

PART III.
INTERCHANGE.
COMMERCE.

**The Customs
Tariff.** By the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (section 51) the power to make laws with respect to trade and commerce with other countries 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 the 1st January, 1901. The first Commonwealth Customs Tariff was introduced by Resolution on the 8th October, 1901, from which date the duties came into effect. The Tariff Act was assented to on the 16th September, 1902. Since that date the Tariff has been extensively altered. The Tariff at present in operation is the Customs Tariff 1933-1939 as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 7 and 8, which were introduced in the House of Representatives on 5th March, 1942, and 2nd September, 1942, respectively.

The Australian Customs Tariff has been built up in conformity with the policy of protection of Australian industries and preference to goods the produce or manufacture of British countries, and with due regard to the revenue aspects. The principles for the determination of the margin of preference to be accorded to goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom were laid down in the *United Kingdom and Australia Trade Agreement Act 1932*.

There are three scales of duties at present operating—the British Preferential Tariff, the Intermediate Tariff and the General Tariff.

**British
Preferential
Tariff.** The British Preferential Tariff applies to goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, subject to the conditions that the goods comply with the statutory requirements in force regarding the grant of British Preference and that they have been shipped in the United Kingdom and have not been transhipped or, if transhipped, then only if it is proved satisfactorily that the intended destination of the goods when shipped from the United Kingdom was Australia. The benefits of the British Preferential Tariff may also be applied wholly or in part by trade

agreement to any British Dominion. A number of non-self-governing British Colonies and Protectorates is also now obtaining the benefits of these provisions in respect to certain specified goods.

**Intermediate
Tariff.** The Intermediate Tariff—a feature of the Australian Customs Tariff until 14th October, 1932—was reintroduced on 28th November, 1935, insofar as certain items were concerned, in order to facilitate the implementation of trade agreements. The benefits of this Tariff may be extended in whole or in part to any country by proclamation.

Consequent on its reintroduction, trade agreements have been completed with the undermentioned countries, and the Intermediate Tariff, in respect of certain goods, became operative as indicated :—

Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France and the Union of South Africa (January, 1937), Switzerland (December, 1938), Brazil (January, 1940), Greece (June, 1940).

The benefits of the Intermediate Tariff have by proclamation also been conferred on countries other than those mentioned above, the latest addition being the United States of America as from 18th February, 1943. Trade, however, with enemy countries and enemy-occupied countries is prohibited under *Trading with the Enemy Act* 1939-1940.

**General
Tariff.** The General Tariff applies to all goods other than those to which the benefits of the British Preferential Tariff or Intermediate Tariff have been extended or which are not entitled to special rates of import duties under preference tariffs or other Acts of Parliament.

**Reciprocal
Agreements.** A reciprocal trade agreement, under which special Tariff rates are granted on certain goods the produce or manufacture of New Zealand, has been in force since 1922, the British Preferential Tariff being extended to all other New Zealand goods. A new agreement was made in 1933 and reviewed in 1934 and 1938. The schedule under which special rates are accorded certain goods the produce or manufacture of New Zealand is the Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1934 as amended by Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Proposals No. 4 of 5th March, 1942.

In 1925, a trade agreement between Australia and Canada was consummated. As this, however, covered only a limited number of items, a new agreement under which practically all goods of Canadian origin were accorded preference was completed in 1931. Amendments were made to the latter agreement in 1934, 1936, 1938, and 1939. The schedules at present in operation are the Customs Tariff (Canadian

Preference) 1931 and the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1939, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Proposals No. 3 of 5th March, 1942.

A reciprocal trade agreement was concluded with Newfoundland in 1939, providing for the grant of the British Preferential Tariff on newsprinting paper, the produce or manufacture of that country. In return, Newfoundland accords exclusive tariff preferences on Australian butter and canned fruits of 1 cent. per lb. and 10 per cent. ad valorem respectively.

A trade agreement with Southern Rhodesia became effective in April, 1941. Briefly, the agreement provides for concessional tariff treatment for Southern Rhodesian tobacco, raw asbestos and chrome ore, in return for which the Southern Rhodesian Government grants tariff concessions on a wide range of Australian primary and manufactured products.

In conformity with the *Customs Tariff (Papua and New Guinea) Act 1936*, certain specified goods, the produce of Papua and the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, are admitted into Australia free of duty. All other goods are admissible under the British Preferential Tariff.

In addition (as stated previously) reciprocal trade agreements have been concluded with Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Switzerland, the Union of South Africa, Brazil, and Greece. Certain of these countries, however, being enemy-occupied, are affected by *Trading with the Enemy Act 1939-1940*.

Exchange Adjustment. The *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933-1939* as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Proposals No. 3 of 5th March, 1942, varies the duty imposed by the Customs Tariff 1933-1939 in respect of a large range of goods which come within the British Preferential Tariff of specified items deemed to be protective in their incidence.

Since the enactment of this Act, the Tariff Board in its inquiries into the economics of Australian industries, adopted the principle of recommending protective rates of duty on the basis of—

- (a) reasonable and adequate protection necessary under existing conditions, after provision is made for the protective incidence due to Australian depreciated currency; and
- (b) reasonable and adequate protection necessary where exchange conditions, Australia on London, are at par.

The Tariff Proposals of the 6th December, 1934, gave effect, for the first time, to the new principle of imposing rates of duty as recommended by the Tariff Board as in (a) above. Automatic increases in the rates of duty are, however, provided for during any stage in which Australian currency appreciates in relation to sterling, and

thereby ensure the *pro rata* maintenance of the duty level recommended by the Tariff Board in its (b) recommendation for par exchange conditions. Recommendations of the Tariff Board in respect of items carrying protective rates of duty given effect to subsequent to the 6th December, 1934, have provided for automatic variations in duties in consonance with fluctuations in the rate of exchange and, consequently, such items have been removed from the provisions of the Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act.

In addition to duties imposed by the Customs Tariff 1933-1939, ad valorem primage duties at rates of 4 per cent., 5 per cent., or 10 per cent. are charged according to the type of goods and origin thereof. Goods, the produce or manufacture of New Zealand, Norfolk Island, Fiji, Papua, or the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, are exempt from primage duty, as are a number of specified goods for use by primary producers, whilst many machines, tools of trade and raw materials not manufactured in Australia, when subject to the British Preferential Tariff, are also free of primage duty. Primage duties at the rates applicable to the British Preferential Tariff are accorded to Canadian goods admissible under the British Preferential Tariff, and also to proclaimed commodities from the British non-self-governing colonies and protectorates. Primage duties at concessional rates (in most cases at the rate equivalent to the British Preferential Tariff rate) are payable on a limited number of goods the product of proclaimed countries, included among which is the United States of America.

The Customs Tariff (Special War Duty) Proposals No. 3 of 5th March, 1942, provide for the imposition of a special war duty of customs at the rate of 10 per centum of the total of all other duties collected (i.e., customs and primage duties). The only exceptions to this duty are petroleum and shale products covered by Tariff Item 229 (C) and unmanufactured tobacco classifiable under Tariff Items 18, 19, and 23. This duty first became operative in respect of all items other than Item 229 (C) on 3rd May, 1940. On 22nd November, 1940, unmanufactured tobacco was also excepted.

The recorded value of goods imported represents the amount on which duty is payable or would be payable if the duty were charged ad valorem. Such amount is—

- (a) (i) The actual money price paid or to be paid for the goods by the Australian importer plus any special deduction, or
- (ii) the current domestic value of the goods—
whichever is the higher—plus

- (b) all charges payable or ordinarily payable for placing the goods free on board at the port of export, plus
- (c) ten per cent. of the total of (a) and (b) as representing cost of insurance, freight and other charges.

When the value of imported goods is shown on invoices in any other currency than British, the equivalent value in British currency is ascertained according to the commercial rates of exchange.

The value of goods exported, including the cost of containers, is recorded in Australian currency, and the basis of this valuation is as follows :—

- (a) *Goods sold to overseas buyers before export.*—The f.o.b. equivalent of the price at which the goods were sold—
(e.g., as regards wool, the actual price paid by the oversea buyer plus the cost of all services incurred by him in placing the wool on board ship).
- (b) *Goods shipped on consignment.*—The Australian f.o.b. equivalent of the current price offering for similar goods of Australian origin in the principal markets of the country to which the goods are despatched for sale—
(as regards wool, the f.o.b. equivalent of the current price ruling in Australia will normally provide a sufficient approximation of the f.o.b. equivalent of the price ultimately received).

The Excise Tariff in operation is the Excise Tariff **Excise Tariff.** 1921–1939 as proposed to be amended by Excise Tariff Proposals Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 of 5th March, 1942, 25th March, 1942, 2nd September, 1942, and 28th January, 1943, respectively. This tariff relates only to beer, spirits, tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, certain petroleum or shale products, coal tar and coke oven distillates, aromatic hydrocarbons and light oils (not being petroleum or shale products) suitable for use as petrol substitutes, amylic alcohol, fusel oil, concentrated grape must, playing cards, cigarette tubes, cigarette papers, matches, wine, saccharin, snuff, wireless valves, carbonic acid gas and dry batteries and dry cells less than 6 volt.

**War-time
Trading
Legislation.**

Brief reference to the steps taken to control War-time trading are made in the paragraphs which follow.

**Exports—
Monetary
Control.**

Part IIA of the National Security (Exchange Control) Regulations superseded the Customs (Overseas Exchange) Regulations on 16th December, 1943, in the control of proceeds of exports. As was the case with the superseded regulations,

these new regulations are designed primarily to control the exportation of capital in the form of goods. They are complementary to the action taken under the other parts of the National Security (Exchange Control) Regulations to control the movement out of Australia of capital in the form of securities, gold and currency, and ensure—

- (a) that the overseas funds (i.e., foreign exchange) accruing from the exportation of goods are made available to the Australian banking system for national purposes through the Commonwealth Bank of Australia; and
- (b) that payment for goods exported is made in a manner approved by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Provision is made in the regulations for the grant of export licences subject to such terms and conditions as are imposed and, on the receipt in Australia by the Commonwealth Bank or by a Bank acting as agent for that Bank, of advice that the foreign currency has been paid to the Commonwealth Bank or to an agent of the Bank in respect of any goods exported in pursuance of a licence granted under the regulations, the Bank or agent of the Bank pays the licensee or such other person as is entitled to receive it an amount in Australian currency equivalent to the foreign currency received.

By Proclamation (Customs Proclamation No. 590) promulgated under the Customs Act on 16th December, 1943, the exportation of any goods is prohibited unless a licence granted under the regulations to export the goods is in force or the goods are excepted from the application of the regulations.

For various reasons the principal of which are—

**Exports—
Commodity
Control.**

- (a) to conserve supplies of essential commodities for Australia's requirements;
- (b) to implement price determinations;
- (c) to control exports of goods which are the subject of Empire Marketing Agreements;
- (d) to strengthen the control of the exportation of capital in the form of goods instituted by Part IIA of the National Security (Exchange Control) Regulations,

a large range of commodities has been prohibited from exportation by proclamation promulgated under the Customs Act, unless the consent of the Minister for Trade and Customs has first been obtained. Exports of these commodities to approved destinations are permitted only when supplies are available for the purpose and the conditions imposed are complied with by the exporter.

The Customs (Import Licensing) Regulations. The Customs (Import Licensing) Regulations, which were promulgated on 1st December, 1939, were originally applied only to imports from countries outside the sterling area. The primary object at that time was to eliminate non-essential items from Australia's import trade with non-sterling countries in order to conserve foreign exchange.

Some items were placed on the totally prohibited list while others were limited to a percentage of either the value or quantity of imports in the pre-war year 1938-39. Certain classes of goods, such as machinery, which could not be conveniently rationed on a quota basis, were placed "under administrative control", each application being dealt with on its merits without reference to past importations.

The restrictions applied to the importation of non-essential goods have been progressively tightened since the regulations were first brought down and many more classes of goods have been added to the lists of items subject to "total prohibition" and "administrative control."

Consequent upon changes in the general war situation and the intensification of the Australian war effort, an increasing range of goods imported from the United Kingdom and other sterling countries has been brought within the scope of the licensing regulations since December, 1941. The extension of the restrictions to sterling goods is a necessary corollary to the measures adopted in Australia and throughout the British Commonwealth to divert manpower, machinery, and raw materials to war production. Conservation of shipping space is also an important consideration.

The Import Procurement Division of the Department of Trade and Customs is responsible for the administration of the Customs (Import Licensing) Regulations.

A large proportion of Australia's essential wartime requirements from Canada and the United States was supplied under mutual aid procedures. Where procurement under such procedures was applicable, materials were obtained by commercial orders under import licence, unless there were special circumstances necessitating a Government cash purchase.

Trading with the Enemy. Under the *Trading with the Enemy Act 1939-40*, machinery was set up to cut off all trade which might directly or indirectly benefit the enemy.

The trading with the enemy ban applies to all enemy countries and also to territories under enemy control.

Enemy countries are Germany, Italy, Roumania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Finland, Japan, and Thailand, and countries currently (i.e., at 30th June, 1944) listed as "enemy territory" viz. :—

Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia, Danzig, Poland (excluding the regions under Soviet control), Denmark (excluding Greenland and the Faroe Islands), Norway, Netherlands (excluding Netherlands dependencies), Luxemburg, Belgium (excluding the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi), French Territory in Europe, Principality of Monaco, Yugoslavia and Greece.

However, the trading with the enemy legislation applies to all trading in enemy occupation, whether specifically listed or not.

In order to check illegal traffic with the enemy through neutral countries, statutory lists are published of persons, firms and companies in neutral countries who are deemed to be "enemies" under the Trading with the Enemy Act and with whom all commercial transactions are prohibited.

The Trading with the Enemy Act provides for the issue of licences exempting approved transactions from the general prohibition on dealings with the enemy. A number of such licences has been issued to meet the circumstances of special cases.

The legislation also covers the treatment of enemy firms in Australia and, following decisions of the High Court, controllers have been appointed to conduct the affairs of a number of such companies. The procedure followed is to appoint interim-controllers until the cases have come before the High Court.

The Tariff Board. *The Tariff Board Act 1921-1934* provides for the appointment by the Governor-General of a Tariff Board. The Act came into operation in March, 1922.

The Board consists of four members, one of whom is an administrative officer of the Department of Trade and Customs and may be Chairman. The Governor General appoints the Chairman, who convenes all sittings of the Board. The principal duties of the Board are shown in the *Year Book* for 1941-42, pages 168 and 169.

The United States Lend-Lease Act—Background. A comprehensive statement is given in the *Year-Book* for 1942-43, pages 316 to 323 of the basic principles, procedure, distribution of lend-lease goods and reciprocal aid by Australia in respect of the United States Lend-Lease Act, which became effective on 11th March, 1941.

**Canadian
Mutual Aid
Act.**

The Canadian Mutual Aid Act became law on 20th May 1943, and the establishment of the Mutual Aid Board was the direct outcome. Under this Act a Canadian Mutual Aid Board has been established for the procurement of supplies and services which it is empowered to "contribute, exchange, deliver, transfer title to or possession of, or otherwise make available to any of the United Nations."

The necessity for the Mutual Aid Act was brought about by the increasing disparity between Canadian exports to sterling countries and her imports from the sterling area. The consequent shortage of Canadian dollars made imperative some special financial arrangement. Various steps have been taken by the Canadian authorities to meet this problem.

Early in 1942, the Canadian Government made an interest-free loan to the United Kingdom Government of seven hundred million dollars, and followed this up by a billion dollar gift to meet the requirements of the sterling area for 1942-43.

**Australia-
Canada
Mutual Aid
Agreement.**

On 9th March, 1944, Australia signed an agreement with Canada setting out the general principles governing the provision of mutual aid between the two countries during the war. The agreement recognizes the necessity of distribution of available war supplies in accordance with strategic needs and that the conditions of supply "should not be such as to burden post-war commerce or lead to the imposition of trade restrictions or otherwise prejudice a just and enduring peace".

With this end in view, the agreement provided for the supply of Mutual Aid to Australia for the joint and effective prosecution of the war. The Canadian Government has specifically undertaken not to require the re-delivery of any war supplies with the exception of—

- (a) Cargo ships.
- (b) Goods transferred to Australia, but not delivered at the cessation of hostilities.
- (c) Aircraft and automotive equipment under certain conditions.
- (d) Ordnance or military equipment required for Canadian forces and no longer required by the Commonwealth of Australia.

The two Governments also reaffirm their desire to promote mutually advantageous economic relations throughout the world and "declare that their guiding purposes include the adoption of measures designed to promote employment, the production and consumption of goods,

and the expansion of commerce through appropriate international agreement on commercial policy, with the object of contributing to the attainment of all the economic objectives set forth in the declaration of 14th August, 1941, known as the Atlantic Charter."

Australia has also undertaken to contribute to the defence of Canada by continuing to supply "such articles, services, facilities, or information as it may be in a position to supply and as may from time to time be determined by common agreement in the light of the development of the war." The agreement continues in force until a date to be agreed upon by the two Governments.

Procedure. The administrative procedures followed are somewhat similar to Lend-Lease procedures. The co-ordinating authority in Australia for Canadian Mutual Aid transactions is the Division of Import Procurement and, at the Canadian end, Australian War Supplies Procurement (which has branch offices in Ottawa and Vancouver) handles the filing of requisitions with the Canadian Mutual Aid Board and takes all necessary follow-up action to the point where the goods are shipped to Australia.

Aid Received. Goods and services supplied to Australia under the Canadian Mutual Aid Act were valued by the Canadian Mutual Aid Board at \$28,000,000 to the end of March, 1944. Under the terms of the Act Canada assumed, as from 1st April, 1943, the whole cost of training Australian air crews in Canada under the Empire Air Training Scheme and over \$13,000,000 of the above total represented payments for this purpose.

Trade and Shipping Statistics. Particulars of trade and shipping up to 1941-42 have been included in this issue of the *Year-Book*. On account of censorship requirements, details were excluded from the *Year-Books* for 1939-40 to 1941-42.

Variation in External Exchange Position. As the values of imports in subsequent tables are shown in British currency, it is necessary, when estimating the balance of trade between Victoria and other countries, to take the rate of exchange into consideration. The telegraphic transfer selling rate for £100, Australia on London, which had reached £130 10s. on 29th January, 1931, was reduced to £125 10s. on 3rd December, 1931, since when the rate has remained unchanged.

Oversea
Trade of
Victoria.

The total values of oversea trade to and from Victorian ports for each of the five years 1939-40 to 1943-44 are set forth hereunder. Imports for which Customs entries have been delayed by war conditions, have been recorded in the year in which the entry has been passed. Exports do not include the value of stores shipped at Victorian ports on board oversea ships, particulars of which are shown on page 148.

OVERSEA TRADE.—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO
AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1939-40 TO
1943-44.

Year ended 30th June.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.*	Total.
IMPORTS (BRITISH CURRENCY).			
	£	£	£
1940	41,908,342	675,333	42,583,675
1941	45,529,833	701,382	46,231,215
1942	59,054,017	727,001	59,781,018
1943	109,471,254	961,790	110,433,044
1944	89,214,923	1,037,389	90,252,312
EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY).†			
	£	£	£
1940	36,431,975	3,387,216	39,819,191
1941	36,742,855	8,604,708	45,347,563
1942	42,622,218	135	42,622,353‡
1943	34,549,851	..	34,549,851‡
1944	36,546,893	..	36,546,893‡

* Includes gold, silver, and bronze specie, and gold and silver bullion.

† Estimated British Currency values in each year were £31,797,000 in 1939-40; £36,206,000 in 1940-41; £34,030,000 in 1941-42; £27,585,000 in 1942-43; and £29,179,000 in 1943-44.

‡ Exclusive of Victoria's portion (which is not available) of exports on Government account estimated for Australia at £A.12,600,000 in 1941-42, £A.2,500,000 in 1942-43, and £A.10,000,000 in 1943-44.

Percentage
of Common-
wealth Trade.

That portion of the value of Commonwealth trade handled at Victorian ports for each of the five years 1939-40 to 1943-44 is shown in the table which follows:—

Year ended 30th June.	Commonwealth Trade—				Portion of Commonwealth Trade Handled at Victorian Ports—		
	Imports.	Exports.		Total British Currency.	Imports.	Exports.	Total.
		Australian Currency.	British Currency.				
	£	£A	£	£	%	%	%
1940	119,796,175	170,433,058	136,107,445	255,903,620	35·5	28·4	29·1
1941	111,917,514	157,163,867	125,515,455	237,432,969	41·3	28·8	34·7
1942	152,004,900	168,977,284	134,926,676	286,931,576	39·3	25·2	32·7
1943	214,442,239	123,057,238	98,249,291	312,691,530	51·5	28·1	44·1
1944	214,224,533	146,681,650	117,111,097	331,335,630	42·1	24·9	38·3

Recorded
Values of
Principal
Imports.

The recorded values of the principal articles imported from oversea countries into Victorian ports during each of the five years 1940-44 are shown in the order in which they appear in the statistical classification of 21 categories.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

(British Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS	£	£	£	£	£
Cheese	2,510	31	3,645	18,796	1
Fish—					
Preserved in Tins	223,358	161,159	58,444	115,913	92,582
All other	90,525	73,533	74,816	74,491	77,777
Meats	98,072	65,882	135,483	89,091	47,636
All other Animal Foodstuffs ..	13,764	16,999	23,665	8,667	3,960
Total, Class I. ..	428,229	317,604	296,053	306,958	221,956
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.					
Caramel, Cocoa Butter, &c. ..	16,760	21,041	3,401	561	..
Cocoa and Chocolate	71,751	94,368	86,316	133,405	118,302
Coffee and Chicory	42,579	35,183	47,876	297,619	206,249
Confectionery	11,135	847	1,589	1,064	..
Fruits, Dried	28,337	29,178	19,081	11	..
Fruits, Fresh	7,578	505	93	307	..
Fruits, &c., Preserved	726	1,249	1,067	57	..
Grain and Pulse—					
Peas	24,097	18,894	21,195	81,244	61,714
Rice	3,793	2,934	4,337	..	..
All other	24,655	18,833	58,174	38,441	19,242
Hops	47,897	31,932	..	1,006	4,610
Mustard	905	90	..	..	..
Nuts, Edible	79,689	74,124	49,778	9,587	8,945
Pickles and Sauces	1,944	1,468	961	45	8
Sago and Tapioca	17,401	24,010	15,661	..	..
Seeds	23,216	42,535	24,693	93,811	35,289
Spices	39,229	33,298	45,080	81,252	54,675
Tea	978,051	862,797	1,257,495	1,394,650	1,249,121
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs ..	83,010	51,151	48,040	20,036	17,833
Total, Class II. ..	1,502,753	1,844,437	1,684,837	2,153,096	1,775,988

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1939-40 TO 1943-44—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.	£	£	£	£	£
Ale, Beer, and Porter, &c. ..	9,878	4,204	2,903	2,792	13
Spirits (Beverages)—					
Brandy	8,188	1,732	..	18	..
Gin	1,956	980	1,141	99	6
Whisky	112,213	82,401	66,004	18,382	10,748
Other	14,591	6,475	4,332	269	75
Wine (Fermented)—					
Sparkling	5,684	448	20	50	..
Other	5,089	628	314	..	9
Total, Class III. ..	157,599	96,868	74,714	21,610	10,851
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.					
Tobacco—					
Manufactured	4,477	1,454	4,561	1,801	..
Unmanufactured	563,063	291,139	422,156	385,216	1,335,813
Cigars	3,452	145	160	163	..
Cigarettes	12,213	11,144	12,392	16,674	119
Snuff	278	322	428	..	..
Total, Class IV. ..	583,483	304,204	439,697	403,854	1,335,932
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	38,139	8,654	7,290	3,643	18,414
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds ..	13,902	20,252	18,538	17,515	21,081
Hides and Skins—					
Hides (Calf, Cattle, and Horse)	35,813	29,842	62,904	177,887	88,667
Skins (Goat)	24,153	10,829	19,945	22,452	17,476
Other	279,965	51,172	5,962	821	866
Silk, Raw	734,480	478,767	88,914	13,266	..
Wool	71,526	185,243	82,650	11,945	37,225
All other Animal Substances ..	66,645	61,356	46,540	8,370	7,822
Total, Class VI. ..	1,226,484	837,461	325,453	252,256	173,137
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES.					
Fibres—					
Cotton, Raw	196,620	427,056	428,114	312,796	252,303
Flax and Hemp	224,020	146,955	165,994	151,489	68,397
Jute	79,780	89,433	197,775	82,084	209,888
Kapok	56,415	48,700	64,342	11,057	3,240
All other	71,542	90,061	142,893	104,854	58,651
Grass or Straw, for hatmaking, furniture, mats, &c. ..	15,924	12,181	4,396	47	12,327
Gums and Resins	239,748	199,891	234,563	266,087	256,971
Pulp for Papermaking	165,331	359,902	432,463	322,128	342,635
Seeds	168,714	210,198	152,057	323,555	329,653
Tanning Substances	51,178	32,926	98,667	69,840	111,962
All other Vegetable Substances ..	97,737	78,283	6,192	75,244	41,454
Total, Class VII. ..	1,867,009	1,695,676	1,927,456	1,719,181	1,687,481

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1939-40 TO 1943-44—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
	£	£	£	£	£
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.					
<i>(a) Apparel.</i>					
Boots and Shoes	65,882	29,278	21,260	15,047	969
Corsets	5,722	3,493	4,486	..	699
Furs and other Skins—					
Dressed	40,372	119,162	33,994	13	..
Gloves	194,851	149,835	266,365	7,678	147
Hats and Caps	69,761	44,067	43,009	1,396	4,611
Hosiery and Knitted Apparel (including Socks and Stockings)	26,230	17,090	30,767	..	12
Men's and Boys' Outer Garments	51,755	29,559	45,916	1,597	..
Trimmings	203,196	128,720	155,266	232,350	200,703
Other	176,815	275,200	547,874	108,929	276,029
<i>(b) Textiles.</i>					
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck	312,791	451,529	348,228	643,662	1,732,035
Cotton and Linen	2,578,398	3,220,370	3,157,410	2,990,771	5,570,954
Hessians and other Jute Piece Goods	290,386	233,814	391,500	499,698	879,239
Lace for Attire, Lace Flouncings, &c.	134,193	118,893	174,933	29,830	18,895
Silk	1,678,888	1,443,926	1,984,550	1,898,855	2,065,814
Velvets, Velveteens, Plushes, &c.	134,626	91,571	204,418	88,353	4,583
Woolen	103,753	97,867	417,204	62,765	57,503
Other	366,625	450,542	469,839	610,983	444,435
Floor Coverings—Carpets, Lino- leums, Mats, &c.	894,629	725,441	814,485	45,269	1,979
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton and Linen	107,763	82,009	148,567	99,442	48,250
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c.	238,525	340,129	302,979	328,659	263,037
Tents and Sails	123	35	40	52,043	660,568
Towels and Towelling	140,406	140,984	191,362	125,167	56,569
All other Textiles	204,605	122,981	241,451	425,642	293,249
<i>(c) Manufactured Fibres.</i>					
Bags and Sacks—					
Bran, Chaff, and Compressed Fodder	45,196	110,909	71,381	128,139	108,029
Corn and Flour	590,296	429,621	708,283	860,260	180,986
All other	135,502	285,580	144,546	510,797	326,745
Cordage and Twines (excluding Metal Cordage)	147,687	130,815	183,567	236,518	410,787
Yarns—					
Artificial Silk	638,921	594,306	841,889	594,082	584,216
Cotton	379,355	562,220	604,055	797,579	807,193
Wool	25,337	15,436	33,403	6,075	5,519
Other	26,209	29,059	33,816	12,877	31,549
Total, Class VIII. ..	10,003,798	10,474,441	12,616,843	11,414,476	15,035,304

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1939-40 TO 1943-44—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
	£	£	£	£	£
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES					
Oils (in bulk)—					
Kerosene, &c.	259,687	156,724	270,941	210,894	263,034
Lubricating (Mineral)	479,222	333,682	428,027	756,210	1,020,190
Petroleum, Crude	246,061	226,250	230,738	1	
Petroleum and Shale Spirit	2,113,062	1,243,195	1,721,380	1,606,861	1,773,914
Residual and Solar	256,984	196,130	545,415	448,460	481,523
Other	200,753	163,480	156,302	127,739	103,646
Paraffin	69,232	128,743	140,856	71,603	70,648
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	101,805	71,624	88,896	70,305	66,080
Total, Class IX.	3,726,806	2,519,828	3,582,555	3,292,073	3,778,985
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES	256,416	222,367	259,658	195,443	169,467
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES	295,387	345,138	331,147	391,319	265,354
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, AND MACHINERY.					
<i>(a) Machines and Machinery.</i>					
Electrical Machinery and Appliances—					
Cable and Wire, Covered	363,836	364,483	277,765	339,749	544,148
Dynamo Machines	108,963	114,505	147,259	140,419	226,112
Telephones and Switchboards	251,419	101,136	111,562	150,390	294,655
Wireless and Parts	35,713	26,394	86,113	459,452	571,065
Other	420,818	383,175	373,454	435,841	622,914
Implements and Machinery (Agricultural, Horticultural, and Viticultural)	68,219	36,191	17,846	101,154	112,919
Metal Working Machinery	583,304	1,233,915	1,403,932	3,195,862	2,294,559
Motive Power Machinery—					
Aircraft Engines and Parts	134,622	761,671	1,555,064	3,345,540	2,281,714
Motor Car Engines	63,762	75,202	304,810	473,300	116,955
Other	411,645	307,663	313,226	859,200	1,620,532
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings	127,248	272,849	345,379	630,524	406,877
All other Machines and Machinery	1,295,174	1,227,277	1,082,332	1,258,550	1,794,585
<i>(b) Metals and Metal Manufactures, other than Machinery.</i>					
Alloys	83,955	54,127	117,788	156,646	290,413
Aluminium	77,108	160,409	181,292	507,633	934,368
Copper and Copper Manufactures	226,620	359,877	882,542	1,386,719	49,920
Gas Appliances	37,128	30,996	32,346	13,139	14,166
Iron and Steel—					
Bar, Rod, Hoop, Ingots, Blooms, &c.	160,977	405,409	356,164	610,964	349,004
Plate and Sheet	1,438,517	1,908,287	2,367,991	1,733,359	2,548,754
Wire	66,357	58,975	57,224	141,910	56,203
Other	36,182	47,401	112,847	83,234	39,222

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1939-40 TO 1943-44—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
CLASS XII.—METALS METAL MANUFACTURERS, AND MACHINERY— <i>continued.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
<i>(b) Metals and Metal Manufactures, other than Machinery—continued.</i>					
Lamps and Lampware	69,606	45,044	52,895	35,759	26,496
Nickel	50,660	82,678	397,211	88,204	2,181
Pipes and Tubes	98,442	57,986	40,052	19,239	57,964
Plated Ware and Cutlery	169,530	203,897	209,572	138,026	124,245
Tools of Trade (not being Machines)	273,375	309,395	378,050	575,277	777,848
Vehicles—					
Motor Cycles, Tricycles, &c. ..	68,852	33,846	127,126	354,769	249,690
Bodies for Motor Cars, &c. ..	24,803	13,059	2,346	56,775	17,491
Chassis for Motor Cars, &c. ..	2,402,632	1,810,089	2,814,678	2,888,882	1,229,298
Aircraft and Parts	2,062,238	6,214,642	11,150,306	14,025,643	11,449,186
Other Vehicles and Parts	530,211	525,987	827,807	16,073,651	13,870,943
All other Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery	687,848	924,770	718,378	689,895	604,312
Total, Class XII. ..	12,429,770	18,151,335	26,845,357	50,969,705	43,578,739
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.					
<i>(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures.</i>					
Rubber, Crude, Powdered or Reclaimed	942,420	1,133,915	1,051,012	821,828	1,067,843
Rubber Manufactures	271,823	198,008	290,733	219,373	28,676
<i>(b) Leather and Manufactures of Leather and Substitutes therefor.</i>					
Glace Kid	3,115	1,500	1,709	3,355	..
All other	41,905	34,276	61,623	18,534	21,707
Total, Class XIII. ..	1,259,263	1,367,699	1,405,077	1,063,090	1,118,226
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED.					
Timber—					
Dressed	91,409	47,845	35,080	27,813	3,898
Undressed	378,450	172,777	122,492	72,817	96,721
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	82,057	78,200	60,823	16,344	32,943
Total, Class XIV. ..	551,916	298,822	218,395	116,974	133,562
CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONWARE.					
Cement (Portland)	3,755	1,677	15,066	1,819	583
Earthenware, China, &c. ..	218,626	235,784	290,184	158,542	140,933
Glass and Glassware	277,808	224,738	297,940	109,305	90,235
All other Earthenware, Cements, China, Glass and Stoneware ..	111,510	102,414	125,134	41,266	23,650
Total Class XV. ..	611,699	564,613	728,324	310,932	255,401

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INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1939-40 TO 1943-44—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.	£	£	£	£	£
(a) Paper.					
Cardboard and other Paper Boards	131,120	120,035	67,296	32,344	74,630
Printing	882,783	722,813	370,473	57,734	249,504
Wrapping of all Colours	153,462	164,869	76,297	36,308	132,284
Writing and Typewriting	247,421	343,277	77,446	73,718	323,521
All other	293,366	275,967	205,635	175,505	297,177
(b) Stationery and Paper Manufactures.					
Books (Printed), Directories, &c.	340,042	282,488	292,838	283,307	511,206
Cigarette Tubes and Papers	37,061	26,653	22,129	12,620	15,087
Price Lists, Catalogues, &c.	14,570	7,332	4,920	1,610	1,857
Pens and Pencils	62,697	60,886	61,235	47,845	63,308
All other	149,831	97,447	130,835	56,262	67,804
Total, Class XVI.	2,312,353	2,101,767	1,309,104	777,253	1,736,378
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME-PIECES AND FANCY GOODS.					
Fancy Goods	206,594	117,436	105,552	38,783	38,557
Jewellery, including Cameos, &c.	132,973	73,219	122,138	114,625	39,705
Watches, Clocks, Chronometers, &c.	181,541	134,359	115,044	78,892	130,229
Total, Class XVII.	521,108	325,014	342,734	232,300	208,491
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.					
Optical and Meteorological Instruments, &c.	36,482	45,100	47,926	124,445	98,485
Photographic Goods	148,145	43,780	69,235	21,732	24,869
Surgical and Dental Instruments, &c.	188,446	241,167	324,263	374,392	225,577
Scientific Instruments, &c.	66,961	54,148	75,244	60,538	55,604
All other Optical and Scientific Instruments	20,081	17,511	31,569	37,183	49,547
Total, Class XVIII.	460,115	401,706	548,237	618,290	454,082
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.					
Acetone	20,454	52,189	41,631	162,712	..
Acids	65,079	77,953	50,095	38,850	26,490
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations	140,415	199,495	268,324	167,050	409,050
Dyes	288,078	430,007	424,241	370,676	487,202
Fertilizers	367,695	336,066	208,992	172,427	407,662
Glycerine	19,096	56,837	77,479	61,725	..
Oils, Essential (Non-spirituous)	64,019	68,123	50,253	57,317	40,732

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1939-40 TO 1943-44—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1940:	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS—<i>continued.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations	75,114	54,812	63,759	15,609	15,413
Sodium Salts	242,051	178,684	397,261	393,052	246,220
Spirits and Spirituous Preparations	32,897	17,167	16,592	30,526	9,344
Sulphur (Brimstone)	193,575	130,060	113,967	44,049	50,690
All other Drugs and Chemicals ..	606,265	701,472	993,149	1,051,508	671,914
Total, Class XIX. ..	2,114,738	2,302,865	2,705,743	2,565,501	2,364,717
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.					
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	184,147	293,646	1,557,376	28,773,321	10,156,039
Bags, Baskets, Trunks, &c. ..	70,219	43,105	46,488	2,144	127
Brushware	211,489	43,099	41,233	6,925	4,030
Celluloid Sheets	109,542	98,344	123,143	180,270	112,040
Fire Brigade and Life-saving Appliances, n.e.i.	11,166	26,390	26,463	1,108,127	2,331,281
Outside Packages	880,016	847,811	972,048	1,473,468	1,110,168
Soap and Soap Substitutes	17,110	18,240	15,042	6,177	7,000
Vessels (Ships)	320	8,054	955	609,371	555,731
All other Articles	577,268	470,645	622,595	503,497	616,042
Total, Class XX. ..	2,061,277	1,849,334	3,405,343	32,663,300	14,892,458
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.					
Gold	667,973	689,844	726,732	738,886	376,941
Silver	7,360	11,470	269	193,204	564,482
Bronze—Specie .. .. .	..	68	..	29,700	95,966
Total, Class XXI. ..	675,333	701,382	727,001	961,790	1,037,389
Grand Total	42,583,675	46,231,215	59,781,018	110,433,044	90,252,312

Manufactured articles comprise the major portion of imports into Victoria from countries beyond Australia.

The percentage which the value of each of the more important classes bore to the total value of merchandise imported during 1943-44, was as follows:—Apparel, textiles, and manufactured fibres 16·9 per cent; machinery and metal manufactures 48·8 per cent.; oils, &c., 3·0 per cent.; drugs, chemicals, and fertilizers, 4·1 per cent.; and arms, ammunition and explosives 11·4 per cent. Excluding bullion and specie, the value of imports for 1943-44 decreased by £20,256,331 as compared with that of the previous year.

**Recorded
Values of
Principal
Exports.**

The recorded values of the principal articles exported to oversea countries from Victorian ports during each of the five years 1940-44 are shown in 21 divisions, in accordance with the statistical classification.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.	£	£	£	£	£
Butter	6,539,659	5,503,189	4,354,788	4,059,231	3,299,164
Cheese	703,639	810,805	593,174	514,535	986,770
Eggs	181,996	263,627	142,537	38,464	134,284
Meats—					
Bacon and Hams	22,366	87,643	82,911	82,059	55,340
Preserved by Cold Process—					
Beef	158,067	23,985	29,955	24,958	35,018
Lamb	2,843,853	2,686,397	2,505,211	2,649,335	2,383,616
Mutton	121,656	76,224	80,470	104,035	181,741
Pork	340,325	473,980	218,642	22,379	154,114
Rabbits and Hares	135,397	45,327	4,334	10,283	28,520
Other	138,236	121,161	60,595	127,820	109,082
Preserved in Tins	175,366	412,858	1,452,192	748,510	642,728
Sausage Casings	310,960	306,797	347,609	321,863	281,977
Other	3,770	17,350	13,154	11,731	119,084
Milk and Cream	777,711	983,349	1,556,845	1,383,487	832,479
All other Animal Foodstuffs	46,879	62,674	118,138	90,230	131,294
Total, Class I.	12,499,880	11,875,366	11,560,555	10,188,920	9,375,211
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.					
Biscuits	27,176	76,663	196,943	279,188	272,431
Confectionery	10,424	100,830	64,846	27,656	88,015
Fruits, Dried	1,243,709	1,487,415	1,670,001	1,775,005	1,950,668
Fruits, Fresh	259,924	144,400	115,781	119,686	157,497
Fruits, Preserved in liquid	927,254	527,997	634,254	115,205	128,885
Grain and Pulse—					
Unprepared—					
Wheat	954,061	777,066	684,014	1,522,268	952,342
Other	175,514	125,869	39,741	71,462	47,159
Prepared—					
Flour (Wheaten)	1,513,480	2,683,545	1,440,342	1,214,573	1,994,574
Other	244,606	368,906	350,255	167,610	210,427
Jams and Fruit Jellies	212,495	491,579	475,935	359,001	282,433
Tea	9,112	9,163	17,503	7,868	7,806
Vegetables (including Tomatoes)	22,712	134,530	321,194	225,923	171,126
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	118,767	187,706	245,781	202,222	244,495
Total, Class II.	5,719,234	7,115,669	6,256,590	6,087,672	6,507,858
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	128,869	722,712	852,543	506,265	403,491

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FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1939-40 TO 1943-44—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
	£	£	£	£	£
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF ..	68,514	167,264	245,060	105,190	24,010
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	40,483	45,345	23,793	40,838	27,228
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.					
Hides and Skins—					
Hides (Calf, Cattle, Horse) ..	81,099	65,778	11,338	6,277	56,754
Fox	10,718	12,715	48,715	31,491	123,066
Opossum	7,422	53,496	24,103	12,194	23,228
Rabbit and Hare	405,646	1,106,954	1,648,356	988,346	2,072,741
Sheep	1,118,002	490,455	1,127,095	824,235	639,118
Other	26,736	26,220	31,632	22,937	112,245
Wool—					
Greasy	10,074,188	7,132,648	11,358,307	8,004,032	8,175,116
Scoured and washed	1,652,969	1,446,157	2,693,940	1,265,794	1,783,890
Tops, Nolls and Waste	307,573	841,742	917,045	1,225,978	1,860,512
All other Animal substances	61,214	34,985	51,487	19,529	29,046
Total, Class VI. ..	13,745,567	11,211,150	17,912,018	12,400,813	14,875,716
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES ..	111,441	125,428	187,113	395,347	522,644
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.					
Apparel—					
Outer Garments	6,687	256,690	407,633	1,806	46,316
Underwear	16,486	19,113	20,366	43,456	1,001
Boots and Shoes	17,643	1,007	8,415	1,480	295
Other	20,647	69,132	106,310	57,709	61,993
Textiles	132,185	262,639	166,133	52,090	82,953
Manufactured Fibres—					
Yarns (Woollen)	36,992	92,226	186,952	959,948	440,010
(Silk)	178,979	167,932	117,301	53,556	12,589
Other	84,066	91,770	77,558	15,837	9,595
Total, Class VIII. ..	493,685	960,509	1,090,668	1,182,882	654,752
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.					
Tallow—Unrefined	308,109	194,243	376,225	72,325	278,402
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	105,268	118,306	112,261	124,679	96,082
Total, Class IX. ..	413,377	312,549	488,486	197,004	374,484
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES	9,565	26,648	22,701	5,463	1,638
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES	265,241	49,566	47,338	6,634	9,819

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FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1939-40 TO 1943-44—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.	£	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Machines and Machinery—</i>					
Agricultural Implements ..	238,558	391,210	534,607	378,092	348,865
Other	296,070	406,672	558,303	160,402	172,313
(b) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery—</i>					
Bolts and Nuts, Rivets and Washers, n.e.l. ..	106,000	61,552	64,798	31,958	26
Iron and Steel	167,742	121,398	61,967	19,325	24,535
Cadmium—Blocks, Bars, &c. ..	69,741	38,500	1,004	11,934	6,045
Lead (Pig)	1,825	31,750	227,747	274,179	318,559
Metals, Scrap (except Iron and Steel)	10,026	2,700	..	..	..
Motor Cars, Lorries, &c., and Parts	32,494	31,245	29,454	7,484	9,080
Zinc—Bars, Blocks, &c. ..	40,424	103,636	254,918	274,585	755,625
All other Metals and Manufactures thereof ..	225,801	272,671	252,047	112,128	157,072
Total, Class XII. ..	1,188,681	1,461,334	1,984,845	1,270,087	1,792,120
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.					
Rubber and Manufactures ..	49,840	153,213	146,080	148,691	130,833
Leather and Manufactures ..	565,221	418,559	391,826	303,561	287,012
Total, Class XIII. ..	615,061	571,772	537,906	452,252	417,845
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED ..	31,761	74,277	26,174	15,105	9,784
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONEWARE	30,984	38,882	27,660	20,026	39,210
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.					
Paper	7,779	19,792	18,090	57,442	18,617
Stationery	106,245	51,160	86,224	44,526	80,856
Total, Class XVI. ..	114,024	70,952	104,314	101,968	99,473
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME-PIECES, AND FANCY GOODS.					
Precious Stones, Unset, Pearls, Cameos, &c.	10,703	10,437	6,489	1,982	2,327
All other Jewellery, Time-pieces, and Fancy Goods	42,907	35,918	36,675	6,385	4,214
Total, Class XVII. ..	53,610	46,355	43,164	8,367	6,541

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1939-40 TO 1943-44—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	£	£	£	£	£
	100,980	96,318	83,041	67,646	43,137
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.					
Bacteriological Products and Sera	6,614	21,317	45,673	20,376	15,082
Casein	59,943	22,664	8,167	3,241	..
Fertilizers	19,888	5,677	2,968	1,864	3,750
Medicines	42,104	84,761	57,825	35,448	22,730
Oil—Eucalyptus	98,132	149,768	156,957	83,777	119,540
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations, n.e.i.	4,647	25,656	27,959	27,606	15,105
Yeast .. ..	..	11,295	19,656	91,956	6,610
All other Drugs and Chemicals	64,929	126,406	137,113	41,673	154,194
Total, Class XIX. ..	296,257	447,544	456,318	305,941	337,011
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.					
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	292,178	856,991	196,481	864,119	770,316
Matches and Vestas	22,317	24,439	11,793	26,554	3,695
Oilmen's Stores, n.e.i.	18,781	40,717	56,739	77,336	57,863
Soap	58,108	36,148	18,509	11,163	44,802
Patriotic Gifts .. ..	..	120,521	208,235	89,751	99,162
Other	113,377	154,277	180,174	122,508	49,083
Total, Class XX. ..	504,761	1,233,093	671,931	1,191,431	1,024,921
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.					
Gold	3,383,509	8,340,369	..	..	..
Silver	3,571	264,339	135	..	..
Bronze	136	..	..	..	..
Total, Class XXI. ..	3,387,216	8,604,708	135	..	..
Australian produce	39,465,177	44,946,548	42,340,346	34,405,970	36,363,683
Other produce	354,014	310,893	282,007	143,881	183,210
Grand Total	39,819,191	45,257,441	42,622,353	34,549,851	36,546,893

The export trade consists largely of agricultural and pastoral products. The value of wool, wheat, flour, butter, fruits (all kinds), meats, hides and skins, milk and cream and cheese exported during 1943-44, amounted to 80 per cent. of the total Australian merchandise exported—wool alone represented 32·3 per cent. Total exports showed an increase during 1943-44 of £1,997,042 as compared with the previous year.

Trade with Countries. The value of the trade with various countries of the world in each of the five years 1940-44 was as specified in the following table:—

IMPORTS (ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, AND
AND EXPORTS DIRECT THERETO FROM VICTORIAN
PORTS, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

Imports of Products or Manufactures of—	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
	British Currency Values—				
	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	16,977,691	22,648,019	27,250,688	36,605,447	25,050,484
Africa, British East	28,490	90,539	111,960	755,042	263,669
" " West	70,897	282,903	29,730	102,340	86,149
Bahrein Island	369,444	200,485	247,466	405,285	107,908
Canada	2,912,324	3,238,898	4,477,977	4,496,317	3,462,749
Hong Kong	10,882	13,534	9,854	1,119	..
India and Ceylon	1,893,464	2,547,698	4,068,550	7,218,686	10,434,440
Malaya (British)	825,203	1,015,901	772,924	19,997	604
New Zealand	809,220	953,312	996,636	1,272,751	822,532
Pacific Islands (British)	740,823	512,846	777,942	11,400	4,590
South African Union	113,944	99,744	552,858	499,967	171,847
Other British Possessions	410,508	474,149	434,961	566,211	389,734
Belgium	401,421	21,033	2,320	14	..
China	205,032	199,109	89,957	2,024	270
Czecho-Slovakia	20,648	2,713	13	206	..
Egypt	44,900	64,891	260,237	172,580	127,141
France	409,929	37,547	843	173	90
Germany	478,711	62,305	15,552	634	1,132
Iran	406,838	230,782	682,020	990,601	1,092,319
Italy	289,900	36,528	631	198	4,415
Japan	2,632,698	1,772,745	220,278	99	..
Netherlands	274,976	82,278	1,602	210	72
Netherlands East Indies	2,864,574	2,212,788	3,022,914	179,637	19,297
Norway	169,006	18,925	4	11	..
Peru	622	3,920	1,655	10,456	55,944
Philippine Islands	52,196	45,876	13,339	58	22
Spain	29,508	10,485	4,865	2,680	1,233
Sweden	437,448	56,029	43,807	3,458	2,985
Switzerland	333,593	192,749	147,655	70,803	115,616
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	48,962	9,847	2,471	3,852	3,337
United States of America	7,055,715	7,924,046	14,155,700	54,426,705	46,326,239
Other Foreign Countries	424,092	320,780	411,561	1,140,612†	597,326
Total (excluding Outside Packages*)	41,703,659	45,383,404	58,808,970	108,959,576	89,142,144

Exports to—	Australian Currency Values—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
United Kingdom	22,778,935	16,805,803	15,861,368	13,325,433	12,938,903
Africa, British East	13,357	93,340	28,916	13,346	44,388
" " West .. .. .	..	40	3	107	..
Bahrein Island	1,609	2,265	942	19,034	4,000
Canada	871,997	999,978	1,215,074	975,621	1,285,954
Hong Kong	196,049	375,951	223,150	..	..
India and Ceylon	890,559	1,419,979	3,449,496	4,886,857	6,344,206
Malaya (British)	954,457	1,164,856	1,267,580	90	..
New Zealand	1,700,735	1,958,097	1,983,670	2,422,513	2,195,894
Pacific Islands (British)	253,851	298,361	167,436	692,328	586,260
South African Union	403,484	356,700	497,029	514,042	327,753
Other British Possessions	339,575	525,138	573,736	243,127	189,439
Belgium	27,787	..	..	..	..
China	271,256	1,194,347	140,167	..	..
Czecho-Slovakia	1,617	..	..	..	..
Egypt	148,669	1,226,720	1,522,531	581,714	1,316,320
France	2,945,233	12,311	..	..	..
Germany	28,319	..	..	..	..

IMPORTS (ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) INTO VICTORIAN PORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT THERETO FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1939-40 TO 1943-44—*continued.*

Exports to—	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
	Australian Currency Values—				
	£	£	£	£	£
Iran	89	..	4,000	13,361	20,846
Italy	6,930	..	..	3	91,560
Japan	1,317,082	701,200	116,683	..	..
Netherlands	16,001	315	..	..	..
Netherlands East Indies	807,283	1,297,133	1,041,859	65	53
Norway	896	..	..	..	..
Peru	10	120	..	219,107	..
Philippine Islands	141,584	98,192	44,310	..	..
Spain .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Sweden	32,073	..	..	..	..
Switzerland	37,095	..	..	..	..
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	8	16	218	139,890	27,095
United States of America	5,132,752	14,460,565	11,246,077	7,143,873	8,940,908
Other Foreign Countries	414,933	633,244	531,070	611,452	772,141
Country not stated	84,966	1,627,770	2,707,038	2,747,888	1,461,773
Total	39,819,191	45,257,441	42,622,353	34,549,851	36,546,893

* "Outside Packages," 1939-40, £880,016; 1940-41, £847,811; 1941-42, £972,048; 1942-43, £1,473,468; 1943-44, £1,110,168.

† Including Portuguese East Africa, £581,133.

Trade with United Kingdom. Imports from and exports to the United Kingdom during 1943-44 represented 28 per cent. and 37 per cent. respectively of the total value of imports into and exports from Victorian ports during that year. Details of the principal articles interchanged are given hereunder for each of the five years, 1940-1944.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

Articles.	Values in Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of United Kingdom origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Whisky	111,977	82,401	65,947	18,374	10,665
Cigarettes	7,915	5,362	9,585	15,998	..
Apparel	335,378	461,148	696,767	135,583	85,691
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck	235,090	231,082	211,017	333,763	594,525
Cotton and Linen	2,000,855	2,449,802	2,098,936	1,368,265	1,454,346
Silk	726,613	875,412	1,875,962	1,862,456	2,041,276
Woolen	85,486	94,848	416,502	197,063	52,494
Velvets, and Lace for Attire	128,648	173,816	377,446	118,165	11,871
Other	298,750	383,864	379,709	377,276	237,606
Floor Coverings	824,891	688,032	708,760	41,098	58
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c.	218,811	324,550	296,798	327,663	262,817
Yarns	689,302	1,108,394	1,387,940	1,095,647	1,061,047

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1939-40 TO 1943-44—*continued.*

Articles.	Values in Year ended 30th June—				
	1940	1941	1942.	1943.	1944.
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of United Kingdom origin imported into Victorian ports— continued.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Machines and Machinery ..	2,355,752	2,114,565	2,543,478	3,316,958	3,066,053
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel ..	1,401,725	2,077,958	599,271	160,068	173,826
Pipes and Tubes ..	90,365	47,973	30,726	7,821	27,947
Plateware and Cutlery ..	146,409	201,242	208,130	129,640	120,991
Motor Cars (bodies, chassis, and parts) ..	941,893	345,038	101,911	47,041	56,319
Other Vehicles and parts, n.e.l.	1,054,283	5,042,060	7,983,014	7,766,715	4,930,506
Other Metals and Manufactures	880,424	1,047,401	983,844	788,537	716,626
Rubber and Rubber Goods ..	112,810	91,108	137,947	35,656	21,642
Crockery and Household Ware ..	148,529	206,540	274,826	139,829	121,463
Glass and Glassware ..	103,203	186,183	367,397	92,152	70,414
Paper ..	679,366	847,675	388,374	256,624	226,477
Books ..	278,717	241,820	271,594	248,955	427,259
Fancy Goods ..	75,256	91,302	109,971	36,847	34,118
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations	97,362	117,675	195,191	115,671	167,601
Sodium Salts ..	197,438	148,111	172,055	194,828	151,251
Dyes ..	236,556	350,818	348,549	359,366	479,310
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	151,377	262,043	1,227,846	14,670,822	6,930,500
All other Articles ..	2,364,510	2,349,796	2,781,195	2,340,566	1,515,785
Total (excluding Outside Packages) ..	16,977,691	22,648,019	27,250,688	36,605,447	25,050,484
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian parts to United Kingdom.</i>					
Butter ..	6,099,670	4,871,267	3,596,867	3,559,502	2,821,147
Cheese ..	634,289	562,972	257,242	187,553	32,738
Eggs ..	181,112	262,596	141,552	184	..
Meats—					
Beef, Mutton and Lamb ..	3,062,011	2,717,116	2,495,667	2,704,458	2,440,490
Pork ..	334,977	452,014	192,756	3,999	131,371
Rabbits and Hares ..	127,867	36,149	..	..	14,939
Other ..	371,548	378,151	496,221	475,086	309,291
Milk and Cream ..	74,468	108,566	85,616	88,276	91,708
Fruits—all kinds ..	1,699,273	1,046,855	934,004	1,073,390	1,302,002
Wheat and Flour ..	623,533	609,727	456,024	460,806	..
Jams and Jellies ..	198,605	402,258	374,696	..	21
Wine, fermented ..	19,924	4,653	626	1,987	177
Hides and Skins ..	287,587	314,603	111,309	65,829	173,521
Flax ..	..	..	5,488	257,314	360,406
Wool ..	7,648,112	3,229,560	5,427,387	3,610,506	3,442,955
Tallow, unrefined ..	33,987	103,493	56,899	4,410	84,656
Lead (Pig) ..	..	18,848	15,325	52,921	245,097
Zinc (Bars, Blocks, &c.) ..	40,010	95,544	112,800	115,617	700,688
Implements and Machinery—Agricultural, &c. ..	154,179	291,530	450,177	299,598	302,360
Leather, &c. ..	433,768	144,785	169,985	150,831	95,011
Soap ..	30,032	12,008	..	..	636
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	144,249	351,889	46,601	10,476	96,832
Bullion and Specie ..	13,304	264,100	..	..	..
All other Articles ..	566,430	527,119	434,126	202,690	292,857
Total ..	22,778,935	16,805,803	15,861,368	13,325,433	12,938,903

Trade with Canada. During 1943-44 the value of imports from Canada, which represented 3·8 per cent. of the total overseas imports of merchandise into Victorian ports, decreased by £1,033,568 as compared with the previous year. The value of exports increased in the same period by £309,733.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH CANADA, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

Articles.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of Canadian origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Fish, preserved in tins	167,901	138,587	34,097	4,699	28,193
Apparel	15,663	171,444	392,680	114,945	8,419
Piece Goods—					
Silk	64,115	66,623	33,223	11,209	..
Other	97,197	64,406	95,967	19,118	13,236
Machines and Machinery					
Electrical Machinery and appliances	32,649	26,949	39,934	123,624	28,220
Motor Car Engines (imported separately)	14,016	22,685	81,460	304,503	9,882
Other	110,537	102,765	46,845	65,293	38,235
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	30,405	147,198	148,346	122,661	101,519
Nickel	2,005	47,412	356,096	85,087	..
Vehicles—					
Motor Car Bodies and Parts	..	1,478	1,267	66	718
" " Chassis and Parts	930,937	1,193,393	1,881,606	1,256,508	466,140
" " Other	56,910	160,095	301,946	573,800	1,294,977
Other	117,528	69,598	212,674	372,189	233,165
Timber	252,036	111,094	101,038	64,898	71,997
Paper—					
Newsprint	511,404	474,044	249,922	3,351	161,164
Other	90,427	122,703	47,024	25,915	33,340
Drugs and Chemicals	50,686	92,541	184,034	149,023	150,614
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	1,891	4,114	14,590	810,696	655,165
All other Articles	366,017	221,269	255,228	388,732	167,765
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	2,912,324	3,238,898	4,477,977	4,496,317	3,462,749
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to Canada.</i>					
Sausages Casings	3,078	32,257	37,834	27,968	49,044
Fruits—					
Dried	336,135	226,750	381,694	439,967	386,236
Preserved in Liquid	30,637	51,606	28,360	..	..
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	878	59,992	31,850	4,673	1,006
Hides and Skins—					
Rabbit and Hare	225	3,545	72,744	57,855	95,371
Other	854	43,333	31,075	11,390	37,994
Wool	414,415	466,358	430,922	413,521	667,368
Vegetable Substances and Fibres	15,752	21,855	14,380	167	3,656
Tallow, unrefined	25,431	34,489	107,892	..	22,223
All other Articles	44,592	59,293	78,323	20,080	22,456
Total	871,997	999,978	1,215,074	975,621	1,285,354

Trade with
India and
Ceylon.

During 1943-44, the value of imports into Victorian ports from India and Ceylon increased by £3,160,136 as compared with the previous year, while the value of exports from Victorian ports to those countries increased by £1,437,361. The principal articles interchanged in each of the five years 1940-1944 were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
INDIA AND CEYLON, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

Articles.	Values in Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of Indian and Cingalese origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Cocoa Beans	573	576	19,703	43,039	19,696
Coffee	8,493	507	3,892	11,094	7,202
Nuts	20,869	31,225	31,516	10,749	8,943
Spices	10,701	10,245	18,463	59,891	32,206
Tea	295,216	194,421	446,642	1,394,650	1,249,121
Hides and Skins	24,415	13,188	9,741	24,952	17,869
Fibres	178,201	427,726	403,370	243,353	322,746
Gums and Resins	18,223	25,403	46,504	94,901	36,059
Seeds—					
Linseed	73,825	74,554	65,637	122,590	112,149
Other	21,002	35,863	37,603	115,752	113,638
Apparel	1,274	8,057	34,287	8,577	237,645
Textiles—					
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck	9,809	102,389	102,513	133,553	376,495
Cotton and Linen	51,225	329,839	815,168	1,368,986	3,206,196
Hessians	271,774	217,577	376,731	452,785	865,693
Other	6,135	31,153	104,357	191,565	167,990
Other Textiles	15,821	42,171	146,215	95,346	842,142
Floor Coverings	14,161	31,319	104,695	3,650	1,489
Bags and Sacks	770,372	799,180	909,568	1,493,385	495,485
Cordage and Twine			5,333	15,209	296,762
Yarns	12,200	37,860	122,918	229,933	303,360
Oils in Bulk	3,809	12,204	4,167	6,430	2
Waxes	158	43,211	22,110	58,025	23,219
Rubber, &c.	2,805	1,327	162,797	625,363	1,067,163
All other Articles	82,403	77,703	74,620	414,908	631,170
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	1,893,464	2,547,698	4,068,550	7,218,686	10,434,440
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to India and Ceylon.</i>					
Butter	16,022	23,353	25,000	59,520	117,522
Cheese	34,514	66,737	73,966	11,980	502,405
Meats	42,818	123,908	308,435	174,643	484,646
Milk and Cream	71,736	111,768	781,362	392,194	629,047
Biscuits	2,577	1,649	3,595	72,913	28,331
Hay and Chaff	1,110	981	291	95	22
Fruits (all kinds)	21,588	49,160	55,342	13,665	115,749
Wheat	170	456	3,538	573,856	275,276
Flour	100,520	138,925	127,521	703,830	1,187,746
Other Grain and Pulse	15,667	14,910	31,787	14,734	121,643
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors—					
Ale and Beer	14,073	53,992	88,165	176,321	138,520
Other	941	37,077	58,273	51,702	83,809

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH INDIA AND
CEYLON, 1939-40 TO 1943-44—continued.

Articles.	Values in Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to India and Ceylon—continued.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Jams and Jellies	6,251	25,567	26,221	186,995	270,716
Horses	14,850	22,126	7,308	..	..
Wool	425,137	450,302	887,860	1,200,583	1,421,484
Apparel—					
Underwear	38	1,068	606	35,997	1,882
Other	544	25,131	396,144	639	6,060
Yarns, Wool	9	477	60,485	839,079	250,688
Tallow, unrefined	29,515	21,708	60,951	52,915	37,570
Zinc (bars, blocks, &c.) .. ..	..	..	125,422	144,538	43,837
Soap	712	791	741	..	16,904
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	9,020	30,174	2,971	6,556	132,641
All other Articles	82,747	219,719	323,512	174,102	477,708
Total	890,559	1,419,979	3,449,496	4,886,857	6,344,206

Trade with New Zealand. The value of imports into Victorian ports from New Zealand during 1943-44 decreased by £450,219 as compared with that of the previous year, whilst the value of exports from Victorian ports thereto decreased by £246,619. The principal articles of trade during each of the five years 1940-44 were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
NEW ZEALAND, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of New Zealand origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Fish	58,628	69,875	78,619	79,317	83,776
Milk and Cream	51	2	896	4,127	3,951
Meats	8,061	6,879	11,732	62,325	36,416
Grain and Pulse	22,282	19,748	22,551	88,268	36,440
Hops	630	..	..	1,006	412
Animals (horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs)	24,421	5,257	5,158	3,643	18,414
Hides and Skins	44,736	30,196	61,400	139,516	89,140
Wool	68,479	180,700	46,984	11,714	35,369
Flax and Hemp	618	..	1,685	..	..
Oakum and Tow	129	..	1,354	..	77
Seeds	24,886	63,320	31,909	46,680	52,175
Timber	33,882	43,738	34,436	17,366	6,838
Gold and Silver	449,134	450,047	591,073	738,574	376,773
All other Articles	73,283	83,550	103,839	80,215	82,751
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	809,220	953,312	996,636	1,272,751	822,532

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH NEW ZEALAND,
1939-40 TO 1943-44—continued.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to New Zealand.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Fruits, all kinds	263,549	331,206	361,567	355,890	355,090
Grain and Pulse—					
Wheat	26,798	64,954	159,772	274,779	398,638
Flour		1,182	1,635	..	..
Oats	12,589	6,421	..	..	..
Rice and Rice Meal	8,455	4,810	16,587	16,042	23,304
Tea	210	1,070	..	..	..
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	9,598	10,259	8,340	13,724	46,297
Tobacco manufactured .. ..	..	16	..	..	..
Apparel	27,265	21,589	74,197	34,082	27,256
Textiles	62,912	138,022	76,654	32,083	44,506
Manufactured Fibres	225,725	279,115	99,332	183,270	138,101
Oils	22,553	26,223	241,235	14,784	21,843
Machines and Machinery	200,439	178,882	132,303	114,861	89,475
Metal manufactures	167,788	164,090	169,726	129,574	129,114
Rubber manufactures	17,814	29,573	52,869	148,150	130,425
Leather, &c.	45,188	45,089	59,456	81,267	91,110
Books	21,451	17,107	27,398	26,153	23,251
Photographic goods and materials	62,781	49,966	44,311	45,965	29,282
Drugs and Chemicals	47,879	77,041	101,514	97,286	103,050
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	134,051	214,339	111,613	612,940	137,640
All other Articles	343,690	297,143	244,661	241,663	407,512
Australian produce	1,553,230	1,795,890	1,862,809	2,342,239	2,148,557
Other produce	147,505	162,207	120,861	80,274	47,337
Total	1,700,735	1,958,097	1,983,670	2,422,513	2,195,894

Trade with Germany, France, and Belgium.

Trade with Germany ceased after the outbreak of war in 1939, and virtually ceased with France and Belgium after their occupation in 1940.

Trade with Netherlands East Indies.

The Netherlands East Indies were occupied by Japan early in 1942, and thereupon trade between Victoria and that country was suspended.

Trade with United States of America.

The value of imports into Victorian ports from the United States of America decreased by £8,100,466 during 1943-44 as compared with 1942-43, whilst the value of exports from Victorian ports to that country increased during the same period by £1,797,035. The principal articles included in the trade with the United States of America in each of the five years 1940-1944 were as follows :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imports (British Currency Value).</i>					
<i>Articles of United States origin</i>					
<i>imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Fish, preserved in tins	3,479	681	13,076	104,936	60,741
Sausage Casings	76,239	49,855	118,043	26,755	5,388
Tobacco, &c.	534,142	237,697	340,393	270,834	1,205,517
Gums and Resins	67,379	46,843	43,636	73,952	113,237
Pulp for Papermaking	71,221	331,570	418,765	308,439	359,229
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	51,230	132,660	148,512	499,496	1,751,690
Other	27,680	8,218	3,521	132,817	16,845
Manufactured Fibres and Yarns ..	8,067	2,602	142,243	239,586	145,097
Oils	848,463	548,913	613,215	1,689,858	2,275,865
Paints and Varnishes	92,397	70,015	65,118	40,391	49,064
Asphalt, Bitumen, and Natural					
Pitch	35,919	27,834	29,381	12,603	30,694
Electrical Machines and Appliances	132,453	134,489	136,384	720,932	1,152,277
Metal Working Machinery	178,961	909,876	1,044,831	2,209,455	1,991,586
Motive Power Machinery—					
Aircraft Engines and Parts	73,740	656,371	997,736	2,758,642	1,675,254
Other	237,222	191,264	351,083	806,331	1,410,555
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings	20,771	214,537	259,383	571,993	316,103
Other Machines and Machinery ..	425,409	418,705	418,332	659,542	1,210,544
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	174,823	192,063	2,124,443	2,286,738	2,717,839
Tools of Trade	69,800	103,915	168,992	359,201	486,335
Vehicles and Parts—					
Motor Bodies, Chassis, &c. ..	534,199	277,002	732,240	1,641,740	762,729
Aircraft	1,329,311	1,360,479	3,520,412	7,023,272	6,817,930
Other	174,765	139,640	358,233	15,073,105	12,473,956
Other Metals, &c.	160,646	330,475	372,769	605,952	1,285,058
Rubber, &c.	46,988	25,547	27,403	155,073	6,953
Timber	105,727	41,804	8,780	7,232	17,345
Glass and Glassware	38,124	18,988	25,999	13,971	2,321
Paper	73,030	100,603	65,525	89,719	641,107
Stationery	68,311	44,249	24,168	29,011	90,726
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Fancy					
Goods	45,550	13,182	7,513	10,549	47,594
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific					
Instruments	110,638	120,340	203,988	334,438	216,647
Acetone	20,379	51,801	41,519	161,663	..
Sulphur (Brimstone)	192,651	130,008	113,879	43,980	48,648
Other Drugs and Chemicals	279,908	439,208	470,467	495,099	512,186
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	8,029	4,896	293,632	13,292,133	2,232,831
Celluloid, Sheet, Strips, &c. ..	96,381	83,256	94,376	161,650	108,491
Fire Brigade and Life Saving					
Appliances	79	17,961	10,183	461,173	2,319,300
Vessels (Ships)	320	..	685	606,774	555,344
Gold, Silver, and Bronze Specie..	..	..	..	192,981	649,448
All other Articles	641,284	346,496	346,792	254,559	593,765
Total (excluding Outside					
Packages)	7,055,715	7,924,046	14,155,700	54,426,705	46,326,239
<i>Exports (Australian Currency</i>					
<i>Values) from Victorian ports to</i>					
<i>the United States.</i>					
Sausage Casings	215,590	194,287	217,971	169,558	117,561
Hides and Skins	785,736	1,385,000	2,675,335	1,689,321	2,694,378
Wool	467,834	4,402,630	7,769,609	4,927,360	5,811,086
Seeds—Agricultural and Vegetable	8,499	10,174	21,073	33,874	43,500
Tallow, unrefined	27,743	10,950	102,339	14,507	130,906
Machines and Machinery	6,519	12,836	4,115	1,904	3,117
Lead (Pig) .. ..	..	..	210,729	216,539	..
Leather, &c.	384	139	1,247	499	6,517
Eucalyptus Oil	41,571	52,289	76,198	35,263	57,010
Gold Bullion	3,302,483	8,285,338	..	..	..
All other Articles	276,393	106,922	167,461	55,048	76,833
Total	5,132,752	14,460,565	11,246,077	7,143,873	8,940,908

Principal
Exports—
Quantities
and Values.

Particulars relating to quantities and values of the principal commodities exported from Victorian ports are given in the following table:—

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE YEARS 1940-41 TO 1943-44.
(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.)

Commodity.		1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
Wool—					
Greasy	lb.	102,124,132	174,855,386	108,474,335	102,687,848
	£	7,132,648	11,358,307	8,004,032	8,175,116
Scoured and Washed .. .	lb.	14,025,326	26,514,236	10,426,847	14,611,839
	£	1,446,157	2,693,940	1,265,794	1,783,890
Tops, Noils, and Waste .. .	lb.	5,584,081	5,800,016	7,132,602	9,136,602
	£	841,742	917,045	1,225,978	1,860,512
Butter	lb.	89,536,377	70,309,411	61,156,658	49,490,628
	£	5,503,189	4,354,788	4,059,231	3,299,164
Wheat	centals	2,384,194	1,944,263	3,992,363	2,370,710
	£	777,066	684,014	1,522,268	952,342
Flour (wheaten)	centals	5,496,471	2,794,264	2,317,585	3,494,116
	£	2,683,545	1,440,342	1,214,573	1,994,574
Fruits—					
Dried	lb.	91,575,307	98,434,654	106,313,331	107,942,369
	£	1,487,415	1,670,001	1,775,005	1,950,668
Fresh	lb.	13,929,800	11,692,300	8,425,100	6,390,600
	£	144,400	115,781	119,686	157,497
Preserved in Liquid .. .	lb.	31,649,375	36,432,256	6,084,189	3,758,560
	£	527,997	634,254	115,205	128,885
Meats—					
Beef (frozen)	lb.	1,316,287	965,229	969,713	1,294,546
	£	23,985	29,955	24,958	35,018
Lamb (frozen)	lb.	101,758,592	89,837,415	96,230,694	82,627,738
	£	2,686,397	2,505,211	2,649,335	2,383,616
Mutton (frozen) .. .	lb.	4,921,199	5,006,645	5,670,729	11,173,911
	£	76,224	80,470	104,035	181,741
Pork (frozen)	lb.	16,103,886	7,190,130	490,066	4,141,392
	£	473,980	218,642	22,379	154,114
Rabbits and Hares (frozen)	pairs	714,459	58,144	95,793	328,487
	£	45,327	4,334	10,283	28,520
Sausage Casings .. .	cwt.	20,129	19,668	15,756	12,989
	£	306,797	347,609	321,863	281,977
All other	—				
	£	638,012	1,608,852	970,120	926,234
Milk and Cream	lb.	38,090,686	60,416,326	46,502,138	23,861,695
	£	983,349	1,556,845	1,383,487	832,479
Hides and Skins—					
Sheep	lb.	13,615,957	30,500,134	19,150,139	15,139,758
	£	496,137	1,127,095	824,235	639,118
Calf, Cattle, Horse .. .	No.	88,280	16,567	8,522	43,658
	£	65,733	11,388	6,277	56,754

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE YEARS 1940-41 TO 1943-44—*continued.*

Commodity.		1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
Hides and Skins—<i>continued.</i>					
Rabbit and Hare	.. { lb.	5,347,928	4,274,365	3,234,179	5,906,243
	.. { £	1,109,491	1,648,356	988,346	2,072,741
Other Skins	.. { £	92,431	104,450	66,622	258,539
Tallow (unrefined)	.. { cwt.	197,970	299,854	38,768	190,907
	.. { £	194,243	376,225	72,325	278,402
Eggs in shell	.. { dozen	3,951,966	10,980	5,220	10,550
	.. { £	263,627	966	119	866
Cheese	.. { lb.	14,739,826	13,873,255	10,677,258	14,882,977
	.. { £	810,805	593,174	514,535	986,770

Ships' Stores. Prior to 1906 goods shipped at Victorian ports on board oversea vessels as ships' stores were included in particulars of exports. From 1906 the information has been excluded from the export figures. The value of these stores shipped during each of the years 1939-40 to 1943-44 is given in the following table:—

VICTORIA—VALUE OF STORES SHIPPED ON OVERSEA VESSELS, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Ale, Beer, and Porter	£ 9,031	£ 14,029	£ 20,259	£ 22,414	£ 15,756
Butter	8,368	13,290	13,523	13,126	13,093
Cheese	1,439	1,317	2,154	3,361	2,600
Coal (Bunker)	7,784	11,811	15,850	16,561	19,712
Cordage and Twines	5,058	3,892	4,235	4,098	5,819
Eggs	4,925	4,869	8,865	15,235	6,962
Fish	6,677	11,920	16,091	16,270	15,033
Fruits (all kinds)	7,901	8,274	9,142	15,441	10,489
Fruit and Vegetables (in liquid)	2,694	2,440	5,046	5,408	5,569
Vegetables	7,761	8,383	10,488	19,408	8,448
Flour (wheaten)	4,771	7,550	7,203	58,185	14,694
Jams and Jellies	1,188	2,161	3,263	5,231	3,099
Meats	40,344	44,640	58,485	94,340	73,048
Milk and Cream (preserved)	6,085	6,616	8,555	14,347	11,555
Oils for use as fuel in vessels	86,189	163,033	867,663	1,109,147	1,237,045
Oils for use as fuel in aircraft		1,139	6,075		187
Oils, other	13,263	26,228	48,126	53,483	53,519
Paints and Colours	2,741	7,755	12,051	26,150	24,601
Potatoes	10,906	7,998	7,792	11,957	5,739
Spirits	1,814	3,025	9,625	11,100	7,186
Sugar	1,406	2,293	3,840	4,144	5,132
Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes	3,036	4,933	13,361	22,133	12,708
All other Articles	31,310	63,708	89,250	171,338	169,993
Australian Produce	195,322	313,488	723,606	544,257	472,743
Other Produce	69,369	106,677	512,400	1,174,695	1,248,244
Total	264,691	420,165	1,236,006	1,718,952	1,720,987

**Customs
and Excise
Revenue.**

The oversea trade and the gross revenue collected at Victorian ports, during the year 1943-44, are shown in the following statement:—

**OVERSEA TRADE AND GROSS REVENUE COLLECTED AT
VICTORIAN PORTS, 1943-44.**

Heading.	Melbourne.	Geelong.	Portland.	Warrnam- bool.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£
Overseas Trade—					
Imports (British Currency) ..	89,646,970	515,032	90,310	..	90,252,312
Exports (Australian Currency)	34,449,693	1,565,835	531,365	..	36,546,893
Gross Revenue (Australian Currency)—					
Customs Duties	5,262,945	275,575	137,146	..	5,675,666
Excise Duties	14,331,029	54,054	..	..	14,385,083
Primage	832,877	15,678	6,944	..	855,499
Other Sources	28,671	289	40	..	29,000
Total	20,455,522	345,596	144,130	..	20,945,248*

* After deducting £558,052 for Refunds and Drawbacks, &c., the net revenue was £20,387,196.

**Interstate
Trade.**

On the 13th September, 1910, the Commonwealth Government abandoned the collecting and recording of information relating to Interstate imports and exports, but, at the Statisticians' Conference held in 1926 at Perth, it was resolved that action should be taken by the Statistician of each State (with the exception of Western Australia and Tasmania where schemes for collecting interstate trade statistics were in force) with a view to obtaining a record of the principal items of interstate trade. It has not been possible to obtain complete information regarding the interstate trade of Victoria. However, returns relating to the interchange of certain goods between Victoria and the other States were received from the Harbor Trusts, the Ports and Harbors Branch of the Public Works Department, and the Railways Department (until February, 1942), but staff difficulties due to war conditions have necessitated discontinuance of their publication.

SHIPPING.

Vessels entered and cleared. Victorian shipping, as dealt with in the succeeding tables, refers to vessels trading with other States and oversea countries; the tonnage quoted is net. Public vessels which were exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, equipment and war supplies and vessels trading on the Victorian coast and on the River Murray have not been taken into consideration. Coastal shipping is included in the particulars of the shipping at Victorian ports (page 152).

The number of vessels entered and cleared, and their total tonnage in each of the five years 1939-1943, were as follows:—

VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING,
1939-40 TO 1942-43.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
Vessels Entered—					
Number ..	2,979	2,658	2,465	2,154	1,681
Tons	8,537,085	7,024,938	5,590,010	4,451,343	3,281,980
Average tonnage	2,866	2,643	2,268	2,067	1,952
Vessels Cleared—					
Number ..	2,989	2,672	2,473	2,139	1,678
Tons	8,479,995	7,092,540	5,568,256	4,459,084	3,260,936
Average tonnage	2,837	2,654	2,252	2,085	1,943

For the twelve months ended 30th June, 1943, steamers numbered 1,549 of the vessels entered and 1,543 of the vessels cleared, their tonnage aggregating 3,261,823 and 3,240,209 respectively. The inward shipping included 19 vessels in ballast, of an aggregate tonnage of 20,132, whilst the outward shipping included 382 vessels in ballast, having an aggregate tonnage of 822,437.

Note.—Oil burning vessels are included with steamers, which prior to 1936-37 also included "Sailing Vessels with auxiliary engines."

Shipping with
principal
countries.

The countries having shipping communication with Victoria in 1942-43 are set out in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—SHIPPING WITH PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, 1942-43.

Countries.	Vessels Entered.				Vessels Cleared.			
	Steamers.*		Sailing Vessels.		Steamers.*		Sailing Vessels.	
	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.						
Australian States	1,238	1,872,467	118	15,514	1,301	2,154,119	119	15,774
United Kingdom	50	300,039	..	..	49	269,835	..	..
New Zealand	22	45,921	13	2,103	32	110,416	14	2,258
India	52	227,014	..	..	45	202,411	..	..
Straits Settlements .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other British	47	194,077	1	2,540	29	114,704	1	2,540
Total British Countries ..	1,409	2,639,518	132	20,157	1,456	2,851,485	134	20,572
Japan .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dutch East Indies .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Unites States of America ..	78	351,439	..	..	48	227,059	1	155
Other Foreign	62	270,866	..	..	39	161,665	..	..
Total Foreign Countries	140	622,305	..	..	87	388,724	1	155
Grand Total ..	1,549	3,261,823	132	20,157	1,543	3,240,209	135	20,727

* See footnote on page 150.

Nationality
of vessels.

The nationality of vessels entered and cleared at Victorian ports for the year 1942-43 was as follows:—

VICTORIA—NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1942-43.

Nationality.	Vessels Entered.		Vessels Cleared.	
	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.
British—				
Australian	1,158	1,293,390	1,161	1,301,153
United Kingdom	186	925,124	190	947,188
Canadian	2	8,500	3	12,743
Hong Kong .. ..	..	..	..	..
New Zealand	47	50,313	48	49,459
South African	8	27,247	6	18,760
Other British	23	57,866	24	57,037
Total British	1,424	2,362,440	1,432	2,386,340

VICTORIA—NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1942-43—*continued.*

Nationality.	Vessels Entered.		Vessels Cleared.	
	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number.	Net Tonnage.
Foreign—				
Danish .. .. .	..	..	..	..
French .. .. .	..	..	..	..
German .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Dutch	22	101,411	26	117,350
Italian .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Japanese .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Norwegian	110	307,526	115	330,399
Swedish	25	91,355	22	79,658
United States of America ..	76	339,379	58	263,892
Other Foreign	24	79,869	25	83,297
Total, Foreign	257	919,540	246	874,596
Grand Total	1,681	3,281,980	1,678	3,260,936

Shipping
entered at
Victorian
Ports.

Particulars of shipping—oversea, interstate, and coastal—which entered at each port of Victoria are given in the following statement for the year ended 30th June, 1943.

VICTORIA—VESSELS ENTERED AT EACH PORT, 1942-43.

Direction.	Melbourne.		Geelong.		Portland.		Warrnam- bool.	
	Number.	Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.
Oversea—								
Steam*	218	958,149	5	16,311	1	4,865	..	..
Sailing	8	1,306	..	..	..	..	..	..
Interstate†								
Steam*	1,250	2,159,900	74	120,599	1	1,999	..	..
Sailing	119	18,381	5	470	..	..	..	..
Oversea <i>via</i> Ports—								
Steam* and Sailing ..	6	21,501	8	38,727	2	11,260	..	..
Interstate <i>via</i> Ports—								
Steam* and Sailing ..	14	26,667	3	856	..	..	..	..
Local (within the State)—								
Steam* and Sailing ..	48	118,863	54	101,055	2	15,252	..	..
Total—								
Steam* and Sailing ..	1,663	3,304,767	149	273,018	6	33,376	..	..

NOTE.—“Ports” means Victorian ports.

* See footnote on page 150.

† Including “Oversea *via* States”.

Cargo
discharged
and shipped.

Statistics relating to the tonnage of cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria during the year ended 30th June, 1943, are shown in the following tables. The former shows the tonnage of interstate and oversea cargo handled at each port in the State, and the latter the tonnage of oversea cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria according to the nationality of the vessels in which the cargo was carried.

VICTORIA—TONNAGE OF INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA
CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED AT EACH PORT
DURING THE YEAR 1942-43.

Port.	Discharged.		Shipped.	
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Melbourne	2,421,092	1,445,721	1,017,713	700,236
Geelong	196,521	51,550	31,890	105,624
Portland .. .. .	..	20,853	..	2,582
Warrnambool .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Total	2,617,613	1,518,124	1,049,603	808,442

VICTORIA—TONNAGE OF OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED
AND SHIPPED DURING THE YEAR 1942-43 ACCORDING
TO THE NATIONALITY OF VESSELS.

Nationality of Vessels Carrying Cargo.	Tonnage.	
	Discharged.	Shipped.
Australian	8,473	12,199
United Kingdom	527,306	359,695
Canadian	6,193	14,423
Hong Kong .. .. .	..	..
New Zealand	30,571	65,641
South African	17,289	14,516
Other British	26,086	68,468
Total British	615,918	534,942
Danish .. .. .	..	..
French .. .. .	..	..
German .. .. .	..	..
Dutch	38,654	45,544
Italian .. .. .	..	..
Japanese .. .. .	..	..
Norwegian	359,712	96,516
Swedish	110,221	38,130
United States of America	379,089	64,418
Other Foreign	14,530	28,892
Total Foreign	902,206	273,500
Grand Total	1,518,124	808,442

PRINCIPAL PORTS OF VICTORIA.

Port of Melbourne.

The Port of Melbourne is under the control of the Melbourne Harbor Trust, which had 11·69 miles of wharfs, piers, and jetties in the River Yarra, Victoria Dock, Maribyrnong River, and Hobson's Bay at 31st December, 1944. The area of these wharfs, &c., is 58 acres, and there are 30½ acres of sheds. Reference to the constitution of the Trust and the revenue and expenditure thereof are shown in part "Local Government".

Trade of the Port of Melbourne.

During the year 1944, vessels to the number of 1,682 (1,388 steamers, 187 motor vessels and 107 sailing vessels) with registered gross tonnage aggregating 6,929,621, berthed within the Port. Total imports in 1944 amounted to 3,827,477 tons, of which 2,294,542 tons were interstate and coastal cargo. Exports totalled 1,946,580 tons, including interstate and coastal tonnage amounting to 982,069. Coal formed a great part of the interstate imports and, excluding 68,212 tons transhipped to vessels and 20,231 tons kept on board and landed at Geelong, Adelaide, or Warrnambool, or used for bunkers, the quantity imported during 1944 amounted to 1,108,710 tons.

Port of Geelong.

The Port of Geelong is controlled by the Geelong Harbor Trust. The number of berthings of vessels visiting the port during 1944 was 177 and represented 500,346 gross tonnage. Imports and exports for that period aggregated 259,439 and 117,251 tons respectively.

POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES, AND WIRELESS.

The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (63 and 64 Vict., Chapter 12) provided, in section 51, power to make laws with respect to *inter alia*, "postal, telegraphic, telephonic, and other like services."

These services are under the control of the Postmaster-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. Information given in the following tables refers only to the Victorian activities of the department.

The number of post offices and the number of mails despatched and received in each of the five years 1939-40 to 1943-44 are given hereunder.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF POST OFFICES AND MAILS, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Post Offices.*	Number of Mails—	
		Despatched.	Received.
1940	2,583	2,272,963	2,126,363
1941	2,579	2,320,389	2,123,445
1942	2,560	2,263,630	2,107,101
1943	2,546	2,303,387	2,093,297
1944	2,528	2,090,731	1,837,481

* Excluding "Telephone" offices at which telegraph and telephone business only is transacted, viz., 1939-40, 252; 1940-41, 248; 1941-42, 243; 1942-43, 243; 1943-44, 240.

Postal
Returns—
Victoria.

Particulars relating to the number of letters, packets, and newspapers dealt with during 1942-43 and 1943-44 are given hereunder.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF LETTERS, PACKETS, AND NEWSPAPERS DEALT WITH, 1942-43 AND 1943-44.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June, 1943.			Year Ended 30th June, 1944.		
	Letters, Post-cards, Letter-cards and Packets.	Newspapers.	Total.	Letters, Post-cards, Letter-cards.	Newspapers and Packets.	Total.
<i>Posted for delivery—</i>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<i>Within the Commonwealth ..</i>	255,086,500	38,654,000	293,740,500	252,737,300	40,842,500	293,579,800
<i>Beyond the Commonwealth—</i>						
Despatched ..	4,104,700	1,615,000	5,719,700	4,397,300	1,547,500	5,944,800
Received ..	2,795,400	2,150,600	4,946,000	4,559,300	3,221,200	7,780,500
Total ..	261,986,600	42,419,600	304,406,200	261,693,900	45,611,200	307,305,100

The number of registered articles posted and received and particulars concerning parcels post, are shown below.

VICTORIA—REGISTERED ARTICLES AND PARCELS POST, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

Year Ended 30th June—	Registered Articles (other than Parcels).				Parcels Post.*			
	Posted for Delivery—		Total Posted in Commonwealth.	Received from Beyond the Commonwealth.	Posted for Delivery—		Total Posted in Commonwealth.	Received from Beyond the Commonwealth.
	Within the Commonwealth.	Beyond the Commonwealth.			Within the Commonwealth.	Beyond the Commonwealth.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
1940 ..	2,219,252	85,269	2,304,521	99,298	1,843,400	52,000	1,895,400	
1941 ..	2,645,246	72,183	2,717,429	80,757	2,013,500	252,500	2,266,000	
1942 ..	3,130,340	55,483	3,185,823	80,321	2,421,400	478,700	2,900,100	
1943 ..	3,774,300	37,500	3,811,800	74,400	4,241,900	119,400	4,361,300	
1944 ..	4,481,300	26,500	4,507,800	50,600	4,866,100	156,600	5,022,700	

* Including Registered Value payable and Duty Parcels.

Dead
Letters—
Victoria.

During 1943-44 there were 341,266 letters, &c., and 61,734 packets, &c., returned direct to writers or delivered; 53,061 letters, &c., and 35,123 packets, &c., were destroyed in accordance with the Post and Telegraph Act; and 13,075 letters, &c., and 1,282 packets, &c., were returned, as unclaimed, to other countries. Money and valuables to the amount of £34,359 were found in postal articles sent to the Dead Letter Office as undeliverable. Postal articles numbering 150 were posted without address.

The following table shows the total number and value of money orders and postal notes issued and paid in each of the five years 1939-40 to 1943-44:—

VICTORIA—MONEY ORDERS AND POSTAL NOTES, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Number of Money Order Offices open	817	832	844	849	856
Money Orders Issued—					
Intra-state .. {	524,544	548,822	582,021	586,233	562,280
.. {	3,120,385	3,488,210	4,307,799	4,991,706	5,626,657
.. {	98,778	115,910	137,795	153,250	152,687
.. {	438,618	494,595	582,702	752,490	817,470
Beyond the Com- {	39,724	24,050	16,121	15,029	16,046
monwealth {	77,025	45,464	32,403	32,512	36,079
Total .. {	663,046	688,782	735,937	754,512	731,013
.. {	3,636,028	4,028,269	4,922,904	5,776,708	6,480,206
Money Orders Paid—					
Intra-state .. {	524,000	542,091	584,242	586,192	562,423
.. {	3,140,381	3,491,207	4,307,701	4,991,724	5,626,674
Interstate .. {	150,266	169,144	186,229	223,698	223,428
.. {	676,588	755,304	871,694	1,226,676	1,325,260
Beyond the Com- {	25,043	17,153	15,199	13,074	13,209
monwealth {	75,877	52,970	49,033	43,202	53,990
Total .. {	699,309	728,388	785,670	822,964	799,060
.. {	3,892,846	4,299,481	5,228,428	6,261,602	7,005,924
Postal Notes—					
Intra-state .. {	6,476,137	6,408,665	6,487,509	6,235,422	6,381,376
.. {	2,232,187	2,269,263	2,370,790	2,344,942	2,344,864
Paid—Issued with- {	3,898,827	4,022,446	4,100,012	3,919,877	3,596,401
in the State {	1,480,670	1,556,511	1,638,223	1,594,967	1,467,350
Paid — Issued in {	621,326	634,679	628,905	839,210	1,055,637
other States {	242,581	271,933	275,181	447,230	690,560

Of the money orders issued in 1943-44, 714,967 for £6,444,127 were payable in the Commonwealth of Australia, 3,730 for £7,684 in New Zealand, 8,971 for £19,473 in the United Kingdom, and 3,345 for £8,922 in other countries. The orders paid included 785,851 for £6,951,934 issued in the Commonwealth, 5,468 for £10,838 in New Zealand, 4,958 for £30,577 in the United Kingdom, and 2,783 for £12,575 in other countries.

Telegraphs and Telegrams. The following table gives particulars relating to the telegraph business during each of the five years 1939-40 to 1943-44 :—

VICTORIA—TELEGRAPH BUSINESS, 1938-39 TO 1942-43.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Number of Telegraph Offices (including Railway Telegraph Offices)	2,474	2,471	2,464	2,465	2,468
Telegrams—					
Within the Commonwealth—					
Paid and Collect Telegrams					
Despatched—					
Ordinary, Urgent, and Press	3,736,055	4,338,022	5,327,044	6,426,727	7,329,335
Lettergrams	37,688	30,827	33,577	25,197	19,139
Radiograms	1,921	2,215	735	1,521	1,046
Unpaid Telegrams Transmitted—					
Service, Shipping, Meteorological	306,876	301,144	442,610	487,266	499,566
Total	4,082,540	4,672,208	5,803,966	6,940,711	7,849,086
Beyond the Commonwealth—					
Despatched	238,334	289,375	439,983	445,946	307,491
Received	223,992	276,033	361,429	365,528	276,147
Total Number of Telegrams dealt with	4,544,866	5,237,616	6,605,378	7,752,185	8,432,724
Revenue—					
Telegrams within the Commonwealth	£ 246,760	£ 274,564	£ 376,009	£ 432,797	£ 469,705
Telegrams beyond the Commonwealth	51,062	55,999	95,342	89,189	71,112
Total Revenue received in State	297,822	330,563	471,351	521,986	540,817

Information relating to the telephone service is given below for the years 1939-40 to 1943-44.

VICTORIA—TELEPHONES, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Telephone Exchanges	1,685	1,686	1,676	1,672	1,671
Public Telephones ..	2,620	2,775	2,928	3,059	3,056
Lines connected ..	157,081	164,051	167,909	170,780	175,526
Instruments connected	218,128	223,936	237,484	246,507	254,861
Instruments per 1,000 of Population ..	114·6	118·1	121·5	124·4	127·5
Effective Paid Local Calls—					
(a) Subscribers ..	173,986,478	180,849,691	186,734,556	181,036,915	180,057,726
(b) Public Telephones ..	11,549,253	13,561,093	15,749,645	17,402,442	18,592,378
Trunk Line Calls ..	11,853,346	12,223,393	12,940,573	13,643,346	14,877,335

Details of wireless licences in force in Victoria at the end of each of the years 1939-40 to 1943-44 are shown hereunder. Consequent on the passing of the Australian Broadcasting Act in July, 1942, broadcast listeners' licences for 1942-43 were issued in two categories, viz. :—(a) licences for one receiver, (b) licences for receivers in excess of one. The number of licences (for one receiver) in force in Victoria, at 30th June, 1944, represented 28 per cent. of the total for Australia (1,394,890).

VICTORIA—WIRELESS LICENCES IN FORCE. 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

Class of Licence.	At 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Coast	1	1	1	1	1
Ship	94	86	82	79	78
Aircraft	10	11	9	9	11
Land	4	4	3	3	3
Broadcasting* ..	19	19	19	19	19
Broadcast Listeners—					
One receiver ..	} 348,158	362,790	371,502	375,933	391,542
More than one receiver ..				15,017	17,783
Experimental ..	106	†	†	†	†
Portable	2	2	..	..	..
Special	28	26	65	131	247
Total	348,422	362,939	371,681	391,192	409,684

* Exclusive of five stations operated by the National Broadcasting Service (P.M.G.'s Department).

† Operation of Experimental Stations suspended for duration of war.

Particulars concerning the revenue and expenditure of the Postmaster-General's Department in Victoria for the years 1939-40 to 1943-44 are contained in the following table:—

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT IN VICTORIA, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
<i>Revenue.</i>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Postage*	1,856,018	1,966,168	2,449,926	2,389,994	2,704,970
Money Order Commission	74,608	74,699	74,649	80,369	79,496
Postage on Postal Notes	14,465	14,544	14,829	15,429	16,404
Private Boxes and Bags	136,454	218,862	213,820	274,715	261,483
Miscellaneous*					
Total Postal	2,081,545	2,274,273	2,753,224	2,760,507	3,062,353
Telegraph	366,780	408,517	491,785	959,100	948,931
Radio *	161,422	198,657	156,514	187,417	189,125
Telephones	2,487,315	2,648,137	2,919,470	3,242,806	3,433,529
Grand Total†	5,097,062	5,529,584	6,320,993	7,149,830	7,633,938
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries and Contingencies—					
Salaries and Payments in the					
Nature of Salary	1,594,464	1,656,788	1,837,095	2,257,362	2,511,527
General Expenses	133,476	143,530	151,212	146,114	171,579
Stores and Material	51,942	45,104	69,542	152,295	609,838
Mail Services	269,599	283,993	296,677	300,404	376,302
Engineering Services (other than new works)	949,018	976,889	1,115,140	1,320,346	1,272,968
Pensions and Retiring Allowances	23,168	20,402	18,917	16,290	14,772
Rents, Repairs, Maintenance, Fittings, &c.	32,902	32,515	43,660	41,205	51,998
Proportion of Audit Expenses	3,240	3,304	3,577	3,550	3,550
New Works—					
Telegraph, Telephones, and Wireless	885,694	814,060	765,800	653,700	732,500
New Buildings, &c.	16,592	61,191	75,897	72,247	48,783
Total Expenditure‡	3,960,095	4,037,776	4,377,517	4,963,513	5,793,817

* Including "Central Office" collections. † Actual collections. ‡ Actual payments.

TRANSPORT.

Under the provisions of the *Transport Regulation Act* 1932, the Transport Regulation Board was appointed by the Governor in Council on 16th February, 1933, for the purposes of securing the improvement and co-ordination of means and facilities for locomotion and transport and of carrying into effect the objects and purposes of the Act.

Brief reference to certain provisions of the Transport Regulation Acts of 1933, 1935, 1940, and 1941 respectively and the system evolved to implement them is made in previous issues of the *Year-Book*.

The number of transport licences in force at 30th June, 1944, classified according to the various types of licence issued, are shown hereunder.

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT LICENCES IN FORCE AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1944.

Discretionary Licences.			Licences "As of Right."		
Type of Licence.	Permanent Licences relating to Commercial Passenger Vehicles operated as—	Number of Licences.	Type of Licence.	To operate for Hire or Reward—	Number of Licences.
A	Stage Omnibuses ..	872	EA	Within 25 miles of Melbourne ..	6,111
B	Touring Omnibuses ..	—	EB	Within 25 miles of Ballarat Within 25 miles of Bendigo	724
C	Special Service Omnibuses ..	82			
D	Permanent licences relating to commercial goods vehicles ..	644	EC	Within 25 miles of Geelong Within 20 miles of the places of business of the owners outside the radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong ..	5,570
			ED	Primary Producers, the vehicles being operated in connexion with their business as such and in some cases for the carriage for hire or reward of their neighbours' produce ..	1,895
			EF	Commercial goods vehicles owned by butter or cheese factories and operated for the carriage of milk or cream and goods necessary for such factory ..	360
			EG	Private Carriers, the vehicles being used to carry the goods of the owners in the course of trade in connexion with their own business ..	18,482
			EH	(i) Carrying only 3rd Schedule goods ..	1,071
				(ii) Racehorse floats ..	
				(iii) Tank wagons carrying only petroleum products ..	
				(iv) Commercial travellers' vehicles registered at the commercial rate of motor registration ..	
			All other ..	462	
	Total (Discretionary) ..	1,598		Total (As of Right) ..	34,675

In addition to those shown above, sundry additional and temporary licences numbering 2,246 were issued. This made the grand total of licences issued at the 30th June, 1944, 36,921, while the fees collected amounted to £16,329.

**Directorate of
Emergency
Road
Transport.** Reference was made in the *Year-Book* for 1941-42 to the appointment of the Board as a Directorate of Emergency Road Transport under National Security (Land Transport) Regulations. Owing to the shortage of motor spirit and rubber, very considerable economies in all forms of road use have been obtained in order to ensure the maintenance of essential road transport.

**Liquid Fuel
Control Board.** The scheme for rationing motor spirit continues in force and there has been no significant change since the last issue of the *Year-Book*.

RAILWAYS.

All railways in Victoria available for general traffic, with the two exceptions referred to on page 167, are the property of the State, and are under the management of three Commissioners appointed by the Government.

Certain border railways in New South Wales are also under the control of the Victorian Railways Commissioners by virtue of an agreement ratified between the Victorian and New South Wales Governments under Act No. 3194 of 1922.

All lines controlled by the Railways Commissioners are shown on the map opposite page 117.

The succeeding tables relate to the State Railways, the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramways and the Road Motor Services, all of which are under the control of the Railways Commissioners. The operations of these tramways and the Road Motor Services are also shown separately on page 166. Steam or motor power provides the traction for country passenger and goods traffic, while electricity is used mainly for passenger traffic on suburban lines.

**Reduction of
loan liability.** Important legislation bearing on railway finances was contained in the *Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act* 1936, No. 4429. A brief outline of the principal provisions of this Act was published in the *Victorian Year-Book* for 1939-1940, page 361.

Total capital cost of railways and equipment.

The total capital cost of all lines constructed and in course of construction, and of all works, rolling stock and equipment of the Railways Department as at the end of each of the five years 1940-1944, is shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—TOTAL CAPITAL COST OF RAILWAYS, ETC., EQUIPMENT AND ROLLING STOCK, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

At 30th June—	Railways.		Electric Tramways.	Road Motor Services.	Total Capital Cost.*
	Lines Opened.	Lines in Progress of Construction.	Lines Opened.		
	£	£	£	£	£
1940	50,720,098	257,339	139,835	18,144	51,135,416
1941	50,723,116	258,886	135,636	7,620	51,125,258
1942	51,090,964	255,551	140,191	10,082	51,496,788
1943	51,000,215	164,372	158,162	8,327	51,331,076
1944	50,867,331	163,724	152,323	7,604	51,190,982

* Written down in accordance with Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act No. 4429 of 1936.

The face value of stock and bonds allocated to the **Loan liability.** Railways Department, as reduced in accordance with Act No. 4429, amounted to £50,393,958 at 30th June, 1944. After deducting the value of securities purchased by the National Debt Sinking Fund and cancelled (£4,154,807), the total liability in respect of current loans outstanding at that date was £46,239,151. The annual interest payable on this amount, calculated at the average rate of 3·708 per cent., was £1,714,548.

In addition to the proceeds from loans, funds amounting to £6,210,519 at 30th June, 1944, have been provided for railway construction, equipment, stores, &c., out of Consolidated Revenue and the National Recovery Loan and other Funds. No interest is charged on this amount.

Railways traffic. The mileage and traffic of the railways (exclusive of electric tramways and road motor services) for each of the years 1939-40 to 1943-44 are given in the following table:—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS MILEAGE AND TRAFFIC (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES), 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

Heading.	At 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Lines Constructed ..	4,805·88	4,805·88	4,830·29	4,830·29	4,830·29
„ Closed for Traffic	46·99	46·99	66·04	72·79	82·20*
„ Open for Traffic	4,758·89	4,758·89	4,764·25	4,757·50	4,758·09
	During Year Ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Traffic Train Mileage (Number) ..	17,007,970	17,766,987	18,248,713	18,436,533	16,413,406
Passenger Journeys (Number) ..	144,649,075	159,218,412	180,981,900	195,830,057	194,137,624
Goods and Live Stock Carried (Tons) ..	6,186,989	6,622,785	7,502,640	8,759,113†	8,294,226†

* Of the 82·20 miles closed for traffic, 25·99 miles had been dismantled.

† Tonnage of live stock estimated.

Railways revenue and expenditure. The revenue and expenditure of the Railways Department during each of the five financial years 1940-1944, were as follows:—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
	£	£	£	£	£
Revenue—					
Passenger, &c., Business—					
Passenger Fares ..	4,097,300	5,077,746	6,382,477	7,152,733	6,673,164
Parcels, &c. ..	319,381	328,328	407,486	460,137	554,655
Other ..	99,361	104,469	114,860	121,758	37,016
Goods, &c., Business—					
Goods ..	3,986,847	4,097,048	5,857,774	7,382,881*	6,712,652*
Live Stock ..	539,551	619,185	617,940	621,016*	611,194*
Minerals ..	61,422	93,609	108,049	136,720	163,588
Other ..	63,997	66,206			
Miscellaneous—					
Dining Car and Refreshment Services ..	408,381	519,248	674,432	766,167	744,051
Sale of Electrical Power ..	44,323	48,536	57,939	59,820	60,856
Rentals ..	144,900	160,005	171,861	186,914	177,530
Book Stalls ..	77,478	93,127	108,580	113,588	123,191
Advertising ..	35,475	37,007	35,842	34,568	37,974
Other† ..	64,032	85,706	77,597	80,921	78,763
Total ..	9,942,448	11,330,220	14,614,837	17,120,223	15,974,634

* Estimated.

† Including recoup on account of reduction in outer suburban fares, £42,000 in 1939-40, £39,000 in 1940-41, £36,000 in 1941-42, £33,000 in 1942-43, and £30,000 in 1943-44.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1939-40
TO 1943-44—continued.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Expenditure—	£	£	£	£	£
Working Expenses—					
Way and Works	1,728,950	1,799,549	2,001,561	2,462,845	2,595,023
Rolling Stock	2,686,950	2,837,571	3,177,420	3,763,564	3,892,340
Transportation	2,714,934	2,920,765	3,271,649	3,725,552	3,756,038
Electrical Engineering Branch	330,263	331,799	501,217	482,702	536,741
Stores Branch	125,837	127,034	136,196	156,346	172,598
Pensions (non-contributory) ..	103,649	92,109	84,349	74,499	65,118
Payment to the Superannuation Fund	379,885	383,274	387,758	388,816	393,234
Contribution to Railway Renewals and Replacements Fund	200,000	525,000	1,500,000	1,800,000	1,050,000
Contribution to Railway Accident and Fire Insurance Fund	35,704	24,787	44,191	47,921	99,996
Child Endowment Pay-roll Tax .. ..	..	..	164,731	195,664	202,542
War Damage Insurance .. ..	..	..	30,521	68,904	33,913
Long Service and provision for Accrued Leave .. ..	..	..	..	297,970	201,330
Repayment to Public Account (Act No. 4499)	50,000	100,000	100,000	..	..
Provision Way and Works Maintenance .. ..	..	..	..	400,000	54,000
Other	213,408	211,619	335,271	285,439	261,126
Total Working Expenses	8,569,580	9,353,508	11,734,864	14,150,222	13,314,504
Less Expenditure charged to special Funds	436,406	299,580	51,548	31,281	18,608
Working Expenses charged to Railway Revenue	8,133,174	9,053,928	11,683,316	14,118,941	13,295,896
Net Revenue	1,809,274	2,276,292	2,931,521	3,001,282	2,678,738
Debt Charges—					
Interest Charges and Expenses* Exchange on Interest Payments and Redemption	1,886,413	1,920,732	1,948,428	1,889,545	1,901,656
Contribution to National Debt Sinking Fund	197,438	206,521	209,476	197,674	201,321
	121,624	122,445	124,250	126,361	127,625
Net Result for Year ..	- 396,201	+ 26,594	+ 649,347	+ 787,702	+ 448,136
Proportion of Working Expenses to Revenue	%	%	%	%	%
	81·80	79·91	79·94	82·47	83·23

* Including Loan Conversion Expenses.

The revenue for 1943-44 decreased by £1,145,589 as compared with that for 1942-43. Passenger business decreased by £469,793, and goods, &c., business decreased by £653,190. Total working expenses decreased by £835,718, as compared with those of the previous year.

Railways earnings and expenses per mile open. The earnings, expenses charged to railway revenue, and net revenue per average mile of railway worked for each of the five years 1939-40 to 1943-44 were as hereunder. The particulars exclude electric tramways and road motor services under the control of the Railways Department.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PER AVERAGE MILE OPEN, 1939-40 TO 1943-44 (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES.)

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Average Number of Miles open for Traffic	4,759	4,759	4,746	4,758	4,751
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross Earnings per Mile ..	2,072	2,362	3,059	3,579	3,343
Working Expenses per Mile ..	1,693	1,883	2,444	2,951	2,781
Net Revenue per Mile	379	479	615	628	562

This table does not take account of the interest paid on railway loans and expenses of paying same, which are given in the table on the previous page.

Capital cost of Railways Rolling stock. At 30th June, 1944, the capital cost of the broad-gauge rolling stock after being written down in accordance with Act No. 4429 of 1936 was £6,472,947, of the narrow-gauge £19,677, of the electric street tramway £34,994, and of the road motor coaches and trucks £699.

Railways staff. The number of officers and employees in the railways service and the amount of salaries and wages (excluding travelling and incidental expenses) paid in each of the five financial years 1940-1944, were as set forth below.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS STAFF—NUMBERS, SALARIES, ETC., 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

Year Ended 30th June—	Number of Employees at End of Year.			Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid during Year.
	Permanent.	Supernumerary.	Total.	
1940	17,506	6,488	23,994	£ 6,177,177
1941	16,690	7,170	23,860	6,661,937
1942	15,745	9,100	24,845	7,786,251
1943	15,241	10,316	25,557	8,670,724
1944	14,970	10,666	25,636	8,970,445

Note.—Particulars relating to the Construction Branch employees are not included above.

The results of operating the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramways for 1943-44 are detailed in the following statement. As these tramways are controlled and operated by the Railways Commissioners, particulars relating to them have been included in the preceding railway tables unless otherwise indicated.

ELECTRIC STREET TRAMWAYS, 1943-44.
(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	St. Kilda-Brighton Electric Tramway.	Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramway.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.
Average Mileage of Tramway Worked	5·18	2·42	7·60
Car Mileage	522,542	124,460	647,002
Passengers Carried	6,853,093	2,228,593	9,081,686
	£	£	£
Gross Revenue	66,850	19,940	86,799
Working Expenses	49,686	13,017	62,703
Interest Charges, &c.	4,968	1,789	6,757
Net Profit	12,196	5,143	17,339
Capital Expenditure at 30th June, 1944, as written down under Act 4429 of 1936—			
Construction of Lines, &c.	80,641	36,688	117,329
Rolling Stock	33,799	1,195	34,994
Total	114,440	37,883	152,323

The following table gives particulars for each of the four years 1940-41 to 1943-44 of the operations of the Road Motor Services under the control of the Railways Commissioners.

VICTORIA—ROAD MOTOR SERVICES, 1940-41 TO 1943-44.
(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Car Mileage	428,816	275,842	151,741	149,974
Passenger Journeys	1,333,602	1,180,941	886,559	863,887
	£	£	£	£
Gross Revenue—				
Passenger Service	14,386	9,446	6,467*	5,947*
Goods Service	16,418	10,611		
Working Expenses	41,892	26,836	20,500	19,776
Interest Charges	883	555	461	401
Net Loss	11,971	7,334	14,494	14,230
Capital Expenditure at end of Year (less depreciation written off)	7,620	10,082	8,327	7,604

* The apparent discrepancy between the amount of the working expenses and the revenue was brought about by the revenue not having received a proportion of the combined rail and road services earnings while the working expenses have been charged with the road motor operating cost in full.

**Municipal
railway**

A railway between Kerang and Koondrook, owned and worked by the council of the Shire of Kerang, is open for general traffic. This railway, which has a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge, is 13 miles 75 chains in length and, up to 30th September, 1944, cost £42,644 for construction and equipment. During the year ended 30th September, 1944, the gross receipts were £9,254 and the working expenses, excluding interest, £8,212. The train mileage for the same year was 6,426, the number of passenger journeys 9,153, and the tonnage of goods and live stock carried 21,361.

Under Act No. 4861 of 1941 the Shire Council was relieved from all its liability (£8,037 2s. 5d.) to the Government of Victoria in respect of this railway.

**Private
railway.**

Another railway in Victoria, which did not belong to the State system, was that between Yarra Junction and Powelltown. It was 11 miles in length and had a gauge of 3 feet. During 1943-44 the traffic on this line was confined to the transport of goods. A steel tramway continuation of the line—used only for the haulage of logs and sawn timbers—extended about 8 miles beyond Powelltown. The total cost of construction up to 30th June, 1944, was £80,354 and, for the year ended on the same date, the receipts and working expenses in connexion therewith (exclusive of depreciation and interest on capital) were £297 and £2,396 respectively. The train mileage for the year between Powelltown and Yarra Junction was 4,800 and goods carried amounted to 10,230 tons. This line was closed 15th July, 1944.

TRAMWAYS.

**Victorian
Tramways.**

The various tramway systems in the State at 30th June, 1944 (excluding those under the control of the Railways Commissioners) comprised 164·465 miles of electric lines, of which 133·012 miles were double, and 31·453 miles single track. Cable tramways were replaced by motor omnibuses on 26th October, 1940. The succeeding tables contain particulars of cable tramways up to that date.

The electric street tramways, St. Kilda to Brighton and Sandringham to Beaumaris, under the management of the Victorian Railways Commissioners, are not referred to in this connexion, but are included under the heading "Railways," page 166 and "All Victorian Tramways," page 171.

The subjoined table contains particulars relating to all tramways in Victoria (with the foregoing exceptions) for each of the five years 1939-40 to 1943-44.

VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

(Exclusive of St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Street Tramways.)

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons Employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1940 ..	136·080	30·668	24,390,712	193,927,290	2,308,189	1,585,631	928	4,740
1941 ..	136·610	32·052	23,199,505	203,265,413	2,425,445	1,548,298	902	4,920
1942 ..	131·094	31·124	23,705,403	245,375,185	2,861,528	1,665,026	776	4,450
1943 ..	132·738	31·003	24,670,703	282,405,272	3,161,425	1,900,813	783	4,480
1944 ..	133·012	31·453	24,803,578	295,321,861	3,308,648	1,971,154	778	4,626

The Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act became operative on 7th January, 1919. The Act provided for a Board consisting of seven members appointed by the Governor in Council to control all tramways in the metropolitan area, with the exception of the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris electric systems.

The Board is empowered to borrow up to £5,500,000 by the issue of stock or debentures secured upon its revenues and undertakings, this being in addition to the transferred liabilities attaching to the tramways vested in it. Power is given to have an overdraft not exceeding £400,000. At 30th June, 1944, the Board had exercised its borrowing power to the extent of £1,411,365.

Particulars in relation to the combined traffic of the cable system (up to 26th October, 1940, when it ceased to operate) and the electric system under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board for each of the five years 1939-40 to 1943-44, are given hereunder.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons Employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1940 ..	126·640	6·598	22,761,438	185,282,354	2,230,455	1,458,652	857	4,486
1941 ..	127·170	7·982	21,575,130	193,386,248	2,336,336	1,424,138	831	4,669
1942 ..	121·654	7·054	22,063,659	233,136,284	2,751,997	1,539,595	705	4,196
1943 ..	123·268	6·923	22,925,648	265,927,574	3,025,921	1,761,498	712	4,197
1944 ..	123·542	6·643	23,000,054	278,451,170	3,166,050	1,812,025	707	4,338

Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board—Separate Systems. In the next statement the operations of the electric tramways and the motor omnibus systems under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board are shown separately for the years 1942-43 and 1943-44.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1942-43 AND 1943-44.

System.	Track Open.		Tram/Bus Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Ex-penses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons Em-ployed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.						
1942-43.								
Electric ..	123·268	6·923	22,925,648	265,927,574	3,025,921	1,761,498	712	4,197
Motor Omnibus	66·718	..	8,613,380	70,877,048	772,347	614,751	294	1,258
1943-44.								
Electric ..	123·542	6·643	23,000,054	278,451,170	3,166,050	1,812,025	707	4,338
Motor Omnibus	66·718	..	8,524,186	71,631,912	775,630	669,061	312	1,349

A summary of the revenue and expenditure by the Tramways Board and the appropriation of the surplus on operation for the year ended 30th June, 1944, is set out hereunder:—

	£	£
Traffic Receipts	3,941,680	
Advertisements, rents, &c.	14,442	

Total Revenue		3,956,122
Working Expenses		2,491,642

Surplus on Operation		1,464,473
Interest and Other Charges		414,000

Municipal Guarantee		706
Brought forward from 1942-43		951

Available for Appropriation		1,052,130
Appropriations—		
Renewals Reserve	740,000	
Maintenance Reserve	10,000	
Loan Redemption	69,145	
Loan Sinking Funds	57,804	
Consolidated Revenue	128,803	

		1,005,752

Net Surplus		46,378

Of the net surplus (£46,378), an amount of £45,814 was distributed to thirty municipalities in the metropolis. Of this amount £40,000 was paid to twenty municipalities in whose districts more than 250,000 tram or bus miles had been run during the year; £4,000 on a population and valuation basis to four municipalities having a lesser mileage than 250,000 and to six municipalities in which the Board has no trams or motor buses; and £1,814 in recompense to the city of Camberwell for the amount by which the losses on the North Balwyn tramway extension, during a five years' guarantee period, exceeded the Board's estimate.

Pursuant to section 77 of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act No. 3732, the Board is required to make certain annual payments to the Consolidated Revenue of the State. The total of such payments up to 30th June, 1944, amounted to £2,678,626. This amount was allocated as follows:—Fire Brigades Board, £1,369,647; Licensing Fund, £435,251; and Infectious Diseases Hospital, £873,728. Under the provisions of Act No. 4598 the Board was relieved of the Licensing Fund payment as from 1st July, 1938.

Up to 30th June, 1944, the capital cost of the tramways vested in the Tramways Board, after writing off the value of obsolete assets, amounted to £9,369,174, of which £149,806 related to cable tramways, £8,243,498 to electric tramways, £789,288 to motor omnibuses, and £186,582 to general properties.

In the next statement comparisons are made between the electric and bus systems operated by the Tramways Board, the receipts per mile, the cost of working, &c., being shown for the year 1943-44.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD
TRAFFIC RECEIPTS, WORKING EXPENSES, ETC. PER
MILE, ETC., 1943-44.

System.	Traffic Receipts.			Working Expenses to Total Revenue.	Working Expenses per Vehicle Mile, including Power Cost.	Average Distance per Penny.
	Per Vehicle Mile.	Per Mile of Single Track Operated.	Per Passenger.			
	<i>d.</i>	£	<i>d.</i>	%	<i>d.</i>	Miles.
Electric ..	33·037	12,478	2·729	57·108	16·207	·913
Bus ..	21·838	5,813	2·599	86·176	16·298	·934

**Tramways
in Extra-
Metropolitan
Cities.**

The cities, other than the metropolis, having electric tramway systems are :—Ballarat, with 13·84 miles of lines (2·33 double and 11·51 single track); Bendigo, with 8·64 miles of lines (2·43 double and 6·21 single track); and Geelong, with 11·80 miles of lines (4·71 double and 7·09 single track).

The traffic particulars of these lines for each of the five years 1939-40 to 1943-44 are summarized below.

TRAMWAYS IN EXTRA-METROPOLITAN CITIES, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

Year ended 30th June.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1940 ..	9·44	24·07	1,629,274	8,644,936	77,734	126,979	71	254
1941 ..	9·44	24·07	1,624,375	9,879,165	89,109	124,160	71	251
1942 ..	9·44	24·07	1,641,744	12,238,901	109,531	125,431	71	254
1943 ..	9·47	24·81	1,745,055	16,477,698	135,504	139,315	71	283
1944 ..	9·47	24·81	1,803,524	16,870,691	142,598	159,129	71	288

**Summary of
All Victorian
Tramways.**

A summary of the operations for the two years 1942-43 and 1943-44 of the foregoing tramway systems and of the electric tramways under the control of the Railways Commissioners is given in the following table :—

ALL VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1942-43 AND 1943-44.

Heading.	1942-43.	1943-44.
Route Mileage Open—Double .. miles	140·338	140·402
Single .. miles	31·733	31·663
Total .. miles	172·071	172·065
Cost of Construction and Equipment £	8,481,113	8,586,500
Gross Revenue—		
Traffic Receipts £	3,245,521	3,395,447
Other £	8,424	7,404
Total Revenue £	3,253,945	3,402,851

ALL VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1942-43 AND 1943-44—continued.

Heading.		1942-43.	1943-44.
Working Expenses	£	1,789,877	1,867,093
Net Earnings	£	1,464,068	1,535,758
Interest, &c.	£	186,038	181,749
Statutory Charges, Rates, &c. ..	£	1,139,941	1,184,387
Net Profit after Paying Working Expenses, Interest, &c., Statutory Charges, Rates, &c. ..	£	138,089	169,622
Tram Miles Run	miles	25,322,757	25,450,580
Passenger Journeys	No.	291,221,514	304,403,547
Staff Employed—			
Salaried	No.	662	670
Wages	No.	3,913	4,053
Total Staff	No.	4,575	4,723
Rolling Stock	No.	814	809

LICENSED VEHICLES.

Licensed
vehicles in
Melbourne.

The licensing and regulating of vehicles used as hackney carriages, plying for hire within the City of Melbourne and within the distance of eight miles from the corporate limits of the City of Melbourne, are controlled by the Melbourne City Council.

Particulars regarding licences issued during 1943-44 were as follows :—

Description.	Number Licensed.	Revenue Received.
		£
Horse-drawn Vehicles—		
Wagonettes (43), Owners (24)	67	} 57
Hackney Carriage Drivers	50	
Carters (for conveyance of goods)	788	39
Motor Vehicles—		
Motor Omnibuses	336	} 976
Taxi-cabs	550	
Private Hire Cars	450	} 2,265
Motor Cabs	49	
Chars-a-banc	9	
Hire and Drive Yourself Cars	2	
Hackney Carriage Motor Car Owners	619	
Hackney Carriage Motor Car Drivers	2,351	
Total Revenue .. ..	..	3,337

A detailed statement of the rates chargeable for the annual registration of motor vehicles, &c., is given in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, page 500. Subsequent amendments to the Motor Car Acts have provided *inter alia* for a reduction in the rate chargeable for registration or renewal of registration of motor vehicles owned by primary producers.

The *Motor Car (Amendment) Act* 1942 (No. 4925) provided *inter alia* for a reduction of 25% in the fee otherwise payable under the Motor Car Act for registration or renewal of registration of a motor car unless such vehicle is fitted with a gas producer or receives a monthly allowance of more than 25 gallons of liquid fuel. The reduced fee shall continue in operation for the duration of the war.

The total registrations of motor vehicles, &c., the number of drivers' licences, &c., issued, and the revenue received therefrom by the Motor Registration Branch of the Police Department during each of the five years, 1939-40 to 1943-44, are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—REGISTRATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ETC.,
DRIVERS' LICENCES, ETC., ISSUED, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Vehicles—					
Private Cars	153,979	145,907	121,129	128,667	133,973
Commercial Vehicles	34,591	34,801	34,046	32,807	34,790
Hire Cars	2,358	2,530	2,465	2,553	2,611
Primary Producers	49,549	49,295	49,521	51,358	52,645
Omnibuses	435	629	636	666	688
Traction Engines	220	289	209	79	71
Trailers	5,132	5,620	6,086	6,757	7,240
Motor Cycles	25,765	23,572	16,688	16,267	17,937
Drivers' Licences	370,838	365,205	339,334	329,595	337,171
Dealers' Licences	438	513	204	176	207
Transfers	110,074	90,209	43,180	44,408	56,512
Total Revenue Received*	£ 1,939,735	£ 1,892,590	£ 1,652,271	£ 1,456,097	£ 1,528,371

* These amounts (less cost of collection, refunds, transfer fees, and the amount received on account of drivers' licences) are included in the Country Roads Board Fund.

The principal items of revenue received during 1943-44 were in respect of motor cars, £1,404,342; motor cycles, £15,063; and drivers' licences, £84,299.

In the next statement, details relating to new registrations and renewals of registration of motor cars and motor cycles are shown for the years 1942-43 and 1943-44 respectively.

VICTORIA—NEW REGISTRATIONS AND RENEWALS OF REGISTRATION OF MOTOR CARS AND MOTOR CYCLES.

Vehicles.	1942-43.			1943-44.		
	New Registrations.		Renewals of Registration.	New Registrations.		Renewals of Registration.
	New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.		New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Cars—						
Private	833	17,990	109,911	545	13,920	119,528
Commercial and Hire ..	785	2,701	31,890	2,721	2,481	32,475
Primary Producers' ..	252	3,643	47,471	509	2,909	49,277
Motor Cycles	83	4,299	11,885	60	4,224	13,643

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

Summary of all Traffic Accidents.

The following statements contain particulars of traffic accidents which occurred only in the public thoroughfares of Victoria. Figures regarding accidents on private property or on railway lines (except at level crossings) are not included. The total number of deaths shown in these statements is not comparable therefore, with those shown in Part "Vital Statistics" of this *Year-Book*.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS: NUMBER OF PERSONS AFFECTED, 1944.

Place of Occurrence.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.	Accidents in which no Person was Killed or Injured.	Total Accidents.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
City of Melbourne	893 (1,073)	32 (45)	966 (1,166)	1,146 (1,152)	2,039 (2,225)
Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne)	1,856 (1,853)	102 (110)	2,046 (2,035)	1,749 (1,658)	3,605 (3,511)
Total—Metropolitan Area ..	2,749 (2,926)	134 (155)	3,012 (3,201)	2,895 (2,810)	5,644 (5,736)
Remainder of State	1,009 (902)	113 (154)	1,280 (1,158)	1,016 (839)	2,025 (1,741)
Grand Total	3,758 (3,828)	247 (309)	4,292 (4,359)	3,911 (3,649)	7,669 (7,477)

Note.—Figures in parentheses relate to the year 1943.

In the table which follows traffic accidents during 1944 have been recorded according to the classification of male and female victims.

**VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—PARTICULARS OF
PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, 1944.**

Description.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pedestrian	68	955	20	506	88	1,461
Driver of motor vehicle other than motor cycle	26	391	..	35	26	426
Driver of motor cycle	27	312	..	1	27	313
Passenger—motor car, truck, bus, &c.	31	488	14	380	45	868
Passenger—motor cycle, side car ..	..	13	..	9	..	22
Pillion rider	2	49	..	17	2	66
Pedal cyclist	33	645	3	133	36	778
Riding tandem or on handle or bar of bicycle .. .. .	..	11	..	5	..	16
Tram passenger	6	102	5	66	11	168
Driver or passenger of horse-drawn vehicle	7	100	1	18	8	118
Equestrian	1	22	2	4	3	26
Other .. .. .	..	26	1	4	1	30
Total	201	3,114	46	1,178	247	4,292

Particulars of victims of traffic accidents during 1944 are shown according to age and sex in the following statement:—

**VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—SEX AND AGE OF
PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, 1944.**

Age Group.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
0-4	5	74	4	49	9	123
5-9	13	230	2	80	15	310
10-14	10	216	1	86	11	302
15-19	11	339	2	117	13	456
20-29	26	607	7	228	33	835
30-39	28	454	5	142	33	596
40-49	25	392	5	154	30	546
50-59	28	376	5	146	33	522
60 and over	53	344	14	139	67	483
Not stated	2	82	1	37	3	119
Total	201	3,114	46	1,178	247	4,292

Causes of accidents. Numerous reasons are given to the Police as the causes of accidents. A summary of the principal reasons given is published hereafter. It must be remembered that, in some cases, only one party has been able to give evidence.

VICTORIA—CAUSES OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 1944.

Stated Cause.	Number of Accidents.		
	Fatal.	Non-fatal with Injured.	Total.
Driver or Rider—			
Skidding on roadway	9	110	119
Failure to exercise care at intersection ..	20	311	331
Excessive speed	9	64	73
Not keeping to left	13	99	112
Swerving to avoid vehicle or other object	1	82	83
Stopping or turning in front of other vehicle or leaving kerb without warning	3	74	77
Level Crossing	5	7	12
Rounding corner carelessly or on wrong side	4	20	24
Obscured vision	1	52	53
Failing to give right of way .. .. .	..	18	18
Dazzled by sun or light	3	53	56
Breaking traffic regulations or failing to obey traffic officer's signal	1	58	59
Careless, negligent, or inefficient driving ..	26	371	397
Hit and run motorist	6	111	117
Error of judgment	6	179	185
All other	5	105	110
Total	112	1,714	1,826
Vehicle—			
Defective mechanism and/or tyres	4	133	137
No lights	3	41	44
Other	1	10	11
Total	8	184	192
Passenger—			
Alighting from moving vehicle	3	71	74
Falling from moving vehicle	13	140	153
Total	16	211	227
Pedestrian—			
Walking or running on roadway or crossing without care	56	781	837
Boarding vehicle in motion	3	71	74
Stepping on to road without care .. .. .	..	26	26
Other	14	203	217
Total	73	1,081	1,154
Other—			
Horses shying, bolting, or stumbling	9	64	73
Other (including not known)	14	272	286
Total	23	336	359
Grand Total	232	3,526	3,758

A comparative statement of the number of persons killed or injured in traffic accidents during each of the five years 1940-1944 is given below. Accidents involving one vehicle with another vehicle or object are classified according to one type of vehicle only.

**VICTORIA—NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED
IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 1940 TO 1944.**

Vehicle, &c.	1940.		1941.		1942.		1943.		1944.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pedal Cycle ..	14	331	22	336	12	307	18	225	9	213
Motor Bus ..	6	85	10	137	30	225	45	255	20	200
Motor Car, Truck, &c. ..	377	6,915	271	5,254	295	4,025	185	3,049	167	3,072
Motor Cycle ..	41	707	33	524	19	313	13	211	12	315
Train—Electric and Steam ..	3	1	5	2	7	1	1	3	2	2
Tram—Electric and Cable ..	8	155	13	173	28	353	22	370	19	301
Other Vehicle ..	7	33	5	46	15	72	16	60	10	85
Pedestrian ..	2	96	2	91	9	179	8	169	5	91
Horse ..	2	8	3	10	6	16	1	17	3	13
Total ..	460	8,331	364	6,573	421	5,491	309	4,359	247	4,292

In the next table accidents in which persons were killed or injured have been classified according to type of vehicle, &c., involved, e.g., where a collision has occurred between a motor car and a pedal cyclist, particulars of such accident are included under each heading. Correct totals cannot be arrived at by the addition of the items shown in the table.

**VICTORIA—PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, TYPES OF
VEHICLES, ETC., INVOLVED, 1943 AND 1944.**

Type of Vehicle, &c., Involved.	1943.			1944.		
	Number of Accidents.*	Number Killed.	Number Injured.	Number of Accidents.*	Number Killed.	Number Injured.
Motor Car ..	1,874	111	2,192	1,938	102	2,318
Motor Van ..	101	9	103	115	8	147
Motor Truck, Lorry ..	724	71	925	673	65	782
Motor Bus ..	246	46	332	211	20	250
Motor Cycle ..	419	27	466	465	29	539
Pedal Cycle ..	799	43	792	860	37	871
Tram—Electric ..	400	29	455	357	25	401
Train—Electric and Steam ..	14	30	24	15	11	11
Horse-drawn Vehicle ..	166	25	161	166	14	182
Horse ..	33	2	34	34	3	31
Pedestrian ..	1,620	110	1,624	1,469	88	1,464
Other ..	4	1	7	1	..	2

* Number of accidents refers only to these in which persons were killed or injured.

Details of breaches of the Motor Car Act and Traffic Regulations will be found in Part "Law, Crime, &c.", of this *Year-Book*.

AIRCRAFT.

The collection and the compilation of aircraft statistics were undertaken by the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics as from 1st July, 1922.

The following particulars relating to civil aircraft registered in Victoria for the years specified below have been received from that source.

The main air lines of Victoria are shown on the map opposite page 117 of this *Year-Book*.

VICTORIA—CIVIL AIRCRAFT, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

Particulars.	At 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Registered Owners	28	25	26	(b) 34	(b) 32
Registered Aircraft	58	38	36	(b) 27	(b) 45
Licensed Pilots—					
Private	(a)	165	47	29	40
Commercial	(a)	56	55	60	90
Licensed Ground Engineers ..	(a)	185	218	277	316
Licensed Navigators	(a)	26	16	18	22
Licensed Aircraft Radio Telegraph Operators	36	17	11	14	20
Licensed Aircraft Radio Telephone Operators	..	10	17	18	23
Aerodromes—					
Government	5	6	2	2	2
Public	19	15	13	13	10
Government Emergency Grounds	8	7	6	5	4
	During Year ended 30th June—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Flights carried out	34,270	16,723	14,296	12,675	20,817
Hours flown	33,169	25,142	23,549	25,766	38,888
Approximate mileage	3,770,979	3,199,286	3,103,116	3,567,910	5,415,403
Passengers carried—					
Paying	64,613	81,112	83,716	83,954	164,319
Non-paying	6,297	2,768	1,988	1,214	2,086
Total Passengers carried ..	70,910	83,880	85,704	85,168	166,405
Goods, Weight Carried .. lb.	863,567	936,018	1,067,018	1,130,562	1,795,380
Mails, Weight Carried	63,285	93,386	180,658	963,555	2,057,893
Accidents—					
Persons Killed	3	..	3	2	1
Persons Injured	1	..	..	3	..

(a) Not available.

(b) At 31st December.