

PART XI.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Legislation. The history of local government in Victoria prior to the passing of the *Local Government Act 1874* (which prescribed the present form of local government in Victoria) will be found on pages 631 and 632 of the *Year-Book*, 1883-84.

A statement of the provisions of the laws in force on 16th September, 1929, will be found in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29 on pages 127 to 131, and a summary of the principal provisions of the *Local Government Act 1934* in the *Year-Book* for 1933-34 on pages 127 and 128.

During the years ended 31st December, 1942 and 1943, the State Parliament passed several Acts affecting local government, and details of their principal provisions are given in Part I. of this *Year-Book*. The numbers and the titles of the principal Acts are as follow :—

DURING 1943.

- 4953.—*Country Roads (Forest Roads and Stock Routes) Act 1943.*
 4957.—*Petrol Pumps (Licence Fees) Act 1943.*
 4961.—*Local Government (Valuations) Act 1943.*
 4965.—*Sewerage Districts Act 1943.*
 4968.—*Surplus Revenue Act 1943.*
 4969.—*Financial Emergency (Grants and Funds) Act 1943.*
 4971.—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Contributions) Act 1943.*
 4972.—*Milk Pasteurisation Act 1943.*
 4973.—*Country Roads Board Fund Act 1943.*
 4974.—*Workers Compensation Act 1943.*
 4975.—*Public Works Loan and Application Act 1943.*
 4978.—*South Melbourne to Melbourne Tramway Construction Act 1943.*
 4983.—*Water Act 1943.*

DURING 1943—continued.

- 4984.—*Farmers Protection (Amendment) Act 1943.*
 4987.—*Farmers Debts Adjustments Act 1943.*
 4988.—*Ministry of Health Act 1943.*
 4989.—*Discharged Servicemen's Preference Act 1943.*
 4991.—*Melbourne (Widening of Streets) Act 1943.*
 4996.—*Housing Act 1943.*
 4997.—*Milk and Dairy Supervision Act 1943.*

DURING 1944.

- 5000.—*Local Government (Polling Booths) Act 1944.*
 5007.—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Contributions) Act 1944.*
 5015.—*Cremorne Bridge Act 1944.*
 5025.—*Cemeteries Act 1944.*
 5027.—*Local Government (Shire of Blackburn and Mitcham) Act 1944.*
 5035.—*Financial Emergency (Grants and Funds) Act 1944.*
 5040.—*Country Fire Authority Act 1944.*
 5041.—*Country Roads Board Fund Act 1944.*
 5043.—*Town and Country Planning Act 1944.*
 5045.—*Heatherton Sanatorium Act 1944.*
 5046.—*Health (Infectious Diseases Hospitals) Act 1944.*
 5047.—*Surplus Revenue Act 1944.*
 5050.—*Public Works Loan and Application Act 1944.*
 5056.—*Local Government Act 1944.*
 5057.—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1944.*

MUNICIPALITIES.

The number of municipalities throughout the State at 30th September, 1944, was 197. Of these, 34 ranked as cities, 5 as towns, 20 as boroughs, and 138 as shires. The only unincorporated areas of the State are French Island, in Westernport Bay, containing about 42,000 acres; and Julia Percy Island, off Port Fairy, containing 650 acres.

**Municipalities
in Victoria.**

Properties rated and number of dwellings.

The following is a statement of the number of rate-payers, the number of properties rated, the estimated value of rateable property, the estimated number of dwellings (occupied and unoccupied), and the number of houses built in the municipalities of Victoria for each of the five years 1939-40 to 1943-44.

VICTORIA—PROPERTIES RATED AND NUMBER OF DWELLINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

Year.	Number of Distinct Rate-payers.	Number of Properties Rated.	Value of Rateable Property.		Estimated Number of Dwellings.		Estimated Number of Dwellings erected during the year.
			Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Occupied.	Unoccupied.†	
MUNICIPALITIES IN GREATER MELBOURNE*							
			£	£			
1939-40 ..	342,037	399,871	20,643,224	380,382,670	278,340	1,239	6,995
1940-41 ..	346,659	403,929	21,325,029	392,639,020	286,412	966	8,461
1941-42 ..	349,713	405,315	21,953,130	406,643,810	288,623	323	1,799
1942-43 ..	351,018	403,975	22,148,012	410,705,140	288,955	311	388
1943-44 ..	353,000	392,532	22,283,352	413,123,290	289,354	263	466
MUNICIPALITIES OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
1939-40 ..	302,462	426,532	15,258,855	304,480,630	219,215	3,282	2,533
1940-41 ..	304,319	428,533	15,383,199	306,904,190	220,604	3,562	2,189
1941-42 ..	304,610	430,100	15,467,324	308,898,320	221,571	2,870	714
1942-43 ..	305,605	430,933	15,469,382	307,721,310	222,145	2,282	208
1943-44 ..	306,245	431,928	15,549,620	310,312,960	223,881	1,935	522
TOTAL.							
1939-40 ..	644,499	826,403	35,902,079	684,863,300	497,555	4,521	9,528
1940-41 ..	650,978	832,462	36,708,223	699,543,210	507,016	4,528	10,650
1941-42 ..	654,323	835,415	37,420,454	715,542,130	510,194	3,193	2,513
1942-43 ..	656,623	834,908	37,617,394	718,426,450	511,100	2,593	596
1943-44 ..	659,245	824,460	37,832,972	723,441,250	513,235	2,198	988

* Including the whole of the Shire of Braybrook and whole of the City of Heidelberg.

† The particulars of unoccupied dwellings during intercensal periods are given as furnished annually by municipal authorities.

In 1943-44 the estimated capital improved value of rateable property reached its highest point, (£723,441,250).

The following table shows, for each municipality in Victoria, the general rate levied in the £, the estimated value of rateable property, the amount of loans outstanding at 30th September, 1944, the Municipal Fund receipts, and the estimated number of dwellings.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1943-44.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1944.	Municipal Fund Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
MUNICIPALITIES IN GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
Box Hill ..	2 7	286,378	5,171,550	138,976c	40,770	4,879	1
Brighton ..	2 3	736,976	14,739,520	168,616	101,020	9,987	
Brunswick ..	0 7 a	732,896	11,067,990	171,458	126,718	13,738	
Camberwell ..	0 4½a	1,356,853	23,745,800	296,289	156,483	19,481	
Caulfield ..	0 4½a	1,253,367	22,987,890	240,014	134,043	20,493	
Chelsea ..	0 6½a	106,434	1,741,490	7,809d	24,462	2,860	
Coburg ..	0 6 a	506,948	8,576,400	336,265	110,235	11,100	
Collingwood ..	2 6	510,265	10,205,300	72,972	78,331	7,241	
Essendon ..	0 6 a	704,752	11,453,070	224,785	104,474	13,193	
Fitzroy ..	2 1	473,775	9,475,500	98,707	64,027	7,093	116
Footscray ..	2 3	738,031	14,760,620	237,218	142,778	12,378	
Hawthorn ..	2 0	712,764	14,255,280	96,224	82,114	10,480	
Heidelberg ..	2 6	471,853	9,437,060	171,689	110,342	8,158	
Kew ..	2 6	506,450	10,129,000	151,528	75,189	7,324	
Malvern ..	2 2	1,038,685	20,773,700	195,396	132,683	12,951	
Melbourne ..	2 0	5,084,933	101,698,660	4,188,000	803,894	21,164	126
Moorabbin ..	2 6	348,394	6,967,880	108,311e	57,445	6,481	
Mordialloc ..	0 4½a	167,339	3,117,050	64,293f	46,480	3,085	
Northcote ..	2 3	503,041	10,060,820	130,419	130,850	11,256	6
Oakleigh ..	0 6½a	183,665	3,091,880	58,323	33,443	3,540	
Port Melbourne ..	2 6	280,352	5,607,040	42,931	49,693	3,511	1
Prahran ..	1 8	1,428,147	21,422,200	174,844	151,969	16,501	
Preston ..	2 6	454,441	9,088,820	307,070	89,517	10,044	
Richmond ..	2 6	605,747	12,114,940	200,589	108,500	9,751	
Sandringham ..	0 5 a	328,629	5,710,000	177,814g	55,407	6,094	
South Melbourne ..	2 6	892,347	17,846,940	194,483	141,122	10,493	9
St. Kilda ..	1 10	1,268,788	15,859,850	258,173	134,428	16,387	
Williamstown ..	2 3	321,431	6,428,620	111,377	83,697	6,360	3
<i>Shire.</i>							
Braybrook ..	2 0 b	279,671	5,593,420	50,625	54,666	3,331	1
Total Municipalities in Greater Melbourne ..		22,283,352	413,128,290	8,675,198	3,424,780	289,354	263

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £3,925 due by Shire of Blackburn and Mitcham.

d Excluding £2,116 due to Shire of Dandenong.

e Including £1,368 due by the Cities of Mordialloc and Sandringham; but excluding £3,020 due to the City of Sandringham.

f Excluding £295 due to City of Moorabbin.

g Including £6,040 due by Cities of Moorabbin and Mordialloc; but excluding £1,073 due to City of Moorabbin.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1943-44—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1944.	Municipal Fund Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>							
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Ballaarat ..	2 6	432,050	8,641,000	50,625 ^b	80,589	10,066	15
Bendigo ..	2 6	310,789	6,215,780	84,117	60,027	7,169	..
Geelong ..	2 9	315,358	6,307,160	111,516	59,979	4,307	..
Geelong West ..	2 9	149,000	2,980,000	57,391 ^c	25,469	5,852	5
Mildura ..	2 11	128,887	2,577,740	140,141 ^d	35,372	1,898	..
Warrnambool ..	2 4	127,957	2,559,140	56,101	25,106	2,342	2
<i>Towns.</i>							
Ararat ..	2 3	46,797	935,940	105,299	11,687	1,098	..
Hamilton ..	2 3	83,507	1,670,140	10,370	17,603	1,647	5
Horsham ..	2 6	73,408	1,468,160	57,772	13,848	1,517	..
Newtown and Chilwell ..	0 5 ^a	140,935	2,693,677	27,660	18,471	2,464	1
Sale ..	2 6	58,047	993,740	15,825	13,031	1,146	..
<i>Boroughs.</i>							
Castlemaine ..	3 0	51,586	1,031,720	11,348	11,387	1,461	..
Clunes ..	1 9	10,152	203,040	9,030	2,751	337	10
Colac ..	2 3	75,851	1,517,020	7,375 ^e	12,981	1,346	1
Daylesford ..	3 0	27,183	543,660	5,539	7,781	738	..
Eaglehawk ..	2 6	21,488	429,760	..	7,140	1,065	..
Echuca ..	2 3	49,803	996,060	15,138	14,111	1,116	..
Inglewood ..	2 0	6,957	139,140	17,162	2,256	275	..
Koroit ..	2 2	17,348	346,960	600	3,829	386	2
Maryborough ..	2 9	49,055	981,100	8,292	13,385	1,613	..
Port Fairy ..	2 3	22,863	457,260	1,763	4,155	488	..
Portland ..	0 5 ^a	50,468	860,903	12,749	9,377	888	6
Queenscliffe ..	2 9	23,276	465,520	9,897	5,948	691	..
Ringwood ..	2 8	58,919	1,178,380	27,997 ^f	12,400	1,034	1
Sebastopol ..	2 9	11,347	226,940	..	2,824	480	3
Shepparton ..	2 8	98,151	1,963,020	35,466 ^g	20,379	1,737	..
St. Arnaud ..	2 6	29,838	596,760	23,414	8,155	812	6
Stawell ..	2 9	37,936	758,720	69,765	9,889	1,298	..
Swan Hill ..	2 0	56,540	1,130,800	2,831 ^h	10,232	1,067	..
Wangaratta ..	2 6	74,496	1,489,920	38,974	15,760	1,311	..
Wonthaggi ..	3 0	30,649	612,980	4,792	8,801	1,282	11
<i>Shires.</i>							
Alberton ..	2 5	107,612	2,152,240	10,083	16,878	1,463	10
Alexandra ..	2 0	58,436	1,168,720	1,278	10,575	981	..
Arapiles ..	1 9	58,999	1,173,980	2,917	6,268	515	12
Ararat ..	1 6	210,828	4,216,560	..	17,146	1,436	..
Avoca ..	2 0	43,715	874,300	288	7,084	845	30

^a Levied on unimproved value of land.

^b Excluding £464 due to Shire of Bungaree.

^c Excluding £7,717 due to Shire of Corio.

^d Excluding £2,408 due to Shire of Mildura.

^e Excluding £5,824 due to Shire of Colac.

^f Excluding £402 due to Shire of Lillydale.

^g Excluding £763 due to Shire of Shepparton.

^h Excluding £27,689 due to Shire of Swan Hill.

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		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Avon ..	2 0	55,888	1,117,760	654	7,531	705	5
Bacchus Marsh ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	62,833	1,257,660	534	10,262	895	..
Bairnsdale ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	159,943	3,198,860	27,742	21,104	2,158	..
Ballaar ..	1 9	64,826	1,296,520	..	6,817	901	..
Ballaarat ..	1 6	73,644	1,472,880	402	7,063	789	5
Bannockburn ..	1 8	52,696	1,053,920	..	5,426	632	18
Barrabool ..	1 9	57,647	1,152,940	5,177	6,544	529	..
Bass ..	2 6	63,506	1,270,120	7,858 <i>c</i>	11,518	1,100	..
Beechworth ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	41,576	831,520	20,581	7,129	1,072	..
Belfast ..	1 9	73,931	1,478,620	..	7,913	485	9
Bellarine ..	2 0	58,231	1,164,620	1,101	7,785	1,224	..
Bellarine ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	197,641	3,952,820	26,908	27,453	2,076	28
Berwick ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	146,953	2,939,060	8,617	21,789	3,151	..
Bet Bet ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	40,348	866,960	10,627	5,984	1,138	..
Birchip ..	1 6	48,932	978,640	868	5,508	473	22
Blackburn and Mitcham ..	2 10	130,791	2,615,820	12,768 <i>d</i>	25,034	2,268	..
Bright ..	2 0	46,210	934,200	8,469	7,509	1,198	18
Broadford ..	2 0	25,937	518,740	3,671	3,689	445	2
Broadmeadows ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	152,695	3,053,800	21,955	21,970	1,784	..
Bulla ..	1 9	42,015	840,300	8,292	4,835	433	3
Buln Buln ..	2 6	92,247	1,844,940	1,195	18,386	1,796	..
Bungaree ..	1 9	32,733	654,660	1,867 <i>e</i>	4,997	570	2
Buninyong ..	2 0	57,354	1,147,080	1,834	7,137	1,191	15
Charlton ..	1 8 <i>b</i>	81,080	1,621,600	1,763	10,194	605	50
Chiltern ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	34,647	692,940	4,981	4,640	538	16
Cohuna ..	1 9	56,404	1,128,080	3,869	8,721	827	4
Colac ..	1 7 <i>b</i>	218,287	4,365,740	11,878 <i>f</i>	23,827	1,909	..
Corio ..	2 3	148,017	2,960,340	63,235 <i>g</i>	23,753	1,018	5
Cranbourne ..	2 6 <i>b</i>	112,822	2,256,440	14,850	18,523	1,745	100
Creswick ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	68,898	1,377,960	2,578	9,318	1,204	10
Dandenong ..	<i>ab</i> 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	160,069	3,045,910	153,844 <i>h</i>	42,582	3,293	1
Deakin ..	1 6	92,514	1,850,280	1,471	9,435	1,069	20
Dimboola ..	1 9	171,589	3,431,780	10,504 <i>i</i>	17,776	1,527	..
Donald ..	1 9	88,634	1,772,680	8,727	12,027	745	50
Doncaster and Templestowe ..	2 3	56,863	1,137,260	460	9,553	930	..
Dundas ..	2 1	142,651	2,853,020	..	16,129	869	..
Dunmunkle ..	1 7	157,010	3,140,200	11,380	19,655	1,138	45
East Loddon ..	1 6	63,525	1,270,500	1	5,195	404	35
Eltham ..	2 6	64,974	1,299,480	11,559	11,436	1,826	..
Euroa ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	88,378	1,767,560	14,759	12,709	1,014	..
Fern Tree Gully ..	3 0	170,142	3,402,840	71,690	38,972	4,898	22
Flinders ..	2 9	117,377	2,347,540	13,972	23,784	2,615	2

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £2,400 due by Shire of Phillip Island.

d Excluding £3,925 due to City of Box Hill.

e Including £464 due by City of Ballaarat.

f Including £5,824 due by Borough of Colac.

g Including £7,717 due by City of Geelong West.

h Including £2,116 due by City of Chelsea.

i Excluding £254 due to Shire of Karkaroc.

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Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1944.	Municipal Fund Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—</i> <i>continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Frankston and Hastings ..	2 9	160,786	3,215,720	46,422	35,285	2,922	..
Gisborne ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	41,701	834,020	5,134	5,610	654	..
Glenelg ..	2 0	156,987	3,139,740	23,094	21,195	1,354	33
Glenlyon ..	1 9	43,453	869,060	1,194	5,641	930	10
Gordon ..	1 9	105,123	2,102,460	4,345	12,332	805	35
Goulburn ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	46,899	937,980	3,115	5,399	503	6
Grenville ..	1 9	54,409	1,088,180	1,506	7,050	760	23
Hampden ..	2 0	306,512	6,130,240	1,565	39,717	2,693	6
Healesville ..	3 0	45,524	910,480	13,645	11,613	871	..
Heytesbury ..	2 0	131,319	2,626,380	4,527	20,396	1,233	84
Huntly ..	1 9	55,746	1,114,920	5,224	6,591	884	5
Kaniva ..	1 8	87,131	1,742,620	7,921	8,650	589	3
Kara Kara ..	1 6	107,116	2,142,320	2,547	7,922	629	35
Karkaroc ..	1 6	123,527	2,470,540	6,179 ^c	14,113	1,400	43
Kellor ..	1 9	75,382	1,507,640	4,141	9,012	734	2
Kerang ..	2 0	175,482	3,509,640	44,967	23,705	2,126	12
Kilmore ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	24,559	491,180	9,289	3,694	450	..
Korong ..	1 9	94,033	1,880,660	19,247	9,424	1,144	..
Korumburra ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	120,245	2,404,900	1,902	20,473	1,830	..
Kowree ..	2 0	112,221	2,244,420	42	14,042	930	..
Kyneton ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	97,552	1,951,040	13,593	16,390	1,815	30
Leigh ..	1 6	58,986	1,179,720	..	5,031	338	54
Lexton ..	1 9	44,589	891,780	..	5,554	424	10
Lillydale ..	2 6	175,476	3,509,520	41,757 ^d	30,563	3,597	10
Lowan ..	1 7 <i>b</i>	133,034	2,660,680	4,399	14,112	982	4
Maffra ..	1 11	131,542	2,630,840	3,295	18,676	1,475	..
Maldon ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	35,913	718,260	..	4,324	722	8
Mansfield ..	2 4 <i>b</i>	92,017	1,840,340	5,633	13,424	1,027	..
Marong ..	1 6	99,366	1,987,320	3,003	10,261	1,369	40
Melton ..	1 6	43,820	876,400	3,862	3,933	360	..
Metcalfe ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	45,889	917,780	..	6,290	709	20
Mildura ..	1 6	237,961	4,759,220	32,775 ^e	35,332	4,425	..
Minhamite ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	84,738	1,694,760	..	9,808	514	..
Mirboo ..	3 0	30,933	618,660	6,432	7,340	397	..
Mornington ..	2 6	77,031	1,540,620	11,044	11,956	1,066	..
Mortlake ..	1 9	185,960	3,719,200	..	16,642	823	8
Morwell ..	2 0	100,112	2,002,240	6,714	13,559	2,467	4
Mount Rouse ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	106,287	2,125,740	..	10,486	612	..
Mulgrave ..	2 6	75,568	1,511,360	27,385	16,399	971	..
Mclvor ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	64,742	1,294,840	6,464	7,924	760	12
Narracan ..	2 3	116,453	2,329,060	5,997	19,421	2,394	4
Newham and Woodend ..	2 0	32,225	644,500	..	5,854	576	..
Newstead and Mt. Alexander ..	2 0	27,710	554,200	333	3,438	683	15
Numurkah ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	140,039	2,800,780	12,368	14,886	1,465	72
Omeo ..	2 3	52,129	1,042,580	1,089	7,620	674	30
Orbost ..	2 3	78,209	1,564,180	25,169	12,806	1,329	..
Otway ..	3 0	45,987	919,740	..	9,380	1,027	..

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £254 due by Shire of Dimboola.

d Including £402 due by Borough of Ringwood.

e Including £2,408 due by City of Mildura.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1943-44—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1944.	Municipal Fund Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Oxley ..	2 0	76,334	1,526,680	4,519	11,453	1,112	..
Phillip Island ..	2 6	21,524	430,480	14,452 ^c	4,741	277	..
Portland ..	2 0	116,002	2,320,040	850	13,808	1,535	40
Pyalong ..	2 0	27,563	551,260	..	2,878	182	..
Ripon ..	1 6	101,201	2,024,020	17,930	11,256	948	6
Rochester ..	1 6	155,874	3,117,480	3,087	15,511	1,446	82
Rodney ..	2 0	190,736	3,814,720	32,643	30,899	2,266	2
Romsey ..	2 0	64,067	1,281,340	5,328	7,990	819	3
Rosedale ..	0 1 ^a	134,422	2,645,920	39	10,920	1,057	40
Rutherfordgen ..	1 9 ^b	58,954	1,179,080	6,589	8,550	790	..
Seymour ..	1 6 ^b	74,753	1,495,060	22,020	11,740	1,098	1
Shepparton ..	2 0 ^b	125,807	2,516,140	13,235 ^d	18,621	1,310	5
South Barwon ..	2 3 ^b	73,051	1,461,020	33,847	12,608	1,552	86
South Gippsland ..	2 9	67,436	1,348,720	7,242	12,868	1,171	2
Stawell ..	2 0	78,667	1,573,340	1,117	8,888	868	20
Strathfieldsaye ..	1 9	37,497	749,940	..	5,188	936	11
Swan Hill ..	1 6	162,211	3,244,220	68,636 ^e	19,262	2,748	50
Talbot ..	2 0	28,363	567,260	1,752	3,680	368	3
Tambo ..	2 0	57,688	1,153,760	1,700	7,906	1,069	..
Towong ..	1 9	97,281	1,945,620	..	11,003	1,171	6
Traralgon ..	2 0	76,705	1,534,100	19,737	13,900	1,082	..
Tullaroop ..	1 9	41,848	836,960	72	5,042	574	..
Tungamah ..	1 6	130,181	2,603,620	12,023	13,154	1,178	6
Upper Murray ..	2 0	69,777	1,395,540	6,275	7,993	595	..
Upper Yarra ..	3 0	45,447	908,940	1,685	9,916	1,309	3
Violet Town ..	2 0	50,534	1,010,680	1,535	6,177	465	..
Walpeup ..	1 6 ^b	94,866	1,897,320	28,292	10,893	1,590	56
Wangaratta ..	1 9 ^b	56,093	1,121,860	1,214	5,650	596	..
Wannon ..	1 6	133,099	2,661,980	358	11,716	877	5
Waranga ..	1 6 ^b	101,030	2,020,600	3,383	13,019	1,361	..
Warracknabeal ..	1 9 ^b	155,469	3,109,380	25,197	20,119	1,364	19
Warragul ..	2 6	120,738	2,414,760	19,353	19,758	1,440	..
Warrnambool ..	1 7 ^b	268,926	5,378,520	..	28,567	1,888	..
Werribee ..	2 0 ^b	128,390	2,567,800	57,896	31,229	1,983	..
Whittlesea ..	2 0 ^b	75,261	1,505,220	1,665	11,410	904	..
Winmerra ..	1 6 ^b	139,061	2,781,220	1,682	13,042	962	..
Winchelsea ..	2 0 ^b	108,641	2,172,820	4,562	17,779	989	..
Wodonga ..	1 9	47,540	950,800	17,396	11,057	960	..
Woorayl ..	2 9	114,495	2,289,900	12,504	21,873	1,564	..
Wycheproof ..	1 6	146,898	2,937,960	46,251 ^f	14,520	1,379	40
Yackandandah ..	1 9	57,619	1,152,380	..	7,794	708	8
Yarrawonga ..	2 1	69,216	1,384,320	37,780	13,969	849	..
Yea ..	0 2 ^a	63,493	1,219,190	6,778	6,953	732	10
Total Municipalities outside Greater Melbourne ..	..	15,549,620	310,312,960	2,564,158	2,332,809	223,881	1,935
Total—Victoria ..	..	37,832,972	723,441,250	11,239,356	5,757,589	513,235	2,198

^a Levied on unimproved value of land.

^b Differential general rates levied.

^c Excluding £2,400 due to Shire of Bass.

^d Including £763 due by Borough of Shepparton.

^e Including £1,064 due by Shire of Wycheproof, and £27,689 due by Borough of Swan Hill.

^f Excluding £1,064 due to Shire of Swan Hill.

Rating on unimproved values.

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

Since the year 1926-27, the number of municipalities which levied the general rate on the unimproved value has remained unchanged at 14. The following table gives for those municipalities particulars of the capital value of land (improved and unimproved), the net annual value, the rating, &c., for the year 1943-44.

VICTORIA—RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES, 1943-44.

Municipality.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Unimproved Capital Value.	Net Annual Value (excluding Special Rateable Properties).	Amount of Rate in the £ on Unimproved Capital Value.	Equivalent Rate on Net Annual Value.	Amount Collectable in 1943-44 on Unimproved Capital Value.	Unimproved Capital Value to Capital Improved Value.
IN GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>	£	£	£	<i>d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	%
Brunswick ..	11,067,990	3,032,036	723,909	7	2 5	88,434	27·39
Camberwell ..	23,745,800	6,491,207	1,352,401	4½	1 11	128,472	27·34
Caulfield ..	22,987,900	6,289,974	1,253,367	4½	1 11	117,937	27·36
Chelsea ..	1,741,490	597,385	106,434	6¼	2 11	15,557	34·30
Coburg ..	8,576,400	2,733,803	506,948	6	2 8	68,345	31·88
Essendon ..	11,453,070	3,365,178	701,801	6	2 5	84,129	29·38
Mordialloc ..	3,117,050	1,187,085	167,339	4½	2 10	23,494	38·08
Oakleigh ..	3,091,880	970,152	182,658	6¼	2 9	25,264	31·38
Sandringham ..	6,739,110	2,345,358	364,161	5	2 8	48,862	34·80
OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
Newtown and Chilwell Town ..	2,693,680	731,364	140,515	5	2 2	15,237	27·15
Portland Borough	853,620	268,744	50,103	5	2 3	5,599	31·48
<i>Shires.</i>							
Dandenong ..	3,045,910	1,258,162	159,374	4 ⁷ / ₁₀	3 0	24,639	41·31
Rosedale ..	2,645,920	1,305,022	134,308	1½	1 3	8,156	49·32
Yea ..	1,219,190	572,641	63,493	2¼	1 8	5,368	46·97

**Municipal
revenue and
expenditure.**

The following table summarizes for the year ended 30th September, 1944, the revenue and expenditure of municipalities in Victoria under the headings of Municipal Fund (including Town Fund in the Cities of Melbourne and Geelong) and Business Undertakings. The accounts of the Municipal Fund are presented on a cash basis and those of Business Undertakings generally on a revenue basis. Particulars relating to Loan Accounts, Private Streets Accounts, and Special Improvement Charge Accounts are excluded from this statement.

VICTORIA—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF
MUNICIPALITIES, 1943-44.

Heading.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.			City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Municipal Fund	803,894	2,620,886	2,332,809	5,757,589	799,385	2,340,779	2,149,670	5,289,834
Business Undertakings—								
Electric Light Undertakings	921,951	978,795	278,009	2,178,755	873,877	948,842	261,973	2,084,692
Gasworks ..	..	79,880	41,819	121,699	..	80,007	40,092	129,099
Waterworks ..	..	1,604	50,584	52,188	..	1,683	53,140	54,823
Abattoirs ..	99,550	..	26,558	126,108	107,995	..	20,905	128,900
Quarries ..	..	2,305	1,675	3,980	..	4,746	1,664	6,410
Hydraulic Power	18,095	..	..	18,095	17,190	..	..	17,190
Railway ..	..	..	9,254	9,254	..	..	8,212	8,212
Total ..	1,843,490	3,683,470	2,740,708	8,267,668	1,798,447	3,385,057	2,535,656	7,719,160

**Municipal
Fund.**

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

Details of the principal items of receipts during the year ended 30th September, 1944, are given below:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND RECEIPTS, 1943-44.

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Rates—				
General and Extra	508,258	1,923,490	1,658,636	4,090,384
Other .. ..	..	443	2,265	2,708
Interest on overdue rates ..	1,112	10,652	15,339	27,103
Licences and Registration Fees—				
Dog	347	16,845	23,873	41,065
Health, Dairy, Slaughtering, and Noxious Trades	1,183	1,984	5,332	8,499
Hackney Carriages	16	83	596	695
Petrol Pump	133	1,153	1,254	2,540
Dancing Saloon	48	134	20	202
Other .. ..	..	..	808	808
Total Taxation	511,097	1,954,784	1,708,123	4,174,004
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Sanitary and Garbage	14,817	26,686	135,515	177,018
Infectious Diseases Patients' contributions .. ..	..	34	2,934	2,968
Other	1,418	7,044	9,214	17,676
Council Properties—				
Markets	100,163	14,021	29,965	144,149
Halls	14,312	21,412	29,286	65,010
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	16,437	32,057	12,774	61,268
Weighbridges	4,116	346	5,487	9,949
Sale of Materials .. ..	..	5,680	17,998	23,678
Plant Hire .. ..	..	810	66,873	67,683
Grazing Fees .. ..	..	11	9,777	9,788
Pounds	45	536	6,478	7,059
Other	43,587	56,939	50,486	151,012
Contributions for Road and Pavement Works	8,842	51,489	39,319	99,650
Other Services—				
Car Parking	8,489	162	..	8,651
Sheep Dipping .. ..	..	..	2,355	2,355
Building Fees	413	2,403	1,540	4,356
Munition Annexes .. ..	..	..	..	..
Other .. ..	..	27,057	8,757	35,814
Total Public Works and Services	212,639	246,687	428,758	888,084

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND RECEIPTS, 1943-44—continued.

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
Miscellaneous—	£	£	£	£
Police Court Fines ..	4,685	5,593	3,349	13,627
Interest on Investments ..	..	12,692	6,053	18,745
Supervision of Private streets ..	..	368	288	656
Other	6,349	13,362	27,182	46,893
Total Miscellaneous ..	11,034	32,015	36,872	79,921
Transfers from Business Undertakings (excluding Loan Recoups and Administration Refunds)	50,000	143,944	3,844	197,788
Government Grants—				
Roads	7,239	32,400	4,790	44,429
Parks, Gardens, &c. ..	..	100	670	770
Underground Drainage ..	..	..	..	..
River Works .. ..	..	..	1,376	1,376
Infectious Diseases Treatment ..	..	..	10,543	10,543
Infant Welfare Centres ..	919	8,104	6,789	15,812
Licences Equivalent ..	8,716	13,265	36,485	58,466
Vermis Destruction .. ..	..	..	387	387
National Emergency .. ..	..	18,147	2,704	20,851
War Damage Insurance Commission .. ..	..	972	714	1,686
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board ..	2,250	46,681	..	48,931
Sustenance, and Administration, and Farm Labourers' Scheme .. ..	..	2,053	3,625	5,678
Other .. ..	..	8,548	8,945	17,493
Total Government Grants	19,124	130,270	77,028	226,422
Trust Receipts—				
Refunds of Advances .. ..	..	16,182	20,897	37,079
Contractors' Deposits .. ..	..	2,985	5,659	8,644
Other .. ..	..	94,019	51,628	145,647
Total Trust Receipts ..	..	113,186	78,184	191,370
Grand Total	803,894	2,620,886	2,332,809	5,757,589

Of the total Municipal Fund receipts (excluding sustenance, &c., and trust items) during 1943-44, 75·1 per cent. was derived from taxation (74·1 per cent. from rates and 1·0 per cent. from licences and registration fees); 16·0 per cent. from public works and services; 3·5 per cent. from transfers from business undertakings; 4·0 per

cent. from Government grants; and 1.4 per cent. from other sources. The total amount collected from taxation (£4,174,004) was equivalent to £2 1s. 6d. per head of population or to £6 6s. 8d. per distinct ratepayer.

Details of the principal items of expenditure from the Municipal Fund during the year ended 30th September, 1944, are set out hereunder:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND EXPENDITURE, 1943-44.

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
General Administration (including Pay Roll Tax)* ..	79,982	247,381	345,084	672,447
Debt Services—				
Redemption of Loans ..	..	276,303	138,088	414,391
Sinking Fund Instalments ..	47,223	1,924	2,584	51,731
Interest on Loans ..	132,470	186,957	81,245	400,672
Interest on Overdrafts ..	4,776	7,162	12,435	24,373
Payments to Municipalities on account of severance adjustments ..	..	1,843	6,549	8,392
Other ..	405	84	78	567
Total Debt Services ..	184,874	474,273	240,979	900,126
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Administration ..	9,063	20,839	35,768	65,070
Sanitary and Garbage ..	51,020	175,408	134,765	361,193
Statutory Contributions—				
Queen's Memorial Infectious Diseases Hospital	12,344	41,239	3,704	57,287
Heatherton Sanatorium ..	1,470	4,944	183	6,597
Infant Welfare Centres ..	3,710	29,593	19,361	52,664
Infectious Diseases—				
Maintenance and Treatment ..	..	..	24,246	24,246
Furniture and Equipment ..	..	..	570	570
Building ..	..	..	344	344
Other ..	4,809	15,851	7,929	28,589
Council Properties—				
Markets ..	53,266	11,499	19,567	84,332
Halls ..	30,830	39,142	22,822	92,794
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities ..	101,380	173,030	71,030	345,440
Weighbridges ..	1,648	853	4,816	7,317
Grazing Expenses ..	..	..	7,350	7,350
Pounds ..	81	2,214	6,680	8,975
Other ..	10,562	74,682	35,747	120,991

* For details see page 539.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND EXPENDITURE, 1943-44—*continued.*

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
Public Works and Services— <i>continued.</i>	£	£	£	£
Plant, Furniture and Equipment	16,887	31,529	78,549	126,965
Roads, Streets, Footpaths, and Bridges—				
Construction, Maintenance				
Cleaning, and Watering..	152,344	561,555	785,444	1,499,343
Lighting	1,315	105,927	64,399	171,641
Other Works and Services—				
Car Parking	15,476	51	35	15,562
Sheep Dipping .. .. .	..	..	1,675	1,675
River Works .. .. .	..	..	1,706	1,706
Vermin Destruction .. .. .	..	..	2,208	2,208
National Emergency .. .. .	..	32,424	3,383	35,807
Other .. .. .	..	36,371	8,205	44,576
Total Public Works and Services	466,205	1,357,151	1,339,886	3,163,242
Grants and Contributions—				
Country Roads Board .. .. .	..	6,125	73,180	79,305
Fire Brigades	17,092	57,173	15,776	90,041
Hospitals, Ambulances, and other Charities	19,130	25,022	28,750	72,902
Other	27,696	54,899	19,021	101,616
Total Grants and Contributions	63,918	143,219	136,727	343,864
Miscellaneous—				
Sustenance, Sustenance Administration, and Farm Labourers' Scheme .. .. .	..	2,109	2,992	5,101
Other	4,406	8,502	9,168	22,076
Total Miscellaneous	4,406	10,611	12,160	27,177
Trust Expenditure—				
Advances .. .. .	..	15,109	17,528	32,637
Contractors' deposits refunded .. .. .	..	4,406	5,393	9,799
Other .. .. .	..	88,629	51,913	140,542
Total Trust Expenditure .. .. .	..	108,144	74,834	182,978
Grand Total	799,385	2,340,779	2,149,670	5,289,834

Of the total Municipal Fund expenditure (excluding sustenance, &c., and trust items) in 1943-44, 13·2 per cent. was for administration; 17·6 per cent. for debt services; 11·7 per cent. for health services; 6·8 per cent. for parks, gardens, &c.; 32·8 per cent. for roads, streets, &c.; 10·8 per cent. for other public works and services; 6·7 per cent. for grants and contributions; and 0·4 per cent. for miscellaneous items.

Particulars of the principal items of expenditure during the year ended 30th September, 1944, in respect of general municipal administration are given in the appended statement. In considering the cost of administration, it must be borne in mind that the municipalities are not recouped for any administrative costs incurred in the supervision of work on main roads, &c., for the Country Roads Board.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, COST OF
1943-44.

Heading.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Salaries*	64,186	150,909	216,466	431,561
Mayoral and Presidential Allowances	2,500	10,512	14,298	27,210
Audit Expenses	950	2,793	5,597	9,440
Dog Registration Expenses ..	898	2,795	10,698	14,391
Election Expenses	413	5,336	2,444	8,193
Insurances	4,875	10,710	14,034	29,619
Legal Expenses	463	2,968	3,277	6,708
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Postage, Telephone	4,233	29,387	45,340	78,960
Pay Roll Tax	1,347	21,956	21,406	44,709
Other	117	10,015	11,524	21,656
Total	79,982	247,381	345,084	672,447

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

**Municipal
electric light
undertakings
and gasworks.**

In Victoria, in 1943-44, electric light undertakings were operated by 42 municipalities, and there were also eight municipally-owned gasworks. The revenue and expenditure of such undertakings in 1943-44 amounted to £2,300,454 and £2,213,791 respectively.

**Municipal
waterworks.**

The council of any municipality may be constituted a "local governing body" under the provisions of the *Water Act* 1928 with such water supply district as is defined by the Governor in Council. At 30th September, 1944, thirteen municipalities had been so constituted. In seven other municipalities the water supply services were being administered in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act* 1928. An analysis of the authorities controlling water supply in Victoria is given on page 160 of the *Year-Book* for 1939-40.

During 1943-44 the receipts and expenditure of the abovementioned municipal waterworks amounted to £52,188 and £54,823 respectively.

**Other
municipal
business
undertakings.**

Quarries, abattoirs, hydraulic power (in the City of Melbourne), and the Kerang-Koondrook railway are other undertakings which are under the control of municipalities in Victoria. In 1943-44, the total revenue on account of these undertakings was £157,437 and the total expenditure amounted to £160,712. In those cases in which the finances of quarries and abattoirs were operated through the Municipal Fund, particulars of the amounts have been included in the statement of that Fund, under the heading of "Other Council Properties".

A statement relating to the Kerang-Koondrook railway appears in Part "Interchange" of this *Year-Book*.

**Assets and
liabilities of
municipalities.**

A statement of the assets and liabilities of municipalities for the years 1935-36 to 1939-40 is given on page 340 of the *Year-Book* for 1941-42. Complete particulars for the years subsequent to 1939-40 are not available but details in respect of arrears of rates and loans outstanding are shown hereafter.

Arrears of
general and
extra rates.

The following table shows the total amount of arrears of general and extra rates and also the amount of arrears, per distinct ratepayer in the cities, towns, and boroughs and in the shires at the end of each of the five years, 1939-40 to 1943-44.

VICTORIA—ARREARS OF GENERAL AND EXTRA RATES,
1939-40 TO 1943-44.

Year Ended 30th September—	Arrears of General and Extra Rates—			Arrears per District Ratepayer—		
	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Shires.	All Muni- cipalities.	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Shires.	All Muni- cipalities.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1940.. ..	202,339	339,087	541,426	0 10 3	1 7 0	0 16 10
1941.. ..	174,830	337,184	512,014	0 8 10	1 6 7	0 15 9
1942.. ..	*	*	*	*	*	*
1943.. ..	133,657	252,218	385,875	0 6 8	0 19 10	0 11 9
1944.. ..	105,943	208,120	313,063	0 4 9	0 16 5	0 9 6

* Not available.

For the year 1934-35 and each subsequent year, the particulars tabulated were in respect of the arrears of general and extra rates combined. As compared with the year 1934-35, the arrears of general and extra rates per distinct ratepayer decreased in 1943-44 by 71·8 per cent. in cities, towns, and boroughs; by 67·8 per cent. in shires; and by 68·8 per cent. in all municipalities.

Endowments
to muni-
cipalities.

A statement relating to the payments from Consolidated Revenue of endowments and subsidies to municipalities from 1874 to 1927-28 appears on page 142 of the *Year-Book* for 1928-29, and for the years 1928-29 and 1929-30 in the *Year-Books* for 1929-30 and 1930-31.

The endowments were last made in respect of the year 1929-30, provision for the discontinuance of such payments in subsequent years having been incorporated in special legislation passed by Parliament. The *Financial Emergency (Grants and Funds) Act 1943* provided for the non-payment of endowments during 1943-44.

In the municipalities throughout the State, there were, at 30th September, 1944, 2,121 councillors viz., 360 in cities in Greater Melbourne; 294 in cities, towns, and boroughs outside Greater Melbourne; and 1,467 in shires.

Municipal loans.

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

The amount of money borrowed at any time for permanent works or undertakings shall not, except so far as it is otherwise expressly enacted, exceed ten times the average income of the municipality for the previous three years from general rates not exceeding 2s. in the £1. In addition, however, loans, not upon the credit of the municipality but on the security of certain specified income thereof, may be raised for permanent works or undertakings by the issue of debentures or by mortgage. Such loans shall have a currency of not more than 30 years and shall not exceed five times the average amount of such income for the three years preceding the raising of the loan.

Municipal loan receipts.

The following statement shows the loan receipts (exclusive of conversion loans) during each of the five years, 1939-40 to 1943-44. Particulars of loans raised for work in private streets, are also excluded.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN RECEIPTS, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.
(*Excluding Conversion Loans.*)

Year Ended 30th September—	Gross Proceeds of Loans—		Other Receipts.	Total.
	From Government.	From Other Sources.		
	£	£	£	£
1940	3,403	363,990	137,567	504,960
1941	7,368	230,369	598,130	835,867
1942	*	*	*	*
1943	644	11,150	221,256	233,050
1944 .. .. .	..	45,700	329,806†	375,506

* Not available.

† Including, in the City of Melbourne, £327,955 transferred from General, Electric Supply, and Hydraulic Power Accounts.

**Municipal
loan
expenditure.**
1943-44.

In the following statement details are given of the loan expenditure exclusive of expenditure on private streets by municipalities for each of the five years, 1939-40 to 1943-44.

**VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN EXPENDITURE,
1939-40 TO 1943-44.**

Heading.	Year ended 30th September—			
	1940.	1941.	1943.	1944.
	£	£	£	£
Roads, Streets, and Bridges	258,144	125,745	10,938	11,282
Waterworks	3,405	1,568	644	..
Drainage	50,857	22,497	452	..
Electric Light Undertakings	236,621	218,759	121,240	79,874
Gasworks	5,624	16,401	1,659	3,715
Halls	37,059	26,209	..	2,045
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	59,703	26,105	1,682	1,977
Plant	19,235	3,122	589	230
Abattoirs	9,531	10,842	8,918	5,828
Markets	24,613	14,657	8,800	1,309
Infant Welfare Centres	13,978	6,740	82	8,047
Other Council Properties	25,166	8,227	1,383	2,269
Foreshore Improvements .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Creek Improvements	4,383	4,747	666	..
Other Purposes	9,470	7,980	4,980	42,350
Transfer to Depreciation Fund .. .. .	..	..	29,832	..
Total	757,789	493,599	191,845	158,926

NOTE.—Particulars for 1941-42 are not available.

At 30th September, 1944, there was a credit balance in loan accounts amounting to £438,935.

**Municipal
loan
liability.** The loan liability of the municipalities in Victoria at the end of each of the five years, 1939-40 to 1943-44 is given hereunder.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN LIABILITY, 1939-40 to 1943-44.

At 30th September—	Due to—		Gross Loan Liability.	Accumulated Sinking Funds.	Net Loan Liability.	
	Government.*	Public.			Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	£	£			£	£ s. d.
1940	594,460	12,315,785	12,910,245	1,006,653	11,903,592	6 4 7
1941	567,214	12,051,417	12,618,631	1,055,475	11,563,156	5 18 11
1942	†	†	†	†	†	†
1943	489,743†	11,244,459	11,734,202	1,266,721	10,467,481	5 5 5
1944	459,333	10,780,923	11,239,356	1,357,853	9,881,503	4 18 9

* Excluding liability to Country Roads Board.

† Not available.

‡ Including £23,158 due under the provisions of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918, No. 2995.*

Municipal loans outstanding—purposes. In the *Year-Book* for 1941-42, page 344, particulars are given, as far as available, of the purposes for which municipal loans outstanding at 30th September, 1940, were raised. Similar information for later years is not available.

Municipal loans outstanding—average rates of interest. The average rates of interest payable by municipalities on fixed loans and Government loans outstanding at 30th June, 1937 to 1941 are given in a statement in the *Year-Book* for 1941-42, page 345. Corresponding information for subsequent years is not available.

Construction of private streets. The council of any municipality may form, level, &c., any street, road, &c., which is formed or set out on private property or on land of the Crown or of any public body, and which is not formed, &c., to the satisfaction of the council. The cost of doing so is recoverable from the owners of adjoining properties. At the request of any owner, the amount apportioned as his total liability may be made payable by forty or, if the council so directs, sixty quarterly instalments bearing interest on the portion that from time to time remains unpaid.

For the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of work in respect of which any person is liable to pay by instalments, the council may, on the credit of the municipality, obtain advances from a bank by overdraft on current account or borrow money by the issue of debentures, but such borrowings shall not exceed the total amount of instalments payable. This borrowing power is additional to those powers mentioned on page 542.

Special improvement charges. For the purpose of carrying out work at the cost of owners of properties in any particular portion of a municipality, the council may make a special improvement charge of an amount sufficient to repay the cost of the work and interest. The charge shall be made and levied rateably in respect of such properties. The council may borrow money on the security of such charge (but not on the security of the municipality) by mortgage or by the issue of debentures.

Length of roads and streets. The following table shows the estimated length of all roads and streets in the State in the year 1944. The mileage of roads, &c. (excluding State Highways) has been compiled from information furnished by all municipal authorities, but some doubts exist as to the accuracy of the particulars on a number of returns. The mileage of State Highways has been obtained from the Country Roads Board.

VICTORIA—LENGTH OF ALL ROADS AND STREETS, 1944.

Type of Road or Street.	Roads and Streets (excluding State Highways).	State Highways.	Total.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Wood or stone	66	..	66
Portland cement concrete	137	1	138
Asphaltic concrete and sheet asphalt	246	12	258
Tar or bitumen surface seal over tar or bitumen penetrated or waterbound pavements	7,430	1,769	9,199
Waterbound macadam, gravel, sand, and hard loam pavements	24,432	1,018	25,450
Formed, but not otherwise paved	25,462	..	25,462
Surveyed roads not formed which are used for general traffic	44,141	..	44,141
Total	101,914	2,800	104,714

Particulars relating to this Fund, which was established under the provisions of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918*, are given in the *Year-Book for 1933-34*, page 147, and the liabilities and assets of the Fund at its establishment are shown in the *Year-Book for 1920-21*, pages 206 and 207.

The receipts of the Fund during the year 1943-44 amounted to £5,461 being contributions by municipalities. The amount expended from the Fund was £5,461, all of which was used for the redemption of municipal loans.

The total receipts of the Fund to the 30th June, 1944, amounted to £2,105,474. The payments out of the Fund were—redemption of municipal loans, £1,416,837; payment to the Treasury in reduction of municipal liabilities, £604,180; interest, £84,447; and sundries, £10. There was no balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1944.

**Licensing
Fund.**

During the year 1943-44 a sum of £59,032 was paid out of this Fund to municipalities, as provided by Section 311 of the *Licensing Act* 1928. The payments to cities amounted to £29,917; to towns, £1,611; to boroughs, £6,042; and to shires, £21,462. A statement of the receipts and expenditure of this Fund appears in part "Law, Crime, &c.", of this issue.

**Municipal
Officers
Fidelity
Guarantee
Fund.**

The provisions of the Act under which this fund was established are set out in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29 on page 163.

The premium revenue for the year ended 30th September, 1945, was £1,280, for guarantees amounting to £383,486. The claims paid from January, 1908, the date of the inception of the fund, to 30th September, 1945, amounted to £6,814. The amount to the credit of the fund at 30th September, 1945, was £33,783.

COUNTRY ROADS BOARD.

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

The funds established under the *Country Roads Act* 1928 are the Country Roads Board Fund, the Loan Account, and the Developmental Roads Loan Account.

A statement of the moneys to be credited to the Country Roads Board Fund by Acts of Parliament will be found in the *Year-Book* for 1929-30, page 139. The *Country Roads Board Fund Act* 1930 provides that, on and from 1st July, 1930, the fees previously payable into the Fund shall—

- (a) in the case of fees and moneys received in respect of unused roads and the sale of surplus street lands be paid into the Consolidated Revenue;
- (b) in the case of fees received in respect of water frontages be paid into the "Rivers and Streams Fund."

The *Country Roads Board Fund Act 1945* provides that, for the year 1945-46, all fees (other than fees for licences to drive motor cars) and fines paid under the Motor Car Acts, less the cost of collection of such fees and fines, shall be placed to the credit of the Country Roads Board Fund, and that the annual payment into the Fund of the amount of £50,000 from Consolidated Revenue shall be suspended.

The receipts and expenditure of the Fund for each of the five years, 1940-41 to 1944-45, were as follows:—

**VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD FUND—
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.**

	Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
<i>Receipts.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Payments by Municipalities ..	312,042	297,878	244,756	225,653	241,764
Fees, Motor Car Act ..	1,682,980	1,443,597	1,248,426	1,344,524	1,395,225
Fees and Registration of Traction Engines ..	1,654	853	345	328	321
Fees, Motor Omnibus Act ..	13	6	14	50	..
Stores and Materials ..	199,931	231,312	286,366	270,121	254,450
Hire of Plant ..	59,979	57,033	58,627	104,333	108,647
Other Receipts (advance from Public Account for unemployment relief and other works, &c.) ..	72,506	93,131	272,039	223,909	125,315
Total	2,329,105	2,123,810	2,110,573	2,168,918	2,125,722
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Maintenance and reconditioning of main roads, State highways, and tourists' roads ..	1,009,842	627,762	519,033	645,640	733,697
Relief to Municipalities ..	229,290	223,790	221,040	221,040	221,040
Interest and Sinking Fund ..	114,598	112,901	110,258	108,604	106,975
Recoup to Revenue (Interest, Sinking Fund, &c.) ..	351,684	357,723	343,469	343,069	341,358
Plant, Stores, and Materials ..	312,063	326,969	445,614	336,844	314,686
Other Expenditure (including administration) ..	201,279	211,650	292,919	292,553	189,093
Total	2,218,756	1,860,795	1,932,333	1,947,750	1,906,849

The balance to the credit of the Fund at 30th June, 1945, was £1,010,745.

The money received from the issue of stock or debentures under the authority of section 32 of the *Country Roads Act 1928* is placed to the credit of the Loan Account, which is debited with all payments made towards the cost of permanent road works. There were no transactions during 1944-45.

The Developmental Roads Loan Account is credited with money received from stock and debentures issued under the authority of Section 85 of the *Country Roads Act* 1928 and is debited with expenditure in connexion with the construction of developmental roads. During 1944-45 there were no transactions owing to the funds having been exhausted in previous years.

The following is a summary of the total expenditure by the Board on road construction during each of the five years, 1940-41 to 1944-45 :—

**VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD—EXPENDITURE
ON ROADS, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.**

	Year ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	£	£	£	£	£
State Highways*—					
Maintenance and reconditioning	392,510	237,136	203,964	240,729	251,048
Main Roads*—					
Construction	81,343	27,090	5,707	23,022	43,794
Maintenance	646,836	411,170	323,837	399,866	490,706
Total Main Roads	728,179	438,260	329,544	422,888	534,500
Developmental Roads*—					
Construction, &c.	303,985	100,308	88,920	94,526	153,081
Unemployment Relief	4,871	1,212	20	..	..
Tourists' Roads*—					
Construction, &c.	55,389	20,605	27,880	44,479	30,487
Murray River Bridges and Punts—					
Maintenance	3,668	2,908	2,555	3,635	4,115
Roads adjoining Commonwealth Areas	8,647	3,188	5,407	1,572	3,598
Commonwealth Defence Works	21,392	9,072	9,443	5,106	1
Unemployment Relief .. .. .	..	131,898	670,102	894,436	751,341
Commonwealth Defence Works (Northern Territory) Construction, &c. .. .. .	..	1,158	43,842	20,991	Cr. 25,962
Commonwealth Defence Works (Allied Works Council) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Total	1,518,641	945,745	1,381,677	1,728,362	1,702,209

* Including amounts contributed by the Commonwealth Government under the provisions of the Federal Aid Roads Act.

HARBOR TRUSTS.

The Port of Melbourne is under the control of this Trust, and its constitution, powers and functions are set out on page 145 of the *Year-Book* for 1929-30. The following are particulars of the ordinary revenue and ordinary and capital expenditure for the years 1940 to 1944. The loan indebtedness as at the end of each of the five years is also shown.

**Melbourne
Harbor Trust.**

MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1940 TO 1944.

Heading.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
	£	£	£	£	£
REVENUE.					
Wharfage and Tonnage Rates	684,032	642,318	747,695	621,735	631,084
Rents	42,297	44,874	45,520	48,144	53,521
Interest	734	660	752	8,127	6,483
Other Revenue	128,169	138,380	186,230	277,946	205,298
	855,232	826,232	980,197	955,952	896,386
Less Statutory Payments to—					
Consolidated Revenue	142,806	132,463	153,539	145,043	130,218
Geelong Harbor Trust	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Total	697,426	678,769	811,658	795,909	751,168
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
General Management and Expenses	53,564	28,094	76,466	62,370	50,550
Flotation and Redemption of Loans					
Expenses	3,825	3,825	3,825	3,825	3,825
Operating Expenses	37,794	45,388	86,228	116,792	113,759
Maintenance—					
Dredging	98,241	112,204	82,391	110,527	108,705
Harbor	1,361	1,879	3,405	3,240	3,350
Wharves	79,853	58,706	33,482	48,216	56,315
Approaches	12,467	7,844	6,744	5,100	3,452
Railways	3,650	1,939	9,622	2,827	2,927
Other Properties	3,023	4,727	4,669	4,756	4,472
Interest on Loans and Exchange	202,415	202,295	188,623	190,754	189,530
Depreciation, Renewals, and Insurance Account	135,688	135,150	126,476	115,799	127,875
Sinking Fund	47,146	52,447	114,465	54,462	55,576
Total	679,027	654,498	736,396	718,668	720,336
Surplus on Revenue Account	18,399	24,271	75,262	77,241	30,832
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.					
Land and Property	863	6,415	8,505	2,090	430
Deepening Waterways	48,837	31,794	55,261	39,887	59,871
Wharves Construction	28,565	36,584	107,399	60,244	40,397
Approaches Construction	5,894	11,922	12,703	13,008	11,548
Other Harbor Improvements	36,898	32,865	692	664	1,771
Floating and General Plant	39,212	112,651	99,846	114,669	89,596
Total	160,269	232,231	284,406	230,562	203,613
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness*	4,028,880	4,004,434	4,049,483	4,123,821	4,043,046
Sinking Fund	133,471	154,475	165,406	188,101	208,901
Net Indebtedness	3,895,409	3,849,959	3,884,077	3,935,720	3,834,145

* Excluding bank overdraft as follows:—£103,785 in 1940; £164,892 in 1941; £4,441 in 1942; £97,924 in 1943; and £75,197 in 1944.

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

The following is a summary of the revenue and expenditure for each year 1940 to 1944. Capital expenditure during, and loan indebtedness at end of, each of the five years is also shown.

**GEELONG HARBOR TRUST — REVENUE AND
EXPENDITURE, 1940 TO 1944.**

Heading.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
REVENUE.					
	£	£	£	£	£
Wharfage, Tonnage, and Special Berth Rates	55,606	39,345	37,997	30,870	32,803
Rents, Fees, and Licences	5,302	5,663	6,544	7,020	6,855
Freezing Works and Abattoirs	10,732	13,000	14,563	17,580	19,329
Contribution by Melbourne Harbor Trust	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Other Revenue	2,974	3,181	5,556	6,810	5,575
Total	89,614	76,189	79,660	77,280	79,562
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
Management Expenses	15,753	13,022	15,036	14,581	13,238
Maintenance—					
Wharves and Approaches	2,871	3,472	2,415	2,144	2,136
Harbor	4,625	3,104	2,449	7,873	3,820
Floating Plant	5,784	2,883	3,828	1,091	3,238
Other	2,059	1,996	2,154	2,811	2,250
Interest on Loans	17,022	17,398	18,119	17,900	16,525
Sinking Fund	3,992	3,984	3,962	3,921	3,855
Freezing Works and Abattoirs	8,550	6,293	7,961	7,743	8,623
Depreciation Reserve Account	31,594	23,615	24,763	25,264	22,875
Miscellaneous	70	86	609	643	533
Total	92,320	75,853	81,296	83,971	77,093
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.					
Land and Property	4,077	24,631	20,395	3,367	4,060
Deepening Waterways	10,093	..	..	..	..
Wharves and Approaches	5,993	48	..	..	1,605
Other	4,915	893	3,426	351	107
Total	25,078	25,572	23,821	3,718	5,772
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness	526,580	557,501	553,883	546,657	536,734
Sinking Fund	30,169	35,345	40,700	46,186	51,771
Net Indebtedness	496,411	522,156	513,183	500,471	484,963

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITIES.

A statement showing the names of the authorities which controlled water supply for domestic purposes in Victoria in 1940 is given in the *Year-Book* for 1939-40, page 160.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.

Creation and constitution of Board. The Board was established by Act of Parliament on 20th December, 1890, and entered upon its duties on 18th March, 1891.

It consists of 48 members, including the chairman, who is elected every four years by the other members, and is eligible for re-election. The other forty-seven members, who are called commissioners, are from time to time elected by the councils of the municipal districts wholly or partly within the metropolis.

Functions of the Board. The principal functions of the Board are to control and manage the metropolitan water supply system, including watersheds, reservoirs, weirs, aqueducts, pipes, &c., to provide the metropolis with an efficient system of main and general sewerage; to deal also with main drains and main drainage works, to control and manage the rivers, creeks, and watercourses within the metropolis and to collect and dispose of night-soil from unsewered premises within the area under its control.

Area under Board's Control. All land within a radius of 13 miles of the post office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth-streets, Melbourne, the remaining portions of the Cities of Moorabbin, Mordialloc, and Nunawading, and certain portions of the Shire of Dandenong (all of which portions are outside such radius) but excluding a portion of the Shire of Werribee within such radius, are included in the metropolis for water supply and sewerage purposes. This territory has an area of 443 square miles and comprises 27 cities, and parts of one other city and 10 shires.

Board's borrowing powers and liability on loans. The Board is empowered to borrow £24,750,000, this amount being exclusive of loans amounting to £2,389,934 originally raised by the Government for the construction of waterworks for the supply of Melbourne and suburbs. These works were vested in and taken over by the Board on 1st July, 1891.

The Board's liability under loans was £25,971,165 on 30th June, 1945. The Board was at that date empowered to borrow £1,168,769 before reaching the limit of its borrowing powers.

The following is a statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Board during each of the five years, 1940-41 to 1944-45.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1940-41 TO 1944-45.

Heads of Revenue and Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	£	£	£	£	£
	REVENUE.				
Water Supply—					
Water Rates and Charges (including Revenue from water supplied by measure) ..	1,048,102	1,078,752	1,093,580	1,125,150	1,133,575
Meter Rents	60,158	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Sewerage—					
Sewerage Rates	1,090,930	1,128,808	1,155,897	1,168,477	1,082,944
Sanitary Charges	22,630	23,868	24,177	27,211	24,384
Metropolitan Farm—					
Grazing Fees, Rents, Pastures, &c. Balance Live Stock Account ..	6,254	10,591	9,748	7,138	6,251
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers—					
Drainage and River Improvement Rate	86,871	89,689	92,629	93,728	93,523
River Water Charges	7,836	9,190	9,183	9,033	6,285
Total	2,351,277	2,375,039	2,439,842	2,483,201	2,407,094
	REVENUE EXPENDITURE.				
Water Supply—					
Management and Incidental Expenses	49,399	53,203	64,666	74,560	88,670
Maintenance	121,598	126,836	137,329	164,613	171,304
Sewerage—					
Management and Incidental Expenses	51,810	61,969	71,781	82,085	93,637
Maintenance	107,724	112,870	108,020	112,980	106,747
Metropolitan Farm—					
Administrative Expenses	1,095	1,096	1,167	1,340	1,778
Maintenance	59,770	56,222	68,921	81,460	86,720
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers—					
Management and Incidental Expenses	4,562	5,099	4,733	5,806	5,294
Maintenance	14,940	18,046	13,570	16,728	16,242
Pensions and Allowances	5,677	5,807	10,143	15,750	15,326
Discount and Expenses re Loans ..	19,777	2,743	2,852	5,083	1,683
Interest on Overdraft	148	178	1,017	224	.. .. .
Interest on Loans	1,317,976	1,311,197	1,300,752	1,215,778	1,225,172
Exchange	46,126	53,298	46,413	46,411	46,413
Contribution to—					
Sinking Fund	65,601	65,601	65,283	65,073	64,928
Renewals Fund	225,000	200,000	240,479	240,421	190,810
Superannuation Accounts	22,032	22,553	16,018	15,461	15,203
Insurance Account	25,662	430	25,430	25,000	.. .. .
Rates Equalization Reserve .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	75,000	75,000
General Reserve	70,000	100,000	200,000	.. .. .	.. .. .
Exchange Reserve .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	51,000	51,000
Deferred Maintenance Reserve ..	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	75,000	.. .. .
Reserve for Provision, Maintenance and Renewals of					
Water Services .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	100,000
Depreciation	60,000	33,200	80,000	80,590	6,156
Contributions to Municipalities ..	3,850	3,850	3,860	3,850	3,850
Defence Expenses	19,748	120,183	96,609	35,262	23,106
Contributions to Patriotic Funds ..	6,520	2,615	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Sundries	15	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Total	2,299,030	2,356,996	2,559,043	2,489,475	2,389,039

WATER SUPPLY.

Water supply assessments and ratas. The rate to be paid in respect of any lands and houses for the supply of water for domestic purposes, otherwise than by measure, is limited to an amount not exceeding 8d. in the pound on the annual value of the lands and houses served. The water rate levied in the year 1944-45 was 6d. in the pound on the annual value of the property served. Assessments of £20 and under are charged a minimum rate of 10s. per annum. There is a charge of 1s. per 1,000 gallons for water supplied by meter, with the assessed rate as a minimum. For shipping at Melbourne wharves the charge is 3s. per 1,000 gallons.

Assessed value of property. The total annual value of property assessed for water supply purposes and liable to water rates was £21,833,424 in 1943-44 and £22,099,474 in 1944-45.

Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan waterworks system. The total cost of the water supply system to 30th June, 1944 and 1945, was as follows:—

	To 30th June.	
	1944.	1945.
	£	£
Original water supply works, tank, pumping station, &c.	12,505	12,505
Yan Yean System	665,244	660,205
Maroondah System	1,707,124	1,707,095
O'Shannassy System	3,261,811	3,297,637
Service reservoirs	622,368	622,524
Large mains	3,111,376	3,111,121
Reticulation	3,619,849	3,655,564
Afforestation	98,577	104,691
Investigations, future works	8,008	8,412
Total	13,106,862	13,179,754

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

Storage and service reservoirs. There are five storage reservoirs (Yan Yean, Toorourong, Maroondah, O'Shannassy, and Silvan No. 1) with a total capacity of 23,351,305,000 gallons, twenty-two service reservoirs (including one at the Metropolitan Farm, Werribee) and three elevated tanks, with a total capacity of 262,200,000 gallons.

Output of water.

The total output of water from the various sources of supply in 1943 and 1944 was as follows:—

	1943.	1944.
	'000 gals.	'000 gals.
Yan Yean Reservoir	2,721,600	3,378,800
Maroondah Reservoir	14,908,100	17,354,100
O'Shannassy River and Silvan No. 1	15,822,800	15,590,400
Total Output	33,452,500	36,323,300

Consumption of water in Melbourne and suburbs.

The total consumption of water amounted to 33,510,700,000 gallons in 1943 and 36,342,600,000 gallons in 1944, and the average consumption per day was 91,810,137 gallons in 1943 and 99,296,721 in 1944. In 1943 the maximum (189,200,000 gallons) and the minimum (52,300,000 gallons) daily consumption occurred on 29th January and 20th June respectively, and in 1944 the maximum (197,400,000 gallons) and the minimum (54,300,000 gallons) occurred on 15th and 22nd January, and 26th April, respectively.

The following table shows for each of the five years, 1940 to 1944, the daily average consumption of water, and the daily average per head:—

DAILY AVERAGE QUANTITY OF WATER CONSUMED IN MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS, 1940 TO 1944.

(MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS AREA.)

Year.	Properties Supplied with Water at 30th June.	Number of Properties for which Sewers were Provided at 30th June.	Daily Average of Annual Consumption of Water to 31st December.	Daily Consumption of Water per Head of Population Served.
			Gallons.	Gallons.
1940	291,261	274,974	88,911,415	59·02
1941	297,392	281,288	84,977,148	71·97
1942	302,361	286,473	88,529,041	73·75
1943	303,536	287,146	91,810,137	76·19
1944	304,649	288,100	99,296,721	82·10

NOTE.—Particulars supplied by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.

These figures show that additional properties to the number of 1,113 were supplied with water during the year ended 30th June, 1944.

SEWERAGE.

Sewerage assessments, rates, and receipts. The Board is empowered to levy a general sewerage rate not exceeding 1s. 2d. in the £1 on the net annual value of properties in seweraged areas. The sewerage rate for the year 1944-45 was 1s. in the £1. The total annual value of property in the Board's area in 1944-45 was £22,714,236, of which £21,558,196 was liable to the sewerage rate, the balance being the value of property in unsewered districts.

The receipts from the general sewerage rates and charges in 1944-45 amounted to £1,107,328.

Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan sewerage system. The cost of sewerage works to 30th June, 1944 and 1945 is allocated as follows:—

	To 30th June.	
	1944.	1945.
	£	£
Farm purchase and preparation	1,339,292	1,372,337
Treatment works	190,753	191,777
Outfall sewers and rising mains	536,635	536,666
Pumping stations, buildings, and plant	305,299	305,217
Main and Branch sewers	3,269,902	3,274,272
Reticulation sewers	8,391,075	8,417,675
Cost of house connexions chargeable to capital	670,872	670,567
Sanitary depots	50,202	50,186
Investigations	1,565	3,851
Cost of sewerage system	14,755,595	14,822,548

Main and subsidiary sewerage systems. The sewerage system of the metropolis at 30th June, 1945, consisted of the main system and three subsidiary systems:—

The Main system (serving an area of 63,894 acres) the sewage from which gravitates to Spotswood Pumping Station where it is lifted to the Main Outfall Sewer at Brooklyn and thence flows to the Metropolitan Farm at Werribee.

The Sunshine system (serving an area of 846 acres in the Shire of Braybrook, including the township of Sunshine) the sewage from which is pumped to the Main Outfall Sewer.

The Kew system (serving an area of 90 acres in Kew) the sewage from which drains to a local treatment plant.

The South Eastern system (serving an area of 1,836 acres in Cheltenham, Parkdale, Mentone, and Mordialloc) the sewage from which drains to the Braeside treatment plant in the Shire of Dandenong.

The first house was connected in Port Melbourne in August, 1897. On 30th June, 1944 and 1945, the number of buildings for which sewers were provided was 288,100 and 288,921 respectively, and the estimated population served by the system was 1,143,757 at 30th June, 1944, and 1,147,016 at 30th June, 1945.

During the years 1943-44 and 1944-45 the number of new houses erected in the Board's area was 462 and 960 respectively, and provision was made for the sewerage of 954 buildings in 1943-44 and 821 in 1944-45.

The following statement shows the progress of sewer connexions to 30th June, 1944 and 1945:—

**MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—
SEWER CONNEXIONS AT 30TH JUNE, 1944 and 1945.**

Municipality.	Number of Buildings for which Sewers were provided at 30th June—	
	1944.	1945.
Box Hill City	4,683	4,712
Braybrook Shire (part of)	2,173	2,187
Brighton City	10,089	10,097
Broadmeadows Shire (part of)	589	596
Brunswick City	14,243	14,334
Camberwell City	19,571	19,576
Caulfield City	20,952	21,036
Coburg City	10,991	11,207
Collingwood City	8,155	8,155
Essendon City	13,171	13,280
Fitzroy City	7,912	7,902
Footscray City	12,558	12,658
Hawthorn City	10,484	10,438
Heidelberg City (part of)	7,228	7,286
Keilor Shire (part of)	361	363
Kew City	7,253	7,302
Malvern City	13,166	13,168
Melbourne City	22,690	22,696
Moorabbin City	4,768	4,817
Mordialloc City	2,809	2,831
Mulgrave Shire	8	8
Northcote City	11,422	11,426
Nunawading City	1,154	1,235
Oakleigh City	3,576	3,569
Port Melbourne City	3,608	3,605
Prahran City	16,594	16,594
Preston City	9,731	9,736
Richmond City	10,556	10,550
Sandringham City	6,005	5,968
South Melbourne City	10,047	10,054
St. Kilda City	15,043	15,019
Werribee Shire (part of)	2	4
Williamstown City	6,508	6,512
Total	288,100	288,921

Pumping stations. At 30th June, 1945, pumping stations had been established at Spotswood, Preston, Sunshine, Box Hill, Black Rock, Braybrook, Mordialloc, Port Melbourne, Prahran, and Kew.

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

The statistical data for the year ended 30th June, 1945, are as under:—

Total area of farm	.. .. .	24,257 acres.
Area used for sewage disposal	.. .. .	13,455 „
Rainfall at farm for year	.. .. .	14·03 inches.
Average rainfall over 50 years	.. .. .	17·97 „
Net cost of sewage purification for year per head of population served	.. .. .	1s. 4·6d.
Profit on cattle for year	.. .. .	£54,971
Profit on sheep for year	.. .. .	£5,161
Profit on agistment for year	.. .. .	£3,293

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

For the year 1944-45, the working expenses were £5,920, while interest amounted to £2,109, making a total of £8,029. The revenue was £2,740, leaving a deficiency of £5,289.

METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS.

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

Assessed value of property. The total annual value of property assessed for Drainage and River purposes for 1944-45 was £22,403,983.

Cost of drainage and river improvement works.

The total cost of Drainage and River Improvement works to 30th June, 1945, was £1,784,054.

Length of main drains.

The classification and length of all main drains under the control of the Board at 30th June, 1945, were as follows:—

—	Miles.	Chains.
Underground drains	95	12
Constructed open drains	11	32
Natural watercourses and unlined open drains ..	5	61
Total	112	25

THE BALLARAT WATER COMMISSION AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY.

The Ballarat Water Commission was constituted on the 1st July, 1880.

The Ballarat Sewerage Authority was constituted under the provisions of the *Sewerage Districts Act* 1918 by Order-in-Council dated 30th November, 1920, which provides that the Members of the Water Commission shall be the Sewerage Authority.

Water Supply. The Water Supply District of the Ballarat Water Commission embraces an area of approximately 27 square miles, including the City of Ballarat, the Borough of Sebastopol, and portions of the Shires of Ballarat, Buninyong, and Bungaree. The estimated population in this area is 45,000. The works comprise six reservoirs, which have a total storage capacity of 2,331,600,000 gallons with catchment area of 17,545 acres. The Commission supplied water to 12,834 properties of which 8,867 were connected to the sewers.

To 31st December, 1944, the capital cost of construction was £697,380, and the amount of loans outstanding (due to the Government)

£263,034. During 1944, receipts amounted to £102,596 and expenditure to £95,541.

Sewerage. The Ballarat Sewerage District embraces the City of Ballarat and portion of the Shire of Ballarat. Work was commenced in December, 1922, and to date the Authority has constructed a Disposal Works, one mile of Outfall Sewer, 2·1 miles of Main Sewer, 13·8 miles of submains and 76·7 miles of reticulation. The whole of the works so far completed are gravitational. The treatment comprises screening, grit removal, primary sedimentation, trickling filter, secondary sedimentation, and sludge digestion; the system treats an average maximum daily flow of approximately 2,000,000 gallons.

To 31st December, 1944, the Capital Cost of construction, including side-lines, was £504,740, and the amount of loans outstanding £409,172. The amount outstanding by property owners for sewerage installations was £5,783. During 1944, General Fund Receipts amounted to £34,906 and Expenditure to £33,781.

Rates. *Water Rate.*—The Water Rate levied was 11d. in the £ on the net annual value of all rateable properties, with a minimum of £1 per annum for land on which there was a building or water supply.

Sewerage Rate.—The General Sewerage Rate levied is One shilling and fivepence in the £ of the net annual value of all properties within the drainage area which are now or may hereafter become sewered during the period for which such rate is made.

GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE TRUST.

This Trust was constituted on 25th January, 1908. It was reconstituted under the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act in 1910.

The amount of loans which may be raised is limited to £900,000 for water supply, £760,000 for sewerage works, and £270,000 for sewerage installations to properties under deferred payments conditions. The expenditure on these services to 30th June, 1945, was—water supply, £755,373, sewerage, £650,462, and sewerage installation, £257,897, of which £199 is outstanding. The revenue for the

year ended 30th June, 1945, was £66,255 on account of waterworks and £44,788 on account of sewerage. Since 1913 the Trust has appropriated and set apart sums out of surplus revenues for the creation of a sinking fund to redeem loans. At 30th June, 1945, the amounts so appropriated were:—sewerage, £88,575, and water supply, £96,241. Of such amounts £167,903 has been used to redeem loans which have matured from time to time.

The population supplied is estimated by the Trust at 51,336. The number of buildings situate within the "Drainage Area" is 12,763; the number within the "Sewered Areas," 12,513; and the number connected with the sewers, 12,493.

Water Supply. The catchment area of the Moorabool watersheds is about 16,000 acres. There are five storage reservoirs and seven service basins. The total storage capacity of the reservoirs and service basins is 2,738,120,000 gallons.

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

Sewerage. The sewerage system consists of a main outfall sewer, 4 ft. 3 in. by 3 ft. 3 in., to the ocean at Black Rock, a distance of about 9 miles from Geelong, and 146 miles of main and reticulation sewers. The sewerage area is 9,571 acres and includes the City of Geelong, the City of Geelong West, the Town of Newtown and Chilwell, and the suburban areas in the Shires of Corio, South Barwon, and Bellarine.

Rates. *Water Rate.*—A water rate of one shilling in the pound of the net annual value of all rateable properties with a minimum of £1 per annum for land on which there is a building and a minimum of five shillings per annum for land on which there is no building.

Sewerage Rate.—A general sewerage rate of one shilling and twopence in the pound of the net annual value of all properties within the drainage area which are now or may hereafter become sewered during the period for which such rate is made.

WATERWORKS TRUSTS.

During 1940 there were 109 Waterworks Trusts, constituted under the provisions of the *Water Act* 1928, functioning in Victoria. The receipts and expenditure of these Trusts for the year 1940 are shown in the *Year-Book* for 1941-42, page 361. Similar particulars are not available for subsequent years.

MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST.

This Trust, which was constituted under the provisions of the Mildura Irrigation Trusts Acts, supplies water for domestic use in the City of Mildura. The revenue and expenditure of this authority for the year ended 30th June, 1944, were as follows:—

MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1943-44.

Revenue.			Expenditure.		
£			£		
Water Rates	..	5,190	Administrative Expenses	..	863
Water Charges	..	3,289	Meter Maintenance	..	338
Meter Rents	..	102	Maintenance and Repairs	..	3,753
Interest on overdue Rates	..	18	Interest on Loans	..	487
Transfers from Reserves (Accounts closed)	..	9,167	Interest on Overdraft	..	1
Other	..	1,800	Depreciation	..	523
			Other	..	1,623
Total	..	19,566	Total	..	7,588

At 30th June, 1944, the net loan liability of the Trust amounted to £11,519, of which £9,916 was due to the Government.

SEWERAGE AUTHORITIES.

In districts outside the areas under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust (which bodies were constituted under special Acts), sewerage authorities may be constituted in Victoria under the provisions of the Sewerage Districts Acts. At 31st December 1944, thirty-eight such authorities had been constituted.

The following statement gives general statistical information relating to all authorities (including the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust) in whose districts the sewerage systems were in operation in 1944.

SEWERAGE SYSTEMS IN OPERATION IN VICTORIA, 1944.

Authority.	Year of Constitution.	Estimated Population Served by System.*	Number of Properties Connected to Sewers.	Sewerage Rate Levied in £ of Net Annual Municipal Value.
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	1890	1,143,760	288,100	<i>s. d.</i> 1 1
Ararat	1935	4,500	1,101	1 9
Bairnsdale	1932	4,000	1,000	1 6
Ballarat	1920	39,500	8,765	1 5
Benalla	1934	4,800	1,118	2 2
Bendigo	1916	26,500	6,559	1 4
Castlemaine	1934	4,750	1,090	2 0
Colac	1923	5,520	1,452	1 6
Dandenong	1935	5,600	1,019	1 8
Dimboola	1938	1,000	240	2 0
Echuca	1927	4,000	1,094	1 9
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust	1908	51,160	12,449	1 2
Hamilton	1935	5,500	1,478	1 7
Horsham	1926	5,000	1,307	1 6
Kerang	1932	2,800	625	2 6
Kyabram	1938	1,700	182	1 8
Kyneton	1933	2,600	750	1 9
Mildura	1928	7,600	1,726	1 3
Mornington	1939	1,060	301	1 9
Morwell	1939	2,300	600	1 6
Murtoa	1938	1,200	285	2 0
Nhill	1938	2,800	460	1 10
Portland	1938	550	176	1 4
Shepparton	1934	8,000	1,600	1 6
Swan Hill	1926	4,500	906	2 6
Wangaratta	1933	5,000	1,234	1 5
Warracknabeal	1938	2,800	759	2 0
Warragul	1935	3,600	630	2 0
Warrnambool	1929	7,780	2,103	0 9
Total .. ..	..	1,359,880	339,109	..

* As estimated by the authorities concerned.

In addition to those enumerated in the foregoing table, sewerage authorities had been constituted in the following districts:—Beechworth constituted in 1939; Euroa in 1939; Leongatha in 1939; Lorne in 1938; Maffra in 1938; Sale in 1936; Traralgon in 1939; Werribee in 1939; Wodonga in 1939; Yarram in 1939; and Yarrawonga in 1938. At Beechworth, Euroa, Lorne, Sale, Werribee, Wodonga, and Yarram operations have been suspended for the duration of the war and the undertakings at Leongatha Maffra, Traralgon, and Yarrawonga have not been brought into operation.

A concise statement of the principal provisions of the *Local Government (Septic Tanks) Act 1938* is given in the *Year-Book* for 1939-40, page 173.

Yallourn. Under the provisions of the State Electricity Commission Acts, a scheme of sewerage for Yallourn has been adopted after approval by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission and the Public Health Department. The erection of the treatment plant, pump house and pipe-testing depot has been completed. The project is in abeyance and the system cannot be brought into operation until sufficient labour is available.

FIRE BRIGADES BOARDS.

Constitution of Fire Brigades Boards. Under the *Fire Brigades Act 1928* there are constituted a metropolitan fire district, controlled by the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board, and nine country fire districts, controlled by the Country Fire Brigades Board. Particulars of the principal provisions of the *Fire Brigades Act 1937* are given in the *Year Book* for 1937-38, page 164.

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

The Board on 30th June, 1945, had under its control the following :— 42 stations, 347 members of permanent staff, 96 members of special service staff, 20 members of clerical staff, 68 men engaged in the workshops, 13 employees engaged in the tailoring department, and 170 partially paid firemen.

During 1944-45 the cost of maintenance of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade was £224,980, one-third being contributed by each of the contributing bodies, viz., Government of Victoria, municipalities within the Metropolitan Fire District, and the fire insurance companies carrying on business in that district. The municipalities' contribution was equal to 8d. in the pound on the annual value of £22,483,252 of property within the Fire District, and that of the insurance companies to £5 19s. 7½d. for every £100 of premiums on insured property. The premiums received in the Metropolitan Fire District in 1943 amounted to £1,253,674.

Country Fire Authority.

The Country Fire Authority which was constituted by the *Country Fire Authority Act 1944*, superseded the Country Fire Brigades Board and the Bush Fire Brigades Committee on the 2nd April, 1945. The Authority comprises ten members appointed by the Executive Council selected from panels of names submitted by the Minister of Forests (two representatives), the Urban Municipalities (one), the Rural Municipalities (one), the Fire Insurance Companies (two), the Rural Fire Brigades (two), and the Urban Fire Brigades (two).

The Authority is responsible for the prevention and suppression of fires in the "country area of Victoria", which embraces the whole of the State outside the metropolitan fire district, excluding State Forests and certain Crown Lands. The country area has been divided into twenty-four Fire Control Regions, three of which (Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong) are wholly urban, the remaining twenty-one mixed urban and rural. Seventeen permanent Regional Fire Officers have been appointed, each of whom supervises fire prevention and extinction in the rural sections of one or more fire control regions. At the 30th June, 1945, there were 185 urban fire brigades and 724 rural fire brigades. The revenue of the Authority is contributed in equal proportions by the Government, Fire Insurance Companies and Municipalities. The estimated expenditure of the Authority for the first financial year (15 months) was £115,612.

Receipts and
expenditure.

Particulars of receipts and expenditure of both Fire Brigades Boards for the five years, 1939-40 to 1943-44, are as follows:—

VICTORIA—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF FIRE
BRIGADES BOARDS, 1939-40 TO 1943-44.

Heading.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
<i>Ordinary Receipts.</i>					
Contributions—Government, Muni- cipal, and Insurance	£ 222,109	£ 224,057	£ 240,796	£ 242,201	£ 264,851
Receipts for Services	30,393	32,613	46,379	52,876	58,091
Interest and Sundries	19,243	23,232	26,092	36,107	27,477
Total	271,745	279,902	313,267	331,184	350,419
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries	166,250	166,921	182,988	182,428	194,278
Fire Expenses	4,390	4,265	4,264	4,531	4,692
Administrative Charges, &c. ..	40,797	44,418	49,746	58,459	51,402
Plant—Purchase and Repairs ..	13,713	16,711	20,241	33,183	31,211
Buildings	2,790	2,430	6,547	3,911	8,557
Interest	11,720	12,410	12,439	11,940	11,160
Repayment of Loans	15,753	15,534	16,436	17,258	18,131
Superannuation Fund	6,149	6,138	6,437	6,496	6,809
Motor Replacement Reserve ..	2,000	3,900	3,900	3,900	3,900
Miscellaneous	4,691	6,381	10,913	8,753	8,963
Total	268,253	279,108	313,911	330,859	339,103
<i>Loan Expenditure.</i>					
Purchase of Land and Erection of Buildings, &c.	28,230	39,881	8,223	..	4,836
<i>At 30th June—</i>					
Loan Indebtedness	286,068	297,043	280,609	263,351	252,219

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL BODIES.

In the following statement particulars are given of the new money loan raisings during each of the years 1936-37 to 1940-41 by Local Government and Semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies in Victoria. Comparable information for the years subsequent to 1940-41 is not available.

VICTORIA—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—NEW MONEY LOAN RAISINGS, 1936-37 TO 1940-41.

Heading.	1936-37,	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.
LOCAL GOVERNMENT.	£	£	£	£	£
Due to Government	32,493	6,501	13,737	6,272	3,741
Due to Public Creditor	485,577	792,542	795,211	624,178	347,249
Total Local Government ..	518,070	799,043	808,948	630,450	350,990
SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL, ETC.					
Due to Government	138,235	42,773	405,529	674,057	473,940
Due to Public Creditor	565,374	1,381,774	1,478,840*	3,210,930*	1,196,247*
Total Semi-Governmental, &c.	703,609	1,424,547	1,884,369	3,884,987	1,670,187
ALL AUTHORITIES.					
Due to Government	170,728	49,274	419,266	680,329	477,681
Due to Public Creditor	1,050,951	2,174,316	2,274,051	3,835,108	1,543,496
Grand Total	1,221,679	2,223,590	2,693,317	4,515,437	2,021,177

* Including the following amounts borrowed to repay loans from Government :—£100,000 to 1938-39, £500,000 in 1939-40, and £50,000 in 1940-41.

HOUSING.

Housing and Reclamation by municipalities.

The Council of any municipality may, under existing statutory power, erect or purchase dwelling-houses for eligible persons at a cost not exceeding £850, including the cost of the land, if the dwelling be of wood, or £950 if it be of brick, stone, or concrete. An eligible person, within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1928*, is one who does not own a dwelling-house in Victoria or elsewhere and who is in receipt of an income not exceeding £400 a year.

Erection of dwelling houses by State Savings Bank Commissioners.

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

War Service Homes.

The Commonwealth Government assists eligible members of the Australian Defence Forces and their female dependants to acquire homes, the operations being conducted under the *War Service Homes Act 1918-1941*. A summary of the activities of the War Service Homes Commission in Victoria to 30th June, 1945, discloses that 10,793 applications had been approved, 5,014 homes erected, 3,798 homes purchased, and 490 mortgages discharged. The sums paid as instalments of principal and interest amounted to £7,403,881, whilst the arrears of instalments totalled £85,088, the percentage of arrears to the total amount due being 1.14.

Housing Commission of Victoria.

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

Information is given in the following statement for the years ended 30th June, 1944 and 1945, of the contracts let by the Commission for the erection of dwellings in Victoria (excluding contracts on account of the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust).

and of the work carried out for the Commission by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLINGS, 1943-44 AND 1944-45.

	Year ended 30th June—				Total, 31st July, 1939 to 30th June, 1945.	
	1944.		1945.		Dwelling Units.	Value.
	Dwelling Units.	Value.	Dwelling Units.	Value.		
METROPOLITAN.	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£
Cities—						
Brunswick ..	38	27,550	..	..	123	79,318
Camberwell ..	..	..	18	19,624	18	19,624
Coburg ..	271	238,532	186	173,565	486	435,905
Footscray ..	..	..	145	130,024	145	130,024
Heidelberg ..	..	..	30	26,941	30	26,941
Northcote ..	..	..	51	55,698	51	55,698
Oakleigh ..	..	..	..	..	42	31,044
Port Melbourne ..	..	..	100	83,842	100	83,842
Preston ..	..	..	..	..	414	243,564
Richmond ..	..	..	207	208,963	601	451,603
Williamstown ..	59	43,478	10	9,025	138	93,157
Total ..	368	309,560	747	707,682	2,323	1,778,567
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA.						
Cities—						
Ballaarat ..	..	..	23	27,189	23	27,189
Bendigo ..	..	..	50	53,950	50	53,950
Geelong West ..	37	36,138	..	..	37	36,138
Mildura ..	..	..	50	54,254	50	54,254
Warrnambool ..	..	..	..	..	40	29,870
Towns—						
Hamilton ..	..	..	30	31,490	30	31,490
Newtown ..	..	..	..	..	54	35,822
Boroughs—						
Ararat ..	..	..	24	22,579	24	22,579
Castlemaine ..	13	12,690	..	..	13	12,690
Colac ..	..	..	36	40,956	36	40,956
Eaglehawk ..	..	..	5	4,720	5	4,720
Shepparton ..	25	27,956	21	22,980	46	50,936
Swan Hill ..	..	..	..	..	11	8,356
Wangaratta ..	..	..	47	50,781	47	50,781
Shires—						
Mildura ..	..	..	..	..	30	19,562
Morwell ..	..	..	32	33,644	32	33,644
Traralgon ..	..	..	27	28,833	27	28,833
Total outside Metropolitan Area ..	75	76,784	345	371,376	555	541,770
Grand Total ..	443	386,344	1,092	1,079,058	2,878	2,320,337

Particulars are given in the appended table of the number of dwelling units for which contracts have been let (including work performed by day labour) by the Commission, the number erected to 30th June, 1945, and the number in course of erection at that date. Contracts for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust have been excluded from the statement.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION
OF VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLINGS
TO 30TH JUNE, 1945.

Municipality.	Materials of Outer Walls.				Total Dwelling Units—Contracts Let, &c.	Progress of Work at 30th June, 1945.		
	Brick.	Brick-veneer.	Concrete.	Timber.		Completed.	In Course of Erection.	Not Commenced.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
METROPOLITAN.								
Cities—								
Brunswick	22	..	96	5	123	121	2	..
Camberwell	18	..	..	..	18	..	18	..
Coburg	395	..	..	91	486	372	66	48
Essendon	33	31	47	34	145	60	80	5
Footscray .. .. .	..	..	..	30	30	..	10	20
Heidelberg	51	..	..	..	51	..	51	..
Northcote	42	..	..	..	42	42	..	..
Oakleigh .. .. .	..	..	99	1	100	11	89	..
Port Melbourne	344	..	70	..	414	414	..	..
Preston	583	..	..	18	601	396	202	3
Richmond	138	..	..	..	138	138	..	..
Williamstown	56	..	89	30	175	164	10	1
Total Metropolitan ..	1,682	31	401	209	2,323	1,718	528	77
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA.								
Cities—								
Ballarat	23	..	..	..	23	..	23	..
Bendigo	50	..	..	..	50	..	50	..
Geelong West .. .. .	..	37	..	..	37	37	..	..
Mildura .. .. .	..	..	..	50	50	..	50	..
Warrnambool .. .. .	..	40	..	..	40	40	..	..
Towns—								
Hamilton .. .. .	..	..	..	30	30	..	30	..
Newtown .. .. .	..	54	..	..	54	54	..	..
Boroughs—								
Ararat .. .. .	..	..	..	24	24	..	24	..
Castlemaine .. .. .	..	13	..	..	13	6	3	4
Colac .. .. .	..	13	..	23	36	..	13	23
Eaglehawk	5	..	..	..	5	..	5	..
Shepparton .. .. .	..	46	..	..	46	25	21	..
Swan Hill .. .. .	..	..	..	11	11	11	..	..
Wangaratta .. .. .	..	33	..	14	47	..	25	22

VICTORIA — CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF
VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLINGS TO 30TH JUNE,
1945—continued.

Municipality.	Materials of Outer Walls.				Total Dwelling Units—Contracts Let, &c.	Progress of Work at 30th June, 1945.		
	Brick.	Brick-vene.	Concrete.	Timber.		Completed.	In Course of Erection.	Not Commenced.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA —continued.								
Shires—								
Mildura .. .. .	..	..	..	30	30	30	..	..
Morwell .. .. .	..	..	..	32	32	..	32	..
Traralgon .. .. .	..	..	..	27	27	..	27	..
Total outside Metropolitan Area	78	236	..	241	555	203	303	49
Grand Total	1,760	267	401	450	2,878	1,921	831	126

NOTE.—The above statement is exclusive of 44 brick dwellings which were erected in 1936 by the Public Works Department and subsequently taken over by the Housing Commission.

**Building
Restrictions
by
National
Security
Regulations.**

With a view to conserving manpower and building materials, Building Control regulations under the *National Securities Act 1939-40* have restricted building operations. These Regulations were as follow:—Statutory Rules Nos. 250 of 1940; 37, 131, 221 of 1941; 21, 22, 185, 265 of 1942; and 85 of 1944. A summary of their principal provisions is given in the *Year-Book* for 1942-43, pages 215 and 216.

Statutory Rule No. 163 of 1945, which came into operation in August, 1945, amended No. 85 of 1944 by providing that, without written consent, no permit was to be issued for erection of a dwelling house the estimated cost of which exceeded £1,200.

**Building
permits.**

Information relating to the value of building permits issued by municipal councils gives a reliable indication, in normal circumstances, of the effect of varying economic conditions on the building industry. The particulars represent the values recorded, but, owing to the variation in building costs during the periods under review, a complete comparison cannot be made. As the Crown is exempt from municipal regulations in respect of building permits, particulars of Government buildings erected during the periods under notice are not included in the following statements.

**Building
permits
issued in
Greater
Melbourne.**

The value of permits issued by municipalities in Greater Melbourne for all classes of buildings, i.e., dwellings, other new buildings, and alterations and additions to existing buildings, during the period of twelve months ended on 31st December in each of the sixteen years 1929 to 1945 was as follows:—

GREATER MELBOURNE—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED,
1929 TO 1945.

Year ended 31st December—	Value of Permits Issued.				Index to Total Value = 100 in 1929.
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.)	Other New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	
1929	4,187,832	1,991,927	1,033,018	7,212,777	100·00
1930	1,308,976	852,079	578,521	2,739,576	37·98
1931	418,572	364,339	342,990	1,125,901	15·61
1932	1,033,844	908,761	496,011	2,438,616	33·81
1933	1,661,722	883,500	763,660	3,308,882	45·88
1934	2,588,426	902,245	1,293,794	4,784,465	66·33
1935	3,721,608	1,384,773	1,454,323	6,560,704	90·96
1936	4,172,779	1,810,825	1,435,625	7,419,229	102·86
1937	4,648,987	1,817,369	1,732,083	8,198,439	113·67
1938	5,131,951	1,634,079	1,436,354	8,202,384	113·72
1939	5,187,662	1,654,465	1,634,872	8,476,999	117·53
1940	6,625,287	2,143,770	1,445,743	10,214,800	141·62
1941	6,572,600	900,661	1,391,603	8,864,864	122·91
1942	186,014	241,206	619,194	1,046,414	14·51
1943	12,102	506,773	531,480	1,050,355	14·56
1944	119,215	125,660	871,281	1,116,156	15·47
1945	1,808,574	424,168	1,025,967	3,258,709	45·18

The decline in the figures for the years following 1941 was wholly due to the necessity of conserving manpower and building materials during the war years. The partial lifting of restrictions (referred to in a previous paragraph) was responsible for the stimulus given to home building during the later part of 1945.

The following tables give detailed information relating to the number and value of building permits issued by the municipalities in Greater Melbourne during the years specified.

**BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN GREATER MELBOURNE,
1944 AND 1945.**

Class of Permit.	1944.		1945.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
New Buildings.		£		£
Buildings for Habitation—				
Private Dwellings—				
Brick, concrete, &c. ..	18	17,560	288	352,248
Brick veneer	32	28,013	688	800,308
Wood, fibro-cement, &c. ..	111	70,317	663	617,736
Flats	7	3,325	37	38,282
Other (Hotels, Guest Houses, &c.) ..	..	..	..	..
Total, Buildings for Habitation	168	119,215	1,676	1,808,574
Commercial Buildings—				
With Residence—				
Shops .. ..	..	..	1	1,200
Garages .. ..	..	..	..	..
Factories	1	21,000	8	19,952
Other .. ..	..	..	1	450
Without Residence—				
Shops .. ..	..	..	5	4,534
Garages .. ..	..	..	2	2,607
Factories	14	67,355	53	359,622
Other	8	22,077	10	13,075
Public Buildings—				
Hospitals .. ..	..	..	1	5,195
Churches .. ..	..	..	..	..
Schools	3	6,100	7	14,733
Theatres .. ..	..	..	..	..
Other	2	9,128	1	2,800
Total, Commercial and Public Buildings	28	125,660	89	424,168
Alterations and Additions—				
Private Dwellings	5,213	198,252	5,604	355,610
Flats	33	6,294	24	13,768
Other Buildings for Habitation	195	22,297	25	9,546
Shops	64	6,688	127	48,855
Garages (Commercial)	8	3,691	4	1,489
Factories	376	547,788	357	373,942
Other Business Premises	117	43,065	100	110,191
Public Buildings	76	43,206	89	112,566
Total, Alterations and Additions	6,082	871,281	6,330	1,025,967
Grand Total, Building Permits	6,278	1,116,156	8,095	3,258,709

NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW
PRIVATE DWELLINGS, FLATS, HOTELS, ETC., IN
GREATER MELBOURNE, 1939 TO 1945.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—						
	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
CITIES.							
Box Hill	170	177	287	9	2	9	135
Brighton	336	357	324	5	..	..	60
Brunswick	107	143	113	2	..	3	20
Camberwell	845	701	762	14	1	5	188
Caulfield	312	434	414	9	..	..	42
Chelsea	66	73	83	2	4	14	84
Coburg	304	275	336	14	7	10	131
Collingwood	15	17	9	..	..	..	1
Essendon	249	248	266	31	1	3	53
Fitzroy	16	16	7	..	..	..	1
Footscray	251	218	269	18	1	6	123
Hawthorn	141	157	132	2	..	3	17
Heidelberg (exclusive of Greensborough Ward)	199	284	287	4	4	16	97
Kew	152	217	244	5	..	1	33
Malvern	165	212	282	3	1	2	40
Melbourne	74	132	122	..	..	1	3
Moorabbin	275	318	361	12	5	20	177
Mordialloc	78	116	132	4	..	16	81
Northcote	135	143	217	2	..	2	32
Oakleigh	89	109	150	6	..	7	65
Port Melbourne	31	19	29	1	..	..	5
Prahran	110	156	118	1	..	..	1
Preston	302	281	317	11	4	13	114
Richmond	48	67	33	1	..	..	..
Sandringham	163	163	171	5	2	30	86
South Melbourne	15	12	16	..	..	..	3
St. Kilda	63	120	107	1	..	..	4
Williamstown	79	101	84	9	..	3	18
SHIRE.							
Braybrook (exclusive of Western Riding)	112	156	133	29	..	4	62
Total	4,902	5,422	5,855	200	32	168	1,676

NOTE.—Excluding contracts let by the Housing Commission for the erection of dwellings
(see pages 568 and 569).

VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR ALL
BUILDINGS IN GREATER MELBOURNE DURING THE
YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1941 TO 1945.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December--				
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	£	£	£	£	£
CITIES.					
Box Hill	264,479	18,588	9,325	18,945	167,872
Brighton	395,526	18,063	27,479	22,549	106,657
Brunswick	188,693	49,573	40,405	35,377	68,354
Camberwell	1,077,524	31,408	14,657	35,114	288,983
Caulfield	503,737	14,771	8,675	25,054	93,942
Chelsea	67,312	2,750	6,049	8,368	77,445
Coburg	344,396	14,694	12,834	23,650	165,662
Collingwood	171,778	30,754	15,978	37,972	54,731
Essendon	268,466	27,095	8,608	15,403	69,241
Fitzroy	50,231	5,189	17,815	26,941	23,161
Footscray	375,192	72,706	76,184	82,399	172,805
Hawthorn	222,569	14,552	8,753	18,204	55,609
Heidelberg (exclusive of Greens- borough Ward)	341,031	10,055	15,856	35,425	139,737
Kew	372,098	7,911	2,296	11,610	43,495
Malvern	366,357	7,110	6,207	32,837	63,752
Melbourne	956,242	135,554	160,055	147,535	251,170
Moorabbin	321,339	19,803	27,123	87,630	251,851
Mordialloc	138,543	6,676	3,866	27,035	114,108
Northcote	198,857	7,504	19,379	11,365	59,173
Oakleigh	137,729	10,882	19,209	9,057	115,245
Port Melbourne.. .. .	66,994	152,015	199,323	62,084	76,537
Prahran	379,788	11,588	11,992	8,525	45,979
Preston	284,649	33,590	13,228	27,547	314,484
Richmond	187,597	66,941	28,507	46,022	93,593
Sandringham	201,635	10,298	6,453	34,315	115,967
South Melbourne	183,040	65,010	190,767	146,405	74,263
St. Kilda	366,661	11,817	6,130	7,110	24,434
Williamstown	137,138	68,505	41,587	33,539	36,729
SHIRE.					
Braybrook (exclusive of Western Riding)	295,263	121,012	51,615	38,139	93,730
Total	8,864,864	1,046,414	1,050,355	1,116,156	3,258,709

With a view to gauging the relative activity of the building industry during recent years in centres outside Greater Melbourne, particulars relating to building permits issued by certain municipalities during each of the five years, 1941 to 1945 are given below:—

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1941 TO 1945.

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Ballaarat City ..	1941	118	84,672	9	17,105	109	32,927	236	134,704
	1942	16	12,700	..	..	39	4,743	55	17,443
	1943	2	1,200	1	2,800	45	18,146	48	22,146
	1944	13	5,731	5	1,700	63	18,753	81	26,184
	1945	77	76,843	10	20,229	142	32,591	229	129,663
Bendigo City ..	1941	95	70,725	4	8,060	84	15,323	183	94,108
	1942	12	6,640	1	2,000	49	5,568	62	14,208
	1943	2	622	8	23,690	66	2,521	76	26,833
	1944	2	400	4	4,713	97	7,050	103	12,163
	1945	22	18,385	3	6,035	75	8,522	100	32,942
Geelong City ..	1941	28	22,057	6	5,455	86	15,896	120	43,408
	1942	2	1,505	6	14,805	41	3,614	49	19,924
	1943	1	400	..	..	48	2,747	49	3,147
	1944	1	1,100	4	3,160	48	7,039	53	11,299
	1945	17	15,766	1	500	113	13,973	131	30,239
Geelong West City ..	1941	80	71,144	3	1,450	71	6,665	154	79,259
	1942	7	6,087	..	..	34	3,252	41	9,339
	1943	..	..	..	..	68	2,583	68	2,583
	1944	2	1,000	1	985	101	7,402	104	9,387
	1945	25	27,897	2	1,675	136	7,203	163	36,775
Horsham Town ..	1941	5	2,710	2	50,099	7	3,908	14	56,717
	1942	2	780	1	1,000	16	1,035	19	2,815
	1943	..	..	..	..	7	230	7	230
	1944	..	..	1	274	9	1,692	10	1,966
	1945	12	7,584	1	1,200	13	2,013	26	10,797
Mildura City ..	1941	4	2,307	2	750	19	2,948	25	6,005
	1942	4	2,520	..	..	8	281	12	2,801
	1943	..	..	..	..	10	675	10	675
	1944	4	1,280	3	12,450	23	1,523	30	15,253
	1945	11	7,100	3	2,610	16	1,674	30	11,384
Newtown and Chilwell Town ..	1941	42	47,957	2	15,882	75	24,260	119	88,099
	1942	4	3,314	1	900	27	5,723	32	9,937
	1943	1	347	1	1,800	50	10,314	52	12,461
	1944	3	2,610	..	..	66	14,065	69	16,675
	1945	21	21,472	1	150	80	9,914	102	31,536
Nunawading City* ..	1941	114	83,761	3	11,590	71	5,383	188	100,734
	1942	6	3,685	1	9,300	69	2,760	76	15,745
	1943	4	1,550	..	..	114	11,841	118	13,391
	1944	15	9,231	2	550	212	14,493	229	24,274
	1945	114	110,938	6	7,189	183	11,892	303	130,019

* Name changed from Shire of Blackburn and Mitcham on 10th April, 1945.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY CERTAIN
PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES 1941 TO 1945—*continued.*

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Sale Town	1941	10	8,170	1	390	12	2,964	23	11,524
	1942	..	..	1	777	17	867	18	1,644
	1943	..	..	..	..	27	597	27	597
	1944	1	300	..	..	8	2,501	9	2,801
	1945	6	6,010	1	450	16	13,944	23	20,404
Shepparton Borough ..	1941	19	19,442	1	575	32	5,128	52	25,145
	1942	8	5,820	1	480	22	2,173	31	8,473
	1943	..	..	1	650	25	7,461	26	8,111
	1944	4	2,683	..	..	26	11,482	30	14,165
	1945	23	23,024	..	..	29	1,469	52	24,493
Warrnambool City ..	1941*	23	22,043	1	150	35	6,433	59	28,626
	1942	2	1,750	1	450	11	1,249	14	3,449
	1943	..	..	..	..	15	1,415	15	1,415
	1944	..	..	1	350	33	19,215	34	19,565
	1945	4	2,202	1	950	26	3,183	31	6,335

* Exclusive of contracts let by the Housing Commission for the erection of 40 dwellings valued at £29,870.