,881	{ 36,125,728
Packets ...	{ 14,383,278	{ 17,568,819	{ 17,568,819	{ 53,058,881	{ 20,951,712
Parcels ...	556,017	562,822	620,536	682,104	720,245
Total ...	165,406,966	178,984,205	184,084,835	197,224,176	216,889,686

Registered letters are included in this statement, and numbered 1,256,390 in 1911. The total number of letters, newspapers, packets, and parcels passing through the post-office in 1911 exceeded the number for 1907 by 31 per cent. A clear idea will be obtained of the magnitude of the postal matter dealt with when it is stated that in 1911 the letters posted and received represented 120, and the newspapers, packets, and parcels, 44 per head of the population.

The next table gives the destination in three groups of letters, newspapers, packets and parcels posted, whether for delivery inland, in other States, or in countries outside the Commonwealth, and shows whence those received came, whether from other States or from outside countries.

POSTAL SERVICE—INLAND, INTER-STATE AND INTERNATIONAL:
1907 TO 1911.

Service.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
LETTERS AND POSTCARDS.					
Posted for delivery inland ..	98,997,371	104,678,946	107,177,515	115,297,888	121,078,121
" " in other States ..	3,422,698	3,491,992	3,679,546	3,862,272	13,636,148
" " outside the States ..	3,111,604	3,156,174	3,160,464	3,492,222	5,179,176
Total ..	110,531,673	116,327,112	120,017,525	128,652,382	139,893,445
Received from other States ..	8,552,938	8,851,163	9,467,320	10,166,441	13,248,800
" " outside the States ..	3,423,429	3,807,597	4,116,208	4,664,363	5,949,756
Total ..	11,976,367	12,658,760	13,583,528	14,830,809	19,198,556

POSTAL SERVICE—INLAND, INTER-STATE AND INTERNATIONAL:
1907 TO 1911—continued.

Service.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
NEWSPAPERS.					
Posted for delivery inland	9,896,754	13,266,159	10,868,160	12,881,083	12,658,570
" " in other States	9,616,010	9,804,772	12,135,234	11,036,628	11,926,548
" " outside the States	2,352,126	2,238,737	2,333,076	2,556,198	3,200,478
Total	21,864,890	25,309,668	25,336,470	26,473,909	27,785,596
Received from other States	2,780,677	3,691,799	3,430,794	3,477,307	3,984,990
" " outside the States	3,314,064	4,185,915*	3,527,163	5,097,664*	4,355,142
Total	6,094,741	..	6,957,957	..	8,340,132
PACKETS.					
Posted for delivery inland	8,482,761	11,502,345	11,111,471	12,214,311	13,577,951
" " in other States	2,099,972	2,174,076	2,565,516	2,848,168	2,659,704
" " outside the States	880,050	882,984	980,376	1,194,054	1,213,746
Total	11,462,783	14,559,405	14,657,363	16,256,533	17,451,401
Received from other States	1,815,808	1,688,724	1,735,735	1,753,468	2,048,596
" " outside the States	1,104,687	†	1,175,721	†	1,451,715
Total	2,920,495	..	2,911,456	..	3,500,311
PARCELS.					
Posted for delivery inland	335,788	332,164	365,228	399,173	410,290
" " in other States	118,946	125,844	142,648	156,501	169,352
" " outside the States	17,786	18,555	19,245	19,367	18,784
Total	472,520	476,563	527,121	575,041	598,426
Received from other States	53,514	56,810	63,033	74,609	82,678
" " outside the States	29,983	29,449	30,382	32,454	39,141
Total	83,497	86,259	93,415	107,063	121,819

* Other articles, no distinction having been made in the post-office between newspapers and packets from outside the Commonwealth for these years. † Included with newspapers.

Letters and post-cards posted within the State have increased by 29,361,772 since 1907, those for delivery inland showing an increase of 22,080,750, those for other States of 5,213,450, and those for countries outside the Commonwealth of 2,067,572. In the same period letters and post-cards received from other States have increased by 4,695,862, and those from outside countries by 2,526,327. Compared with 1907, newspapers posted for delivery inland show an increase of 2,761,816, those posted for other States of 2,310,538, and those for outside countries of 848,352, whilst those received from other States show an increase of 1,204,313, and those from outside countries of 1,041,078. Packets and parcels posted for inland delivery increased by 5,169,692 between 1907 and 1911, those for delivery in other States by 610,138, and those for delivery outside the Commonwealth by 334,694, whilst packets and parcels received from other States increased by 261,952, and those from outside countries by 356,186, in the same period.

Dead letters in 1911 numbered 443,610, of which 25,457 were irregularly posted. These letters contained money amounting to £14,869, as well as other articles of value, and were disposed of as follows:—Returned to writers, 317,039; destroyed, 66,649; returned to other States or countries as unclaimed, 59,922. There were also 604,795 undelivered packets and newspapers, of which 64,840 were returned to the senders, 474,100 were destroyed, and 65,855 were returned to other States and countries.

There are 525 money order offices in the State, which, in 1911, issued 279,622 orders for £1,139,505. Of these 185,211 for £825,051 were inland, 38,038 for £189,440 Inter-State, and 56,373 for £125,014 international orders. The orders paid in the same year numbered 338,384, and were for an aggregate amount of £1,437,537, the inland being 185,149 for £824,644, the Inter-State 107,389 for £474,019, and the international 45,846 for £138,874. Inland postal notes paid totalled 2,061,221 for £770,740, Victorian notes paid in other States 491,700 for £164,301, and the notes of other States paid in Victoria 373,029 for £160,462. The following is a comparative statement of the business done since 1906:—

MONEY ORDERS AND POSTAL NOTES, 1907 TO 1911.

	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
Money Orders Issued—					
Number	236,954	236,520	245,911	262,925	279,622
Amount £	938,198	975,441	1,031,215	1,101,609	1,139,505
Money Orders Paid—					
Number	320,107	318,365	324,240	332,522	338,384
Amount £	1,266,235	1,311,557	1,363,064	1,418,857	1,437,537
Postal Notes—					
Victorian—Paid in Victoria	£ 645,831	659,208	702,642	739,754	770,740
Victorian—Paid in Other States	£ 90,102	104,409	124,354	138,674	164,301
Of Other States—Paid in Victoria	£ 133,960	138,696	147,515	151,737	160,462

The value of money orders issued has increased year by year, the issues of 1911 exceeding those of 1910 by £37,896, and those of 1907 by £201,307. Of orders paid those of 1911 exceed those of 1910 by £18,680, and those of 1907 by £171,302.

The business in postal notes has increased considerably, the amount of Victorian notes paid within the State during 1911 being £124,909 in excess of the amount paid in 1907. The business with the other States exhibited great improvement during the period embraced in the table, Victorian notes paid in other States during 1911 showing an increase of £74,199 over 1907, and notes of other States paid in Victoria an increase of £26,502 for the same period.

Telegraphs
and tele-
grams.

There are 1,455 telegraph offices in the State, 468 of which are attached to the railway service. Of the mileage of line and wire, 4,055 miles of line carrying 12,420 miles of wire are controlled by the Postal Department, and 3,218 miles of line carrying 4,983 miles of wire by the Railway Department. The length of lines and wire open, and the number of telegrams sent from Victorian stations, and of those received from outside the State in each of the last five years were as follows:—

TELEGRAPHS AND TELEGRAMS, 1907 TO 1911.

	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
Number of Stations ...	1,115	1,212	1,258	1,374	1,455
Miles open—					
Line (poles) ...	7,008	7,037	7,161	7,182	7,273
Wire ...	15,326	15,516	16,386	16,405	17,403
Telegrams despatched—					
Inland ...	1,812,253	1,829,807	1,795,539	1,943,019	2,017,997
Inter-State ...	679,518	674,960	685,412	733,051	790,403
International ...	75,518	75,351	75,649	81,667	86,264
Total ...	2,567,289	2,580,118	2,556,600	2,757,737	2,894,664
Telegrams received—					
Inter-State ...	733,504	764,258	779,603	842,104	923,911
International ...	72,200	74,857	73,645	79,730	84,129
Total ...	805,704	839,115	853,248	921,834	1,008,040

The total telegrams despatched in 1911 exceeded those despatched in the previous year by 136,927, of which number 74,978 were inland, 57,352 Inter-State, and 4,597 international. Compared with 1907 the telegrams despatched in 1911 showed an increase of 327,375, of which 205,744 were inland, 110,885 Inter-State, and 10,746 international. Telegrams received from outside the State have increased by 202,336 since 1907. In 1911 the value of inland telegrams was £88,176, of Inter-State despatched £62,369, of Inter-State received £71,172, of international despatched £97,160, and of international received, £82,530.

The telephone exchanges were worked by a private company ^{Telephones.} until September, 1887, in which month the business, buildings, and plant were purchased by the Government. The following statement shows for the past five years the length of lines and wire open and the number of subscribers, telephones, and private lines:—

TELEPHONES, 1907 TO 1911.

	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
Miles Open—					
Lines (Poles and under-ground					
Cables)	1,228	1,372	1,553	1,820	2,071
Wire	41,391	50,687	56,967	85,725	118,521
Subscribers	12,935	14,868	16,673	20,236	22,859
Telephones	18,412	20,628	23,928	26,627	30,817
Private Lines	443	470	462	471	525

The length of wire has increased by 186 per cent., and the number of subscribers by 77 per cent., since 1907.

The subscribers given in the table are direct connexions, the actual number of telephones in use having been 30,817 in 1911. This number represents an increase of 16 per cent. as compared with 1910, and of 67 per cent. as compared with 1907.

The revenue of the Post and Telegraph Department amounted to ^{Revenue and expenditure, Post and Telegraph Department.} £1,005,027 in 1911, the items being postage £611,312, commission on money orders and postal notes £28,889, telegrams, cablegrams, &c., £143,768, telephones, &c., £180,300, and various £40,758. In addition, unpaid services rendered to other Departments were valued at £5,761. It is estimated that the number of stamps and pre-payment forms sold for postal and telegraphic purposes in 1911 was 141,216,897, and the value thereof £723,488. The ordinary expenditure of the Department amounted to £935,821 in 1911, whilst capital expenditure on buildings, furniture, &c., telegraph lines, and telephone exchanges amounted to £315,728. The items of ordinary expenditure were:—Salaries, &c., £575,908; inland mail services, £120,553; British and foreign mail services, £61,939; cable subsidies, &c., £7,000; maintenance of buildings, &c., £92,038; and miscellaneous, £78,383. In the following table the

revenue and expenditure of the Department are summarized for the last five years:—

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT,
1907 TO 1911.

—	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
	£	£	£	£	£
Revenue	813,662	848,934	883,682	962,495	1,005,027
Value of unpaid Services ...	5,761	5,761	5,761	5,761	5,761
Revenue Earned	819,423	854,695	889,443	968,256	1,010,788
Expenditure (ordinary) ...	687,015	730,802	766,267	835,920	935,821
Surplus	132,408	123,893	123,176	132,336	74,967
Capital Expenditure ...	113,474	129,544	167,031	243,875	315,728

RAILWAYS.

Victorian
Railways,
length and
cost.

All railways in Victoria available for general traffic are, with the one exception referred to on page 413, the property of the State, and are under the management of three Commissioners appointed by the Government.

The succeeding tables relate to the State railways, and include particulars of the St. Kilda to Brighton Electric Street Railway. The gauge of the lines is 5 ft. 3 in., with the exception of 121.9 miles of single lines, of which the gauge is 2 ft. 6 in. The following table shows the length of double and single lines, the cost of construction, and the average cost per mile at the close of each of the last five years:—

RAILWAYS, LENGTH AND COST OF CONSTRUCTION, 30TH JUNE, 1907,
TO 30TH JUNE, 1911.

—	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
Length of Lines on 30th June—					
Double Lines (miles)	311.46	307.51	307.51	307.51	321.03
Single Lines (miles)	3,135.61	3,139.56	3,155.36	3,236.42	3,255.42
Total ...	3,447.07	3,447.07	3,462.87	3,543.93	3,576.45
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost of Construction	32,448,468	32,618,177	32,987,611	33,332,350	33,784,264
Average Cost per mile	9,413	9,463	9,497	9,405	9,446

In addition to the lines embraced in this table, the following were in course of construction on 30th June, 1911:—

5-ft. 3-in. Gauge.	Mileage.
White Cliffs to Yelta	9.75
Ouyen to Kow Plains and Murrayville	68.75
Cressy to Newtown	24.75
Gheringhap to Maroona	100.75
Eltham to Hurst's Bridge	6.75
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	210.75
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and the following lines had been authorized, but their construction had not been commenced:—

5-ft. 3-in. Gauge.	Mileage.
Noradjuha to Toolondo	11.25
Bairnsdale to Orbost	60.00
Jeparit to Lorquon	14.50
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	85.75
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The capital cost of lines opened, works, rolling-stock, and equipment at 30th June in each of the last five years was as follows:—

Cost of
railways
and
equipment

CAPITAL COST OF RAILWAYS AND EQUIPMENT, 1907 TO 1911.

30th June.	£
1907	41,547,223
1908	41,919,376
1909	42,392,007
1910	43,091,478
1911	44,021,212

The cost given is the actual cost of construction, exclusive of expenses of floating loans, &c. Of the capital expended to 30th June, 1911, £3,879,249 was derived from the general revenue, and the balance (£40,141,963) from loans. The latter liability is represented by debentures and stock outstanding to the nominal amount of £41,468,048 on which the annual interest payable is £1,480,824, or at the average rate of 3.57 per cent. The nominal amount of loans, however, was reduced by £1,326,085—the cost of flotation, together with the discount at time of flotation. It has been computed that, whilst the nominal rate of interest on loans outstanding on 30th June, 1911, was 3.57 per cent., the real interest on the net proceeds available for railway construction was 3.69 per cent.

The capital expenditure incurred in respect of lines now closed for traffic was approximately £392,741, and for surveys of lines not constructed £348,558.

The mileage and the traffic of the railways since 30th June, 1906, are given in the following table:—

RAILWAYS—MILEAGE AND TRAFFIC, 1906-7 TO 1910-11.

	Year ended 30th June.				
	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
Miles Constructed ...	3,447·07	3,447·07	3,462·87	3,543·93	3,576·45
„ Dismantled ...	16·07	16·07	18·03	18·03	18·03
„ Closed to Traffic	29·93	29·93	29·93	29·93	29·93
„ Open for Traffic	3,401·07	3,401·07	3,414·91	3,495·97	3,528·49
Train Mileage ...	10,339,691	10,718,415	11,628,792	12,045,866	13,319,572
Passengers carried ...	71,200,331	76,053,909	82,286,112	86,642,160	95,206,713
Goods and Live Stock Carried (Tons) ...	3,965,792	3,754,861	4,166,786	4,468,440	4,967,627

The mileage given in the above tables relates to lines of railway, irrespective of the number of tracks, the actual length of which open for traffic on 30th June, 1911, was 3,868.79 miles of main tracks, and 629.16 miles of sidings.

The passenger traffic of 1910-11 was the heaviest experienced by the Railway Department, passenger journeys exceeding those of the second heaviest year—1909-10—by 8,564,553, and those of 1908-9, the next in volume, by 12,920,601. Of the passenger journeys in 1910-11, 87,887,564 were made by metropolitan-suburban, and 7,319,149 by country passengers, these exceeding by 7,887,604 and 676,949 respectively the corresponding numbers of journeys for the previous year. The tonnage of goods and live stock carried in 1910-11 exceeded that for 1909-10 by 499,187, and that for 1908-9, which comes next to it in importance, by 800,841. The items of goods carried in 1910-11 showing greatest tonnage were:—Wheat, 815,892 tons; firewood, 543,834 tons; stone, gravel, and sand, 408,380 tons; minerals (including coal, coke, ores, &c.), 305,915 tons; and timber, 282,503 tons. Live stock carried in the same year had an aggregate weight of 380,723 tons, and comprised 53,158 horses, 297,617 cattle, 5,432,034 sheep, and 269,205 pigs. Comparing 1910-11 with 1906-7 the passenger traffic had increased by 24,006,382 passengers, or 34 per cent., and the goods and live stock carried by 1,001,835 tons, or 25 per cent.; whilst the number of train miles run had been increased by 2,979,881 miles, or by 29 per cent.

The receipts and working expenses of the Railway Department during the last five financial years were as follows:—

Railway receipts and expenditure.

RAILWAY RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1906-7 TO 1910-II.

	Year ended 30th June.				
	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
Receipts—	£	£	£	£	£
Passenger Fares...	1,644,247	1,712,420	1,797,000	1,884,614	2,076,498
Freight on Goods and Live Stock	2,096,167	1,883,689	2,083,378	2,238,895	2,476,563
Sundries ...	281,817	287,633	308,687	332,239	356,001
Total ...	4,022,231	3,883,742	4,189,065	4,455,748	4,909,062
Working Expenses—	£	£	£	£	£
Way and Works...	599,948	658,425	626,532	645,279	804,810
Rolling-stock ...	1,011,441	973,762	998,028	1,230,784	1,268,264
Transportation ...	596,309	616,132	644,660	687,952	770,663
General Charges*	162,997	201,999	254,709	263,720	265,586
Total ...	2,370,695	2,450,318	2,523,929	2,827,735	3,109,323
Net Receipts ...	1,651,536	1,433,424	1,665,136	1,628,013	1,799,739
Percentage of Expenses to Receipts	58·94	63·09	60·25	63·46	63·34

* Including pensions and gratuities.

The receipts for 1910-II were larger than those for any previous year, exceeding the receipts for 1909-10 by £453,314, or 10 per cent. The passenger fares received in 1910-II exceeded those received in 1909-10 by £127,494 in the case of country passengers, and by £64,390 in the case of metropolitan-suburban passengers. The most notable items in the receipts from goods for 1910-II, as compared with the previous year, were increases of £61,464 and £25,226 for the carriage of wheat and minerals respectively, and decreases of £24,991 and £20,441 for the carriage of timber and firewood. The freight on live stock in 1910-II exceeded that of the previous year by £30,719. Working expenses in 1910-II included payments into the Railway Accident and Fire Insurance Fund, £91,386, and into the Rolling-stock Replacement Fund, £100,000, and exceeded the expenditure of 1909-10 by £281,588, or 10 per cent. They were in excess of the expenditure of 1906-7 by £738,628, or 31 per cent., whilst there was an increase of 22 per cent. in the receipts in the same interval. The net receipts of 1910-II exceeded those of the previous year by £171,726, or 10½ per cent.

Railway interest charges compared with net revenue.

The amount of interest on current loans allocated to railways together with the expenditure incurred by the Treasury in connexion with the payment of such interest is compared with the net revenue of the Department for the last five years in the following statement:—

**RAILWAY INTEREST CHARGES AND EXPENSES AND NET REVENUE,
1906-7 TO 1910-11.**

Year.	Interest, &c.	Net Revenue.
	£	£
1906-7	1,483,284	1,651,536
1907-8	1,483,807	1,433,424
1908-9	1,430,093	1,665,136
1909-10	1,472,917*	1,628,013
1910-11	1,516,764*	1,799,739

* After deduction of interest credited on Railway Surplus, &c., viz., £8,052 in 1909-10, and £12,126 in 1910-11.

The excellent position of the railways in recent years is exhibited by this table, the figures showing that in four out of the last five years there were considerable surpluses after payment of working expenses, pensions, and gratuities, special expenditure and charges on account of previous years, and interest charges and expenses. These surpluses were £168,252 in 1906-7, £235,043 in 1908-9, £155,096 in 1909-10, and £282,975 in 1910-11.

The earnings, expenses, and net profits per mile of railway open for the years ended 30th June, 1907 to 1911, were as follows:—

**RAILWAY RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE PER TRAIN MILE,
1906-7 TO 1910-11.**

	1906-7.	1907-8.	1908-9.	1909-10.	1910-11.
Average Number of Miles Open for Traffic	3,400	3,401	3,402	3,446	3,510
Gross Earnings per Mile	£ 1,183	£ 1,142	£ 1,231	£ 1,293	£ 1,399
Expenses per Mile ...	697	720	742	821	886
Net Profits per Mile	486	422	489	472	513

The receipts per mile of open railway for the year 1910-11 were in excess of those for the preceding year by £106, and of those for the year 1906-7 by £216, whilst the expenses per mile showed increases of £65 and £189 over the amounts for those respective years. Net profits per mile were in excess of those for 1909-10 by £41, and of those for 1906-7 by £27. This table excludes all consideration of the interest payable on railway loans and expenses of paying same which are given in the preceding table.

Railway earnings and expenses per mile.

The inventory of the rolling-stock at 30th June, 1911, showed that there were at that time 547 locomotives, 1,345 carriages, 12,069 trucks, and 554 vans and sundry stock, of which 10 locomotives, 21 carriages, 189 trucks, and 1 luggage van, were narrow-gauge stock. The electric railway stock comprised 18 combined cars and trailers. During the year 1910-11, the following new stock (built at the Newport workshops, with the exception of 75 trucks) was put into service:—27 locomotives, 70 carriages, 717 trucks, and 49 vans and sundry stock. The capital cost of the broad-gauge stock was £6,953,104, of the narrow-gauge £62,488, and of the electric railway stock, £15,682.

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

RAILWAY STAFF—NUMBERS, SALARIES, ETC.

Year.	Number of Employés.	Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid.
		£
1905-6	12,913	1,543,673
1906-7	14,094	1,653,991
1907-8	13,847	1,744,299
1908-9	14,639	1,846,754
1909-10	16,839	2,006,433
1910-11	19,927	2,366,873

Figures relating to the Railway Construction Branch are not included in the above statement, but particulars of the St. Kilda and Brighton Electric Street Railway are included.

Victorian coal has been largely used by the Railway Department for steaming purposes. In 1907, 41,713 tons were consumed; in 1908, 33,799 tons; in 1909, 39,487 tons; in 1910, 202,327 tons; and in 1911, 324,443 tons. The quantity carried for the general public was 87,913 tons in 1907, 69,935 tons in 1908, 88,100 tons in 1909, 146,704 tons in 1910, and 274,481 tons in 1911. The rate of carriage from the mines to Melbourne is $\frac{3}{8}$ d. per ton per mile, of which 1-10d. per ton per mile is paid by the Government; beyond Melbourne the charge is 1d. or less per ton per mile, according to the distance.

The one railway in Victoria open for general traffic, but not belonging to the State system, is that from Kerang to Koondrook, which is owned and worked by the municipality of the Shire of Kerang. This railway is 13 miles 73 chains in length, and up to the end of 1911 cost £38,972 for construction and equipment. For the year

1911 the gross receipts were £4,863, the working expenses were £1,866, and the amount paid in interest and towards redemption was £1,816. The train mileage for the same year was 18,900.

TRAMWAYS.

Victorian
tramways

The various tramway systems in the State comprise 45.925 miles of cable lines, double track, 33.867 miles of electric lines, of which 11.213 miles are double, and 22.654 miles single track, 14.725 miles of horse-lines, of which 5.975 miles are double, and 8.75 miles single track, and a steam tramway of 1 mile, double track.

The towns other than the metropolis having tramway systems which are represented in these figures are, Ballarat with 12 miles 45 chains of electric lines, and 1 mile 60 chains of horse lines; Bendigo with 8 miles 53 chains of electric lines; and Sorrento with 1 mile of steam tramway.

Electric tramways have been constructed at Geelong, but were not opened for traffic until March, 1912. They comprise 3.55 miles single track, and .23 of a mile double track. The electric street railway, St. Kilda to Brighton, under the management of the Victorian Railways Commissioners, is not referred to in this connexion, being included under the heading Railways.

The following table contains a summary of particulars relating to all tramways in Victoria:—

VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1909-10 AND 1910-11.

Financial Year.	Tram Mileage.	Passengers Carried.	Traffic Receipts.	Expenditure.	Rolling Stock.	Persons Employed.
			£	£		
1909-10	12,241,747	80,342,341	669,683	556,957*	1,093	2,200*
1910-11	13,069,693	89,168,324	747,055	583,891*	1,098	2,424*

* Including particulars relating to omnibus lines of the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company.

Melbourne
tramways.

The tramways worked by the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company are held under lease expiring on 1st July, 1916, and were constructed by the Melbourne Tramway Trust, under authority of Parliament, Act No. 47 Vict. No. 765. The Trust is composed of representatives of all the municipalities in the streets of which tramways were authorized to be constructed under the Act referred to. On the security of the municipal properties and revenues and of the tramways, the Trust issued debentures, at 4½ per cent., for £1,650,000, for which it received £1,705,794 in cash. The obligations of the company leasing the tramways are to provide its own rolling stock, keep the tramways in repair and hand same over to the Trust at the expiration of the lease, pay the interest on the money borrowed by the Trust, and contribute to a sinking fund for the extinction of the Trust's loan. The sinking fund amounted to £1,377,200 at 1st January, 1912.

The following table has been compiled from information furnished by the secretary of the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company:—

TRAMWAYS OF THE MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY,
1901-2 TO 1910-11.

Year ended 30th June.	Tram Mileage.	Passengers Carried.	Traffic Receipts.
			£
1902	9,226,883	47,261,572	454,683
1903	9,044,282	46,832,910	432,505
1904	8,968,928	49,183,742	444,495
1905	8,932,073	50,297,357	448,740
1906	9,032,523	52,925,654	469,079
1907	9,536,397	59,069,280	506,635
1908	9,810,808	63,954,512	545,269
1909	9,856,345	66,522,463	565,601
1910	10,010,975	68,695,853	581,390
1911	10,636,440	76,295,825	644,187

The length of lines open on 30th June, 1911, comprised 43 miles 54 chains of double track cable tramways, and 4 miles 38 chains of double track horse tramways. The traffic of each of the last eight years has successively eclipsed that of any former year, 1910-11 exceeding 1909-10 by 7,599,972 passengers. The number of tram miles run in 1910-11 shows an increase of 625,465 over the number for 1909-10.

In addition to the lines of the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company, there are within or on the fringe of the metropolitan area 12.642 miles of electric tramways (7.988 miles being double track and 4.654 miles single track), 2½ miles of cable tramways (double track), and 8.5 miles of horse tramways (1.5 being double and 7 miles single track). Of these, the most recently constructed are the Prahran-Malvern electric tramways, which are controlled by a Trust representing the municipalities of Prahran and Malvern, and were opened on 30th May, 1910. They are 4¾ miles in length, and have cost £136,925 to construct and equip. The remaining metropolitan tramways and their mileage are the North Melbourne-Essendon electric lines, 7.9 miles, the Northcote-Preston cable line, 2¼ miles, the Sandringham-Beaumaris horse line, 7 miles, and the Coburg horse line, 1½ miles. The traffic particulars of these lines are as follows:—

OTHER METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS.

Financial Year.	Tram Mileage.	Passengers Carried.	Traffic Receipts.
			£
1908-9	860,000	4,755,000	26,500
1909-10	1,104,164	6,713,825	42,071
1910-11	1,306,688	7,997,735	56,940

Country
tramways.

In country towns there were in 1911 $21\frac{1}{4}$ miles of electric tramways, $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles of horse tramway, and 1 mile of steam tramway, of which the traffic particulars for the last three financial years are subjoined.

TRAMWAYS IN COUNTRY TOWNS.

Financial Year.	Tram Mileage.	Passengers Carried.	Traffic Receipts.
1908-9	1,166,000	4,700,000	£ 43,623
1909-10	1,126,608	4,932,663	46,222
1910-11	1,126,565	4,874,764	45,938

As already stated, 3.78 miles of electric tramways have been constructed in the city of Geelong and suburbs, but as they were not opened for traffic until March, 1912, they are not included in the above statement.

LICENSED VEHICLES.

Licensed
vehicles in
Melbourne.

The number of vehicles licensed for the conveyance of passengers in Melbourne, and for a distance of 8 miles beyond the corporate limits, in 1911, was 1,585, of which 762 were cabs. The number of drivers licensed for the conveyance of goods was 1,912. The following are the particulars for the last five years:—

LICENSED VEHICLES IN MELBOURNE, 1907 TO 1911.

—	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
<i>For Passenger Traffic.</i>					
Cabs (4 wheel)	581	562	547	528	527
" (Hansoms)	225	239	238	238	235
Omnibuses	48	48	51	40	28
Tram Cars	393	401	422	428	429
" Dummies	352	401	353	360	359
Motor Cars ... ..	...	...	...	...	7
Total	1,599	1,651	1,611	1,594	1,585
<i>For Conveyance of Goods.</i>					
Drivers licensed	1,770	1,884	1,826	1,732	1,912

Motor cars
&c.

The use of motor cars and motor cycles in Victoria is regulated by Act No. 2237, under the provisions of which every motor car and motor cycle must be registered with the Chief Commissioner of Police, and the registration renewed annually. On 30th June, 1912, the number of motor cars registered was 3,944, and the number of motor cycles 2,784. No person may drive a motor car or motor cycle upon any public highway without having been licensed for that purpose. On 30th June, 1912, the number of drivers of motor cars and motor cycles licensed by the Chief Commissioner was 8,467.