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COMMUNICATIONS MAP OF VICTORIA

SHOWING SHIRES, ROADS, RAILWAYS, AIR AND SHIPPING ROUTES.

REFERENCE

—	SHIRES
—	RAILWAYS
—	ROADS
—	SHIPPING ROUTES
—	WATERWAYS
—	COASTAL ROUTES
—	INTERNAL ROUTES
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PART IX.

INTERCHANGE.

COMMERCE.

**The Customs
Tariff.** By the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (section 51) the power to make laws with respect to trade and commerce with other countries was conferred on the Federal Parliament, and by the same Act (section 86) the collection and control of duties of Customs and Excise passed to the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on the 1st January, 1901. The first Commonwealth Customs Tariff was introduced by Resolution on the 8th October, 1901, from which date the duties came into effect. The Tariff Act was assented to on the 16th September, 1902. Since that date the Tariff has been extensively altered. The Tariff at present in operation is the Customs Tariff 1933-1939 as amended by the *Customs Tariff Validation Act 1939* which was assented to on 15th December, 1939.

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

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

**British
Preferential
Tariff.** The British Preferential Tariff applies to goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, subject to the conditions that the goods comply with the statutory requirements in force regarding the grant of British Preference and that they have been shipped in the United Kingdom and have not been transhipped, or, if transhipped, then only if it is proved satisfactorily that the intended destination of the goods when shipped from the United Kingdom was Australia. The benefits of the British Preferential Tariff may also be applied wholly or in part by trade agreement to any British Dominion. A number of non-self-governing British Colonies and Protectorates is also now obtaining the benefits of these provisions in respect to certain specified goods.

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

Consequent on its reintroduction, trade agreements have been completed with the undermentioned countries and the Intermediate Tariff, in respect of certain goods, became operative as indicated. Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France and the Union of South Africa (January, 1937), Switzerland (December, 1938), Brazil (January, 1940),

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

Reciprocal Agreements. A reciprocal trade agreement, under which special Tariff rates are granted on certain goods the produce or manufacture of New Zealand, has been in force since 1922, the British Preferential Tariff being extended to all other New Zealand goods. A new agreement was made in 1933 and reviewed in 1934, and 1938.

In 1925, a trade agreement between Australia and Canada was consummated. As this, however, covered only a limited number of items, a new agreement under which practically all goods of Canadian origin were accorded preference was completed in 1931. Amendments were made to the latter agreement in 1934, 1936, 1938, and 1939. The schedule at present in operation is known as the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1939, as amended by the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Validation Act which was assented to on 15th December, 1939.

A reciprocal trade agreement was concluded with Newfoundland in 1939, providing for the grant of the British Preferential Tariff on newsprinting paper, the produce or manufacture of that country.

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

In addition (as stated previously) reciprocal trade agreements have been concluded with Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Switzerland the Union of South Africa and Brazil.

The *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933-1939* as amended by the *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Validation Act 1939* which was assented to on 15th December, 1939, varies the duty imposed by the Customs Tariff 1933-1939 in respect of a large range of goods which fall under the British Preferential Tariff of specified items deemed to be protective in their incidence. An abridgment of section 5 of that Act is quoted hereunder:—

Exchange Adjustment.

The duties of Customs (other than primage duty and duty imposed by the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921-1922* or any Act amending or in substitution for that Act) which would, but for the provisions of this Act, be payable on goods to which protective duties apply and which are admissible under the British Preferential Tariff and which are entered for home consumption on or after the fifth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, shall be varied as follows:—

- (a) Whenever, at the date of exportation of any such goods, Australian currency is depreciated to the extent of not less than sixteen and two-thirds per centum in relation to the currency of the British country from which those goods are imported, a deduction from the amount of duty payable on those goods, in accordance with any law of the Commonwealth for the time being in force imposing Duties of Customs (other than primage duty and duty imposed by the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921-1922* or any Act amending or in substitution for that Act) or in accordance with Customs Tariff proposals, shall be made of—
- (i) one-fourth of that amount of duty; or
 - (ii) twelve and one-half per centum of the value for duty,
- whichever is the less; or
- (b) Similarly, if the relative Australian currency is depreciated to the extent of not less than eleven and one-ninth per centum and less than sixteen and two-thirds per centum, the deduction shall be—
- (i) one-eighth of that amount of duty; or
 - (ii) six and one-quarter per centum of the value for duty,
- whichever is the less.

Since the enactment of the *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933*, the Tariff Board in its inquiries into the economics of Australian industries, adopted the principle of recommending protective rates of duty on the basis of—

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

The Tariff Proposals of the 6th December, 1934, gave effect, for the first time, to the new principle of imposing rates of duty as recommended by the Tariff Board as in (a) above. Automatic increases in the rates of duty are, however, provided for during any stage in which Australian currency appreciates in relation to sterling, and thereby ensures the *pro rata* maintenance of the duty level recommended by the Tariff Board in its (b) recommendation for par exchange conditions. Recommendations of the Tariff Board in respect of items carrying protective rates of duty given effect to subsequent to the 6th December, 1934, have provided for automatic variations in duties in consonance with fluctuations in the rate of exchange and, consequently, such items have been removed from the provisions of the *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act*.

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

**Recorded
Value of
Imports and
Exports.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Excise
Tariff.**

The Excise Tariff in operation is the Excise Tariff 1921–1939 (which embodies all previous schedules and amendments thereto). This Tariff relates only to beer, spirits, tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, certain petroleum or shale products, benzol, amylic alcohol, fusel oil, concentrated grape must, playing cards, cigarette tubes, cigarette papers, matches, wine, saccharin, snuff and wireless valves.

**Variation in
External
Exchange
Position.**

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

Oversea
Trade of
Victoria.

The total values of oversea trade to and from Victorian Ports for each of the five years 1934-35 to 1938-39 are set forth hereunder:—

OVERSEA TRADE.—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Year.					Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.*	Total.
IMPORTS (BRITISH CURRENCY).							
					£	£	£
1934-35	..	..	..	..	26,137,841	207,232	26,345,073
1935-36	..	..	..	..	30,379,457	236,674	30,616,131
1936-37	..	..	..	..	32,241,559	352,167	32,593,726
1937-38	..	..	..	..	38,801,044	421,954	39,222,998
1938-39	..	..	..	..	35,015,419	439,917	35,455,336
EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY).†							
1934-35	..	..	..	..	26,248,909	1,870,918	28,119,827
1935-36	..	..	..	..	33,628,137	1,354,407	34,982,544
1936-37	..	..	..	..	41,638,388	1,949,258	43,587,646
1937-38	..	..	..	..	39,149,308	2,094,359	41,243,667
1938-39	..	..	..	..	28,387,611	2,431,401	30,819,012

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

† Estimated British Currency values in each year were £22,454,000 in 1934-35; £27,932,000 in 1935-36; £34,805,000 in 1936-37; £32,936,000 in 1937-38; and £24,610,000 in 1938-39.

Percentage
of Common-
wealth Trade.

That portion of the value of Commonwealth trade handled in Victorian ports for each of the last five years is shown in the table which follows:—

Year.	Commonwealth Trade—				Portion of Commonwealth Trade handled in Victorian Ports—		
	Imports.	Exports.		Total British Currency.	Imports	Exports.	Total
		Australian Currency.	British Currency.				
	£	£ A	£	£	%	%	%
1934-35	74,119,496	113,523,334	90,654,148	164,773,644	35·5	24·3	29·6
1935-36	85,252,453	136,963,887	109,372,407	194,624,865	35·9	25·5	30·1
1936-37	92,640,462	162,376,784	129,664,318	222,304,780	35·2	26·8	30·3
1937-38	113,975,060	157,580,120	125,837,879	239,812,939	34·4	26·2	30·1
1938-39	102,156,352	140,496,312	112,201,372	214,357,724	34·7	21·9	28·0

Recorded
Values of
Principal
Imports.

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

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1935-36 TO 1938-39.

(British Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.	£	£	£	£
Cheese	2,669	3,078	3,380	3,230
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins	184,288	222,164	204,796	251,284
All other	78,399	84,858	93,077	81,582
Meats	73,854	90,018	75,178	67,919
All other Animal Foodstuffs	6,981	6,651	6,243	8,335
Total, Class I.	346,191	406,769	382,674	412,350
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING—				
Caramel, Caramel Paste, Cocoa				
Butter, &c.	18,192	17,000	35,404	30,482
Cocoa and Chocolate	64,419	118,491	65,999	77,817
Coffee and Chicory	25,367	27,267	20,979	27,617
Confectionery	8,277	7,934	11,214	29,609
Fruits, Dried	22,244	19,649	22,660	19,100
Fruits, Fresh	1,111	905	1,391	4,068
Fruits, &c., Preserved	1,868	1,084	2,767	2,233
Grain and Pulse—				
Rice	3,538	2,666	3,438	3,684
All other	16,969	26,869	25,134	34,222
Hops	977	321	641	1,602
Mustard	5,282	1,867	1,451	1,064
Nuts, Edible	72,191	85,473	62,760	71,044
Pickles and Sauces	4,607	4,254	2,553	3,553
Sago and Tapioca	14,195	12,099	13,094	10,352
Spices	29,904	31,678	28,821	26,196
Tea	379,031	432,524	440,665	757,737
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	59,251	63,954	60,955	60,455
Total, Class II.	727,423	854,035	799,926	1,160,835

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1935-36 TO 1938-39—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer and Porter, &c. ..	8,704	6,690	9,360	7,262
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy	10,147	7,561	9,062	10,263
Gin	1,737	2,548	1,677	1,545
Whisky	69,754	74,378	74,648	80,467
Other	7,300	7,217	10,579	13,687
Wine (Fermented)—				
Sparkling	3,655	6,657	7,245	7,848
Other	5,071	6,358	5,897	6,043
Total, Class III. ..	106,368	111,409	118,468	127,115
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.				
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	4,278	3,259	3,967	3,947
Unmanufactured	401,734	434,098	532,995	551,269
Cigars	4,720	6,276	5,074	4,422
Cigarettes	12,043	16,144	10,789	12,239
Snuff	170	178	282	215
Total, Class IV. ..	422,945	459,955	553,107	572,092
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	62,464	73,928	67,933	62,603
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	15,064	11,174	8,550	11,892
Hides and Skins—				
Hides (Calf, Cattle, and Horse)	175,579	146,857	220,784	134,407
Skins (Goat)	85,038	65,542	53,401	25,761
Other	160,657	178,372	268,598	224,909
Silk, Raw	289,579	418,981	517,892	353,770
Wool	199,883	137,478	407,349	442,063
All other Animal Substances ..	48,666	57,738	68,501	45,022
Total, Class VI. ..	974,466	1,016,142	1,545,075	1,237,824

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INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1935-36 TO 1938-39—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES.				
Fibres—				
Flax and Hemp	162,199	217,919	190,579	163,351
Kapok	44,494	55,859	65,269	59,613
All other	97,479	121,697	194,999	216,001
Grass or Straw, for hatmaking, furniture, mats, &c. .. .	40,554	33,203	29,594	20,733
Gums and Resins	103,647	132,240	159,749	133,179
Pulp for Papermaking .. .	139,984	192,923	326,527	147,976
Seeds	149,888	117,145	158,228	130,207
Tanning Substances .. .	23,208	24,149	33,298	30,959
All other Vegetable Substances	54,919	73,815	77,802	77,418
Total, Class VII. .. .	816,372	968,950	1,236,045	979,437
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
<i>(a) Apparel.</i>				
Apparel—				
Blouses, Skirts, Costumes, &c. (excluding Knitted Goods)	29,512	35,007	41,975	35,488
Boots and Shoes	70,120	45,440	57,399	64,226
Corsets	8,671	4,040	6,992	14,400
Furs and other Skins—Dressed	98,444	95,453	71,686	51,909
Gloves	203,780	192,761	212,942	200,208
Hats and Caps	65,953	61,019	73,066	69,026
Hosiery and Knitted Apparel (including Socks and Stockings)	29,078	31,415	36,002	34,014
Men's and Boys' Outer Garments	39,320	45,745	62,196	65,373
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c. .. .	4,173	4,378	7,152	8,481
Trimmings	167,384	175,494	205,266	191,680
Other	170,844	155,496	178,603	172,167
<i>(b) Textiles.</i>				
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck	223,422	217,115	296,743	219,348
Cotton and Linen	1,725,790	1,799,921	2,178,217	1,802,805
Hessians and other Jute Piece Goods	122,204	134,687	145,266	131,352
Lace for Attire, Lace Flouncings, &c.	119,859	114,621	105,724	99,238
Silk	1,155,377	1,218,160	1,444,492	1,126,564

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Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL ; (b) TEXTILES ; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES— <i>continued.</i>	£	£	£	£
(b) <i>Textiles.</i> — <i>continued.</i>				
Piece Goods— <i>continued.</i>				
Velvets, Velveteens, Plushes, &c.	99,340	116,743	96,508	105,172
Woollen	126,844	127,034	123,511	107,533
Other	346,796	344,338	355,413	286,116
Floor Coverings—Carpets, Linoleums, Mats, &c. .. .	698,607	756,641	861,591	722,078
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c.	204,318	171,781	216,837	217,288
All other Textiles	331,720	376,254	403,326	380,136
(c) <i>Manufactured Fibres.</i>				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff, and Compressed Fodder	85,795	68,823	65,962	66,525
Corn and Flour	372,956	436,252	384,468	246,132
All other	90,082	93,757	92,963	74,660
Cordage and Twines (excluding Metal Cordage)	53,862	120,150	183,159	115,956
Yarns—				
Artificial Silk	323,411	352,543	444,034	261,010
Cotton	287,463	310,838	439,270	251,615
Wool	36,421	26,360	34,107	27,200
Other	19,970	22,804	41,229	28,837
Total, Class VIII.	7,311,516	7,655,070	8,866,099	7,176,537
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Oils (in bulk)—				
Kerosene, &c.	110,895	151,405	205,442	174,964
Lubricating (Mineral)	222,371	227,674	292,757	227,350
Petroleum, Crude	210,650	189,116	266,191	234,560
Petroleum and Shale Spirit .. .	1,258,354	1,541,087	1,730,875	1,663,774
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	311,476	321,828	357,446	371,170
Total, Class IX.	2,113,746	2,431,110	2,852,711	2,671,818
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES	163,092	182,531	203,560	183,734
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES	190,869	157,933	212,662	291,129

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INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1935-36 TO 1938-39—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, AND MACHINERY.	£	£	£	£
<i>(a) Machines and Machinery.</i>				
Electrical Machinery and Appliances—				
Cable and Wire, Covered..	309,056	270,541	432,714	326,414
Dynamo Machines ..	150,633	139,455	166,756	173,648
Telephones and Switchboards ..	140,800	192,600	330,164	340,635
Wireless and Parts ..	55,616	45,464	43,496	65,233
Other ..	332,393	395,345	445,495	461,371
Implements and Machinery (Agricultural, Horticultural, and Viticultural) ..	60,873	64,947	95,291	73,750
Engines ..	360,988	584,159	801,827	531,958
All other Machines and Machinery ..	1,531,561	1,651,080	2,242,720	2,232,489
<i>(b) Metals and Metal Manufactures, other than Machinery.</i>				
Alloys ..	65,673	60,335	82,196	77,149
Gas Appliances ..	43,252	41,635	47,385	44,947
Iron and Steel—				
Bar, Rod, Hoop, Ingots, Blooms, &c. ..	204,051	183,835	328,244	174,023
Pig and Scrap ..	530	1,574	1,181	349
Plate and Sheet ..	926,786	885,195	1,552,075	1,039,845
Girders, Beams, Channels, Joists, &c. ..	1,421	1,564	4,119	1,466
Wire ..	81,241	85,246	91,391	87,184
Railway and Tramway Material ..	10,579	13,015	210	5,207
Lamps and Lampware ..	73,522	48,807	67,386	54,571
Pipes and Tubes ..	81,422	91,246	154,123	100,368
Plated Ware and Cutlery ..	147,185	151,176	171,884	159,799
Tools of Trade (not being Machines) ..	261,681	255,003	335,450	251,238
Vehicles—				
Motor Cycles, Tricycles, &c. ..	109,437	115,378	135,671	75,388
Bodies for Motor Cars, &c. ..	75,220	43,800	45,139	43,938
Chassis for Motor Cars, &c. ..	2,496,909	2,305,573	3,011,177	2,569,873
Aircraft ..	200,295	266,561	420,858	757,953
Other Vehicles and Parts ..	619,256	548,596	653,986	504,772
All other Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery ..	738,992	756,274	930,205	811,235
Total, Class XII. ..	9,079,372	9,198,404	12,591,143	10,964,803

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INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1935-36 TO 1938-39—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XIII. — RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.				
<i>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures.</i>				
Rubber, Crude, Powdered or Reclaimed	293,071	665,268	671,248	572,466
Rubber Manufactures	177,426	166,132	199,592	185,043
<i>(b) Leather and Manufactures of Leather and Substitutes therefor.</i>				
Glace Kid	10,667	8,836	4,555	3,183
Patent and Enamelled	468	1,155	393	30
All other	57,979	63,746	51,690	64,766
Total, Class XIII.	539,611	905,137	927,478	825,488
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED.				
<i>Timber—</i>				
Dressed	83,418	93,243	186,198	115,994
Undressed	459,613	386,018	597,481	395,540
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	104,935	103,500	98,001	103,910
Total, Class XIV.	647,966	582,761	881,680	615,444
CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONWARE.				
Cement (Portland)	7,293	5,807	4,946	5,666
Earthenware, China, &c.	189,322	186,583	199,026	211,486
Glass and Glassware	305,976	288,949	326,815	275,734
All other Earthenware, Cements, China, Glass, and Stoneware	74,659	78,101	89,180	73,605
Total, Class XV.	577,160	559,440	619,967	566,491

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1935-36 TO 1938-39—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
<i>(a) Paper.</i>				
Cardboard and other Paper				
Boards	90,845	87,403	152,813	112,947
Printing	690,424	892,769	795,126	1,021,400
Wrapping of all Colours ..	87,683	100,702	130,417	102,563
Writing and Typewriting ..	191,952	188,217	241,555	186,195
All other	221,781	225,182	225,246	190,603
<i>(b) Stationery and Paper Manufactures.</i>				
Books (Printed), Directories, &c.	370,371	310,320	335,435	346,250
Price Lists, Catalogues, &c. ..	18,516	18,960	21,851	28,510
Pens and Pencils	54,429	49,697	60,300	51,839
All other	210,634	164,952	206,418	206,775
Total, Class XVI. ..	1,936,635	2,038,202	2,169,161	2,247,082
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIMEPIECES AND FANCY GOODS.				
Fancy Goods	161,698	181,981	210,661	217,768
Jewellery, including Cameos, &c.	134,147	136,439	174,805	140,362
Watches, Clocks, Chronometers, &c.	162,598	172,640	225,084	187,716
Total, Class XVII. ..	458,443	491,060	610,550	545,846
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Surgical and Dental Instruments, &c.	114,058	119,648	142,921	136,954
Talking Machines — Phonographs, &c.	7,057	9,717	12,703	14,248
All other Optical and Scientific Instruments	120,446	135,963	187,807	180,699
Total, Class XVIII. ..	241,561	265,328	343,431	331,901
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	56,801	48,342	54,088	53,043
Cream of Tartar	316	574	422	209
Dyes	195,891	162,331	194,117	224,211
Fertilizers	272,691	322,682	369,260	398,396
Oils, Essential (Non-spirituous)	39,311	44,334	48,498	50,803

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1935-36 TO 1938-39—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS— <i>continued.</i>	£	£	£	£
Perfumery and Toilet Prepara- tions	68,175	67,410	90,787	71,303
Proprietary Medicines	66,910	58,206	62,768	74,463
Sodium Salts	208,970	231,359	252,472	258,434
Spirits and Spirituous Prepara- tions	29,618	28,327	28,255	28,243
Sulphur (Brimstone).. .. .	184,026	148,518	245,521	177,184
All other Drugs and Chemicals	424,375	490,424	544,749	592,984
Total, Class XIX. ..	1,547,084	1,602,507	1,890,937	1,929,273
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition and Explo- sives	262,332	205,065	207,942	307,430
Bags, Baskets, Trunks, &c. ..	79,058	74,961	87,665	86,540
Brushware	154,519	125,170	172,016	158,174
Matches and Vestas	5,515	4,218	2,465	1,001
Musical Instruments, &c.—				
Pianos and Parts	5,656	5,201	7,019	9,676
Other and Parts	27,661	29,132	33,090	32,932
Soap and Soap Substitutes ..	14,048	14,395	13,870	19,221
All other Articles*	1,567,384	1,822,746	1,404,370	1,498,643
Total, Class XX. ..	2,116,173	2,280,888	1,928,437	2,113,617
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold	220,891	335,483	407,046	425,124
Silver	15,568	16,587	14,827	14,628
Bronze—Specie	215	97	81	165
Total, Class XXI. ..	236,674	352,167	421,954	439,917
Grand Total	30,616,131	32,593,726	39,222,998	35,455,336

* Includes "Outside Packages" 1935-36, £706,620; 1936-37, £687,321; 1937-38, £824,712; 1938-39, £745,077.

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

The proportion which the value of each of the more important classes bore to the value of merchandise imported during 1938-39 was as follows:—Apparel, textiles, and manufactured fibres 20·5 per cent., machinery and metal manufactures 31·3 per cent., oils, &c., 7·6 per cent., paper and stationery, 6·4 per cent., and drugs, chemicals and fertilizers, 5·5 per cent. Excluding bullion and specie, the imports for 1938-39 decreased by £3,785,625 as compared with those of the previous year.

Recorded
Values of
Principal
Exports.

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

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1935-36 TO 1938-39.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June--			
	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.				
	£	£	£	£
Butter	3,751,294	4,056,443	3,577,351	3,245,803
Cheese	158,109	153,233	350,649	450,012
Eggs	283,724	297,933	237,748	214,580
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	5,240	4,770	3,372	3,647
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	115,053	137,564	235,831	156,125
Lamb	2,489,952	2,803,421	2,904,460	2,356,159
Mutton	224,243	283,521	214,047	201,586
Pork	193,245	313,488	396,867	283,685
Rabbits and Hares	99,495	58,331	118,295	127,591
Other	122,434	167,883	206,371	124,329
Preserved in Tins	26,074	46,150	71,222	96,774
Sausage Casings	241,058	277,149	290,104	297,311
Other	3,172	3,724	2,405	1,338
Milk and Cream	523,209	683,610	743,220	516,173
All other Animal Foodstuffs	4,519	6,064	5,710	3,272
Total, Class I.	8,240,821	9,293,284	9,357,652	8,078,388
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.				
Biscuits	19,899	21,747	21,342	16,940
Fruits, Dried	1,306,592	1,357,241	1,633,620	1,763,153
Fruits, Fresh	542,555	643,404	565,571	359,096
Fruits, Preserved in liquid	522,734	713,425	950,902	890,882
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat	2,917,377	5,346,703	6,144,958	932,388
Other	34,438	85,385	50,824	9,638
Prepared—				
Flour (Wheaten)	1,875,692	2,292,958	2,644,037	1,607,110
Other	138,889	165,832	195,271	144,878
Jams and Fruit Jellies	19,744	19,512	28,051	98,880
Tea	10,294	5,710	3,399	4,306
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	91,748	92,872	143,874	132,390
Total, Class II.	7,479,962	10,744,789	12,381,849	5,959,661

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1935-36 TO 1938-39—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	£ 91,970	£ 100,704	£ 115,224	£ 97,464
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	71,813	81,645	106,516	165,064
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	64,686	77,687	60,009	58,460
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Hides and Skins—				
Hides (Calf, Cattle, Horse)	117,093	265,842	286,715	185,455
Opossum	14,136	15,392	66,242	5,936
Rabbit and Hare	556,942	573,354	382,412	221,538
Sheep	1,369,510	1,800,977	1,602,680	1,121,709
Other	48,992	47,297	49,791	13,971
Wool—				
Greasy	11,845,485	13,347,925	9,725,107	8,213,023
Scoured and Washed	1,369,205	2,236,816	1,697,797	1,266,733
Tops, Noils and Waste	85,012	147,146	101,721	65,246
All other Animal Substances	29,636	40,872	43,053	34,036
Total, Class VI.	15,436,011	18,475,621	13,955,518	11,127,647
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES	42,047	108,509	94,898	73,437
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
Boots and Shoes	29,547	35,471	23,861	10,897
All other Apparel	55,127	98,382	98,101	47,312
Textiles	84,039	154,155	152,350	118,583
Manufactured Fibres	102,194	130,895	169,285	167,025
Total, Class VIII.	270,907	418,903	443,597	343,817
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Tallow—Unrefined	212,409	269,929	211,448	146,513
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	62,162	72,555	55,172	53,281
Total, Class IX.	274,571	342,484	266,620	199,794
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES	13,060	19,268	17,860	17,219
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES	53,547	59,047	164,410	168,101

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1935-36 TO 1938-39—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
(a) <i>Machines and Machinery.</i>				
Machines and Machinery ..	202,653	323,680	335,061	324,721
(b) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery.</i>				
Iron and Steel	41,704	106,518	149,701	142,395
Cadmium—Blocks, Bars, &c. ..	48,285	46,000	73,765	30,818
Metals, Scrap (except Iron and Steel)	9,866	29,840	19,213	21,081
Motor Cars, Lorries, &c., and Parts	35,455	38,285	54,157	39,399
Zinc—Bars, Blocks, &c. ..	1,663	4,320	1,516	2,683
All other Metals and Manufactures thereof	103,289	160,474	300,731	215,075
Total, Class XII. ..	442,915	709,117	934,144	776,172
CLASS XIII. — RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.				
Rubber and Manufactures ..	33,543	37,894	35,032	27,794
Leather and Manufactures ..	316,423	387,896	287,414	285,557
Total, Class XIII. ..	349,966	425,790	322,446	313,351
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED ..				
	30,982	36,838	44,771	28,772
CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONWARE				
	60,770	45,069	58,368	69,116
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
Paper	54,251	35,308	26,334	13,088
Stationery	71,207	43,499	99,034	189,496
Total, Class XVI. ..	125,458	78,807	125,368	202,584
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIMEPIECES, AND FANCY GOODS.				
Precious Stones, Unset ; Pearls, Cameos, &c. ..	42,402	27,292	30,894	28,914
All other Jewellery, Timepieces, and Fancy Goods ..	37,800	38,817	53,387	49,607
Total, Class XVII. ..	80,202	66,109	84,281	78,521

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1935-36 TO 1938-39.—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	£	£	£	£
	65,075	75,462	85,505	88,039
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Casein	36,394	44,372	38,989	6,201
Fertilizers	8,310	23,530	32,983	13,041
Medicines	22,127	26,348	26,795	25,289
Oil—Eucalyptus	44,387	67,866	75,047	67,998
All other Drugs and Chemicals	54,782	50,953	66,393	65,252
Total, Class XIX. ..	166,000	213,069	240,207	177,781
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Soap	60,425	50,687	38,674	39,413
Vessels transferred abroad ..	24,000	3,500	5,000	..
All other Articles	182,949	211,999	246,391	324,810
Total, Class XX. ..	267,374	266,186	290,065	364,223
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold	1,275,078	1,912,721	2,086,057	2,428,743
Silver	78,322	34,046	6,553	2,478
Bronze	1,007	2,491	1,749	180
Total, Class XXI. ..	1,354,407	1,949,258	2,094,359	2,431,401
Australian produce	34,593,245	43,221,283	40,847,621	30,364,388
Other produce	389,299	366,363	396,046	454,624
Grand Total	34,982,544	43,587,646	41,243,667	30,819,012

The export trade consists largely of agricultural and pastoral products. The value of wool, wheat, flour, butter, fruits (all kinds), meats, hides and skins, and milk and cream exported during 1938-39 amounted to slightly over 86 per cent. of the total Australian merchandise exported—wool alone represented 34 per cent. Exclusive of bullion and specie, total exports showed a decrease during 1938-39 of £10,761,697, as compared with the previous year.

The value of the trade with various countries of the world in each of the last five years was as specified in the following table:—

**Trade with
Countries.**

IMPORTS (ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) INTO VICTORIAN PORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT THERETO FROM VICTORIAN PORTS; 1934-35 to 1938-39.

Imports of Products or Manufactures of—	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
	British Currency Values—				
	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	11,697,297	12,942,494	14,275,509	16,281,394	14,540,751
Canada	1,548,182	2,000,791	2,091,694	2,590,750	2,665,240
Hong Kong	2,847	6,296	10,244	7,820	7,251
India and Ceylon	928,889	1,054,425	1,121,835	1,059,210	1,006,808
Malaya (British)	269,645	193,610	439,248	551,273	485,251
New Zealand	710,648	892,702	788,134	1,118,998	991,983
Pacific Islands (British)	369,393	423,975	580,235	651,718	671,247
South African Union	63,902	60,379	55,464	77,936	84,676
Other British Possessions	197,535	222,307	247,835	294,488	487,416
Belgium	169,486	214,832	262,007	390,043	353,216
China	114,709	186,895	232,999	192,467	140,900
Czecho-Slovakia	143,935	165,414	206,412	294,640	196,669
Egypt	9,803	4,312	4,729	11,040	70,436
France	348,520	298,630	315,299	389,034	394,105
Germany	892,655	1,274,852	1,492,146	1,593,185	1,537,847
Italy	286,939	184,680	219,893	331,305	267,160
Japan	1,650,491	1,972,675	1,657,226	2,221,183	1,716,486
Netherlands	212,117	220,592	180,745	230,692	209,945
Netherlands East Indies	988,176	1,100,524	1,502,494	1,928,647	2,044,057
Norway	116,521	145,383	166,068	198,642	143,595
Persia (Iran)	267,281	452,337	581,011	533,637	382,568
Peru	2,070	123	1,286	1,110	1,271
Philippine Islands	33,326	37,783	45,621	56,753	41,002
Spain	48,041	49,512	46,558	32,555	23,520
Sweden	340,359	434,333	476,724	763,847	459,959
Switzerland	208,578	237,209	245,286	349,866	406,975
U. S. S. R. (Russia)	35,664	59,916	76,611	73,630	74,261
United States of America	3,581,495	4,615,541	4,069,149	5,558,811	4,792,784
Other Foreign Countries	495,892	456,989	459,943	613,612	522,880
Total (excluding Outside Packages*)	25,734,396	29,909,511	31,906,405	38,398,286	34,710,259
Exports to—	Australian Currency Values—				
	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	15,358,112	19,896,085	20,780,768	21,410,481	15,266,925
Canada	418,941	35,974	799,087	531,553	492,899
Hong Kong	226,681	265,084	413,309	548,485	164,238
India and Ceylon	420,089	519,858	621,015	543,723	487,700
Malaya (British)	576,913	537,854	737,588	837,589	618,214
New Zealand	1,101,914	1,297,961	1,704,140	2,733,964	1,906,752
Pacific Islands (British)	133,098	270,163	279,112	278,502	255,695
South African Union	97,186	100,383	150,303	345,538	500,433
Other British Possessions	197,154	404,243	805,624	643,274	311,479
Belgium	1,043,417	1,135,288	1,668,520	705,623	654,276
China	218,153	195,836	418,022	263,305	576,750
Czecho-Slovakia	16,802	81,677	175,510	151,782	23,763
Egypt	80,486	80,428	206,204	136,152	73,572
France	1,107,783	1,558,357	2,179,155	2,521,677	2,167,616
Germany	340,345	480,689	666,420	766,314	450,788
Italy	196,822	138,737	1,080,252	768,057	272,391
Japan	3,685,831	6,265,854	3,178,434	2,999,369	1,690,971
Netherlands	106,880	267,814	610,255	144,830	149,453
Netherlands East Indies	553,328	627,153	666,160	742,288	613,570
Norway	1,836	3,299	7,755	4,646	17,993
Persia (Iran)	153	13	..	..	26
Peru	1,944	2,655	1,219	60,958	1,674
Philippine Islands	52,655	173,182	193,699	144,859	96,968
Spain	217,636	65,488	2,649	63,904	35
Sweden	70,992	124,284	163,276	200,520	171,354
Switzerland	2,178	48,240	12,903	10,078	4,002
U. S. S. R. (Russia)	52,238	1,993	74	187,449	..
United States of America	808,165	1,884,110	5,421,709	2,714,274	3,378,036
Other Foreign Countries†	1,032,095	1,019,842	644,534	784,473	471,529
Total	28,119,827	34,982,544	43,587,646	41,243,667	30,819,012

* "Outside Packages," 1934-35, £610,677; 1935-36, £706,620; 1936-37, £687,321; 1937-38, £824,712; 1938-39, £745,077.

† Includes Manchuria (including Kwantung Peninsula), £707,492 in 1934-35; £521,593 in 1935-36; £90,708 in 1936-37; £108,486 in 1937-38; £16,965 in 1938-39.

Imports from and exports to the United Kingdom during 1938-39 represented nearly 42 per cent. and 50 per cent. respectively of the total value of imports and exports of Victorian ports during that year. During 1938-39 imports and exports decreased by £1,740,643 and £6,143,556 respectively as compared with those for the previous year. Details of the principal articles interchanged are given hereunder for each of the last five years.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of United Kingdom origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Whisky	89,173	69,595	74,352	74,648	80,458
Cigarettes	3,579	10,980	14,408	8,372	8,923
Apparel	323,182	351,141	339,746	358,241	368,512
Piece Goods—					
Canvas and Duck	206,266	189,684	192,560	247,409	183,615
Cotton and Lina	1,641,787	1,340,295	1,526,152	1,786,570	1,446,871
Silk	404,590	408,137	599,405	553,230	426,957
Woolen	108,840	120,267	117,301	105,551	91,997
Velvets, and Lace for Attire	81,443	118,272	131,989	101,014	74,602
Other	232,724	253,974	299,091	291,332	291,881
Floor Coverings	578,978	655,285	702,279	785,851	650,258
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c.	180,734	183,121	154,946	195,907	203,221
Yarns	465,951	423,549	525,787	694,347	345,889
Machines and Machinery	1,127,105	1,559,121	1,760,098	2,403,906	2,330,690
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	930,544	1,016,275	1,003,259	1,628,669	990,969
Motor Cars (bodies, chassis, and parts)	560,910	735,802	1,016,141	1,165,125	1,097,082
Pipes and Tubes	106,337	72,606	76,521	143,614	89,222
Platedware and Cutlery	103,031	128,104	130,913	149,489	137,986
Other Vehicles and parts, n.e.l.	372,844	530,945	613,336	645,828	874,332
Other Metals and Manufactures	654,016	765,113	779,025	928,434	805,204
Rubber and Rubber Goods	76,559	85,235	81,584	87,770	78,444
Crockery and Household Ware	105,005	117,607	124,086	130,813	135,254
Glass and Glassware	60,639	69,072	78,894	80,209	77,229
Paper	550,836	595,952	600,023	678,403	375,950
Books	319,704	333,471	265,589	283,016	285,120
Fancy Goods	60,294	64,415	68,101	80,589	78,763
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations	62,758	78,564	76,726	86,396	105,691
Sodium Salts	105,139	168,794	157,497	145,015	176,385
Dyes	123,078	156,335	118,288	149,271	168,598
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	183,440	213,532	171,910	177,789	249,650
All other Articles	1,877,811	2,128,301	2,475,502	2,114,583	2,180,989
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	11,697,297	12,942,494	14,275,509	16,281,394	14,540,751
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to United Kingdom.</i>					
Butter	3,078,708	3,335,027	3,664,218	3,220,153	2,909,980
Eggs	369,760	283,147	297,314	236,979	213,813
Meats—					
Beef, Mutton and Lamb	2,451,024	2,768,777	3,174,115	3,302,275	2,671,678
Pork	97,712	189,588	390,035	390,795	278,376
Rabbits and Hares	181,639	92,017	53,173	104,571	113,439
Other	135,210	204,113	274,925	371,344	329,600
Milk and Cream	3,150	7,068	35,765	63,186	78,495
Fruits—all kinds	1,754,923	1,649,446	1,825,348	2,465,936	2,324,943
Wheat and Flour	268,758	915,635	3,429,620	3,822,150	451,740
Wine, fermented	32,155	24,654	30,916	31,938	22,194
Hides and Skins	329,848	383,111	631,492	618,657	288,236
Wool	4,010,126	4,936,807	5,744,374	5,243,139	4,321,778
Tallow, unrefined	37,196	25,579	52,675	28,337	10,695
Leather, &c.	112,609	226,806	266,850	183,018	197,884
Soap	37,955	47,497	33,367	26,578	21,345
Bullion and Specie	1,862,966	1,273,820	333,160	352,979	76,906
All other Articles	594,373	532,993	624,421	948,446	955,823
Total	15,358,112	16,896,085	20,780,768	21,410,481	15,266,925

Trade with
India and
Ceylon.

During 1938-39, the value of imports into Victorian ports from India and Ceylon decreased by £52,402 as compared with the previous year, while the value of exports from Victorian ports to those countries decreased by £56,023. The principal articles interchanged in each of the last five years were as follows :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH INDIA AND CEYLON, 1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of Indian and Cingalese origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Cocoa Beans	5,044	2,980	6,514	1,862	239
Coffee	6,644	4,428	6,965	4,589	4,368
Rice .. .. .	..	..	29	27	24
Nuts	719	867	4,505	4,884	4,831
Spices	4,359	4,610	4,496	5,691	6,567
Tea	138,198	152,345	108,021	90,022	235,890
Hides and Skins	36,887	64,512	56,002	53,940	23,702
Fibres	35,047	61,226	65,917	99,442	93,250
Gums and Resins	13,842	12,651	12,883	9,414	6,740
Seeds	37,199	20,149	42,562	47,720	30,219
Hessians	100,705	107,556	118,614	129,876	117,832
Floor Coverings	6,926	7,363	7,672	7,746	5,609
Bags and Sacks	469,840	547,823	594,062	541,413	385,036
Yarns—Coir	14,569	10,838	11,867	15,732	12,173
Oils in Bulk	917	853	472	273	283
Waxes	5,004	5,410	6,131	711	..
Rubber, &c.	19,423	17,905	33,217	1,706	4
All other Articles	33,566	32,909	41,306	44,153	80,041
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	928,889	1,054,425	1,121,835	1,059,210	1,006,808
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to India and Ceylon.</i>					
Butter	12,192	17,007	16,776	9,968	10,352
Meats	15,008	24,897	29,219	31,752	17,085
Milk and Cream	72,310	57,443	82,527	61,522	34,153
Biscuits	2,978	2,919	2,559	2,285	1,544
Hay and Chaff	4,503	3,762	10,972	1,269	1,519
Fruits (all kinds)	9,205	12,227	14,792	16,015	14,464
Wheat	1,347	23,084	44,838	25,429	117,163
Flour	96,515	96,894	140,157	104,831	84,499
Horses	26,720	41,344	47,206	37,983	28,804
Wool	66,978	118,394	133,304	155,864	103,016
Tallow (unrefined)	39,306	64,772	42,618	41,374	29,192
Soap	1,015	909	1,221	498	801
All other Articles	72,012	56,206	54,826	54,933	45,108
Total	420,089	519,858	621,015	543,723	487,700

The value of imports into Victorian ports from New Zealand during 1938-39 decreased by £127,015 as compared with that of the previous year, whilst the value of exports from Victorian ports thereto decreased by £827,212. The principal articles of trade during each of the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH NEW ZEALAND, 1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of New Zealand origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Fish	48,568	54,194	58,652	63,335	52,830
Milk and Cream	325	1	174	7	200
Meats	5,525	11,230	7,197	3,439	3,616
Grain and Pulse	8,376	9,431	18,005	13,441	12,413
Hops	510	512	321	..	1,009
Animals (horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs)	20,829	32,255	41,868	29,481	33,676
Hides and Skins	151,686	175,669	142,753	212,770	109,485
Wool	57,382	199,558	136,156	402,794	432,707
Flax and Hemp	27,510	39,936	52,933	22,391	6,317
Oakum and Tow	2,537	2,255	1,151	1,068	331
Seeds	37,801	32,532	31,567	28,883	45,030
Timber	167,489	157,069	75,756	78,061	54,059
Gold and Silver	127,080	122,786	145,132	181,181	175,600
All other Articles	55,030	55,274	76,469	82,147	64,710
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	710,648	892,702	788,134	1,118,998	991,983
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to New Zealand.</i>					
Fruits, all kinds	243,518	288,218	377,520	328,354	321,752
Grain and Pulse—					
Wheat	1	14,934	45,965	883,463	85,298
Flour	1,381	1,525	1,350	1,385	575
Oats	288	4,796	2,540	3,963	2,415
Rice and Rice Meal	3,096	4,957	5,989	4,440	4,824
Tea	10,928	9,671	3,797	1,784	676
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	9,825	12,559	17,579	19,841	13,497
Tobacco manufactured	39,698	62,497	73,132	90,800	133,148
Apparel	62,340	67,435	118,038	108,417	45,782
Textiles	43,534	46,496	120,303	82,432	65,854
Manufactured Fibres	63,510	75,585	93,598	133,156	134,001
Oils	7,909	10,856	15,326	14,009	16,866
Machines and Machinery	70,267	78,985	118,667	160,770	168,848
Metal manufactures	70,680	92,153	114,970	200,259	168,296
Rubber manufactures	33,078	31,941	35,352	30,151	16,206
Leather, &c.	44,429	38,744	42,585	24,731	37,134
Books	9,978	13,186	17,852	16,784	20,076
Photographic goods and materials	46,190	46,699	62,569	72,468	66,276
Drugs and Chemicals	40,157	41,010	49,074	46,384	50,241
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	68,414	41,216	46,253	75,560	121,205
All other Articles	232,693	314,498	341,681	434,813	433,782
Australian produce	993,902	1,188,262	1,570,590	2,611,057	1,780,490
Other produce	108,012	109,699	133,550	122,907	126,262
Total	1,101,914	1,297,961	1,704,140	2,733,964	1,906,752

The value of imports into Victorian ports from Belgium showed a decrease of £36,827 during 1938-39, as compared with the previous year, while the value of exports from Victorian ports to that country decreased by £51,347. The principal articles of trade with Belgium during each of the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH BELGIUM, 1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of Belgian origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Furs and other Skins, dressed ..	..	18	421	691	..
Gloves	12,185	33,011	27,061	34,664	39,346
Piece Goods	45,020	43,364	61,190	68,485	73,479
Artificial Silk Yarn	182	2,245	756	888	7,267
Electrical Machinery, &c. ..	6,156	9,302	11,967	19,799	16,309
Metal Manufactures—					
Copper	47	2,628	3	1,064	16
Iron and Steel	2,988	7,493	9,763	37,270	27,544
Other	5,405	3,864	8,568	10,819	11,657
Glass and Glassware	49,374	42,591	66,133	101,732	68,422
Paper	7,287	6,492	5,294	7,655	5,474
Precious Stones, Unset	12,948	23,803	18,017	29,575	22,637
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	2,748	4,364	5,789	10,431	5,042
All other Articles	25,146	35,657	47,045	66,970	76,023
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	169,486	214,832	262,007	390,043	353,216
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to Belgium.</i>					
Meats	513	452	..	964	3,157
Wheat	548	106,308	88,666	1,593	46,086
Hides and Skins	27,200	57,703	71,141	63,429	45,945
Wool	981,736	940,750	1,466,215	603,269	531,375
Tallow (unrefined)	1,060	..	13,394	6,600	2,494
Cameos and Precious Stones ..	1,400	7,224	4,097	5,915	7,673
All other Articles	30,960	22,851	45,007	23,853	17,546
Total	1,043,417	1,135,288	1,688,520	705,623	654,276

Trade with
France.

The value of imports into Victorian ports from France during 1938-39 increased by £5,071 as compared with that of the previous year, while the value of exports from Victorian ports to France decreased by £354,061. The chief articles of trade during each of the last five years are given in the appended table.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
FRANCE, 1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of French origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Brandy	9,748	10,015	7,560	9,009	10,090
Hides and Skins	508	1,427	1,518	1,176	131
Wine	11,465	4,528	7,773	7,729	8,256
Gums and Resins	4,734	5,485	11,106	7,025	5,925
Apparel—					
Trimmings and Ornaments	36,373	24,190	22,281	30,437	37,308
Gloves	9,786	7,016	7,011	7,920	14,640
Other	15,910	16,629	15,066	26,822	24,217
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	99,728	77,677	73,325	102,471	125,130
Other	4,385	3,376	2,619	2,745	3,165
Oils	10,295	17,999	22,569	22,370	15,379
Electrical Machinery and Appliances	1,506	887	2,094	927	645
Other Machines and Machinery	9,572	3,984	7,678	6,982	7,598
Motor Bodies, Chassis and Parts	3,246	1,385	470	982	2,260
Rubber Manufactures	1,380	1,781	1,193	816	900
Stationery and Paper Manufactures	3,954	13,784	31,793	31,055	33,026
Pipes (smoking)	3,956	11,769	5,822	8,089	6,473
Cream of Tartar	44	35	..	..	..
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations	9,297	6,151	6,472	6,985	6,265
All other Articles	106,633	90,562	88,949	115,494	92,697
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	348,520	298,630	315,299	389,034	394,105
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to France.</i>					
Meats	8,911	4,678	3,113	4,077	3,780
Wheat and Flour .. .. .	..	7,880	56,688	198,840	..
Hides and Skins	519,765	712,461	874,115	916,721	745,958
Wool	556,738	824,052	1,234,188	1,391,059	1,407,532
All other Articles	22,369	9,286	11,051	10,980	10,346
Total	1,107,783	1,558,357	2,179,155	2,521,677	2,167,616

Trade with
Germany.

During 1938-39, the value of imports into Victorian ports from Germany decreased by £55,338 as compared with 1937-38, while the value of exports from Victorian ports to that country decreased by £315,526. The chief item of export to Germany is wool, which, during the past five years, accounted for 75 per cent. of the total exports from Victorian ports to that country—the percentage for 1938-39 was 61.

The principal articles interchanged during each of the last five years were as follows —

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH GERMANY, 1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Articles.	Value in year ended 30th June—				
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of German origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Hides and Skins	47	368	..	132	1,396
Apparel—					
Gloves	67,795	78,557	77,139	71,765	66,997
Other	39,676	56,752	48,883	50,470	49,677
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	56,424	93,329	108,979	136,405	89,482
Other	15,052	19,059	19,311	27,581	16,933
Artificial Silk Yarn	186	5,438	6,917	1,491	3,881
Machines and Machinery ..	171,556	307,147	449,084	443,823	390,003
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Vehicles and Parts	13,164	46,310	60,534	86,827	83,041
Plated Ware and Cutlery ..	9,790	12,319	11,283	10,643	8,906
Other	91,915	116,735	103,293	124,748	99,062
Glass and Glassware	33,366	73,906	32,934	38,189	41,410
Paper	28,462	59,294	65,515	60,163	68,765
Stationery and Paper Manufactures	11,535	12,568	12,265	12,269	14,801
Fancy Goods	9,994	8,953	15,926	19,806	23,938
Timepieces	24,191	25,287	33,744	43,885	26,854
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments	48,274	52,674	58,258	81,015	74,760
Drugs, Chemicals and Fertilizers	107,268	110,574	175,539	153,626	127,191
Bags, Baskets, &c.	30,676	25,868	29,863	30,518	20,640
Brushware	3,335	2,853	4,263	7,449	18,614
Musical Instruments	10,818	16,952	16,863	13,975	17,042
All other Articles	119,131	149,909	161,553	178,405	294,454
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	892,655	1,274,852	1,492,146	1,593,185	1,537,847
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to Germany.</i>					
Sausage Casings	768	716	46	1,645	975
Fruits (all kinds)	8,870	9,179	6,898	6,934	4,021
Wheat and Flour .. ..	..	..	78,185	96	..
Wool	301,862	409,529	466,587	572,443	274,945
Hides and Skins	11,624	40,265	67,443	57,830	80,692
Tallow (unrefined) .. ..	..	143	4,070	3,187	10,851
Casein	520	1,440	12,510	..	..
Eucalyptus Oil	5,511	6,549	13,899	16,887	13,407
All other Articles	11,190	12,868	16,782	107,292	65,897
Total	340,345	480,689	666,420	766,314	450,788

The value of imports into Victorian ports from Japan during 1938-39 decreased by £504,697 as compared with that of 1937-38, while the value of exports from Victorian ports to Japan decreased by £1,308,398. The principal articles interchanged during each of the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH JAPAN, 1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of Japanese origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Fish	5,193	4,070	3,751	10,468	5,424
Silk, Raw	169,381	277,455	340,355	498,890	353,236
Filices	3,533	4,573	2,430	1,560	21
Grass or Straw, &c.	12,048	11,563	7,955	7,128	5,576
Apparel—					
Buttons	15,776	22,356	17,369	22,485	16,290
Hats and Caps	5,604	6,424	5,983	7,017	3,827
Other	36,229	47,006	57,442	71,020	69,427
Piece Goods—Silk	616,085	585,562	448,152	563,828	409,373
Cotton and Linen	295,891	332,320	208,466	297,393	246,694
Other	66,310	76,197	52,475	99,115	87,191
Other Textiles	38,578	48,498	50,553	78,613	72,585
Yarns	36,619	59,695	32,882	52,297	47,867
Oils	5,472	8,480	5,089	10,684	2,447
Timber	5,819	7,781	8,423	12,748	12,811
Chinaware	37,528	44,604	32,920	47,865	49,790
Glass and Glassware	16,786	20,158	19,133	25,001	19,558
Fancy Goods	48,145	55,028	64,439	62,067	59,809
Jewellery and Precious Stones	5,736	3,846	3,130	2,781	3,669
Camphor	2,414	2,683	2,263	4,085	2,873
Sulphur (Brimstone)	38,764	62,574	26,179	80,046	..
All other Articles	188,580	291,802	267,857	266,092	248,018
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	1,650,491	1,972,675	1,657,226	2,221,183	1,716,486
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to Japan.</i>					
Butter .. .. .	..	..	4,741	83	..
Hides and Skins	42,000	51,612	53,081	97,423	25,387
Milk and Cream	9,801	..	..	15	..
Wheat	1,240,387	1,750,647	527,454	690,960	15,749
Flour	4,847	40,150	617	408	..
Wool	2,258,058	4,306,693	2,419,790	2,025,311	1,527,034
Tallow (unrefined)	47,549	20,200	6,962	12,491	1,061
Scrap Iron	29,328	35,374	96,291	112,102	109,455
Casein	31,333	34,536	16,216	31,948	1,795
Fertilizers	1,072	406	137	..	..
All other Articles	21,156	26,236	53,205	28,628	10,490
Total	3,685,831	6,265,854	3,178,434	2,999,369	1,690,971

The value of imports into Victorian ports from Netherlands East Indies during 1938-39 increased by £115,410, while the value of exports from Victorian ports thereto decreased by £128,718, as compared with 1937-38. The chief articles interchanged with Netherlands East Indies during each of the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES, 1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of Netherlands East Indies origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Coffee and Chicory	9,165	9,763	7,952	5,877	8,322
Sago and Tapioca	135	486	1,223	1,350	1,065
Spices	346	260	220	310	735
Tea	255,677	219,335	314,466	333,536	508,540
Tobacco—unmanufactured	20,029	29,793	27,705	16,877	9,637
Hides and Skins	6,026	1,995	563	1,473	2,512
Fibres	61,793	83,494	120,293	141,130	122,101
Seeds	3,338	6,291	5,415	7,967	9,371
Oils	558,055	642,420	881,534	1,265,044	1,259,440
Rubber, crude	48,486	80,866	179,391	121,942	81,345
All other Articles	25,126	25,821	23,732	33,141	40,989
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	988,176	1,100,524	1,562,494	1,928,647	2,044,057
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to the Netherlands East Indies.</i>					
Butter	250,567	302,234	258,945	245,980	230,902
Meats	1,259	1,616	1,283	1,050	1,271
Milk and Cream	2,856	2,107	2,047	1,587	2,411
Biscuits	11,813	7,952	11,032	9,801	8,061
Fruits and fruit juices	23,008	21,610	23,025	26,765	28,472
Flour	215,616	227,670	306,007	362,211	259,321
Machines and Machinery	145	104	1,593	532	3,797
Leather, &c.	9,124	5,722	10,852	8,089	9,808
Soap	910	139	141	29	286
All other Articles	38,030	57,999	51,235	86,244	69,241
Total	553,328	627,153	666,160	742,288	613,570

The value of imports into Victorian ports from the United States of America decreased by £766,027 during 1938-39 as compared with 1937-38, whilst the value of exports from Victorian ports to that country increased by £663,762. The principal articles included in the trade with the United States of America in each of the last five years were as follows—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of United States origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Fish, Preserved in Tins	3,680	1,725	3,542	3,782	14,684
Sausage Casings	44,143	37,149	52,448	45,939	55,646
Tobacco, &c.	279,307	365,885	396,376	513,072	536,781
Gums and Resins	23,043	26,069	37,151	46,453	29,584
Apparel—					
Socks and Stockings	500	1,226	741	800	842
Other	30,216	46,191	24,874	29,504	36,315
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	65,891	55,750	11,908	17,529	43,989
Other	10,253	13,795	7,699	16,733	22,539
Manufactured Fibres and Yarns	20,706	4,164	1,932	4,556	439
Oils	619,391	823,332	760,560	760,215	578,678
Paints and Varnishes	42,347	35,817	51,727	54,689	45,225
Asphalt, Bitumen, and Natural Pitch	2,713	8,625	14,908	8,779	20,034
Machines and Machinery	548,945	836,273	810,396	1,226,886	953,321
Metals and Metal manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	42,182	57,559	28,014	235,946	144,800
Tools of Trade	42,530	61,858	49,583	73,260	52,453
Vehicles and Parts—					
Motor Bodies, Chassis, &c.	766,666	948,344	706,223	991,146	679,131
Other	176,233	249,175	183,720	400,384	349,014
Other Metals, &c.	103,190	95,539	77,045	112,122	114,290
Rubber, &c.	22,147	35,822	21,328	40,517	37,548
Leather, &c.	5,231	6,028	8,064	5,811	7,695
Timber	84,909	124,087	77,869	104,932	76,776
Glass and Glassware	16,323	21,161	12,538	16,494	22,867
Paper	37,178	52,907	66,771	48,450	54,343
Stationery	30,519	42,158	48,680	55,334	65,202
Jewellery, Timepieces and Fancy Goods	14,826	25,279	26,525	40,414	39,456
Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments	74,053	79,989	77,300	76,643	77,469
Sulphur (Brimstone)	85,015	108,128	67,624	93,018	176,040
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	17,591	25,824	6,821	5,969	8,988
Instruments—Musical	5,353	6,653	6,456	6,354	6,718
All other articles	366,414	419,019	430,336	523,080	541,917
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	3,581,495	4,615,541	4,069,149	5,558,811	4,792,784
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to the United States.</i>					
Sausage Casings	250,963	150,658	171,026	151,557	147,241
Hides and Skins	294,067	794,155	910,003	590,499	312,338
Wool	100,847	782,259	2,568,571	112,176	403,105
Tallow (unrefined)	98,216	64,149	69,348	15,357	4,697
Machines and Machinery	4,707	7,668	7,990	9,421	12,013
Metals and Metal Manufactures	4,448	6,532	5,345	9,057	6,674
Leather, &c.	97	792	1,341	229	75
Eucalyptus Oil	14,926	15,347	26,262	9,442	21,202
All other articles	39,894	62,550	1,661,823*	1,816,536*	2,470,691*
Total	808,165	1,884,110	5,421,709	2,714,274	3,378,036

* Including Gold Bullion 1936-37 £1,581,953; 1937-38, £1,729,095; 1938-39 £2,347,314.

Wool, wheat and flour, meats, butter, fruits (all kinds), and hides and skins were the chief exports from Victorian ports in 1933-39. The values of these products, arranged according to destination, are shown in the following statement:—

DESTINATION OF THE PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF
MERCHANDISE EXPORTED FROM VICTORIAN
PORTS IN 1938-39.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Destination.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Meats.	Butter.	Fruits (all kinds).	Hides and Skins.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom ..	4,321,778	451,470	3,393,093	2,909,980	2,324,943	288,236
Aden ..	..	13,555	..	31	492	..
Canada ..	120,245	448	18,618	..	295,989	1,408
Hong Kong ..	5,058	97,776	2,333	3,164	7,326	..
India and Ceylon ..	103,016	201,662	17,085	10,852	14,464	1,469
Malaya (British) ..	129	66,370	13,746	47,922	7,078	..
Malta ..	..	40,010	8,133	246	..	..
Mauritius ..	..	51,232	227	9,962	192	..
New Zealand ..	7,291	85,873	3,506	..	321,752	41
Pacific Islands (British)	..	2,204	11,154	1,430	3,068	..
South African Union ..	950	330,186	2,183	..	401	..
Sudan ..	..	41,442	2	7	8	..
Other British Countries	267	87,387	454	21,548	3,075	..
Africa, Portuguese East	..	54,565	580	316	499	..
Africa, Portuguese West	..	18,969	..	..	..	..
Belgium ..	531,375	46,086	3,157	1,599	..	45,945
China ..	14,147	525,913	15	1,790	1,262	611
Egypt ..	11,375	50,320	9,018	152	211	..
France ..	1,407,532	..	3,780	..	26	745,958
French Indo-China ..	573	7,129	..	..	729	..
Germany ..	274,945	..	975	..	4,021	80,692
Italy ..	261,617	328	857	..	..	558
Japan ..	1,527,034	15,749	90	..	8	25,387
Kwantung Peninsula ..	1,323	..	..	..	..	894
Mexico ..	35,124	..	..	..	..	..
Netherlands ..	105,365	11,073	64	..	337	14,708
Netherlands East Indies	383	259,321	1,279	230,902	19,018	9
Norway ..	17,689	..	110	..	..	..
Philippine Islands ..	709	42,834	1,467	125	7,493	..
Siam ..	..	31,168	2	3,118	52	..
Spain ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sweden ..	151,245	..	3,348	..	..	691
United States of America	403,105	..	151,683	..	487	312,335
Other Foreign Countries	242,727	6,428	1,586	3,162	200	29,664
Total ..	9,545,002	2,539,498	3,648,545	3,245,806	3,013,131	1,548,609

The value of the above-mentioned six items added to that of the next principal item (milk and cream, £516,173) amounted to £24,056,764 and represented slightly over 86 per cent. of the total Australian merchandise exported. The destinations and values of the major shipments of milk and cream during 1938-39 were as follows:—Malaya (British), £337,530; United Kingdom, £78,495; India and Ceylon, £34,153; Philippine Islands, £26,046, and Kwantung Peninsula, £13,683.

Principal
Exports—
Quantities and
Values.

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

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE YEARS 1935-36 TO 1938-39.
(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.)

Commodity.		1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.
Wool .. ..	.. { lb.	203,451,217	195,185,300	188,253,625	185,808,043
	.. { £	13,299,702	15,731,887	11,524,625	9,545,002
Butter .. ..	.. { lb.	91,714,538	90,717,838	77,695,589	65,462,195
	.. { £	3,751,294	4,056,443	3,577,351	3,245,806
Wheat .. ..	.. { centals	9,736,294	12,585,520	16,375,470	3,139,662
	.. { £	2,917,377	5,346,703	6,144,958	932,388
Flour (wheaten) ..	.. { centals	5,153,983	4,665,665	5,589,867	5,124,617
	.. { £	1,875,692	2,292,958	2,644,037	1,607,110
Fruits— Dried .. ..	.. { lb.	76,482,933	81,974,582	91,536,812	108,400,466
	.. { £	1,306,592	1,357,241	1,633,620	1,763,153
Fresh .. ..	.. { lb.	58,529,200	71,309,700	63,842,200	39,717,300
	.. { £	542,555	643,404	565,571	359,096
Preserved in Liquid	.. { lb.	33,933,641	48,475,485	67,390,636	60,916,530
	.. { £	522,734	713,425	950,902	890,882
Meats— Beef (frozen) ..	.. { lb.	10,064,934	11,018,738	14,829,315	9,158,102
	.. { £	115,053	137,564	235,831	156,125
Lamb (frozen) ..	.. { lb.	95,093,406	102,436,881	97,414,387	86,736,377
	.. { £	2,489,952	2,803,421	2,904,460	2,356,159
Mutton (frozen)	.. { lb.	13,447,972	16,058,586	13,708,724	14,690,484
	.. { £	224,243	283,521	214,047	201,586
Pork (frozen) ..	.. { lb.	7,312,160	12,454,887	15,312,055	9,530,942
	.. { £	193,245	313,488	306,867	283,685
Rabbits and Hares (frozen)	.. { pairs	2,180,524	1,340,572	1,976,473	2,062,183
	.. { £	99,495	58,331	118,295	127,591
Sausage Casings ..	.. { cwt.	13,469	14,284	14,547	14,228
	.. { £	241,058	277,149	290,104	297,311
All other .. ..	.. { —	..	..	..	..
	.. { £	156,920	222,527	283,370	226,088
Milk and Cream ..	.. { lb.	14,070,896	19,085,395	20,775,023	14,950,203
	.. { £	523,209	683,610	743,220	516,173
Hides and Skins— Sheep .. ..	.. { lb.	36,737,286	37,403,387	37,195,409	37,381,798
	.. { £	1,369,510	1,800,977	1,602,680	1,121,709
Calf, Cattle, Horse	.. { No.	220,402	522,821	553,848	465,400
	.. { £	117,093	265,842	286,715	185,455
Rabbits and Hares	.. { lb.	3,856,069	2,972,466	2,137,549	2,608,931
	.. { £	556,942	573,354	382,412	221,538
Other Skins .. ..	.. { —	..	..	..	..
	.. { £	63,128	63,319	116,033	19,907
Tallow (unrefined)	.. { cwt.	149,948	217,497	188,258	173,263
	.. { £	212,409	269,929	211,448	146,513
Eggs in shell ..	.. { dozen	5,038,859	5,128,705	3,687,093	3,175,761
	.. { £	283,108	296,812	228,943	214,580
Cheese .. ..	.. { lb.	5,135,386	4,488,183	10,371,747	13,328,117
	.. { £	158,109	153,233	350,649	450,012

Customs and
Excise
Revenue.

The oversea trade and the gross revenue collected at Victorian ports, during the year 1938-39, are shown in the following statement.

OVERSEA TRADE AND GROSS REVENUE COLLECTED AT VICTORIAN PORTS, 1938-39.

Heading.	Melbourne.	Geelong.	Portland.	Warrnam- bool.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£
Oversea Trade—					
Imports (British Cur- rency)	33,929,654	1,459,792	65,890	..	35,455,336
Exports (Australian Currency)	28,765,068	1,132,811	535,690	385,443	30,819,012
Total (British Currency)	56,899,654	2,364,232	493,586	307,739	60,065,211
Gross Revenue (Aus- tralian Currency)—					
Import Duties	8,667,962	363,441	120,561	..	9,151,964
Excise Duties	5,725,889	17,996	..	..	5,743,885
Primage	1,362,302	32,574	6,691	..	1,401,567
Other Sources	22,672	251	15	..	22,938
Total	15,778,825	414,262	127,267	..	16,320,354*

* After deducting £631,634 for Refunds and Drawbacks, &c., the net revenue was £15,688,720.

Interstate
Trade.

On the 13th September, 1910, the Commonwealth Government abandoned the collecting and recording of information relating to Interstate imports and exports, but, at the Statisticians' Conference held in 1926 at Perth, it was resolved that action should be taken by the Statistician of each State (with the exception of Western Australia and Tasmania where schemes for collecting Interstate trade statistics were in force) with a view to obtaining a record of the principal items of Interstate trade. It has not been possible to obtain complete information regarding the Interstate trade of Victoria, but returns relating to the interchange of certain goods between Victoria and the other States have been received from the Harbor Trusts, Railways Department, and the Ports and Harbors Branch of the Public Works Department, and are shown in the succeeding table. Particulars of interstate trade carried on by means of road traffic are not available.

Primary
Produce
Interchanged.

The interstate trade of certain items of primary produce for the year 1938-39 are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—INTERSTATE TRADE OF 10 SPECIFIED
PRIMARY PRODUCTS, 1938-39. (QUANTITIES ONLY.)

Article.	Imported into Victoria from other States during 1938-39, and recorded by—				
	Victorian Railways.	Melbourne Harbor Trust.	Geelong Harbor Trust.	Warrnam- bool Harbor Authority.	Total.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter	1	1,375	..	..	1,376
Coal	10	1,017,986	170,580	5,341	1,193,917
Flour	12,339	185	..	..	12,524
Fruits, fresh	42,052	7,081*	..	..	†
Fruits, dried	1,099	2,468*	20	..	†
Oats	12,968	10,717	..	..	23,675
Onions	309	680	..	..	989
Potatoes	361	10,990	..	..	11,351
Wheat	157,958	..	..	..	157,958
Wool	26,354	9,822	1,260	175	37,611

Article.	Exported from Victoria to other States during 1938-39, and recorded by—				
	Victorian Railways.	Melbourne Harbor Trust.	Geelong Harbor Trust.	Warrnam- bool Harbor Authority.	Total.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter	138	2,268	..	..	2,406
Coal	659	1,831	..	..	2,490
Flour	3,680	5,200	..	..	8,880
Fruits, fresh	7,054	15,720*	..	..	‡
Fruits, dried	179	8,856*	..	..	‡
Oats	1,073	2,581	..	..	3,654
Onions	2,079	6,063	4,019	..	12,161
Potatoes	13,709	4,969	226	..	18,904
Wheat	3,194	2,025	1,961	..	7,180
Wool	805	6,910	1,462	..	9,177

* Measurement tons.

† Comprising 42,052 tons weight and 7,081 tons measurement.

‡ Comprising 1,119 tons weight and 2,468 tons measurement.

§ Comprising 7,054 tons weight and 15,720 tons measurement.

|| Comprising 179 tons weight and 8,856 tons measurement.

Complete particulars of the movements from and to the several States are available regarding only four of the above-mentioned items, viz., butter, flour, wheat, and wool. Information relating to the quantities of each and the importing and exporting State in respect thereof is as follows :—

VICTORIA—INTERSTATE TRADE OF FOUR SPECIFIED PRODUCTS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THE STATE OF IMPORT AND EXPORT, 1938-39.

Article.	Imported into Victoria from—					
	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter	81	136	34	..	1,125	1,376
Flour	12,407	1	116	..	..	12,524
Wheat	116,402	..	41,556	..	..	157,958
Wool	22,976	807	11,275	905	1,648	37,611

Article.	Exported from Victoria to—						
	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Total.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter	645	70	937	612	142	..	2,406
Flour	3,009	21	784	6	5,055	5	8,880
Wheat	2,553	37	650	..	3,938	2	7,180
Wool	6,449	295	624	23	1,786	..	9,177

N.B.—Exclusive of trade carried on by road traffic.

Manufactured Articles Interchanged.

Since January, 1934, returns of certain manufactured articles (quantities only) have also been received from the Authorities mentioned on page 379. Particulars of the interstate trade in these articles are given in the following statement for the year ended 30th June, 1939.

VICTORIA—INTERSTATE TRADE OF CERTAIN MANUFACTURED GOODS, 1938-39.

(Quantities only.)

Item.	Melbourne Harbor Trust.		Geelong Harbor Trust.		Victorian Railways Department.	
	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.
	Meas. Tons.	Meas. Tons.	Meas. Tons.	Meas. Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Confectionery	11,783	15,017	38	..	16	1,398
Jams, Pickles, Sauces ..	1,381	13,122	1	..	26	1,137
Ale and Beer	80	32,724	..	..	10	3,551
Spirits	705	4,428	2	189	29	167
Wine	3,776	719	..	..	1,627	263
Tobacco and Cigars	4,677	5,372	..	..	7	196
Cigarettes	4,060	3,301	..	..	..	..
Apparel and Textiles ..	28,397	58,888	13	1,230	290	2,624
Boots and Shoes	3,850	11,599	..	..	98	1,628
Machinery and Metal Manufactures	131,874	208,034	1,828	43	921	4,319
Steel	142,059*	8,867*	423	..	39	398
Wire Netting	3,098*	77*	69	..	4	278
Timber	104,210	6,834	5,304	..	6,874	5,112
Paper	13,673	28,430	710	..	1,530	1,815
Chemicals, Drugs, Medicines	24,782	37,360	6,423	43	7	159

* Weight tons.

There was no interstate trade in these goods at the Port of Warrnambool during 1938-39.

SHIPPING.

Victorian shipping, as dealt with in the succeeding tables, refers to vessels trading with other States and Oversea Countries; the tonnage quoted is net. Vessels trading on the Victorian coast and on the River Murray have not been taken into consideration. Coastal shipping is included in the particulars of the shipping at Victorian ports (page 384) and at the ports of Melbourne and Geelong (page 386).

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

VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING,
1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1935	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
Vessels Entered—					
Number	2,603	2,719	2,848	3,019	2,979
Tons	7,435,416	7,939,719	8,098,613	8,537,857	8,537,085
Average tonnage ..	2,856	2,920	2,844	2,828	2,866
Vessels Cleared—					
Number	2,585	2,711	2,849	2,991	2,989
Tons	7,407,121	7,907,632	8,070,031	8,520,864	8,479,995
Average tonnage ..	2,865	2,917	2,833	2,849	2,837

For the twelve months ended 30th June, 1939, steamers numbered 2,768 of the vessels entered and 2,774 of the vessels cleared, their tonnage aggregating 8,512,473 and 8,546,260 respectively. The inward shipping included 45 vessels in ballast, of an aggregate tonnage of 97,874, whilst the outward shipping included 409 vessels in ballast, having an aggregate tonnage of 825,829.

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

Shipping with
principal
countries.

The countries having shipping communication with Victoria in 1938-39 are set out in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—SHIPPING WITH PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, 1938-39.

Countries.	Entered.				Cleared.			
	Steamers.*		Sailing Vessels.		Steamers.*		Sailing Vessels.	
	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.
Australian States	2,039	4,728,685	204	22,347	2,089	4,814,411	210	22,916
United Kingdom	162	1,262,339	..	..	209	1,532,706	..	..
New Zealand	63	249,520	7	2,265	66	259,295	5	819
India	17	79,967	..	..	20	89,110	..	..
Straits Settlements	40	201,632	..	..	34	162,800	..	..
Other British	137	498,123	..	..	100	364,798	..	..
Total British Countries ..	2,458	7,020,266	211	24,612	2,518	7,223,120	215	23,735
Japan	52	214,112	..	..	53	220,000	..	..
Dutch East Indies	24	121,164	..	..	48	240,791	..	..
United States of America ..	80	450,140	..	..	37	248,214	..	..
Other Foreign	154	706,791	..	..	118	524,135	..	..
Total Foreign Countries ..	310	1,492,207	..	..	256	1,233,140	..	..
Grand Total	2,768	8,512,473	211	24,612	2,774	8,456,260	215	23,735

* See footnote on page 382.

Nationality of
vessels.

The nationality of vessels entered and cleared at Victorian ports for the year 1938-39 was as follows:—

NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1938-39.

Nationality.	Entered.		Cleared.	
	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.
British—	No.		No.	
Australian	1,902	2,924,675	1,917	2,917,696
United Kingdom	630	3,817,951	618	3,752,821
Canadian	2	8,826	2	8,826
Hong Kong	26	103,880	29	122,049
New Zealand	79	96,573	81	99,222
South African	8	25,657	8	25,657
Other British	12	36,401	15	48,489
Total British	2,659	7,013,963	2,670	6,974,760

NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1938-39—continued.

Nationality.	Entered.		Cleared.	
	Vessels.	Net Tonnage	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.
	No.		No.	
Foreign—				
Danish	4	15,884	4	15,671
French	7	28,927	3	10,143
German	45	198,195	50	220,592
Dutch	49	275,506	48	270,709
Italian	23	130,425	24	136,500
Japanese	50	207,098	50	205,969
Norwegian	64	265,726	63	260,789
Swedish	30	99,577	30	101,325
United States of America	34	237,838	33	219,591
Other Foreign	14	63,946	14	63,946
Total, Foreign	320	1,523,122	319	1,505,235
Grand Total	2,979	8,537,085	2,989	8,479,995

Shipping
entered at
Victorian
Ports.

Particulars of shipping—Oversea, Interstate, and Coastal—which entered at each port of Victoria are given in the following statement for the year ended 30th June, 1939.

VICTORIA—VESSELS ENTERED AT EACH PORT, 1938-39.

Direction.	Melbourne.		Geelong.		Portland.		Warrnam- bool.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage	Vessels.	Tonnage.
	No.		No.		No.		No.	
Oversea—								
Steam*	162	623,087	19	57,396	1	3,428	..	..
Sailing	6	2,110	..	..	..	..	..	..
Interstate†—								
Steam*	2,418	7,390,761	162	406,700	5	30,497	1	604
Sailing	195	21,354	8	792	2	356	..	..
Oversea via Ports—								
Steam* and Sailing	23	84,903	27	143,405	9	49,401	..	..
Interstate via Ports—								
Steam* and Sailing	105	214,817	77	89,125	12	73,536	6	4,687
Local (within the State)—								
Steam* and Sailing	474	309,861	114	140,460	49	27,930	42	13,191
Total—								
Steam* and Sailing	3,383	8,646,893	407	837,878	78	185,148	49	18,482

NOTE.—“ Ports ’ means Victorian ports.

* See footnote on page 382.

† Including “ Oversea via States.”

Cargo discharged and shipped.

Statistics relating to the tonnage of cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria during the year ended 30th June, 1939, are shown in the following tables. The former shows the tonnage of interstate and oversea cargo handled at each port in the State, and the latter the tonnage of oversea cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria according to the nationality of the vessels in which the cargo was carried.

VICTORIA—TONNAGE OF INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED AT EACH PORT DURING THE YEAR 1938-39.

Port.	Discharged.		Shipped.	
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Melbourne	2,365,227	1,835,592	1,044,425	754,876
Geelong	162,509	221,705	75,723	95,771
Portland	402	17,046	..	8,139
Warrnambool	6,041	..	3,283	..
Total	2,534,179	2,074,343	1,123,431	858,786

VICTORIA—TONNAGE OF OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED DURING THE YEAR 1938-39 ACCORDING TO THE NATIONALITY OF VESSELS.

Nationality of Vessels Carrying Cargo.	Tonnage.	
	Discharged.	Shipped.
Australian	28,445	18,544
Great Britain	1,363,264	521,028
Canadian	6,416	..
Hong Kong	84,629	13,143
New Zealand	27,581	53,272
South African	2,125	12,910
Other British	14,419	24,533
Total British	1,526,879	643,430
Danish	15,753	9,100
French	4,145	2,280
German	33,114	24,293
Dutch	67,905	63,151
Italian	11,215	18,805
Japanese	39,728	50,606
Norwegian	196,529	12,363
Swedish	92,299	11,304
United States of America	29,328	16,206
Other Foreign	57,448	7,248
Total Foreign	547,464	215,356
Grand Total	2,074,343	858,786

PRINCIPAL PORTS OF VICTORIA.

Port of Melbourne. The Port of Melbourne is under the control of the Melbourne Harbor Trust, which had 11·71 miles of wharfs, piers, and jetties in the River Yarra, Victoria Dock, Maribyrnong River, and Hobson's Bay at 31st December, 1939. The area of these wharfs, &c., is 57·5 acres, and there are 28 acres of sheds. Reference to the constitution of the Trust and the revenue and expenditure thereof are shown in part "Local Government," page 161.

Trade of the Port of Melbourne. During the year 1939, vessels to the number of 3,291 (3,028 steamers and 263 sailing vessels) with registered gross tonnage aggregating 13,902,135 berthed within the Port.

Total imports in 1939 amounted to 4,259,529 tons of which 2,510,113 tons were interstate and coastal cargo. Exports totalled 1,818,687 tons including interstate and coastal tonnage amounting to 954,127. Coal forms a great part of the interstate imports and, excluding 57,473 tons transhipped to vessels and 206,063 tons kept on board and landed at Geelong, Adelaide or Warrnambool, or used for bunkers, the quantity imported during 1939 amounted to 1,161,371 tons.

Port of Geelong. The Port of Geelong is controlled by the Geelong Harbor Trust. The number of vessels visiting the port during 1939 was 135 and represented 1,405,376 gross tonnage. Imports and exports, for that period, aggregated 451,075, and 95,331 tons respectively.

POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES, AND WIRELESS.

Posts, telegraphs, telephones and wireless are under the control of the Postmaster-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. Information given in the following tables refers only to the Victorian activities of the department.

Post Offices, Mails, &c. The number of post offices and the number of mails despatched and received in each of the last five years are given hereunder.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF POST OFFICES AND MAILS.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Post Offices.*	Number of Mails†—	
		Despatched.	Received.
1935	2,536	2,379,271	2,347,651
1936	2,531	2,465,947	2,356,896
1937	2,553	2,537,245	2,432,689
1938	2,564	2,252,009	2,130,580
1939	2,572	2,281,908	2,140,462

* Excluding "Telephone" offices at which telegraph and telephone business only is transacted, viz., 1934-35, 255; 1935-36, 251; 1936-37, 255; 1937-38, 256; 1938-39, 251.

† Number of Private Bags included in 1934-35, 1935-36 and 1936-37.

Postal
Returns—
Victoria.

Particulars relating to the number of letters, packets, and newspapers dealt with during 1937-38 and 1938-39 are given hereunder.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF LETTERS, PACKETS, AND NEWS-PAPERS DEALT WITH, 1937-38 AND 1938-39.

Particulars.	1937-38.			1938-39.		
	Letters, Post-cards, Letter-cards, and Packets.	News-papers.	Total.	Letters, Post-cards, Letter-cards, and Packets.	News-papers.	Total.
<i>Posted for delivery—</i>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<i>Within the Commonwealth ..</i>	236,393,400	27,674,300	264,067,700	241,550,500	28,278,000	269,828,500
<i>Beyond the Commonwealth—</i>						
Despatched ..	8,787,200	3,622,200	12,409,400	8,840,200	3,644,000	12,484,200
Received ..	10,084,000	3,187,500	13,271,500	9,982,400	3,155,400	13,137,800
Total ..	255,264,600	34,484,000	289,748,600	260,373,100	35,077,400	295,450,500

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

VICTORIA—REGISTERED ARTICLES AND PARCELS POST, 1935-36 TO 1938-39.

Year ended 30th June—	Registered Articles (Other than Parcels)—				Parcels Post*.			
	Posted for delivery within the Commonwealth.	Posted for delivery beyond the Commonwealth.	Total posted in Commonwealth.	Received from beyond the Commonwealth.	Posted for delivery within the Commonwealth.	Posted for delivery beyond the Commonwealth.	Total posted in Commonwealth.	Received from beyond the Commonwealth.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1935 ..	1,793,270	85,832	1,879,102	121,163	1,682,600	42,100	1,724,700	71,400
1936 ..	1,873,910	85,082	1,958,992	126,769	1,739,700	46,400	1,786,100	78,700
1937 ..	1,966,683	101,273	2,067,956	138,135	1,782,200	46,300	1,828,500	76,200
1938 ..	1,979,712	128,304	2,108,016	149,158	1,805,400	53,300	1,858,700	84,800
1939 ..	2,067,878	103,513	2,171,391	132,428	1,759,400	53,100	1,812,500	88,510

* Including Registered Value payable and Duty Parcels.

Dead
Letters—
Victoria.

During 1938-39 there were 244,591 letters, &c., and 148,289 packets, &c., returned direct to writers or delivered; 31,599 letters, &c., and 16,033 packets, &c., were destroyed in accordance with the Post and Telegraph Act; and 16,619 letters, &c., and 5,611 packets, &c., were returned as unclaimed to other countries. Money and valuables to the amount of £24,095 were found in postal articles sent to the Dead Letter Office as undeliverable. Postal articles numbering 10,535 were posted without address, and of that number 154 contained money and valuables to the extent of £1,315.

The following table shows the total number and value of money orders and postal notes issued and paid in each of the last five years.

VICTORIA—MONEY ORDERS AND POSTAL NOTES, 1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Heading.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.
Number of Money Order Offices open	750	780	774	789	796
Money Orders issued—					
Inland	{ Number .. 430,573 { Amount £ 2,459,967	{ Number .. 447,513 { Amount £ 2,689,175	{ Number .. 456,417 { Amount £ 2,791,642	{ Number .. 493,551 { Amount £ 2,936,766	{ Number .. 507,606 { Amount £ 2,973,063
Interstate	{ Number .. 71,964 { Amount £ 355,993	{ Number .. 75,489 { Amount £ 384,046	{ Number .. 78,206 { Amount £ 400,001	{ Number .. 82,951 { Amount £ 412,318	{ Number .. 79,404 { Amount £ 413,911
Beyond the monwealth Com-	{ Number .. 39,932 { Amount £ 99,198	{ Number .. 39,322 { Amount £ 104,601	{ Number .. 41,534 { Amount £ 109,017	{ Number .. 43,099 { Amount £ 114,586	{ Number .. 42,950 { Amount £ 109,162
Total	{ Number .. 542,469 { Amount £ 2,915,158	{ Number .. 562,324 { Amount £ 3,177,822	{ Number .. 576,157 { Amount £ 3,300,660	{ Number .. 619,601 { Amount £ 3,463,670	{ Number .. 629,960 { Amount £ 3,496,136
Money Orders Paid—					
Inland	{ Number .. 430,105 { Amount £ 2,454,317	{ Number .. 447,605 { Amount £ 2,685,090	{ Number .. 475,912 { Amount £ 2,796,842	{ Number .. 505,216 { Amount £ 2,936,506	{ Number .. 500,928 { Amount £ 2,975,157
Interstate	{ Number .. 139,211 { Amount £ 639,574	{ Number .. 142,733 { Amount £ 675,280	{ Number .. 145,938 { Amount £ 706,128	{ Number .. 142,861 { Amount £ 690,744	{ Number .. 148,588 { Amount £ 694,418
Beyond the monwealth Com-	{ Number .. 29,323 { Amount £ 93,681	{ Number .. 28,760 { Amount £ 87,238	{ Number .. 30,499 { Amount £ 89,557	{ Number .. 30,073 { Amount £ 89,606	{ Number .. 42,343 { Amount £ 147,907
Total	{ Number .. 598,639 { Amount £ 3,188,072	{ Number .. 619,098 { Amount £ 3,447,608	{ Number .. 652,349 { Amount £ 3,592,527	{ Number .. 678,150 { Amount £ 3,716,856	{ Number .. 691,859 { Amount £ 3,817,482
Postal Notes—					
Issued	{ Number .. 5,887,709 { Amount £ 1,922,979	{ Number .. 6,281,363 { Amount £ 2,083,199	{ Number .. 6,091,221 { Amount £ 2,075,090	{ Number .. 6,338,041 { Amount £ 2,183,188	{ Number .. 6,544,497 { Amount £ 2,241,741
Paid—Issued with- in the State	{ Number .. 3,618,801 { Amount £ 1,271,285	{ Number .. 3,948,072 { Amount £ 1,383,811	{ Number .. 3,752,478 { Amount £ 1,367,453	{ Number .. 3,825,000 { Amount £ 1,416,841	{ Number .. 3,854,165 { Amount £ 1,439,992
Paid — Issued in other States	{ Number .. 511,899 { Amount £ 194,462	{ Number .. 571,796 { Amount £ 216,059	{ Number .. 527,114 { Amount £ 211,965	{ Number .. 542,842 { Amount £ 220,470	{ Number .. 563,208 { Amount £ 228,306

Of the money orders issued in 1938-39, 587,010 for £3,386,974 were payable in the Commonwealth of Australia, 5,209 for £14,351 in New Zealand, 27,704 for £57,529 in the United Kingdom, and 10,037 for £37,282 in other countries. The orders paid included 649,516 for £3,669,575 issued in the Commonwealth, 25,378 for £86,528 in New Zealand, 12,261 for £47,343 in the United Kingdom, and 4,704 for £14,036 in other countries.

The following table gives particulars relating to the telegraph business during each of the last five years.

VICTORIA—TELEGRAPH BUSINESS, 1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Heading.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.
Number of Telegraph Offices (including Railway Telegraph Offices)	No. 2,427	No. 2,411	No. 2,435	No. 2,452	No. 2,453
Telegrams—					
Within the Commonwealth—					
Paid and Collect Telegrams Despatched—					
Ordinary, Urgent and Press	3,027,272	3,247,835	3,457,481	3,581,662	3,583,095
Lettergrams	64,903	52,963	47,665	38,657	33,796
Radiograms	4,422	3,438	3,231	2,894	3,055
Unpaid Telegrams Transmitted—					
Service, Shipping, Meteorological	209,835	215,680	229,777	253,930	299,395
Total	3,306,432	3,519,916	3,738,154	3,877,143	3,919,341
Beyond the Commonwealth—					
Despatched	230,329	233,018	253,480	248,196	245,479
Received	205,261	207,995	224,057	225,013	220,538
Total Number of Telegrams dealt with	3,742,022	3,960,929	4,215,691	4,350,352	4,385,358
Revenue—					
Telegrams within the Commonwealth	£ 219,874	£ 237,361	£ 243,736	£ 247,707	£ 244,317
Telegrams beyond the Commonwealth	47,555	46,077	47,239	44,187	37,120
Total Revenue received in State ..	267,429	283,438	290,975	291,894	281,437

Information relating to the telephone service is given below for the years 1934-35 to 1938-39.

VICTORIA—TELEPHONES, 1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Heading.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Telephone Exchanges ..	1,650	1,651	1,663	1,682	1,680
Public Telephones ..	2,408	2,412	2,465	2,506	2,573
Lines Connected ..	121,631	128,313	135,751	143,657	150,570
Instruments Connected ..	168,198	177,397	187,753	198,761	208,230
Instruments per 1,000 of Population ..	91·5	96·0	101·2	106·5	110·7
Effective Calls--					
Paid Local					
(a) Subscribers ..	120,865,028	132,051,708	142,524,028	152,305,209	166,528,717
(b) Public Telephones ..	8,173,003	8,512,110	9,368,548	10,078,118	10,856,620
Trunk Line Calls ..	8,987,751	9,778,457	10,322,172	11,007,373	11,197,897

Details of wireless licences issued in each of the years 1934-35 to 1938-39 are shown hereunder. Broadcast listeners' licences issued in Victoria at 30th June, 1939, represented nearly 29 per cent. of the total for Australia (1,129,786).

VICTORIA—WIRELESS LICENCES ISSUED. 1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Class of Licence.	Number of Licences Issued During—				
	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.
Coast	1	1	1	1	1
Ship	66	90	89	95	96
Aircraft	4	3	9	14	13
Land	3	3	3	3	3
Broadcasting*	15	17	18	18	18
Broadcast Listeners	236,886	263,414	288,717	315,406	327,579
Experimental	361	403	481	539	580
Portable	5	4	6	5	4
Special	15	21	25	24	24
Total	237,356	263,956	289,349	316,105	328,318

* Exclusive of stations operated by the National Broadcasting Service (P.M.G.'s Department):—1934-35, 3; 1935-36, 4; 1936-37, 5; 1937-38, 5; 1938-39, 5.

Post Office
revenue and
expenditure.

Particulars concerning the revenue and expenditure of the Post and Telegraph Department in Victoria for the years 1934-35 to 1938-39 are contained in the following

table :—

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT IN VICTORIA, 1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Particulars.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38	1938-39.
<i>Revenue.*</i>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Postage	1,563,197	1,644,847	1,697,534	1,786,186	1,820,005
Money Order Commission	64,909	69,400	69,495	72,897	75,096
Poundage on Postal Notes	12,862	13,194	13,640	14,099	14,512
Private Boxes and Bags	124,413	122,226	134,061	136,688	132,632
Miscellaneous					
Total Postal	1,765,381	1,849,667	1,914,730	2,009,870	2,042,245
Telegraph	301,898	321,752	347,910	341,796	341,182
Radio	110,328	117,660	136,048	155,926	152,629
Telephones	1,749,660	1,891,547	2,066,231	2,192,308	2,351,611
Grand Total†	3,927,267	4,180,626	4,464,919	4,699,900	4,887,667
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries and Contingencies—					
Salaries and Payments in the					
Nature of Salary	1,261,943	1,302,031	1,322,979	1,454,186	1,535,967
General Expenses	86,924	103,421	110,787	114,692	128,875
Stores and Material	26,345	35,003	40,568	48,347	124,363
Mail Services	240,381	244,544	251,898	274,692	287,392
Engineering Services (other than new works)	569,881	654,197	765,050	766,423	885,459
Pensions and Retiring Allowances	35,653	32,845	30,810	28,372	26,127
Rents, Repairs, Maintenance, Fittings, &c.	27,991	34,146	36,551	29,318	35,204
Portion of Audit Expenses	2,718	2,767	2,900	2,884	3,150
New Works—					
Telegraph, Telephone, and Wireless	385,293	700,253	695,650	1,009,646	1,011,128
New Buildings, &c.	34,773	73,156	39,320	56,993	108,579
Total Expenditure‡	2,671,902	3,182,363	3,296,513	3,785,553	4,146,244

* Including "Central Office" collections.

† Actual collections.

‡ Actual payments.

TRANSPORT.

Transport
Regulation
Board.

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

The Board in its Report dated 21st July, 1933, made a number of recommendations for the better and more economic co-ordination of railway and road motor transport. Many of the recommendations are embodied in the *Transport Regulation Act* 1933, which was assented to on 31st December, 1933. A *résumé* of the provisions of the Act is

given in the *Year-Book* for 1932-33, pp. 326-328. Under this Act, the re-constituted Board of three members commenced its administration on 1st May, 1934, and completed its term of three years. With the exception that a new Chairman was appointed, the Board was re-appointed for a further period of three years as from 1st May, 1937.

In the Victorian *Year-Books* for 1934-35 and 1935-36 were set out the processes by which a permanent system of licences based upon the provisions of the Acts was being evolved. The *Year-Book* for 1935-36 shows the general effect of decisions of the Board in particular cases which, since the passing of the *Transport Regulation Act* 1935, have been subject to review by the Governor in Council.

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT LICENCES IN FORCE AS AT 30TH
JUNE, 1939.

Discretionary Licences.			Licences "As of Right."		
Type of Licence.	Permanent licences relating to commercial passenger vehicles operated as—	Number of Licences.	Type of Licences.	To operate for hire or reward—	Number of Licences.
A	Stage Omnibuses ..	766	EA	Within 25 miles of Melbourne ..	4,751
B	Touring Omnibuses ..	57	EB	Within 25 miles of Ballarat Within 25 miles of Bendigo Within 25 miles of Geelong	129
C	Special Service Omnibuses	153			120
					190
D	Permanent licences relating to commercial goods vehicles	1,894	EC	Within 20 miles of the places of business of the owners outside the radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong	4,203
			ED	Primary Producers, the vehicles being operated in connexion with their business as such and in some cases for the carriage for hire or reward of their neighbours' produce	699
			EG	Private Carriers, the vehicles being used to carry the goods of the owners in the course of trade in connexion with their own business ..	20,062
			EH	(i) Carrying only 3rd Schedule goods ..	637
				(ii) Racehorse floats ..	26
				(iii) Tank wagons carrying only petroleum products	33
				(iv) Commercial travellers' vehicles registered at the commercial rate of motor registration ..	218
			All other	2,032	
	Total (Discretionary) ..	2,870		Total (As of Right) ..	33,100

The grand total of licences, issued at 30th June, 1939, was 35,970, and the total fees for all licences issued at that date amounted to £17,482.

Before the Transport Regulation Acts came into force commercial passenger services were already subject to regulation, the Country Roads Board, under the Motor Omnibus Acts, having brought an ordered system into existence. However, with the removal of certain weaknesses in the *Motor Omnibus Act 1929*, it has been possible to plan the basis of an integrated system of road passenger services.

Services to Melbourne from certain areas have been licensed with resultant improvement in plant and service. Reliable time-tables have been instituted and in consequence of the elimination of wasteful competition fares have been reduced in many instances.

Stage motor services closely co-ordinated with railway services have also been licensed throughout the State. The protection thus afforded has permitted new services on thin traffic routes to areas previously isolated. Where returns from traffic permit it, the standard of vehicles now in use in the stage motor services conforms to the requirements of the Board.

In considering the facilities for the transportation of goods, the position reached is not so satisfactory. The legislative scheme is now widely known, but is re-stated shortly as follows :—

- (a) All motor vehicles employed to carry goods for hire or reward or in the course of trade must be brought under licence.
- (b) Licences are issued automatically for vehicles used for a series of purposes. These licences are the "licences as of right" referred to, and are designated "Ea," "Eb," "Ec," "Ed," "Ee," "Ef," "Eg," and "Eh."
- (c) If the vehicles are to be used for purposes beyond those for which automatic licensing is prescribed, the Board may grant or refuse the application.
- (d) An application will be granted only if the grant can be justified upon reasons of necessity or convenience, taking into consideration, *inter alia*, the adequacy or otherwise of any existing service for the carriage of goods.
- (e) Under the amending *Transport Regulation Act 1935*, no decision of the Board has any force or effect until it has been reviewed by the Governor in Council, who may approve or disapprove of the Board's decision or make any determination in the matter which the Board itself may have made.

Reference to the "discretionary" power of the Board in relation to the transportation of goods will be found in previous *Year-Books*.

Long distance carriers who have been automatically licensed under the "transitory" principle, and not upon any basis of necessity or convenience appear in the records as a separate group. Their current licences fell due for renewal after the first statutory period of two years on the 26th July, 1938. These licences have since been renewed for a further period of two years, but the Board expresses the view that the existence of these services is still impeding any prospect of attaining a comprehensively planned system of goods transport in this State.

As compared with 1937-38 the numbers of hauliers and licences were reduced by 6 and 15 respectively. This reduction is attributed generally to the unsatisfactory financial results of the services provided and also to the fact that the transfer of "transitory" licences is not permitted.

Since July, 1936, when these licences were first issued in their present form, 28 operators have discontinued running, involving the cancellation of 36 licences representing some 700 tons carrying capacity weekly.

The total capacity of vehicles now operating is 1,100 tons and the aggregate weekly capacity on a basis of trips authorized is 5,513 tons.

There are at present 141 separate operators in this group with a total of 200 vehicles between them, distributed as follows:—

VICTORIA—CLASSIFICATION OF "TRANSITORY" TRANSPORT OPERATORS.

No. of Vehicles Licensed.	No. of Operators.	Licensed Carrying Capacity of Vehicles. (Tons.)	No. of Operators.	Aggregate Weekly Tonnage Authorized.	No. of Operators.
1	98	Up to 2 tons	11	Up to 10 tons	14
2	29	Over 2 tons up to 5 tons	58	Over 10 tons up to 20 tons	39
3	12	" 5 " 10 "	45	" 20 " 40 "	45
4	2	" 10 " 15 "	11	" 40 " 60 "	21
		" 15 " 20 "	16	" 60 " 80 "	12
				" 80 " 100 "	3
				" 100 " 120 "	2
				" 120 " 140 "	5
	141		141		141

RAILWAYS.

All railways in Victoria available for general traffic, with the two exceptions referred to on page 403, are the property of the State, and are under the management of three Commissioners appointed by the Government.

Certain border railways in South Australia and New South Wales respectively are also under the control of the Railway Commissioners by virtue of agreements ratified between the Victorian and South Australian Governments under Act No. 3932 of 1930, and between Victoria and New South Wales Governments under Act No. 3194 of 1922.

All lines controlled by the Railways Commissioners are shown on the map opposite page 349.

The succeeding tables relate to the State Railways, the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramways and the Road Motor Services, all of which are under the control of the Railways Commissioners. The operations of these tramways and the Road Motor Services are also shown separately on pages 401 and 402 respectively. Motive power in the railways is supplied by steam, electric or motor traction. Steam or motor power is used principally for country passenger and goods traffic, while electric traction is used mainly for passenger traffic on suburban lines.

Reduction of loan liability. Important legislation bearing on railway finances was contained in the *Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act No. 4429*, passed by the Victorian Parliament during 1936. This Act provided *inter alia* for the reduction of railway loan liability by the sum of thirty million pounds on the first day of July, 1937, and for the establishment in the Treasury of the "Reduction of Railway Loan Liability Account" to the debit of which account was placed on the same day the said sum of Thirty million pounds. It further provided that a minimum amount of £200,000 shall be appropriated annually for the purposes of the Railways Renewals and Replacements Fund and that additional contributions to this Fund may be made by Parliament. The Act also amended section 102 of Act No. 3759 by providing that there shall not be paid to the Commissioners any moneys in respect of any matter or thing which first arose under the provisions of the above-mentioned section before the passing of the *Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act 1936 (No. 4429)*.

At 30th June, 1939, the cost of construction of lines open for traffic amounted to £39,524,379, after having been written down under Act No. 4429 of 1936.

A new line of 38 miles from Yarrowonga to Oaklands, New South Wales, on which traffic was being conducted by the constructing authority, was taken over by the Victorian Railways on 15th August, 1938. Traffic is also being conducted as far as Koorakee (14½ miles) on the Euston (New South Wales) to Lette (New South Wales) line.

The total capital cost of all lines constructed and in course of construction, and of all works, rolling-stock and equipment of the Railways Department as at the end of each of the last five years was as follows:—

VICTORIA—TOTAL CAPITAL COST OF RAILWAYS, ETC.,
AND EQUIPMENT, 1934-35 TO 1938-39.

At 30th June—	Railways.		Electric Tramways.	Road Motor Services.	Total Capital Cost.
	Lines Opened.*	Lines in Progress of Construction.	Lines Opened.		
	£	£	£	£	£
1935	75,494,806	476,622	343,071	26,926	76,341,425
1936	75,850,652	476,954	336,460	25,318	76,689,384
1937	76,361,910	481,066	336,118	24,124	77,203,218
1938	50,514,751	481,387	151,719	16,559	51,164,416†
1939	51,085,894	256,854	152,412	23,382	51,518,542†

* Including at 30th June, each year, the cost of surveys for lines not constructed and cost of lines closed for traffic, viz.:— 1934-35, £413,294 and £389,492; 1935-36, £413,771 and £389,492; 1936-37, £413,846 and £388,909; 1937-38, £34 and nil; 1938-39, £63† and nil.†

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

Loan liability. The face value of stock and bonds allocated to the Railways Department, as reduced in accordance with Act No. 4429, mentioned on page 395 amounted to £47,046,867 at 30th June, 1939. After deducting the value of securities purchased and cancelled from the National Debt Sinking Fund—£2,445,093—the total liability in respect of current loans outstanding at that date was £44,601,774. The annual interest payable on this amount, calculated at the average rate of 3·92 per cent., was £1,748,390.

In addition to the proceeds from loans, funds amounting to £5,653,525 at 30th June, 1939, have been provided for railway construction equipment, stores, &c., out of Consolidated Revenue and the National Recovery Loan and Taxation Funds. No interest is charged on this amount.

Railways traffic. The mileage and the traffic of the railways for each of the years 1934–35 to 1938–39 are given in the following table:—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS—MILEAGE AND TRAFFIC, 1934–35 TO 1938–39.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
Miles Constructed ..	4,777·47	4,777·47	4,777·47	4,777·47	4,815·67
„ Dismantled ..	37·63	37·63	37·63	37·63	37·63
„ Closed to Traffic	11·47	11·47	11·47	11·47	11·47
„ Open for Traffic..	4,728·37	4,728·37	4,728·37	4,728·37	4,766·57
Vehicle Mileage ..	16,456,104	17,345,725	18,171,670	18,889,686	18,875,525
Passenger Journeys ..	145,938,129	145,817,559	147,744,433	144,051,267	148,543,244
Goods and Live Stock Carried (Tons)* ..	6,023,724	6,438,635	6,837,872	7,273,422	5,989,557

* Figures relating to Road Motor Services are included as follows:—13,763 tons in 1934–35, 14,541 tons in 1935–36, 14,910 tons in 1936–37, 15,053 tons in 1937–38, and 13,704 tons in 1938–39.

The tonnage (5,989,557) of goods and live stock carried during 1938–39, represented a decrease of 1,283,865 tons as compared with the previous year.

Railways
revenue and
expenditure.

The revenue and expenditure of the Railways Department during each of the last five financial years were as follows :—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE
1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
Revenue—					
Passenger, &c., Business—					
Passenger Fares	3,748,133	3,775,587	3,869,853	3,745,247	3,918,072
Parcels, &c. ..	318,377	} 416,721	} 425,367	357,196	331,221
Other ..	84,171			77,875	100,672
Goods, &c., Busi- ness—					
Goods ..	3,799,956	3,981,950	4,278,187	4,275,515	3,621,893
Live Stock ..	688,442	722,533	690,933	608,265	606,299
Minerals ..	80,485	78,064	73,213	73,741	60,703
Miscellaneous—					
Dining Car and Refreshment Services ..	318,251	321,920	341,864	346,862	370,984
Sale of Electrical Power ..	66,107	30,945	34,754	39,454	41,030
Rentals ..	134,697	137,958	136,221	139,334	140,052
Book Stalls ..	61,274	64,036	66,494	68,327	72,594
Advertising ..	41,023	38,188	40,070	37,876	38,045
Other* ..	157,789	201,561	264,047	39,466	58,764
Total ..	9,498,705	9,769,463	10,221,003	9,809,158	9,360,329
Expenditure.					
Working Expenses—					
Way and Works ..	1,575,799	1,532,041	1,638,697	1,786,377	1,523,840
Rolling-stock ..	2,188,945	2,340,828	2,499,843	2,645,898	2,584,629
Transportation ..	2,097,595	2,201,131	2,305,865	2,569,196	2,742,199
Electrical Engineer- ing Branch ..	212,429	201,471	221,943	248,194	280,262
Stores Branch ..	94,853	98,824	106,009	121,524	126,564
Pensions and Gratuities ..	127,791	133,604	143,902	123,292	113,921
Payment to the Superannuation Fund ..	323,807	356,569	360,498	361,697	370,363
Contribution to Railway Renewals and Replacements Fund ..	..	..	..	250,000	225,000
Repayment to Public Account (Act No. 4499) Other ..	..	..	..	..	50,000
Other ..	242,211	199,363	212,145	239,508	260,146
Total Working Expenses ..	6,863,430	7,063,831	7,488,902	8,345,686	8,276,924

* Including recoups, &c., of loss resulting from the working of certain lines, viz.:—
1934-35, £142,330; 1935-36, £166,162; 1936-37, £220,038; 1937-38, Nil, and 1938-39, Nil.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1934-35
TO 1938-39—continued.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Less Charged to—</i>					
Unemployment Relief Funds ..	171,940	137,871	162,061	148,233	119,302
Federal Aid Roads and Works Grant ..	..	..	..	..	20,000
Public Account Advances Act, No. 4499 ..	..	..	..	297,400	..
Working Expenses Charged to Railway Revenue ..	6,691,490	6,925,960	7,326,841	7,900,053	8,137,622
Net Revenue ..	2,807,215	2,843,503	2,894,162	1,909,105	1,222,707
<i>Debt Charges—</i>					
Interest Charges and Expenses* ..	3,071,700	3,046,863	3,019,221	1,846,972	1,866,062
Exchange on Interest Payments and Redemption ..	301,965	302,945	301,017	184,651	188,693
Contribution to National Debt Sinking Fund ..	..	..	..	119,435	120,018
Deficit for year ..	566,450	506,305	426,076	241,953	952,066
Proportion of Working Expenses to Revenue ..	% 70·45	% 70·89	% 71·68	% 80·54	% 86·94

* Including Loan Conversion Expenses.

The revenue for 1938-39 decreased by £448,829 as compared with that for 1937-38. Passenger business increased by £169,647, but goods, &c., business decreased by £668,626. Total working expenses decreased by £68,762 as compared with those of the previous year.

Railways earnings and expenses per mile open.

The earnings, expenses charged to railway revenue, and net revenue per average mile of railway worked for each of the last five years were as follows:—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PER AVERAGE MILE OPEN, 1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Heading.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.
Average Number of Miles Open for Traffic	4,728	4,728	4,728	4,728	4,762
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross Earnings per Mile ..	2,009	2,066	2,162	2,075	1,966
Working Expenses per Mile ..	1,415	1,465	1,550	1,671	1,709
Net Revenue per Mile ..	594	601	612	404	257

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

Capital cost of Railways Rolling-stock.

At 30th June, 1939, the capital cost of the broad-gauge rolling-stock after being written down in accordance with Act No. 4429 of 1936 was £6,893,721 (including electrical equipment of suburban passenger coaches, £483,693), of the narrow-gauge £38,057, of the electric street tramway £21,666, and of the road motor coaches and trucks £16,679.

Railways staff.

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

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS STAFF—NUMBERS, SALARIES, ETC., 1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Employees at end of Year.			Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid during Year.
	Permanent.	Supernumerary.	Total.	
1935 ..	16,933	4,937	21,870	£ 4,613,492*
1936 ..	16,520	6,028	22,548	4,901,932*
1937 ..	16,190	6,969	23,159	5,191,286*
1938 ..	15,854	8,124	23,978	5,871,451
1939 ..	15,515	8,345	23,860	6,064,800

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

* Excludes payments on account of staff on loan to other departments.

The results of operating the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramways for 1938-39 are detailed in the following statement. As these tramways are controlled and operated by the Railways Commissioners, particulars relating to them have been included in all the preceding railway tables.

ELECTRIC STREET TRAMWAYS, 1938-39.

(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	St. Kilda-Brighton Electric Tramway.	Sandringham- Beaumaris Electric Tramway.	Total.
Average Mileage of Tramway Worked	5.18	2.42	7.60
Car Mileage	516,477	121,883	638,360
Number of Passengers Carried ..	4,355,624	1,054,269	5,409,893
	£	£	£
Gross Revenue	44,137	10,133	54,270
Working Expenses	39,314	9,832	49,146
Interest Charges	4,364*	2,262†	6,626
Net Result	Profit 459	Loss 1,961	Loss 1,502
Capital Expenditure at 30th June, 1939, as written down under Act 4429 of 1936—			
Construction of Lines	90,098	40,648	130,746
Rolling Stock	13,942	7,724	21,666
Total	104,040	48,372	152,412

* Including exchange on interest payments and redemptions, £369.

† Including exchange and interest payments and redemptions, £191.

Road Motor
Services.

The following table gives particulars for each of the last three years of the operations of the Road Motor Services under the control of the Railways Commissioners.

VICTORIA—ROAD MOTOR SERVICES, 1936-37 TO 1938-39.
(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.
Car Mileage No.	325,399	333,454	347,531
Passenger Journeys "	836,304	856,845	1,009,784
Gross Revenue—	£	£	£
Passenger Service	7,684	7,775	9,646
Goods Service	13,527	12,715	12,948
Working Expenses	23,340	24,738	28,749
Interest Charges*	780	710	688
Net Result	<i>Loss</i> 2,909	<i>Loss</i> 4,958	<i>Loss</i> 6,843
Capital Expenditure at end of Year (less depreciation written off)	24,123	16,599	23,381

* Including exchange on interest payments and redemptions, £71 in 1936-37, £60 in 1937-38 and £58 in 1938-39.

The following table shows the number of persons killed or injured in railway accidents and the amount paid in compensation, damages, &c., for the years 1937-38 and 1938-39.

VICTORIA—RAILWAY ACCIDENTS, 1937-38 AND 1938-39.

Nature of Accident.	1937-38.		1938-39.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
Train Accidents—	No.	No.	No.	No.
Passengers .. ..	..	25	..	7
Employees .. ..	..	2	1	2
Accidents on Line (other than Train Accidents)—				
Passengers	4	196	5	222
Employees	3	62	..	39
Other Persons .. ..	..	..	..	..
Shunting Accidents—				
Passengers .. ..	..	1	..	2
Employees	7	129	3	142
Other Persons	1	7	..	5
Employees proceeding to or from Duty ..	2	..	..	1
Accidents to Persons at Crossings ..	14	16	24	37
Trespassers	17	4	15	9
Total	48	442	48	466
Compensation, Damages, &c., Paid	£ 12,674		£ 11,748	

Note.—Owing to revision in the figures for 1936-37 and the years prior thereto, particulars of Railway Accidents shown above are not comparable with those shown in *Year-Books*, prior to the 1937-38 issue.

Municipal railway. A railway between Kerang and Koondrook, owned and worked by the council of the Shire of Kerang, is open for general traffic. This railway, which has a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge, is 13 miles 75 chains in length and, up to 30th September, 1939, cost £41,923 for construction and equipment. During the year ended 30th September, 1939, the gross receipts were £5,672 and the working expenses, excluding interest, £4,806. The train mileage for the same year was 13,228, the number of passenger journeys 4,035, and the tonnage of goods and live stock carried 14,661.

Private railway. Another railway in Victoria, which does not belong to the State system, but which is available for general public use, is that between Yarra Junction and Powelltown. It is 11 miles in length and has a gauge of 3 feet. A steel tramway continuation of this line—used only for the haulage of logs and sawn timbers—extends about 8 miles beyond Powelltown. The total cost of construction up to 30th June, 1939, was £80,354 and, for the year ended on the same date, the receipts and working expenses in connexion therewith (exclusive of depreciation and interest on capital) were £2,015 and £3,537 respectively. The train mileage for the year between Powelltown and Yarra Junction was 10,296, and the passengers carried numbered 3,776.

TRAMWAYS.

Victorian Tramways. The various tramway systems in the State at 30th June, 1939 (excluding those under the control of the Railways Commissioners) comprised 7·894 miles of cable lines double track, and 158·835 miles of electric lines, of which 128·970 miles were double, and 29·865 miles single track.

The electric street tramways, St. Kilda to Brighton and Sandringham to Beaumaris, under the management of the Victorian Railways Commissioners, are not referred to in this connexion, but they are included under the heading "Railways," page 401, and "All Victorian Tramways," page 407.

The subjoined table contains particulars relating to all tramways in Victoria (with the foregoing exceptions) for each of the last five years.

VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1934-35 TO 1938-39.

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

Financial Year.	Miles of Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Number of Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Number of Rolling-stock.	Number of Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
					£	£		
1934-35	139·864	32·415	23,842,327	180,992,273	2,100,836	1,320,256	1,146	4,902
1935-36	140·539	29·321	23,807,660	181,300,917	2,118,001	1,302,003	986	4,910
1936-37	139·554	28·023	24,407,964	186,616,911	2,188,939	1,372,443	929	4,783
1937-38	140·083	29·127	24,631,822	183,440,296	2,180,347	1,480,474	958	4,778
1938-39	136·864	29·865	24,616,995	190,614,457	2,254,865	1,544,236	932	4,734

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

The Board is empowered to borrow up to £5,500,000 by the issue of stock or debentures secured upon its revenues and undertakings, this being in addition to the transferred liabilities attaching to the tramways vested in it. Power is given to have an overdraft not exceeding £400,000. At 30th June, 1939, the Board had exercised its borrowing power to the extent of £5,100,000.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board—Combined Traffic.

Particulars in relation to the combined traffic of the cable and electric systems under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board for each of the last five years are given hereunder.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1934-35,
TO 1938-39.

Financial Year	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1934-35	131·331	7·500	22,286,490	172,846,701	2,023,970	1,235,899	1,076	4,667
1935-36	131·299	5·821	22,234,804	172,991,695	2,040,063	1,211,542	915	4,670
1936-37	130·084	4·663	22,836,418	178,505,695	2,112,922	1,279,541	858	4,565
1937-38	130·563	5·177	22,995,124	175,564,110	2,105,159	1,363,083	887	4,527
1938-39	127·344	5·915	22,980,520	182,094,402	2,176,908	1,418,454	861	4,483

Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board—Separate Systems.

In the next statement the operations of the cable tramways, the electric tramways and the motor omnibus systems under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board are shown separately for the years 1937-38 and 1938-39.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1937-38
AND 1938-39.

System.	Track Open.		Tram / Bus Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Ex-penses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1937-38.								
Cable ..	11·046	..	2,566,853	21,245,025	214,669	174,222	227	562
Electric ..	119·517	5·177	20,428,271	154,319,085	1,890,490	1,188,861	660	3,965
Motor Omnibus ..	..	..	1,821,200	9,211,974	97,942	76,551	82	175
1938-39.								
Cable ..	7·894	..	2,452,155	20,826,544	208,999	170,769	191	475
Electric ..	119·450	5·915	20,528,365	161,267,858	1,967,909	1,247,685	670	4,008
Motor Omnibus ..	48·616	..	2,164,930	11,911,439	128,038	98,263	113	331

The total traffic receipts of the Tramways Board during 1938-39 amounted to £2,304,946. There was also additional revenue from advertising, rents, &c., viz.:—£3,190 from cable tramways, £11,647 from electric tramways and £443 from motor omnibuses, making a gross revenue for the year of £2,320,226.

The gross surplus for the year—£803,509 was made up as follows:—Cable Tramways, £41,420, Electric Tramways, £731,871, and Motor Omnibuses, £30,218. From this sum interest on loans, rates, &c., amounting to £297,391 were paid, leaving an amount of £506,118, from which appropriations were made as follows:—Consolidated Revenue, £101,066; Renewals Reserve Account, £313,511; Loan Redemption and Sinking Fund Accounts, £89,855. There was a net surplus of £1,686.

Pursuant to section 77 of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act No. 3732, the Board is required to make certain annual payments to the Consolidated Revenue of the State. The total of such payments up to 30th June, 1939, amounted to £2,099,639. This amount was allocated as follows:—Fire Brigades Board, £1,032,082; Licensing Fund, £435,251, and Infectious Diseases Hospital, £632,306. Under the provisions of Act No. 4598 the Board was relieved of the Licensing Fund Payment as from 1st July, 1938.

Up to 30th June, 1939, the capital cost of the tramways vested in the Tramways Board, including stores on hand, amounted to £8,489,667, of which £507,922 was expended on cable tramways, £7,703,840 on electric tramways, and £277,905 on motor omnibuses.

In the next statement comparisons are made between the cable, electric, and bus systems operated by the Tramways Board, the receipts per mile, the cost of working, &c., being shown for the year 1938-39.

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

System.	Traffic Receipts.			Percentage of Working Expenses to Total Revenue.	Working Expenses per Vehicle Mile, including Power Cost.	Average Distance per Penny.
	Per Vehicle Mile.	Per Mile of Single Track.	Per Passenger.			
	<i>d.</i>	£	<i>d.</i>		<i>d.</i>	Miles.
Cable ..	20·455	13,238	2·408	80·479	16·714	1·006
Electric ..	23·007	8,038	2·929	63·029	14·587	·900
Bus ..	14·194	1,317	2·580	76·480	10·893	·819

Tramways in Extra-Metropolitan Cities. The cities, other than the metropolis, having tramway systems are:—Ballarat, with 13·84 miles of electric lines (2·33 double and 11·51 single track); Bendigo, with 7·87 miles of electric lines (2·40 double and 5·47 single track); and Geelong, with 11·76 miles of electric lines (4·79 double and 6·97 single track).

The traffic particulars of these lines for each of the last five years are summarized below.

TRAMWAYS IN EXTRA-METROPOLITAN CITIES, 1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Financial Year.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1934-35	8·53	24·92	1,555,837	8,145,572	76,866	84,357	70	235
1935-36	9·24	23·50	1,572,856	8,309,222	77,938	90,461	71	240
1936-37	9·47	23·36	1,571,546	8,111,216	76,017	92,902	71	223
1937-38	9·52	23·95	1,636,698	7,876,186	75,188	117,391	71	251
1938-39	9·52	23·95	1,636,475	8,520,055	77,957	125,782	71	251

Summary of All Victorian Tramways. A summary of the operations for the past two years of the foregoing tramway systems and of the electric tramways under the control of the Railways Commissioners is given in the following table:—

ALL VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1937-38 AND 1938-39.

Heading.	1937-38.	1938-39.
Route Mileage Open—Double .. miles	147·683	144·464
Single .. miles	29·127	29·865
Total .. miles	176·810	174·329
Cost of Construction and Equipment £	8,686,029*	8,577,787*
Gross Revenue—		
Traffic Receipts £	2,233,940	2,308,766
Other £	15,503	15,913
Total Revenue £	2,249,443	2,324,679

* Decrease as compared with previous years due to the writing down under Act No. 4462 of 1936 of the capital liability of the tramways under the control of the Victorian Railways Commissioners.

ALL VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1937-38 AND 1938-39—continued.

Heading.		1937-38.	1938-39.
Working Expenses	£	1,525,481	1,593,303
Net Earnings	£	723,962	731,376
Interest, &c.	£	261,389	241,245
Statutory Charges, Rates, &c. .. .	£	581,404	542,203
Net Loss after Paying Working Expenses, Interest, &c., Statutory Charges, Rates, &c.	£	118,831	52,072
Tram Miles Run.. .. .	miles	25,271,291	25,255,355
Passenger Journeys	No.	188,740,042	196,024,350
Staff Employed—			
Salaried	No.	699	683
Wages	No.	4,167	4,144
Total Staff	No.	4,866	4,827
Rolling Stock	No.	991	960

LICENSED VEHICLES.

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

Vehicles licenced for passenger traffic during 1938-39 included :— Waggonettes (4-wheel), 34 ; hansom cab, 1 ; motor cars (taxi cabs, &c), 550 ; motor omnibuses, 298 ; motor charrs-a-bancs, 39 ; and motor cabs, 74. The number of drivers licensed for conveyance of goods within the corporate limits of the City of Melbourne was 1,426.

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

The total registrations of motor vehicles, &c., the number of drivers' licences &c., issued, and the revenue received therefrom by the Motor Registration Branch of the Police Department during each of the five years, 1934-35 to 1938-39, are shown in the following table:—

**VICTORIA—REGISTRATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ETC.,
DRIVERS' LICENCES, ETC., ISSUED, 1934-35 TO 1938-39.**

Heading.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Vehicles—					
Private Cars	140,483	141,205	135,833	143,015	151,130
Commercial Vehicles ..	32,781	36,956	31,771	32,995	33,901
Hire Cars	2,303	2,125	2,052	2,164	2,261
Primary Producers' .. ..	..	13,220*	36,904	44,579	47,427
Omnibuses	224	324	350	369	438
Traction Engines	223	252	268	338	339
Trailers	2,179	2,650	3,341	4,217	4,668
Motor Cycles	24,968	26,095	26,663	27,333	26,698
Drivers' Licences	260,288	289,486	315,826	340,438	358,417
Dealers' Licences	339	405	472	499	486
Transfers	75,994	96,088	106,880	127,000	123,392
	£	£	£	£	£
Total Revenue Received†	1,377,407	1,554,922	1,647,223	1,794,652	1,886,794

* Registration of primary producers' vehicles, available only from 1st January, 1936. They were included previously with commercial vehicles.

† These amounts (less cost of collection, refunds, transfer fees, and the amount received on account of drivers' licences) have been paid to the Country Roads Board Fund.

The principal items of revenue received during 1938-39 were in respect of:—Motor cars, £1,723,017; Motor cycles, £30,314, and Drivers' licences, £89,645.

In the next statement, details relating to new registrations and renewals of registration of motor cars and motor cycles are shown for the years 1937-38 and 1938-39 respectively.

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

Vehicles.	1937-38.			1938-39.		
	New Registrations.		Renewals of Registra- tion.	New Registrations.		Renewals of Registra- tion.
	New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.		New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Cars—						
Private	14,904	13,674	114,387	15,249	13,718	122,164
Commercial and Hire	4,754	3,633	25,772	3,953	3,459	28,750
Primary Producers'	3,850	3,304	36,425	2,494	3,277	41,656
Motor Cycles ..	2,946	4,934	19,453	2,140	4,787	19,771

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

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

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, NUMBER OF
PERSONS AFFECTED, 1939.

Place of Occurrence.	Number of Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Number of Persons Killed.	Number of Persons Injured.	Number of Accidents in which no Person was Killed or Injured.	Total Number of Accidents.
City of Melbourne	1,537 (1,507)	53 (57)	1,650 (1,614)	4,087 (4,330)	5,624 (5,837)
Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne)	3,856 (3,456)	209 (177)	4,244 (3,751)	5,832 (5,814)	9,688 (9,270)
Total—Metropolitan Area ..	5,393 (4,963)	262 (234)	5,894 (5,365)	9,919 (10,144)	15,312 (15,107)
Remainder of State	1,705 (1,675)	218 (199)	2,180 (2,158)	2,462 (2,319)	4,167 (3,994)
Grand Total	7,098 (6,638)	480 (433)	8,074 (7,523)	12,381 (12,463)	19,479 (19,101)

Note.—Figures in parentheses relate to the year 1938.

In the table which follows traffic accidents during 1939 have been classified according to the description of male and female victims.

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—PARTICULARS OF
PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, 1939.

Description.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pedestrian	121	1,377	55	840	176	2,211
Driver of motor vehicle other than motor cycle	43	866	3	78	46	944
Driver of motor cycle	67	993	..	3	67	996
Passenger—motor car, truck, bus, &c.	67	786	31	869	98	1,661
Passenger—motor cycle, side car ..	3	19	1	35	4	54
Pillion rider	4	117	1	71	5	188
Riding tandem or on handle or bar of bicycle .. .. .	..	11	1	6	1	17
Tram Passenger	4	44	1	28	5	72
Pedal Cyclist	63	1,539	5	208	68	1,747
Driver or passenger of horse-drawn vehicle	5	99	1	15	6	114
Equestrian	2	19	..	6	2	25
Other	2	43	..	2	2	45
Total	381	5,913	99	2,161	480	8,074

Particulars of victims of traffic accidents during 1939 are shown according to age and sex in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—SEX AND AGE OF
PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, 1939.

Age Group.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
0-4	6	110	4	64	10	174
5-9	12	252	8	129	20	381
10-14	17	377	5	150	22	527
15-19	39	859	5	277	44	1,136
20-29	91	1,663	15	451	106	2,114
30-39	60	802	6	269	66	1,071
40-49	46	699	12	260	58	959
50-59	48	522	6	218	54	740
60 and over	62	464	38	241	100	705
Not stated .. .. .	..	165	..	102	..	267
Total	381	5,913	99	2,161	480	8,074

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

Causes of accidents.

VICTORIA—CAUSES OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 1939.

Stated Cause.	Number of Accidents.		
	Fatal.	Non-fatal with Injured.	Total.
Driver or Rider—			
Skidding on roadway	35	337	372
Failure to exercise care at intersection ..	24	541	565
Excessive speed	32	128	160
Not keeping to left	22	236	258
Swerving to avoid vehicle or other object	2	149	151
Stopping or turning in front of other vehicle or leaving kerb without warning	8	287	295
Level Crossing	8	5	13
Rounding corner carelessly or on wrong side	4	48	52
Obscured vision	6	185	191
Failing to give right of way	6	108	114
Dazzled by sun or light	7	119	126
Breaking traffic regulations or failing to obey traffic officer's signal	4	109	113
Careless, negligent, or inefficient driving ..	72	1,082	1,154
Hit and run motorist	7	73	80
Error of judgment	10	525	535
All other	10	172	182
Total	257	4,104	4,361
Vehicle—			
Defective mechanism and tyres	9	183	192
No lights	7	57	64
Other .. .. .	..	1	1
Total	16	241	257
Passenger—			
Alighting from moving vehicle	3	40	43
Falling " " " "	2	9	11
Total	5	49	54
Pedestrian—			
Walking or running on roadway, or crossing without care	62	840	902
Boarding vehicle in motion .. .. .	..	37	37
Stepping on to road without care	2	53	55
Other	55	707	762
Total	119	1,637	1,756
Other—			
Horses shying, bolting, or stumbling	4	34	38
Other (including not known)	46	586	632
Total	50	620	670
Grand Total	447	6,651	7,098

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

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 1935 TO 1939.

Vehicle, &c.	1935.		1936.		1937.		1938.		1939.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pedal Cycle	7	269	20	326	16	382	14	336	12	310
Motor Bus	1	32	2	56	7	74	8	53	4	60
Motor Car, Truck, &c.	299	5,850	308	6,139	341	5,931	356	6,239	400	6,826
Motor Cycle	19	367	28	606	35	650	28	645	40	606
Train—Electric and Steam*	23	15	22	13	3	2	2	1	3	2
Tram—Electric and Cable	11	147	10	172	9	149	10	148	14	155
Other Vehicle	14	62	9	45	9	40	8	36	2	29
Pedestrian†	1	1	1	6	2	40	3	52	3	77
Horse	8	22	5	12	5	10	4	13	2	9
Total	382	6,765	404	7,375	427	7,278	433	7,523	480	8,074

* The figures for 1937, 1938 and 1939 relate to those accidents which occurred at level crossings only.

† Different method of classification 1937 and onwards.

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

VICTORIA—PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, TYPES OF VEHICLES, ETC., INVOLVED, 1938 AND 1939.

Type of Vehicle &c., Involved.	1938.			1939.		
	Number of Accidents.*	Number Killed.	Number Injured.	Number of Accidents.*	Number Killed.	Number Injured.
Motor Car	4,643	272	5,432	5,119	333	5,996
Motor Van	163	11	173	201	7	251
Motor Truck, Lorry	801	84	887	838	88	974
Motor Bus	70	12	77	84	5	123
Motor Cycle	1,424	80	1,638	1,415	88	1,575
Pedal Cycle	1,874	72	1,904	1,912	74	1,910
Tram—Electric and Cable	217	16	224	219	19	221
Train—Electric and Steam	23	16	21	20	16	13
Horse-drawn Vehicle	191	13	216	183	9	210
Horse	25	5	21	26	3	26
Pedestrian	2,102	147	2,055	2,251	180	2,191
Other	1	..	2	..	..	..

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

Details of breaches of the Motor Car Act and Traffic Regulations will be found on page 60 of this *Year-Book*.

AIRCRAFT.

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

The following particulars relating to Civil Aircraft in Victoria for the years specified below have been received from that source.

The main air lines of Victoria are shown on the map opposite page 349 of this *Year-Book*.

VICTORIA—CIVIL AIRCRAFT, 1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Particulars.	At 30th June—				
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
Registered Owners	24	28	22	36	38
Registered Aircraft	44	51	45	70	70
Licensed Pilots—					
Private	150	181	172	216	268
Commercial	54	57	84	104	107
Licensed Ground Engineers	96	76	92	134	164
Licensed Navigators	1	2	5	12	16
Licensed Aircraft Radio Telephone Operators .. .. .	..	1	4	5	..
Aerodromes—					
Government	2	2	2	2	4
Public	20	19	18	18	18
Government Emergency Ground	11	10	11	11	10
	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.
Flights carried out	20,686	27,110	37,674	39,920	39,736
Hours flown	6,621	8,464	19,860	37,042	41,268
Approximate Mileage	446,180	637,473	2,081,355	4,439,191	5,089,412
Passengers Carried—					
Paying	11,873	15,618	38,528	72,380	70,887
Non-paying	2,600	3,710	5,368	8,154	8,074
Total Passengers Carried	14,473	19,328	43,896	80,534	78,961
Goods, Weight Carried lb.	5,240	19,409	204,919	557,836	850,286
Mails, Weight Carried lb.	2,571*	11,106	33,703	51,861	65,270
Accidents—					
Persons Killed	3	3	2	1	21
Persons Injured	2	1	6	2	10

* Number of Letters.