

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

MUNICIPALITIES.

Legislation. Local government in Victoria is administered under the *Local Government Acts*. A statement of the provisions of the laws in force on 16th September, 1929, appears in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29 on pages 127 to 131, and a summary of the principal provisions of the *Local Government Act* 1934 is given in the *Year-Book* for 1933-34 on pages 127 and 128.

The *Local Government (Temporary Reduction of Interest) Act* 1936 provides for the continuance for a further period of twelve months of the reduction of interest payable by owners of properties in respect of the cost of making certain streets, &c.

• The *Country Roads Board Fund (Amendment) Act* 1936 provides for increased relief being given to municipalities of that portion of their liabilities in respect of permanent works on main roads, State Highways, and developmental roads, as may be determined by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Country Roads Board. The amount of such relief shall not exceed £200,000 in 1936-37 and £250,000 in 1937-38 or any subsequent year.

The total number of municipalities throughout the State at 30th September, 1936, was 195. Of these, 34 ranked as cities, 5 as towns, 18 as boroughs, and 138 as shires. The only unincorporated area of this State is French Island, situated in the County of Mornington, between the eastern and western passages of Western Port Bay, and which is 42,000 acres in extent.

Properties
Rated and
Number of
Dwellings.

The following is a statement of the number of rate-payers, the number of properties rated, the estimated value of rateable property, the estimated number of dwellings (occupied and unoccupied), and the number of houses built in the municipalities of Victoria for each of the ten years 1926-27 to 1935-36.

PROPERTIES RATED AND NUMBER OF DWELLINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1926-27 to 1935-36.

Year.	Number of Distinct Rate-payers.	Number of Properties Rated.	Estimated Value of Rateable Property.		Estimated Number of Dwellings.		Number of Dwellings erected during the year.
			Net Annual Value.	Capital Improved Value.	Occupied.	Unoccupied.†	
Municipalities in Greater Melbourne*							
1926-27 ..	303,478	357,771	£ 17,745,737	£ 319,883,824	225,550	2,204	7,362
1927-28 ..	309,699	368,273	18,861,113	341,310,522	230,708	3,319	5,477
1928-29 ..	316,837	374,434	19,633,330	352,986,531	235,052	6,018	4,955
1929-30 ..	321,433	379,940	20,146,567	364,807,565	234,076	7,917	2,388
1930-31 ..	318,562	380,440	19,872,893	360,719,754	234,018	7,845	357
1931-32 ..	317,247	379,181	17,961,926	328,736,304	237,936	5,696	717
1932-33 ..	318,965	379,324	16,850,643	312,285,284	236,550‡	6,781‡	1,301
1933-34 ..	320,778	379,069	16,778,449	308,271,477	244,675	2,474	2,779
1934-35 ..	322,483	380,031	17,081,472	317,031,390	249,140	1,770	4,176
1935-36 ..	327,442	379,245	17,647,459	327,821,850	252,218	1,552	5,399
Municipalities outside Greater Melbourne							
1926-27 ..	270,493	369,956	14,700,999	286,438,578	188,635	2,108	2,861
1927-28 ..	281,978	395,837	15,139,749	295,436,038	191,349	2,038	3,594
1928-29 ..	286,703	403,428	15,798,454	308,902,783	193,425	2,286	2,279
1929-30 ..	290,388	405,170	16,139,988	315,842,048	193,767	3,054	1,641
1930-31 ..	288,916	407,887	16,160,020	315,971,087	193,627	3,615	753
1931-32 ..	287,318	402,044	15,401,714	301,160,040	191,688	3,204	813
1932-33 ..	287,915	406,138	14,872,322	292,506,049	196,322‡	11,976‡	1,142
1933-34 ..	287,549	408,102	14,463,542	284,111,990	202,987	6,685	1,520
1934-35 ..	290,248	413,120	14,381,211	285,530,010	207,008	4,410	1,851
1935-36 ..	287,937	411,407	14,397,990	285,701,030	209,695	3,663	2,288
Total—							
1926-27 ..	573,971	727,727	32,446,736	606,322,402	414,185	4,312	10,223
1927-28 ..	591,677	764,110	34,000,862	636,746,560	422,057	5,357	9,071
1928-29 ..	603,540	777,862	35,431,784	661,889,314	428,477	8,304	7,234
1929-30 ..	611,821	785,110	36,286,555	680,649,613	427,843	10,971	4,029
1930-31 ..	607,478	788,327	36,032,913	676,690,841	427,645	11,460	1,090
1931-32 ..	604,565	781,225	33,363,640	629,896,344	429,624	8,900	1,530
1932-33 ..	606,880	785,462	31,722,965	604,791,333	432,872‡	18,757‡	2,443
1933-34 ..	608,327	787,171	31,241,991	592,383,467	447,662	9,159	4,299
1934-35 ..	612,731	793,151	31,462,683	602,561,400	456,148	6,180	6,027
1935-36 ..	615,379	790,652	32,045,449	613,522,884	461,913	5,215	7,687

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

† The particulars of unoccupied dwellings during intercensal periods are given as furnished annually by municipal authorities and may be somewhat understated.

‡ As enumerated at Census on 30th June, 1933.

The highest total estimated capital improved value of rateable property was recorded in the year 1929-30. The value fell in each of the years 1930-31 to 1933-34, but an increase is shown in 1934-35 and 1935-36 as compared with 1933-34. The figure for 1935-36 represents a decrease of 9.9 per cent. as compared with that relating to the year 1929-30.

The following table shows, for each municipality in Victoria, the amount of general rate levied in the £, the estimated value of rateable property, the amount of loans outstanding at 30th September, 1936, the Municipal Fund receipts, and the estimated number of dwellings.

MUNICIPALITIES, 1935-36.

Name.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Estimated Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1936.	Municipal Fund Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied
MUNICIPALITIES IN GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
Box Hill ..	2 7	224,495	4,489,900	200,465 ^c	35,480	3,900	28
Brighton ..	2 5	535,029	10,700,580	226,644	77,280	8,111	40
Brunswick ..	0 7 <i>a</i>	619,141	9,906,380	188,564	122,601	12,957	41
Camberwell ..	0 4½ ^a	873,391	16,619,610	497,329	121,669	12,865	80
Caulfield ..	0 4½ ^a	928,016	17,921,870	390,725	120,948	18,009	25
Chelsea ..	0 4½ ^a	84,162	1,621,400	51,385 ^d	18,336	2,392	157
Coburg ..	0 5 <i>a</i>	361,426	6,078,510	409,392	80,307	9,290	4
Collingwood ..	2 3	425,758	8,515,160	61,254	62,837	7,226	84
Essendon ..	0 5½ ^a	585,773	9,902,490	234,956	97,752	11,710	15
Fitzroy ..	2 1	428,433	8,568,660	147,537	51,832	7,082	137
Footscray ..	2 3	541,472	10,829,440	284,986	143,323	10,984	..
Hawthorn ..	2 3	564,480	11,289,600	122,373	74,485	9,388	44
Heidelberg ..	2 6	363,470	7,269,400	322,726	72,590	6,896	28
Kew ..	2 6	387,168	5,807,520	180,451	57,153	6,245	19
Malvern ..	2 5	867,802	17,356,040	278,927	123,490	11,825	12
Melbourne ..	1 11	4,381,126	87,622,520	3,631,987	722,841	20,010	186
Moorabbin ..	2 6	251,480	5,029,600	201,603 ^e	50,287	4,992	3
Mordialloc ..	0 4 <i>a</i>	131,212	2,761,000	102,742 ^f	30,493	2,569	..
Northcote ..	2 6	451,956	9,039,120	282,117	101,451	10,486	50
Oakleigh ..	0 5 <i>a</i>	131,475	2,181,030	100,505	29,520	2,957	26
Port Melbourne ..	2 6	158,921	3,178,420	93,130	27,783	3,075	11
Prahran ..	1 9	1,124,579	16,868,680	180,835	126,225	14,645	154
Preston ..	2 6	327,028	6,540,560	375,302	70,373	7,999	95
Richmond ..	2 6	509,428	7,641,420	267,277	77,735	9,544	6
Sandringham ..	0 4½ ^a	255,390	4,822,550	233,656	44,190	5,244	2
South Melbourne ..	2 6	729,982	14,599,640	218,398	119,016	10,326	50
St. Kilda ..	2 0	991,542	12,394,270	292,382	114,113	13,670	250
Williamstown ..	2 3	247,097	4,941,940	166,309	73,830	5,634	5
<i>Shire.</i>							
Braybrook ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	166,227	3,324,540	66,489	27,581	2,227	..
Total Municipalities in Greater Melbourne ..	..	17,647,459	327,821,850	9,810,446	2,875,521	252,218	1,552

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £7,220 due by Shire of Blackburn and Mitcham.

d Excluding £5,968 due to Shire of Dandenong.

e Including £2,072 due by City of Mordialloc.

f Excluding £2,072 due to City of Moorabbin.

MUNICIPALITIES, 1935-36—continued.

Name.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Estimated Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1936.	Municipal Fund Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
Ballaarat ..	2 9	335,607	6,324,840	78,237 ^b	75,128	9,476	65
Bendigo ..	2 5	282,955	4,244,320	65,618	62,889	6,724	3
Geelong ..	2 8	280,787	5,615,710	114,486	53,216	4,140	10
Geelong West ..	2 9	113,220	2,264,400	75,827 ^c	20,638	3,445	20
Mildura ..	2 8	92,448	1,848,960	84,718 ^d	22,652	1,632	8
Warranbool ..	2 0	112,542	2,250,840	58,480	16,842	2,104	37
<i>Towns.</i>							
Ararat ..	2 0	40,052	801,040	109,843	10,862	997	21
Hamilton ..	2 3	63,940	1,278,800	14,454	15,229	1,442	24
Horsham ..	2 6	62,404	1,248,080	35,662	13,067	1,345	1
Newtown and Chilwell ..	0 4½ ^a	117,811	2,225,940	32,428	16,301	2,192	5
Sale ..	2 6	50,217	863,450	11,090	9,720	1,021	28
<i>Boroughs.</i>							
Castlemaine ..	2 6	46,131	922,620	10,505	11,251	1,357	2
Chines ..	1 9	10,525	210,500	10,460	2,078	329	16
Daylesford ..	3 0	25,853	517,060	12,990	7,095	812	5
Eaglehawk ..	2 6	21,392	427,840	826	12,864	1,059	..
Echuca ..	2 8	48,579	971,580	7,027	10,324	1,091	..
Inglewood ..	2 0	6,830	136,600	19,456	1,783	277	..
Koroit ..	2 0	20,096	401,920	650	3,741	383	6
Maryborough ..	2 3	40,440	808,800	11,714	10,568	1,471	..
Port Fairy ..	2 2	21,613	432,260	5,362	4,121	472	6
Portland ..	0 4½ ^a	39,434	678,960	18,078	6,523	765	6
Queenscliffe ..	2 9	22,548	450,960	11,841	4,388	672	..
Ringwood ..	2 8	49,172	983,440	38,596 ^e	9,865	840	5
Sebastopol ..	2 9	9,706	194,120	..	2,928	458	..
Shepparton ..	3 0	73,655	1,473,100	22,422 ^f	18,928	1,452	..
St. Arnaud ..	2 6	30,048	600,960	28,440	5,888	793	2
Stawell ..	2 9	35,236	704,720	74,781	10,214	1,200	8
Wangaratta ..	2 9	49,408	988,160	26,459	10,625	1,159	2
Wonthaggi ..	3 0	34,138	682,760	11,645	9,222	1,348	7
<i>Shires.</i>							
Alberton ..	2 5	107,186	2,143,720	9,780	17,148	*1,427	68
Alexandra ..	1 8	65,156	1,303,120	3,965	9,963	948	13
Arapiles ..	1 6	57,671	1,153,420	879	5,012	512	15
Ararat ..	1 6	201,605	4,032,100	..	18,644	1,430	..
Avoca ..	2 3	43,036	860,720	1,322	6,603	870	..

^a Levied on unimproved value of land.

^b Excluding £1,034 due to Shire of Bungaree.

^c Excluding £11,962 due to Shire of Corio.

^d Excluding £9,189 due to Shire of Mildura.

^e Excluding £1,307 due to Shire of Lillydale.

^f Excluding £8,829 due to Shire of Shepparton.

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<i>Shires—</i> <i>continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Avon ..	2 0	60,419	1,208,380	536	7,213	698	..
Bacchus Marsh ..	2 0	63,953	1,279,060	4,607	9,069	873	..
Bairnsdale ..	1 6 b	150,045	3,000,900	8,964	18,855	2,027	60
Ballan ..	1 9 b	63,806	1,276,120	..	7,626	900	8
Ballarat ..	1 3	70,340	1,406,800	1,636	6,035	773	11
Bannockburn ..	1 8	52,113	1,042,260	..	5,496	609	36
Barrackbool ..	1 9	56,901	1,138,020	4,500	6,220	465	48
Bass ..	2 6	59,382	1,187,640	11,644 ^c	9,714	1,069	50
Beechworth ..	2 0 b	37,520	750,400	28,355	7,169	1,066	6
Belfast ..	1 3	70,350	1,407,000	209	5,079	497	..
Bellarine ..	2 0	57,260	1,145,200	1,930	6,696	1,160	5
Benalla ..	1 9 b	180,637	3,612,740	38,330	24,179	2,045	7
Berwick ..	2 0	139,899	2,797,980	24,431	20,818	2,763	200
Bet Bet ..	1 6	43,157	863,140	7,695	6,521	1,133	..
Birchip ..	1 6	49,686	993,720	2,197	4,841	476	3
Blackburn and Mitcham ..	2 10	99,150	1,983,000	49,993 ^d	15,802	1,805	12
Borong ..	1 6 b	155,859	3,117,180	13,154 ^e	17,847	1,311	4
Bright ..	2 0	42,318	846,360	13,437	7,058	1,181	12
Broadford ..	1 9	26,311	526,220	3,000	3,912	439	2
Broadmeadows ..	1 9	139,525	2,790,500	42,777	14,903	1,390	20
Bulla ..	1 9	41,338	826,760	1,877	4,667	424	10
Buln Buln ..	2 6	84,422	1,688,440	2,098	14,834	1,726	60
Bungaree ..	1 9	31,860	637,200	4,163 ^f	3,022	555	10
Buninyong ..	2 0	57,285	1,145,700	6,086	8,253	1,145	56
Charlton ..	1 10	79,724	1,594,480	3,229	10,824	641	1
Chiltern ..	1 9	30,328	606,560	3,177	3,461	548	..
Cohuna ..	1 9	51,373	1,027,460	8,466 ^g	9,128	799	3
Colac ..	1 7	293,247	5,864,940	23,547	33,891	3,126	10
Corio ..	2 3	114,093	2,281,860	73,683 ^h	17,841	913	6
Cranbourne ..	2 6	107,914	2,158,280	26,089	16,466	1,715	100
Creswick ..	1 6 b	67,785	1,355,700	1,259	7,172	1,201	3
Dandenong ..	a 0 2½b	137,067	2,697,180	142,382 ⁱ	29,510	3,010	..
Deakin ..	1 6	88,309	1,766,180	3,898	7,296	1,047	55
Dimboola ..	1 6 b	152,668	3,053,360	7,108 ^j	15,595	1,509	..
Donald ..	1 6	89,099	1,781,980	17,824	9,607	778	24
Doncaster and Templestowe ..	2 3	52,219	1,044,380	650	7,824	814	16
Dundas ..	2 0	126,131	2,522,620	..	14,588	871	6
Dunmunkle ..	1 7	156,528	3,130,560	18,056 ^k	17,153	1,152	..
East Loddon ..	1 6	63,644	1,272,880	37	5,353	432	..
Eltham ..	2 6 b	63,288	1,265,760	23,896	13,687	1,750	..
Euroa ..	2 0 b	79,291	1,585,820	2,755	10,470	980	1
Ferntree Gully ..	3 0	143,593	2,871,860	95,631	27,639	4,280	200
Flinders ..	1 9	104,532	2,090,640	27,970	20,661	2,350	4

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £3,320 due by Shire of Phillip Island.

d Excluding £7,220 due to City of Box Hill.

e Including £120 due by Shire of Dunmunkle.

f Including £1,034 due by City of Ballarat.

g Excluding £200 due to Shire of Kerang.

h Including £11,962 due by City of Geelong West.

i Including £5,968 due by City of Chelsea.

j Excluding £358 due to Shire of Karkaroc.

k Excluding £120 due to Shire of Borung.

MUNICIPALITIES, 1935-36—continued.

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		Net Annual Value.	Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—</i> <i>continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Frankston and Hastings ..	2 9	117,625	2,352,500	43,729	25,214	2,425	5
Gisborne ..	1 9 ^b	41,321	826,420	12,560	6,027	586	76
Glenelg ..	1 9	141,915	2,838,300	8,112	17,559	1,341	20
Glenlyon ..	1 9	46,586	931,720	3,178	5,267	862	98
Gordon ..	1 6	103,832	2,076,640	5,757	9,955	795	30
Goulburn ..	1 6	47,062	941,240	5,962	4,931	499	3
Grenville ..	1 9	60,446	1,208,920	1,022	10,421	754	30
Hampden ..	2 3	298,446	5,968,920	5,027	40,525	2,716	10
Healesville ..	2 9	41,186	823,720	9,950	10,738	788	80
Heytesbury ..	2 0 ^b	110,058	2,201,160	9,996	13,476	1,280	14
Huntly ..	2 0	46,010	920,200	7,805	6,498	789	30
Kara Kara ..	1 6	106,722	2,134,440	3,848	10,479	627	37
Karkaroc ..	1 6	111,718	2,234,360	13,107 ^c	10,551	1,468	..
Kellor ..	1 9	64,137	1,282,740	9,177	6,619	478	4
Kerang ..	1 6 ^b	176,699	3,533,980	78,667 ^d	20,348	2,092	7
Kilmore ..	1 9	23,344	466,880	4,900	2,928	429	3
Korong ..	1 6	94,009	1,880,180	19,446	9,813	1,145	30
Korumburra ..	2 0	122,595	2,451,900	5,249	19,872	1,754	20
Kowree ..	1 6	93,847	1,876,940	271	9,737	819	28
Kyneton ..	1 9 ^b	97,144	1,942,880	20,513	16,083	1,773	40
Lawloit ..	1 7	86,566	1,731,320	11,989	7,981	554	13
Leigh ..	1 6	57,935	1,158,700	1,106	5,187	369	40
Lexton ..	1 6	47,914	958,280	2,299	4,466	424	5
Lillydale ..	3 0	130,405	2,608,100	72,835 ^e	26,641	3,435	35
Lowan ..	1 7 ^b	130,793	2,615,860	10,933	12,346	970	..
Maffra ..	1 11	130,830	2,616,600	7,658	18,147	1,461	8
Maldon ..	1 6	35,527	710,540	..	3,422	721	..
Mansfield ..	1 9	90,156	1,803,120	6,852	11,069	1,041	..
Marong ..	1 6	97,945	1,958,900	4,902	9,546	1,370	50
Melton ..	1 6	46,829	936,580	7,248	4,396	415	9
Metcalf ..	1 9 ^b	44,700	894,030	..	5,409	783	15
Mildura ..	1 9	264,324	5,286,480	36,271 ^f	29,106	4,330	..
Minhamite ..	2 0	83,662	1,673,240	5,117	9,964	493	4
Mirboo ..	3 0	31,645	632,900	626	5,746	388	..
Mornington ..	2 6	68,375	1,367,500	24,850	12,057	664	270
Mortlake ..	1 6	178,963	3,579,260	2,143	16,096	826	..
Morwell ..	2 6	61,541	1,230,820	8,574	11,444	1,967	10
Mount Rouse ..	1 6	105,720	2,114,400	..	10,099	651	..
Mulgrave ..	2 6	68,694	1,373,880	31,274	10,589	902	6
Mclvor ..	1 6	52,020	1,040,400	6,534	5,690	768	..
Narracan ..	2 3	105,415	2,108,300	6,849	19,513	2,224	12
Newham and Woodend ..	2 0	35,777	715,540	605	5,847	556	10
Newstead and Mt. Alexander ..	1 6	29,609	592,180	..	3,827	686	10
Numerkah ..	1 0 ^b	141,264	2,825,280	1,768	11,585	1,445	78
Omeo ..	2 3	50,508	1,010,160	1,032	7,956	686	10
Orbost ..	2 6	55,741	1,114,820	39,045	11,810	1,255	37
Otway ..	3 0	40,571	811,420	525	9,296	971	20

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £358 due by Shire of Dimboola

d Including £200 due by Shire of Cohuna.

e Including £1,307 due by Borough of Ringwood.

f Including £9,189 due by City of Mildura.

MUNICIPALITIES, 1935-36—continued.

Name.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Estimated Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1936.	Municipal Fund Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires— continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Oxley ..	2 0	73,234	1,464,680	3,270	13,879	1,079	15
Phillip Island ..	2 3	21,628	432,560	16,529 ^c	5,240	265	1
Portland ..	2 0	84,121	1,682,420	202	11,578	1,336	90
Pyalong ..	2 0	26,694	533,880		2,012	175	1
Ripon ..	1 9 ^b	101,219	2,024,380	22,248	11,069	916	23
Rochester ..	1 6	153,789	3,075,780	10,164	15,757	1,466	62
Rodney ..	1 9	178,456	3,569,120	30,856	20,781	2,216	3
Romsey ..	2 0	63,035	1,260,700	4,223	7,596	776	40
Rosedale ..	0 11 ^a	127,838	2,556,760	431	10,994	1,110	
Rutherglen ..	1 9 ^b	57,780	1,155,600	8,526	7,687	838	23
Seymour ..	1 6	73,101	1,462,020	28,769	10,474	1,029	
Shepparton ..	2 0 ^b	109,093	2,181,860	38,978 ^d	16,365	1,238	18
South Barwon ..	2 3	66,340	1,326,800	32,158	12,813	1,418	9
South Gippsland ..	2 6	65,634	1,312,680	5,888	10,898	1,100	40
Stawell ..	1 9	78,236	1,564,720	4,852	8,117	897	
Strathfeldsaye ..	1 6 ^b	34,292	685,840		3,932	909	15
Swan Hill ..	1 6	224,090	4,481,800	91,055	22,676	3,853	125
Talbot ..	1 9	28,592	571,840	1,980	3,451	375	
Tambo ..	2 3	56,730	1,134,600	3,262	10,726	1,027	20
Towong ..	1 9 ^b	93,275	1,865,500	5,947	11,774	1,166	5
Traralgon ..	2 0	59,586	1,191,720	10,821	9,526	865	1
Tullaroop ..	1 9	42,209	844,180	957	4,712	555	26
Tungamah ..	1 6	129,446	2,588,920	14,778	12,755	1,141	33
Upper Murray ..	1 9	57,175	1,143,500	5,708	6,402	590	
Upper Yarra ..	3 0	39,345	786,900	5,367	10,121	1,201	100
Violet Town ..	1 10 ^b	45,453	909,060	4,683	5,352	404	5
Walpeup ..	1 6	100,221	2,004,420	41,627	7,270	1,557	181
Wangaratta ..	1 6	48,066	961,320	2,917	4,742	565	8
Wannon ..	1 6	112,798	2,255,960	2,957	10,247	846	40
Waranga ..	2 0	95,267	1,905,340	8,845	13,013	1,338	10
Warragul ..	2 6	106,249	2,124,980	5,816	16,607	1,352	6
Warrnambool ..	1 7	257,440	5,148,800	137	28,891	1,846	41
Werribee ..	1 9 ^b	133,296	2,665,920	81,610	18,941	1,890	
Whittlesea ..	2 0	78,515	1,570,300	6,654	11,353	882	
Wimmera ..	1 6	140,553	2,811,060	2,020	12,774	955	
Winchelsea ..	2 0	99,532	1,990,640	5,360	13,963	965	5
Wodonga ..	1 9 ^b	43,849	876,980	14,056	7,862	837	3
Woorayl ..	2 9	110,228	2,204,560	15,242	21,467	1,469	10
Wycheproof ..	1 6	130,655	2,613,100	27,536	13,437	1,226	
Yackandandah ..	2 0	57,192	1,143,840		8,401	697	20
Yarrowonga ..	2 0	66,946	1,338,920	38,100	13,081	754	5
Yea ..	0 21 ^a	62,851	1,225,380	11,843	6,737	698	30
Total Municipalities outside Greater Melbourne ..	..	14,397,990	285,701,030	2,935,000	2,052,064	209,695	3,663
Total Victoria ..	...	32,045,449	613,522,880	12,745,446	4,927,585	461,913	5,215

^a Levied on unimproved value of land.

^b Differential general rates levied.

^c Excluding £3,320 due to Shire of Bass.

^d Including £8,829 due by Borough of Shepparton.

Rating on
Unimproved
Values.

The provisions of the law relating to Rating on Unimproved Values appears on pages 143 and 144 of the Year-Book for 1928-29.

Since the year 1926-27, the number of municipalities which levied the general rate on the unimproved value has remained unchanged at 14. The following table gives for these municipalities particulars of the capital value of land (improved and unimproved), the net annual value, the rating, &c., for the year 1935-36:—

RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES, 1935-36.

Municipality.	Capital Improved Value.	Unimproved Capital Value.	Net Annual Value (excluding Special Rateable Properties).	Amount of Rate in the £ on Unimproved Capital Value.	Equivalent Rate on Net Annual Value.	Amount Payable in 1935-36 on Unimproved Capital Value.	Percentage Unimproved Capital Value to Capital Improved Value.
	£	£	£	d.	s. d.	£	%
<i>CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHES.</i>							
<i>Greater Melbourne.</i>							
Brunswick City ..	9,906,380	2,779,530	609,810	7	2 8	81,070	28·06
Camberwell City ..	16,619,610	5,264,738	873,391	4½	2 3	98,714	31·67
Caulfield City ..	17,921,870	5,589,864	925,018	4½	2 3	104,809	31·19
Chelsea City ..	1,621,400	661,229	84,162	4½	2 11	12,398	40·78
Coburg City ..	6,078,510	2,043,365	361,426	5	2 4	42,570	33·62
Essendon City ..	9,902,490	3,153,220	585,773	5	2 6	72,261	31·84
Mordialloc City ..	2,761,000	1,137,534	131,212	4	2 11	18,959	41·20
Oakleigh City ..	2,181,030	918,295	131,475	5	2 11	19,131	42·10
Sandringham City ..	4,822,550	1,854,430	255,390	4½	2 9	34,771	38·45
<i>Outside Greater Melbourne.</i>							
Newtown and Chilwell Town ..	2,225,940	682,338	117,411	4½	2 2	12,793	30·65
Portland Borough ..	671,730	229,726	39,072	4½	2 1	4,068	34·20
<i>SHIRES.</i>							
Dandenong ..	2,697,180	1,271,004	137,067	2½	1 11	13,240	47·12
Rosedale ..	2,556,760	1,528,388	127,838	1½	1 3	7,960	59·78
Yea ..	1,225,380	590,605	62,851	2½	1 9	5,537	48·20

The next statement shows the names of the municipalities which increased or decreased the general rate for the year 1935-36, as compared with the year 1934-35.

Municipalities.	General Rate.		
	1934-35.	1935-36.	Increase + Decrease -
CITY.	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bendigo	2 4	2 5	+ 1
TOWNS.			
Ararat	2 3	2 0	- 3
Sale	2 0	2 6	+ 6
BOROUGHES.			
Echuca	2 9	2 8	- 1
Maryborough	2 6	2 3	- 3
Wangaratta	2 6	2 9	+ 3
SHIRES.			
Ballan	1 6	1 9*	+ 3
Ballarat	1 6	1 3	- 3
Buln Buln	2 7	2 6	- 1
Buninyong	1 8	2 0	+ 4
Doncaster and Templestowe	2 0*	2 3	+ 3
Dunmunkle	1 6	1 7	+ 1
Eltham	2 0*	2 6*	+ 6
Euroa	1 9	2 0*	+ 3
Gordon	1 3	1 6	+ 3
Grenville	1 6	1 9	+ 3
Healesville	3 0	2 9	- 3
Leigh	1 4	1 6	+ 2
Metcalfe	2 0	1 9*	- 3
Minhamite	1 9	2 0	+ 3
Morwell	2 7	2 6	- 1
Orbost	2 9	2 6	- 3
Pyalong	1 6	2 0	+ 6
Rodney	1 6	1 9	+ 3
Rosedale	0 1*†	0 1½†	+ ½
South Gippsland	2 9	2 6	- 3
Tambo	2 6	2 3	- 3

* Differential general rates levied.

† Levied on unimproved value of land.

Municipal Revenue and Expenditure. The following table summarizes for 1935-36 the revenue and expenditure of municipalities in Victoria under the headings of Municipal Fund (including Town Fund in the Cities of Melbourne and Geelong) and Business Undertakings. The accounts of the Municipal Fund are presented on a cash basis and those of Business Undertakings are generally on a revenue basis. Particulars relating to Loan Accounts, Private Streets Accounts, and Special Improvement Charge Accounts, which are excluded from this statement, are shown on subsequent pages of this Part.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF MUNICIPALITIES, 1935-36.

(Excluding Loan Accounts, Private Streets Accounts, and Special Improvement Charge Accounts.)

Heading.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.			City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Municipal Fund ..	722,841	2,152,680	2,052,064	4,927,585	740,416	2,216,277	2,092,690	5,049,383
Business Undertakings—								
Electric Light Works ..	702,813	651,389	187,652	1,541,854	585,793	680,006	181,485	1,447,284
Gasworks ..	..	49,901	24,493	74,394	..	50,721	25,169	75,890
Waterworks ..	..	1,285	35,768	37,053	..	1,217	34,430	35,647
Abattoirs ..	89,341	13,845	8,622	111,808	81,993	7,866	9,085	98,944
Quarries ..	..	16,478	24,306	40,784	..	19,950	23,365	43,315
Hydraulic Power ..	21,810	..	..	21,810	19,481	..	..	19,481
Railway ..	..	..	5,917	5,917	..	..	6,694	6,694
Total ..	1,536,805	2,885,578	2,338,822	6,761,205	1,427,683	2,976,037	2,372,918	6,776,638

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

Details of the principal items of receipts during 1935-36 are given below :—

MUNICIPAL FUND RECEIPTS, 1935-36.

(Excluding Trust Funds, Sustainance Works, and Farm Labourers' Scheme.)

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.†	Total.
	City of Melbourne.*	Other.		
Rates—	£	£	£	£
General and Extra	414,704	1,565,143	1,453,058	3,432,905
Other .. ..	..	329	10,352	10,681
Interest on overdue rates ..	1,143	16,915	21,405	39,463
Licences and Registration Fees—				
Dog	486	15,541	20,597	36,624
Health, Dairy, Slaughtering, and Noxious Trades	1,034	1,959	5,699	8,692
Hackney Carriages .. ..	..	116	136	252
Petrol Pump	609	3,961	4,540	9,110
Dancing Saloon	108	62	9	179
Private Sale Yards .. ..	..	..	721	721
Total Taxation	418,084	1,604,026	1,516,517	3,538,627
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Sanitary and Garbage	9,086	21,719	121,509	152,314
Other	1,920	4,721	6,941	13,582
Council Properties—				
Markets	124,103	17,583	25,203	166,889
Halls	7,003	14,145	19,918	41,066
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	20,980	21,790	11,491	54,261
Weighbridges	3,123	194	11,608	14,925
Sale of Materials .. ..	..	23,048	14,167	37,215
Plant Hire .. ..	..	3,866	37,232	41,098
Grazing Fees	748	..	9,675	10,423
Other	12,177	32,173	37,352	81,702
Contributions for Road and Pavement Works	10,501	96,439	27,896	134,836
Other Services—				
Car Parking	18,258	1,413	..	19,671
Sheep Dipping .. ..	..	..	1,922	1,922
Building Fees	4,058	11,513	2,798	18,369
Other .. ..	..	5,821	2,680	8,501
Total Public Works and Services	211,957	254,425	330,392	796,774

* For year ended 31st December, 1936.

† Including City of Geelong for year ended 31st August, 1936.

MUNICIPAL FUND RECEIPTS, 1935-36—*continued.*

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.†	Total.
	City of Melbourne.*	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Miscellaneous—				
Police Court Fines	4,818	4,724	2,811	12,353
Interest on Investments	7,442	4,757	482	12,681
Other	2,107	31,630	24,653	58,390
Total Miscellaneous	14,367	41,111	27,946	83,424
Transfers from Business Undertakings (excluding Loan Recoups and Administration Refunds)	68,600	168,475	23,685	260,760
Government Grants—				
Unemployment Relief Works .. .. .	..	59,058	72,361	131,419
Licences Equivalent	8,836	13,405	37,841	60,082
Other	997	12,180	43,322	56,499
Total Government Grants	9,833	84,643	153,524	248,000
Grand Total	722,841	2,152,680	2,052,064	4,927,585

* For year ended 31st December, 1936.

† Including City of Geelong for year ended 31st August, 1936.

Of the total receipts during 1935-36, 71·8 per cent. was received from taxation (70·7 per cent. from rates and 1·1 per cent. from licences and registration fees); 16·2 per cent. from public works and services; 5·3 per cent. from transfers from business undertakings; 5 per cent. from Government grants; and 1·7 per cent. from other sources. The total amount collected from taxation (£3,538,627) was equivalent to £1 18s. 4d. per head of population or to £5 15s. per distinct ratepayer.

Details of the principal items of expenditure from the Municipal Fund during 1935-36 are set out hereunder :—

MUNICIPAL FUND EXPENDITURE, 1935-36.

(Excluding Trust Funds, Sustainance Works, and Farm Labourers' Scheme.)

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.†	Total.
	City of Melbourne.*	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Administration	69,385	208,414	285,524	563,323
Debt Services—				
Redemption of Loans	4,446	225,137	88,248	317,831
Sinking Fund Instalments	44,407	690	4,199	49,296
Interest on Loans	129,820	223,397	90,714	443,931
Interest on Overdrafts	393	10,156	25,028	35,577
Other .. ..	..	774	351	1,125
Total Debt Services	179,066	460,154	208,540	847,760
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Administration	7,073	15,758	24,207	47,038
Sanitary and Garbage	28,576	91,198	103,340	223,114
Statutory Contributions—				
Queen's Memorial Infectious Diseases Hospital	9,443	28,864	2,917	41,224
Heatherton Sanatorium	1,187	3,436	131	4,754
Infant Welfare Centres	2,876	16,801	11,821	31,498
Other	4,948	7,210	28,039	40,197
Council Properties—				
Markets	61,378	6,330	14,888	82,596
Halls	17,625	51,941	20,567	90,133
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	85,638	178,442	57,482	321,562
Weighbridges	1,531	239	7,241	9,011
Grazing Expenses .. ..	..	..	4,514	4,514
Other	8,893	38,473	26,233	73,599
Plant, Furniture, and Equipment .. ..	..	27,274	36,835	64,109
Roads, Streets, Footpaths, and Bridges—				
Construction, Maintenance, Cleaning, and Watering	196,907	847,302	841,825	1,886,034
Lighting	9,431	98,275	59,338	167,044

* For year ended 31st December, 1936.

† Including City of Geelong for year ended 31st August, 1936.

MUNICIPAL FUND EXPENDITURE, 1935-36—*continued.*

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.†	Total.
	City of Melbourne.*	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Public Works and Services— <i>continued.</i>				
Other Works and Services—				
Car Parking	22,754	671	..	23,425
Sheep Dipping .. ..	..	..	1,250	1,250
River Works .. ..	..	140	24,811	24,951
Other .. ..	..	14,064	11,201	25,265
Total Public Works and Services	458,260	1,426,418	1,276,640	3,161,318
Grants and Contributions—				
Country Roads Board	345	7,992	255,382	263,719
Fire Brigades	12,890	38,623	10,915	62,428
Hospitals, Ambulances, and other Charities	6,525	15,126	15,982	37,633
Other	6,716	24,558	6,869	38,143
Total Grants and Contributions	26,476	86,299	289,148	401,923
Miscellaneous	7,229	34,992	32,838	75,059
Grand Total	740,416	2,216,277	2,092,690	5,049,383

* For year ended 31st December, 1936.

† Including City of Geelong for year ended 31st August, 1936.

Of the total expenditure in 1935-36, 11·1 per cent. was for administration; 16·8 per cent. for debt services; 7·7 per cent. for health services; 6·4 per cent. for parks, gardens, &c.; 40·6 per cent. for roads, streets, &c.; 7·9 per cent. for other public works and services; 8 per cent. for grants and contributions; and 1·5 per cent. for miscellaneous items.

Municipal Electric Light Works and Gasworks. In Victoria, in 1935-36, municipal electric light works existed in 48 municipalities, and there were also 11 municipally-owned gasworks. The revenue and expenditure of these undertakings are shown below:—

**MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC LIGHT WORKS AND GASWORKS—
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1935-36.**

Revenue.		Expenditure.	
		£	
Consumers' Accounts	1,522,281	Working Expenses—	
Street Lighting	49,316	Purchase of Current and Generation Costs	723,791
Sale of Residuals, &c.	14,504	Maintenance, Repairs, Distribution	147,401
Other	30,147	Management Charges	105,419
		Depreciation	176,163
		Debt Charges—	
		Redemption of Loans	42,397
		Sinking Fund Instalments	10,833
		Interest on Loans	58,774
		Interest on Overdrafts	672
		Other	691
		Transfers to Municipal Fund	238,623
		Other	18,410
Total	1,616,248	Total	1,523,174

Municipal Waterworks. The council of any municipality may be constituted a local governing body under the provisions of the *Water Act 1928* with such water supply district as is defined by the Governor in Council. At 30th September, 1936, fifteen municipalities had been so constituted. In four other municipalities the water supply services were being administered in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1928*. An analysis of the authorities controlling water supply in Victoria is given on page 153 of this Part.

Particulars of the receipts and expenditure of the above-mentioned municipal waterworks are given in the subjoined table:—

**MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS—RECEIPTS AND
EXPENDITURE, 1935-36.**

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
		£	
Water Rates (including Interest on Overdue Rates)	29,040	Administrative Expenses	3,177
Water Sales	6,734	Works from Revenue	1,538
Meter Rents	576	Maintenance and Repairs	10,049
Other	703	Depreciation Fund	3,208
		Debt Services—	
		Redemption of Loans	3,681
		Interest on Loans	13,039
		Interest on Overdrafts	137
		Other	818
Total	37,053	Total	35,647

Other Municipal Business Undertakings. Quarries, abattoirs, hydraulic power (in the City of Melbourne), and the Kerang-Koondrook railway are other undertakings which are under the control of municipalities in Victoria. In 1935-36, the total revenue on account of these undertakings was £180,319 and the total expenditure amounted to £168,434. In those cases in which the finances of quarries and abattoirs were paid through the Municipal Fund, particulars of the amounts have been included in the statement of that Fund, under the heading of "Other Council Properties".

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

Assets and liabilities of Municipalities. The assets of the municipalities are shown below under three heads—(1) Municipal Fund, (2) Loan Funds, and (3) Property; and the liabilities under two heads—(1) Municipal Fund, and (2) Loan Funds.

**MUNICIPAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES,
1933-34 TO 1935-36.**

Assets.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.
	£	£	£
Municipal Fund—			
Arrears of Rates—			
General	955,852	935,469	910,567
Other	136,985	122,301	69,273
Streets formed, &c., payments outstanding	1,238,696	1,166,749	1,266,976
Rents and Interest outstanding	111,694	119,654	61,591
Cash in hand or in Bank	718,823	692,671	786,887
Other Assets	476,963	500,418	451,361
Loan Funds—			
Sinking Funds—			
Amount at Credit	655,840	721,973	780,493
Due by other Municipalities	66,920	62,197	61,048
Due by other Bodies	11,203	11,203	1,125
Unexpended Balances	650,245	649,581	387,102
Property—			
Halls, Buildings, Markets, &c.	5,543,940	5,917,130	6,176,050
Waterworks	350,500	379,080	377,860
Gasworks	256,830	257,880	281,670
Electric Light Works	2,684,850	2,742,490	2,832,850
Plant and Machinery	610,850	606,920	611,580
Other Assets	202,870	236,950	230,490
Total Assets*	14,673,061	15,122,666	15,286,923

* Excluding the value of "Roads, Streets, and Bridges," which is not available.

MUNICIPAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, 1933-34 TO 1935-36—*continued.*

Liabilities.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.
	£	£	£
Municipal Fund—			
Due on Current Contracts	88,908	96,671	150,018
Interest overdue	14,144	10,813	9,713
Bank Overdrafts	827,750	759,804	846,400
Payments Due to Country Roads Board..	409,699	411,880	386,943
Other Liabilities	673,279	654,935	775,814
Loan Funds—			
Loans Outstanding—			
Due to Government—			
Country Roads Board Loans ..	1,858,282	1,822,626	1,794,693
Other Loans	937,929	911,139	801,209
Due to Public	11,975,632	11,863,315	11,944,237
Due on Loan Contracts	52,744	89,755	54,165
Due to other Municipalities	66,920	62,197	61,048
Total Liabilities	16,905,287	16,683,135	16,824,240

The following table shows the total amount of arrears of general rates and also the amount of arrears per distinct ratepayer in the cities, towns, and boroughs, and in the shires at the end of each of the last five years:—

ARREARS OF GENERAL RATES, 1931-32 TO 1935-36.

Year.	Arrears of General Rates—			Arrears of General Rates per Distinct Ratepayer—		
	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Shires.	All Municipalities.	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Shires.	All Municipalities.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1931-32 ..	350,429	557,414	907,843	1 0 7	2 2 1	1 10 0
1932-33 ..	342,578	622,737	965,315	1 0 1	2 6 10	1 11 10
1933-34 ..	331,452	624,400	955,852	0 18 7	2 9 7	1 11 5
1934-35* ..	308,147	627,322	935,469	0 16 10	2 10 11	1 10 6
1935-36* ..	278,188	632,379	910,567	0 14 11	2 12 1	1 9 7

* Including arrears of "Differential General Rates."

As compared with the year 1928-29, the arrears of general rates per distinct ratepayer increased in 1935-36 by 103 per cent. in cities, towns, and boroughs; by 199 per cent. in shires; and by 150 per cent. in all municipalities. The figures for 1935-36 for cities, towns, and boroughs and for all municipalities disclose a slight decrease below those for 1934-35.

Endowments to Municipalities. A statement relating to the payment from Consolidated Revenue of endowments and subsidies to municipalities from 1874 to 1927-28 appears on page 142 of the *Year-Book* for 1928-29.

The endowments paid to municipalities in the years 1928-29 and 1929-30 are shown in the *Year-Books* of 1929-30 and 1930-31.

The payments were last made in respect of the year 1929-30, provision for the discontinuance of such payments in subsequent years having been incorporated in special legislation passed by Parliament. The *Financial Emergency (Grants and Funds) Act 1936* provided for the non-payment of endowments during 1936-37.

Number of Councillors. In the municipalities throughout the State, there were, at 30th September, 1936, 2,091 councillors (including aldermen in the Cities of Melbourne and Geelong), viz., 350 in cities in Greater Melbourne; 277 in cities, towns, and boroughs outside Greater Melbourne; and 1,464 in shires.

Municipal Loans. Moneys may be borrowed by municipalities for permanent works or undertakings or to liquidate the principal moneys owing on account of any previous loan. Permanent works include *inter alia* the construction or alteration of streets, roads, and bridges, and the construction or purchase of waterworks, electric-light works, gasworks, municipal offices, pounds, abattoirs, workers' dwellings, baths, pleasure grounds, &c.

The amount of money borrowed at any time for permanent works or undertakings shall, except so far as it is otherwise expressly enacted, not exceed ten times the average income of the municipality for the previous three years from general rates not exceeding 2s. in the £1. But, in

addition, loans having a currency of not more than 30 years may be raised for permanent works or undertakings upon the security of certain income, and not upon the credit of the municipality, by the issue of debentures or by mortgage. These loans are not to exceed five times the average amount of such income for the three years preceding the raising of the loan.

The following statement shows the loan receipts **Municipal Loan Receipts.** (exclusive of conversion loans) during the years 1931-32 to 1935-36 :—

MUNICIPAL LOAN RECEIPTS, 1931-32 TO 1935-36.
(Excluding Conversion Loans.)

Year.	Gross Proceeds of Loans—		Other Receipts.	Total.
	From Government.	From Other Sources.		
	£	£	£	£
1931-32	17,432	239,355		256,787
1932-33	73,530	93,745	157,601	324,876
1933-34	109,268	345,910	185,507	640,685
1934-35	75,397	439,987	159,661	675,045
1935-36*	795	570,220	184,639†	755,654

* Excluding loans raised for Private Streets, particulars of which are given on page 143.

† Including, in the City of Melbourne, £153,132 transferred from General, Electric Supply, and Hydraulic Power Accounts.

In the following statement details are given of the loan **Municipal Loan Expenditure.** expenditure by municipalities for the last five years.

MUNICIPAL LOAN EXPENDITURE, 1931-32 TO 1935-36.

Heading.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.*
	£	£	£	£	£
Roads, Streets, and Bridges	92,749	59,746	170,895	235,397	200,441
Water and Irrigation Works	10,572	7,549	11,473	1,196	960
Sewerage and Drainage	8,044	22,945	9,738	32,300	7,239
Electric Light and Gas Works	6,085	105,713	174,804	213,842	254,362
Public Buildings	8,267	42,301	67,142	163,225	401,298
Other Purposes	143,652	21,223	38,206	20,992	18,273
Total	269,369	259,477	472,258	666,952	882,573

* Excluding expenditure on Private Streets (see page 143).

At 30th September, 1936, the balance of loans unexpended amounted to £387,102.

**Municipal
Loan
Liability.**

The loan liability of the municipalities in Victoria at the end of the years 1931-32 to 1935-36 is given hereunder.

The net indebtedness at 30th September, 1932, was equivalent to 5.62d. per £1 of the estimated capital improved value of rateable property, and in 1936 the ratio was 5.38d.

MUNICIPAL LOAN LIABILITY, 1931-32 TO 1935-36.

At 30th September—	Due to—			Gross Loan Liability.	Accumulated Sinking Funds.	Net Loan Liability.
	Government.		Public.			
	Country Roads Board Loans.*	Other.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1932	1,913,949	814,843	12,650,983	15,379,775	623,505	14,756,270
1933	1,883,997	944,657	12,103,795	14,932,449	552,049	14,380,400
1934	1,858,282	937,929	11,975,632	14,771,843	655,840	14,116,003
1935	1,822,626	911,139	11,863,315	14,597,080	721,973	13,875,107
1936	1,794,693	801,209†	11,944,237‡	14,540,139	780,493	13,759,646

* Due to Country Roads Board on account of one-half the capital expenditure on Main Roads.

† Including £163,401 due under the provisions of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918, No. 2995.*

‡ Including £52,300 payable in New Zealand.

The net loan liability per distinct ratepayer was £24 8s. 2d. in 1931-32; £23 13s. 11d. in 1932-33; £23 4s. 1d. in 1933-34; £22 12s. 11d. in 1934-35; and £22 7s. 2d. in 1935-36.

**Rates of
Interest on
Municipal
Loans.**

The following table shows the actual rates of interest which were payable by municipalities on fixed loans and Government loans outstanding at 30th September, 1936.

As no interest is payable on the contributions due to the Government by certain municipalities under the provisions of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918*, the amount of

the contributions outstanding (£163,401) has been excluded from the statement. Particulars of the loan liability to the Country Roads Board have been excluded also :—

RATES OF INTEREST ON MUNICIPAL LOANS
OUTSTANDING AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1936.

Actual Rate of Interest.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.*	Other.		
%	£	£	£	£
3 .. .. .	..	..	770	770
3 $\frac{1}{4}$	340,000	4,042	..	344,042
3 $\frac{5}{16}$ .. .. .	..	35,565	..	35,565
3 $\frac{3}{8}$ .. .. .	..	87,037	23,879	110,916
3 $\frac{7}{16}$ .. .. .	..	..	3,922	3,922
3 $\frac{1}{2}$	472,000	84,433	37,366	593,799
3 $\frac{9}{16}$ .. .. .	..	..	8,122	8,122
3 $\frac{5}{8}$	367,000	41,560	34,428	442,988
3 $\frac{11}{16}$ .. .. .	..	..	9,519	9,519
3 $\frac{3}{4}$ .. .. .	..	146,249	71,663	217,912
3 $\frac{7}{8}$ .. .. .	..	14,441	..	14,441
3 $\frac{7}{8}$ .. .. .	..	109,569	22,464	132,033
3 $\frac{7}{8}$	135,000	130,362	189,173	454,535
4 .. .. .	..	12,413	..	12,413
4 $\frac{1}{16}$	250,000	40,434	28,947	319,381
4 $\frac{1}{8}$ .. .. .	..	..	5,768	5,768
£4 4s. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	64,000	1,242,887	219,984	1,526,871
4 $\frac{1}{4}$ .. .. .	..	313	34,109	34,422
4 $\frac{3}{8}$ .. .. .	..	409,611	276,140	685,751
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .. .. .	..	..	4,177	4,177
£4 13s. .. .. .	..	11,629	32,795	44,424
4 $\frac{3}{4}$ .. .. .	..	..	3,641	3,641
4 $\frac{7}{8}$ .. .. .	..	..	..	..
5	1,450,600	2,915,115	1,491,542	5,857,257
£5 0s. 9d.	360,000	509,226	72,913	942,139
5 $\frac{1}{8}$ .. .. .	..	..	4,150	4,150
£5 4s. 0d. .. .. .	..	5,600	..	5,600
£5 4s. 7d. .. .. .	..	56,129	64,502	120,631
5 $\frac{1}{4}$ .. .. .	..	..	982	982
£5 8s. 6d. .. .. .	..	13,425	18,503	31,928
5 $\frac{7}{16}$ .. .. .	..	5,000	..	5,000
5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .. .. .	..	9,408	696	10,104
5 $\frac{3}{8}$ .. .. .	..	..	4,609	4,609
5 $\frac{5}{8}$ .. .. .	..	23,468	1,466	24,934
5 $\frac{7}{8}$	190,000	4,139	..	194,139
6 .. .. .	..	58,037	24,039	82,076
6 $\frac{1}{2}$ .. .. .	..	..	2,379	2,379
Not stated .. .. .	..	49,425	241,280	290,705
Total	3,628,600	6,019,517	2,933,928	12,582,045
Average Rate of Interest	% 4·44	% 4·68	% 4·68	% 4·61

* As at 31st December, 1936.

Due Dates of Municipal Loans. The due dates of municipal loans outstanding (including Government loans and amounts due to the Government under the provisions of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act* 1918, but excluding loans due to the Country Roads Board) at 30th September, 1936, are given in the following table. When a loan is repayable by annual instalments, the date of the final repayment has been adopted for the purposes of this statement.

**DUE DATES OF MUNICIPAL LOANS OUTSTANDING AT
30TH SEPTEMBER, 1936.**

Year of Maturity.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.*	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
1936 .. ..	..	19,407	7,364	26,771
1937 .. ..	..	17,165	15,284	32,449
1938	843,987	264,803	77,062	1,185,852
1939 .. ..	..	205,181	57,761	262,942
1940	250,000	257,603	106,778	614,381
1941	410,000	58,321	59,588	527,909
1942 .. ..	..	68,391	73,838	142,229
1943	114,000	45,581	36,607	196,188
1944	500,000	94,372	98,330	692,702
1945	472,000	191,716	81,149	744,865
1946 to 1950	425,000	1,046,889	625,936	2,097,825
1951 to 1955	617,000	1,461,116	631,375	2,709,491
1956 to 1960 .. ..	..	2,028,208	558,155	2,586,363
1960 and after .. ..	..	405,502	177,853	583,355
Not stated .. ..	..	14,204	327,920	342,124
Total	3,631,987	6,178,459	2,935,000	12,745,446

* As at 31st December, 1936.

Municipal Loans outstanding— Purposes. In the following statement particulars, as far as available, are given of the purposes for which municipal loans outstanding at 30th September, 1936, were raised. The information is exclusive of loans due to the Country Roads Board.

MUNICIPAL LOANS OUTSTANDING AT 30TH SEPTEMBER,
1936—PURPOSES FOR WHICH RAISED.

(Excluding Loans Due to the Country Roads Board.)

Purpose for which Raised.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.		Total.		
	Government Loans.	Other Loans.	Government Loans.	Other Loans.	Government Loans.	Other Loans.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Electric Light Works ..	..	854,413	..	356,696	..	1,211,109	1,211,109
Gasworks ..	..	73,201	..	21,110	..	94,311	94,311
Waterworks ..	..	6,632	272,303	22,287	272,306	28,919	301,225
Private Streets and Special Improvements ..	159,178	690,848	10,500	208,681	169,678	899,529	1,069,207
Housing and Reclamation ..	..	9,586	..	..	..	9,586	9,586
Contributions due under Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918 ..	162,329	..	1,072	..	163,401	..	163,401
Closer Settlement Advances for Roads ..	2,367	..	46,552	..	48,919	..	48,919
Bush Fires—Repairs to damages caused by ..	..	..	864	..	864	..	864
Other Municipal Works ..	48,009	7,803,883	98,032	1,896,900	146,041	9,700,783	9,846,824
Total ..	371,883	9,438,563	429,326	2,505,674	801,209	11,944,237	12,745,446

Construction of Private Streets.

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

For the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of any work in respect of which any person is liable to pay by instalments, the council may, on the credit of the municipality, obtain advances from a bank by overdraft on current account or borrow money by the

issue of debentures, but such borrowings shall not exceed the total amount of instalments payable. This borrowing power is additional to those powers mentioned on page 138.

Details of the receipts and expenditure of Private Streets Accounts in 1935-36 are shown below :—

PRIVATE STREETS ACCOUNTS—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1935-36.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£		£
Proceeds of Loans—		Works	230,304
From Government ..	29,038	Debt Charges—	
From Other Sources ..	49,773	Redemption of Loans ..	158,826
Owners' Contributions ..	324,784	Sinking Fund Instalments ..	6,263
Fixed Deposits matured ..	28,000	Interest on Loans ..	51,252
Interest on Fixed Deposits ..	1,098	Interest on Overdraft ..	3,475
Government Grant ..	3,687	Exchange ..	168
Advance from Trust Fund ..	4,676	Investment of Funds ..	6,000
Other	4,185	Other	6,675
Total Receipts ..	444,621	Total Expenditure ..	462,963
Cash in hand or in Bank at		Bank Overdraft at 1st Octo-	
1st October, 1935 ..	117,863	ber, 1935	187,842
Bank Overdraft at 30th Sep-		Cash in hand or in Bank at	
tember, 1936	201,388	30th September, 1936 ..	113,067
	763,872		763,872

At 30th September, 1936, loans outstanding on account of private street construction amounted to £963,951.

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

The particulars of the receipts and expenditure of the Special Improvement Charge Accounts in 1935-36 are as follow :—

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT CHARGE ACCOUNTS—RECEIPTS
AND EXPENDITURE, 1935-36.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£		£
Special Improvement Charges	25,564	Works	921
Government Grant ..	151	Debt Charges—	
Other	916	Redemption of Loans ..	20,251
		Sinking Fund Instalments	1,000
		Interest on Loans and	
		Overdraft	6,133
		Other	1,138
Total Receipts ..	26,631	Total Expenditure ..	29,443
Cash in hand or in Bank at		Bank Overdraft at 1st Octo-	
1st October, 1935 ..	13,703	ber, 1935	8,647
Bank Overdraft at 30th Sep-		Cash in hand or in Bank at	
tember, 1936	10,480	30th September, 1936 ..	12,724
	50,814		50,814

Loans outstanding at 30th September, 1936, for special improvements amounted to £105,256.

Length of
Roads and
Streets.

The following table shows the length of all roads and streets in the State in the year 1936.

LENGTH OF ALL ROADS AND STREETS, 1936.

Type of Road or Street.	Roads and Streets (excluding State Highways).	State Highways.	Total.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Wood or stone	143	..	143
Portland cement concrete	116	..	116
Asphaltic concrete and sheet asphalt ..	149	16	165
Tar or bitumen surface seal over tar or bitumen penetrated or waterbound pavements	5,184	1,326	6,510
Waterbound macadam, gravel, sand, and hard loam pavements	21,897	964	22,861
Formed, but not otherwise paved	24,638	..	24,638
Surveyed roads, not formed, which are used for general traffic	52,300	..	52,300
Total	104,427	2,306	106,733

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

The receipts of the Fund during the year 1936-37 amounted to £55,152, and were made up of contributions by municipalities, £52,931; and interest on credit balance of Fund, £2,221. The amount expended from the Fund was £22,594, all of which was used for the redemption of municipal loans.

The total receipts of the Fund to the 30th June, 1937, amounted to £1,985,118. The payments out of the Fund were—redemption of Municipal Loans, £1,215,486; payment to the Treasury in reduction of Municipal Liabilities, £604,180; interest, £84,447; and sundries, £10. The balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1937, was £80,995.

During the year 1936-37 a sum of £59,872 was paid out of this Fund to municipalities, as provided by Section 311 of the *Licensing Act* 1928. The payments to Cities amounted to £30,009, to Towns, £1,611, to Boroughs, £5,875, and to Shires, £22,377. A statement of the receipts and expenditure of this Fund appears in part "Law, Crime, &c.," of this issue, page 114.

A statement giving the provisions of the Act under which this fund was incorporated appears in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29 on page 163.

The premium revenue for the year ended 30th September, 1937, was £1,241, for guarantees amounting to £372,610. The claims paid from January, 1908, the date of the inception of the fund, to 30th September, 1937, amounted to £5,608. The amount to the credit of the fund at 30th September, 1937, was £24,160.

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

In accordance with the provisions of Division 3 of Part XXVIII. of the *Local Government Act 1928*, the Governor-in-Council on 24th January, 1936, approved of a scheme submitted by the Council of the City of South Melbourne for the reclamation and improvement of an insanitary low-lying area in that municipality. The land referred to is situated in Gladstone-street and Montague-street, and contained twenty-three old and dilapidated houses. The council acquired the land, demolished the buildings, altered drains, &c., raised the levels of the land above flood level and converted the locality into a well-drained sanitary and healthy area. The reclaimed land has been subdivided into eighteen allotments and made available at a purchase price of £5 per foot to selected applicants who may contract with the State Savings Bank Commissioners for the erection of brick dwellings at an estimated cost of £670. At 30th September, 1937, six dwellings had been completed and the purchasers had taken occupation.

For the purpose of financing the reclamation scheme, a loan of £10,000 was raised by the Council on 1st February, 1936. Of this amount, £8,733 was outstanding at 30th September, 1937.

ERECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES BY STATE SAVINGS BANK COMMISSIONERS.

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

WAR SERVICE HOMES.

The Commonwealth Government assists Australian sailors and soldiers and their female dependants to acquire homes, the operations being conducted under the *War Service Homes Act 1918-1937*. A summary of the activities of the War Service Homes Commission in Victoria to 30th June, 1937, discloses that 10,398 applications had been approved, 5,001 homes erected, 3,775 homes purchased, and 434 mortgages discharged. The sums paid as instalments of principal and interest amounted to £5,186,274, whilst the arrears of instalments totalled £163,240, the percentage of arrears to the total amount due being 3.05.

COUNTRY ROADS BOARD.

Country Roads Board. With the object of improving the main roads of the State an Act was passed on 23rd December, 1912. The provisions of this Act and of subsequent amending Acts are now embodied in the *Country Roads Act 1928*. The Board consists of three members appointed by the Governor in Council.

Duties. The principal duties of the Board are to ascertain by survey and investigation what roads are main roads; the nature and extent of the resources of Victoria in metals, minerals, and materials suitable for the purposes of road-making and maintenance, and the most effective and economical methods of dealing with the same, and of supplying and utilizing the material in any part of Victoria; the most effective methods of road construction and maintenance; what deviations (if any) in existing roads or what new roads should be made so as to facilitate communication and improve the conditions of traffic.

The construction of permanent works and the maintenance of main roads are to be carried out by the municipalities to the satisfaction of the Board, but power is reserved to the Governor in Council to direct that permanent works and maintenance shall be carried out by the Board.

The total cost of permanent works is, in the first instance, paid by the Treasury, but, subsequently, half the amount expended is refunded by the municipalities affected. The amount of the municipal contribution toward the cost of maintenance works is one-third of the amount expended, but such contribution may be reduced in certain circumstances.

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

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

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

The *Country Roads Board Fund Act 1936* provides that, for the year 1936-37, all fees (other than fees for licences to drive motor cars) and fines paid under the Motor Car Acts, less the cost of collection of such fees and fines, shall be placed to the credit of the Country Roads

Board Fund, and the annual payment into the Fund of the amount of £50,000 from Consolidated Revenue shall be suspended.

The receipts and expenditure of the Country Roads Board Fund for each of the years 1934-35, 1935-36, and 1936-37 were as follows:—

—	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.
<i>Receipts.</i>			
	£	£	£
Payments by Municipalities	273,152	290,505	278,373
Fees Motor Car Act	1,252,272	1,409,395	1,480,272
Fees Registration of Traction Engines	1,276	1,362	1,129
Fees Motor Omnibus Act	272	18	10
Stores and Materials	144,505	184,186	165,316
Hire of Plant	32,051	41,359	46,402
Other Receipts (advance from Public Account advances for unemployment relief and other works, &c.)	68,229	79,095	92,043
TOTAL	1,771,757	2,005,920	2,063,545
<i>Expenditure.</i>			
Maintenance and reconditioning of main roads, State highways, and tourists' roads	879,040	985,281	1,044,620
Road construction for relief of unemployment (including materials)	9,652	30,480	..
Relief to Municipalities	99,990	150,000	197,508
Interest and Sinking Fund	117,240	118,620	118,912
Recoup to Revenue (Interest, Sinking Fund, &c.)	322,518	310,847	317,788
Plant, Stores, and Materials	197,967	227,880	216,144
Other Expenditure (including administration)	135,962	172,099	180,725
TOTAL	1,762,369	1,995,207	2,075,697

The balance to the credit of the Fund at 30th June, 1935, was £11,046, at 30th June, 1936, £21,759, and at 30th June, 1937, £9,607.

The money received from the issue of stock or debentures under the authority of section 32 of the *Country Roads Act* 1928 is placed to the credit of the Loan Account, which is debited with all payments made towards the cost of permanent road works. During 1936-37 this Account received £69,239 from the State Loans Repayment Fund, and the payments for permanent works were £69,013. The credit balance of the Account at 30th June, 1937, was £313.

The Developmental Roads Loan Account is credited with money received from the issue of stock and debentures issued under the authority of Section 85 of the *Country Roads Act 1928*, and is debited with expenditure in connexion with the construction of developmental roads. During 1936-37, £7,382 was received from the State Loans Repayment Fund. The expenditure on developmental road works was £7,441.

The following is a summary of the total expenditure by the Board on road construction during each of the years 1934-35, 1935-36, and 1936-37 :—

	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.
State Highways*—	£	£	£
Maintenance and re-conditioning ..	348,383	468,413	401,337
Main Roads*—			
Construction	138,254	156,142	228,470
Maintenance	700,074	679,065	752,629
Total Main Roads ..	838,328	835,207	981,099
Developmental Roads*—			
Construction, &c.	267,759	309,369	294,170
Unemployment Relief	95,329	363,848	215,377
Tourists' Roads*—			
Construction, &c. .. ..	..	..	35,635
Murray River Bridges and Punts—			
Maintenance .. .. .	..	..	1,700
TOTAL	1,549,799	1,976,837	1,929,318

* Including amounts contributed by the Commonwealth Government under the provisions of the Federal Aid Roads Act, and special grant towards cost of restoration works necessitated by the disastrous floods in November, 1934.

MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST.

The Port of Melbourne is under the control of this Trust. Particulars relating to the Trade of the Port are published in part "Interchange." The *Year-Book* for 1929-30 contains on page 145 a statement showing the powers and functions of this Trust, also information relating to the Commissioners and the borrowing power of the Trust. The following are particulars of the ordinary revenue and ordinary and capital

Melbourne
Harbor Trust
—revenue and
expenditure.

expenditure for each year 1932 to 1936. The loan indebtedness as at the end of each of the five years is also shown:—

MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1932 TO 1936.

Hheads of Revenue and Expenditure.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
REVENUE.					
	£	£	£	£	£
Wharfage and Tonnage Rates ..	418,682	464,889	515,127	589,764	657,889
Rents	28,102	36,984	39,870	37,793	38,910
Interest	2,593	3,707	1,062	987	972
Other Revenue	55,728	67,636	72,385	82,880	87,507
	505,105	573,216	628,444	711,424	785,278
<i>Less</i> Statutory Payments to—					
Consolidated Revenue ..	101,897	111,089	113,279	121,948	135,578
Geelong Harbor Trust ..	..	..	7,500	15,000	15,000
Total	403,208	462,127	507,665	574,476	634,700
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
General Management and Expenses	30,485	31,643	33,916	35,643	42,137
Flotation and Redemption of Loans					
Expenses	5,133	3,825	3,825	3,825	32,940
Operating Expenses	19,910	21,291	23,855	24,743	29,052
Maintenance—					
Dredging	27,720	70,044	81,529	88,573	78,557
Harbor	804	247	1,058	1,186	2,323
Wharves	6,150	10,264	26,187	23,119	43,767
Approaches	3,264	2,819	5,067	6,013	4,060
Railways	753	810	1,151	1,299	2,771
Other Properties	297	199	912	989	4,980
Interest on Loans and Exchange	254,982	256,649	245,683	238,483	226,071
Depreciation, Renewals, and Insurance Account ..	10,000	10,000	35,000	100,000	80,000
Sinking Fund	40,047	45,893	46,496	47,305	84,111
Total	399,545	453,684	504,679	571,178	630,769
Surplus on Revenue Account ..	3,663	8,443	2,986	3,298	3,931
Deficit on Revenue Account ..	..	..	..	..	..
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.					
Land and Property	65,438	34,531	2,960	1,766	1,044
Deepening Waterways	31,365	14,755	8,372	1,038	13,728
Wharves Construction	20,611	33,234	57,265	28,173	16,904
Approaches Construction	5,233	10,713	62,289	22,600	31,050
Other Harbor Improvements	1,321	3,840	1,382	2,029	9,631
Railways .. .. .	..	5	..	50,059	3,143
Floating and General Plant	12,133	5,734	5,754	2,105	2,266
Total	136,101	107,812	138,022	107,770	77,766
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness	4,594,504	4,494,811	4,461,015	4,427,110	4,102,400
Sinking Fund	11,500	23,700	36,400	49,800	63,900
Net Indebtedness	4,583,004	4,471,111	4,424,615	4,377,310	4,038,500

GEELONG HARBOR TRUST.

Geelong Harbor Trust —revenue and expenditure. The Port of Geelong is under the control of this Trust. Particulars relating to the Trade of the Port are published in part "Interchange." A concise statement of the principal provisions of the *Geelong and Melbourne Harbor Trusts Act 1934* is given in the *Year-Book* for 1933-34, pages 153 and 154.

The following is a summary of the revenue and expenditure for each year 1932 to 1936. Capital expenditure during, and loan indebtedness at end of, each of the five years is also shown:—

GEELONG HARBOR TRUST — REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1932 TO 1936.

Heads of Revenue and Expenditure.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
REVENUE.					
	£	£	£	£	£
Wharfage, Tonnage and Special Berth Rates	38,101	37,793	43,683	53,305	61,075
Rents, Fees, and Licences	6,705	6,414	6,926	6,297	6,135
Freezing Works and Abattoirs ..	8,047	8,220	8,418	8,465	8,465
Payment by Melbourne Harbor Trust .. ..	..	..	7,500	15,000	15,000
Other Revenue	3,343	4,811	6,982	5,735	5,908
Total	56,196	57,238	73,509	88,802	96,583
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
Management Expenses ..	9,041	10,694	10,551	10,515	12,961
Maintenance—					
Wharves and Approaches ..	3,311	3,334	1,996	2,033	2,532
Harbor	1,243	1,242	843	869	1,412
Floating Plant	5,177	3,540	3,596	4,547	7,896
Other	3,227	4,199	2,773	1,817	2,438
Interest on Loans	28,663	28,449	15,562	16,270	15,583
Sinking Fund .. ..	..	..	2,243	4,417	4,417
Freezing Works and Abattoirs ..	5,870	4,713	4,945	9,475	6,489
Depreciation and Renewals Reserve Account .. ..	..	..	22,641	28,861	28,092
Miscellaneous	987	301	285	255	338
Total	57,519	56,472	65,435	79,059	82,158
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.					
Land and Property	2,097	5,110	1,376	..	60
Deepening Waterworks .. ..	..	..	2,841	15,688	27,144
Wharves and Approaches	28	..	1,420	3,963	74
Other	1,949	318	304	18,426	1,951
Total	4,074	5,428	5,941	38,077	29,229
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness	617,422	614,169	612,403	582,621	580,824
Sinking Fund .. ..	..	..	2,243	6,724	11,396
Net Indebtedness	617,422	614,169	610,160	575,897	569,428

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITIES.

The authorities controlling domestic water supply in Victoria are listed in the following statement. It is estimated that about 81 per cent. of the population of this State are provided with such water by these authorities.

Authorities.	Administered under the provisions of—
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	} Water Act.
Waterworks Trusts	
Local Governing Bodies—	
Ballarat Water Commission	
Municipal Councils—	
Arapiles	
Ararat Town	
Beechworth	
Bet Bet	
Chiltern	
Clunes	
Creswick	
Inglweood... .. .	
Korong	
Ripon	
Stawell Borough	
Talbot	
Warrnambool City	
Werribee	
Wimmera	
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust ..	Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act
Mildura Urban Water Trust	Mildura Irrigation Trusts Act
Heidelberg City Council (Diamond Creek and Greensborough supplies)	} Local Government Act
Sale Town Council	
Eltham Shire Council (Eltham, Montmorency and Yarra Glen supplies)	
Walpeup Shire Council (Murrayville supply)	

The revenue and expenditure of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission form part of Consolidated Revenue. Information relating to the activities of the Commission are shown in Part "Production" of this issue. Financial particulars, &c., in respect of the other authorities mentioned above will be found in this Part.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.

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

It consists of 40 members, of whom one is the chairman, who is elected every four years by the other members, the retiring chairman being eligible for re-election. The other thirty-nine members, who are called commissioners, are from time to time elected by the councils of the various municipal districts within the metropolis. They represent 22 municipalities or parts of municipalities.

Functions of the Board. The principal functions of the Board are to control and manage the metropolitan water supply system, and to provide the metropolis with an efficient system of main and general sewerage.

Area under Board's control. All land within 13 miles of the Post Office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth streets, Melbourne, together with the remaining areas of the City of Mordialloc and the City of Moorabbin and further portions of the Shire of Dandenong, but excluding 11 square miles in the Shires of Keilor and Braybrook under the control of the Keilor and St. Albans Waterworks Trust, is included in the metropolis for water supply and sewerage purposes. This territory has an area of 436 square miles, and comprises 26 cities and parts of 1 other city and of 11 shires.

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

The liability under loans raised by the Board was £25,145,460 on 30th June, 1937. The Board was at that date empowered to borrow £1,994,474 before reaching the limit of its borrowing powers.

The following is a statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Board during each of the years 1932-33 to 1936-37 :—

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1932-33 TO 1936-37.

Heads of Revenue and Expenditure.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.
REVENUE.					
Water Supply—	£	£	£	£	£
Water Rates (including Meter Excess)	678,623	699,083	670,756	789,797	812,287
Water Charges and Stations ..	12,648	16,127	18,204	20,916	20,526
Meter Rents	46,094	47,179	48,503	49,799	52,151
Sewerage—					
Sewerage Rates	825,043	790,040	867,567	952,784	992,240
Sanitary Charges	14,406	15,206	15,360	16,088	17,206
Metropolitan Farm—					
Grazing Fees, Rents, Pastures, &c.	4,967	5,411	5,528	7,757	12,797
Balance Live Stock Account ..	34,979	24,882	..	10,775	15,296
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers—					
Drainage and River Improvement Rate	72,776	70,893	70,415	71,800	74,187
River Water Charges	7,879	8,036	7,578	7,503	8,480
Transfer from Renewals Fund ..	..	182,000	..	..	..
Total	1,697,415	1,858,857	1,703,911	1,927,219	2,005,170
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
Water Supply—					
Management and Incidental Expenses	38,587	36,142	36,393	40,039	40,103
Maintenance	82,727	87,825	93,873	104,662	101,994
Sewerage—					
Management and Incidental Expenses	28,929	27,108	26,790	29,371	29,229
Maintenance	75,850	75,453	80,345	84,099	87,632
Metropolitan Farm—					
Administrative Expenses	258	412	313	441	687
Maintenance	32,384	30,953	33,906	34,743	38,417
Balance Live Stock Account ..	..	..	19,082	..	..
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers—					
Management and Incidental Expenses	4,038	3,534	3,531	3,991	4,074
Maintenance	13,246	10,102	10,154	11,214	11,746
Pensions and Compassionate Allowances	7,615	5,666	3,804	4,958	4,563
Discount and Expenses re Loans ..	25,472	25,761	26,382	26,378	36,775
Interest on Overdraft	1,387	525	334	48	728
Interest on Loans	1,278,247	1,269,612	1,254,176	1,268,503	1,256,775
Exchange	29,975	30,348	35,962	98,964	112,277
Contribution to—					
Sinking Fund	62,362	62,363	62,633	62,758	62,813
Renewals Fund	82,778	80,428	79,754	80,924	131,970
Superannuation Fund	20,633	20,541	20,519	20,667	20,770
Fire Insurance Fund	500	500	704	696	10,000
Contributions to Municipalities ..	3,850	3,850	3,850	3,850	3,850
Flood Repairs .. .. .	..	..	..	21,171	..
Centenary Decorations .. .. .	..	..	106	..	..
Total	1,788,838	1,771,123	1,792,611	1,892,477	1,954,403
Surplus on Revenue Account ..	..	87,734*	..	34,742	50,767
Deficit on Revenue Account ..	91,423	..	88,700	..	..

* After transfer of £182,000 from Renewals Fund.

WATER SUPPLY.

Water supply assessments and rates. The rate to be paid in respect of any lands and houses for the supply of water for domestic purposes, otherwise than by measure, is limited to an amount not exceeding 8d. in the pound on the annual value of the lands and houses served. The water rate levied in the year 1936-37 was 7d. in the pound on the annual value of property served. Assessments of £17 and under are charged a minimum rate of 10s. per annum. There is a charge of 1s. per 1,000 gallons for water supplied by meter, with the assessed rate as a minimum. For shipping at Melbourne wharves the charge is 3s. per 1,000 gallons.

Assessed value of property. The total annual value of property assessed for water supply purposes and liable to water rates was £16,876,281 in 1935-36, and £17,503,160 in 1936-37.

Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan waterworks system. The total cost of the water supply system up to 30th June, 1937, was as follows:—

Original water supply works, tank, pumping station, &c.	..	..	..	..	82,885
Yan Yean system	..	..	..	..	660,648
Maroondah system	..	..	..	..	1,704,446
O'Shannassy system	..	..	..	..	3,057,349
Service reservoirs	..	..	..	..	603,888
Large mains	..	..	..	..	2,558,405
Reticulation	..	..	..	..	3,064,275
Afforestation	..	..	..	..	28,907
Thompson River Scheme	..	..	..	..	306
Investigations, future works	..	..	..	..	4,583
Total	..	..	..	..	11,765,692

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

Output of Water. The total output of water from the various sources of supply in 1936 was as follows:—

			Gallons.
From Yan Yean Reservoir	..	..	3,783,773,000
,, Maroondah Reservoir	..	..	14,582,665,000
,, O'Shannassy River and Silvan No. 1	..	..	9,157,596,000
Total Output	..	..	27,524,034,000

Storage and service reservoirs.

There are five storage reservoirs (Yan Yean, Toorourrong, Maroondah, O'Shannassy, and Silvan No. 1) with a total capacity of 23,351,305,000 gallons, and twenty service reservoirs (including one at the Metropolitan Farm, Werribee) and three elevated tanks, with a total capacity of 261,700,000 gallons.

Consumption of water in Melbourne and suburbs.

The total consumption of water and the average consumption per day are shown hereunder for each month of the year 1936:—

TOTAL AND DAILY AVERAGE CONSUMPTION OF WATER IN MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS DURING EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR 1936.

Month.				Total Consumption of Water.	Daily Average Consumption of Water.
				Gallons.	Gallons.
January	..	..	..	3,154,647,000	101,762,806
February	..	..	..	3,226,862,000	111,271,103
March	..	..	..	3,246,288,000	104,715,742
April	..	..	..	2,098,957,000	69,965,233
May	..	..	..	1,831,284,000	59,073,677
June	..	..	..	1,598,968,000	53,298,933
July	..	..	..	1,676,275,000	54,073,387
August	..	..	..	1,760,736,000	56,797,935
September	..	..	..	1,754,732,000	58,491,067
October	..	..	..	2,300,588,000	74,212,519
November	..	..	..	2,382,422,000	79,414,067
December	..	..	..	42,82,561,000	80,082,613
Total for the year				27,514,320,000	..
Daily average for the year 1936 ..				..	75,175,738

NOTE.—The maximum daily consumption for 1936 occurred on 12th March, and the minimum daily consumption on 5th July of that year. The consumption was 143,708,000 gallons on the former and 40,505,000 gallons on the latter of these two days.

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

DAILY AVERAGE QUANTITY OF WATER CONSUMED IN MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS, 1932 TO 1936.

(MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS AREA.)

Year.	Properties Supplied with Water at 30th June.	Number of Properties for which Sewers were Provided at 30th June.	Daily Average of Annual Consumption of Water to 31st December.	Number of Gallons of Water per Head Daily.
			Gallons.	
1932	254,758	236,640	59,044,000	52.32
1933	256,631	241,352	65,841,000	57.91
1934	258,797	242,594	63,740,000	62.04
1935	261,743	246,592	69,137,000	66.53
1936	266,909	251,507	75,176,000	70.94

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

These figures show that additional properties to the number of 5,166 were supplied with water during the year ended 30th June, 1936.

SEWERAGE.

The Board is empowered to levy a general sewerage rate not exceeding 1s. 2d. in the £1 on the net annual value of properties in sewered areas. The sewerage rate for the year 1936-37 was 1s. 2d. in the £1. The total annual value of property in the Board's area in 1936-37 was £17,932,473, of which £16,783,684 was liable to the sewerage rate, the balance being the value of property in unsewered districts.

The receipts from the general sewerage rates and charges in 1936-37 amounted to £1,009,446.

The cost of sewerage works and house connexions up to 30th June, 1937, was £13,750,543, divided as follows :—

	£
Farm purchase and preparation	1,214,949
Treatment works	122,773
Outfall Sewers and Rising Mains	503,792
Pumping stations, buildings, and plant	339,609
Main and branch sewers	3,076,545
Reticulation sewers	7,519,749
Cost of house connexions chargeable to capital	777,053
Sanitary depots	58,018
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Cost of sewerage system	13,612,488
Householders' debts for house connexions	138,055
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Total	13,750,543
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The sewage of the metropolis is delivered into two main **Main Sewers and Subsidiary Main.** sewers and a subsidiary main leading to the pumping station at Spotswood. The two main sewers are the North Yarra main sewer (Northern system) and the Hobson's Bay main sewer (Southern system). The subsidiary main, which takes in Williams-town, joins the Hobson's Bay main before it enters the pumping station. Further information regarding these is given in the *Year-Book* for 1920-21, page 222.

The first house was connected in Port Melbourne in August, 1897. On 30th June, 1937, the number of buildings for which sewers were provided was 255,950, and the estimated population served by the system was 1,016,120.

During the year 1936-37, 4,722 new houses were erected in the metropolitan area, and provision was made for the sewerage of 4,443 buildings.

The following statement shows the progress of sewer connexions to the 30th June, 1937 :—

Municipality.	No. of Buildings for which sewers were provided on 30th June, 1937.
Blackburn and Mitcham Shire	391
Box Hill City	3,863
Braybrook Shire (part of)	1,736
Brighton City	8,210
Broadmeadows Shire (part of)	291
Brunswick City	13,858
Camberwell City	14,961
Caulfield City	17,976
Coburg City	8,744
Collingwood City	8,864
Essendon City	11,946
Fitzroy City	8,189
Footscray City	11,218
Hawthorn City	9,098
Heidelberg City (part of)	5,810
Keilor Shire (part of)	165
Kew City	6,311
Malvern City	11,561
Melbourne City	27,700
Moorabbin City	3,245
Mulgrave Shire (part of)	9
Northcote City	10,687
Oakleigh City	3,057
Port Melbourne City	3,439
Prahran City	13,794
Preston City	7,708
Richmond City	10,673
Sandringham City	4,988
South Melbourne City	11,129
St. Kilda City	10,492
Werribee Shire (part of)	18
Williamstown City	5,819
Total	255,950

Pumping Stations. At 30th June, 1937, pumping stations had been established at Spotswood, Preston, Sunshine, Box Hill, Black Rock, and Braybrook.

**Metropolitan
Sewage
Farm.**

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

The statistical data for the year ended 30th June, 1937, are as under:—

Total area of farm	22,634 acres.
Area prepared for sewage disposal	10,800 „
Rainfall at farm for year	18.73 inches.
Average rainfall over 43 years	18.37 „
Net cost of sewage purification for year per head of population	1s. 3.44d.
Loss on cattle for year	£5,976.
Loss on horses for year	£875.
Profit on sheep for year	£22,147.
„ agistment for year	£9,515.

**Disposal of
nightsoil
from
unsewered
premises.**

The responsibility for the collection, removal, and disposal of nightsoil from unsewered premises within the metropolis was transferred from the individual municipal councils to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of

Works as from 19th November, 1924. By agreements entered into between the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the municipal councils concerned, each council pays to the Board a prescribed amount per annum to offset the cost of the collection, &c.

For the year 1936-37, the working expenses were £4,734, while interest amounted to £2,979, making a total of £7,713. The revenue was £2,990, leaving a deficiency of £4,723.

METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS.**Metropolitan
Drainage and
River Improve-
ment Rate.**

Under the provisions of Part VIII. of the Act, which relates to Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers, the Board is empowered to levy a Metropolitan Drainage and River Improvement Rate not exceeding 1d. in the £1 in respect of the properties in the metropolis rateable to any municipality. The rate was first levied on 1st July, 1927, and has remained at 1d. in the £1.

**Assessed value
of property.**

The total annual value of property assessed for Drainage and River purposes and liable to the 1d. in the £1 rate was £17,932,473.

**Cost of
Drainage and
River Improve-
ment works.**

The total cost of Drainage and River Improvement works to 30th June, 1937, was £1,189,016.

Length of main drains. The following table gives particulars of all main drains under the control of the Board at 30th June, 1937 :—

1. Underground drains—	
(a) Constructed by Municipal Councils and taken over by the Board and not replaced	31 miles 69 chains
(b) Constructed by the Board (including 9 miles 57 chains of drains which replace drains previously declared)	38 ,, 28 ,,
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Total underground drains controlled	70 miles 17 chains
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2. Open drains—	
(a) Constructed by Municipal Councils and taken over by the Board and not replaced	8 miles 68 chains
(b) Constructed by the Board (including 3 miles 4 chains of drains which replace drains previously declared)	3 ,, 29 ,,
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Total constructed open drains controlled.. .. .	12 miles 17 chains
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3. Natural watercourses and unlined open drains controlled	6 miles 32 chains
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Grand total of drains controlled	88 miles 66 chains
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THE BALLARAT WATER COMMISSION.

The Water Supply District of the Ballarat Water Commission, which was constituted on 1st July, 1880, embraces an area of about 27 square miles, including the city of Ballaarat, the borough of Sebastopol, and portions of the shires of Ballarat, Buninyong, and Bungaree. The estimated population in this area is 43,000. The works comprise six reservoirs, which have a total storage capacity of 2,215,558,000 gallons.

To 31st December, 1936, the capital cost of construction was £601,950, and the loans outstanding (due to the Government) at that date was £290,545. During 1936, receipts amounted to £40,147 and expenditure was £42,100.

GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE TRUST.

This Trust was constituted on 15th January, 1908. It was reconstituted under the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act in 1910.

The amount of loans which may be raised is limited to £900,000 for water supply undertaking, £760,000 for sewerage undertaking, and £270,000 for sewerage installations to properties under deferred payments conditions. The expenditure on these services to 30th June, 1937, was—Water supply, £709,290; sewerage, £644,714; and sewerage installation, £257,357, of which £6,287 is outstanding. The revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1937, was £53,489 on account of waterworks and £38,992 on account of sewerage. Since 1913 the Trust has appropriated and set apart sums out of surplus revenues for the creation of a sinking fund to redeem loans. At 30th June, 1937, the amounts so appropriated and used to redeem loans were:—Sewerage, £64,731; and Water Supply, £67,642.

The population supplied is estimated by the Trust at 47,170. The number of buildings situate within the "Drainage Area" is 11,727; the number within the "Sewered Areas," 11,495; and the number connected with the sewers, 11,476.

Water Supply.—The catchment area is about 16,000 acres. Particulars of the works and storage capacity of the various reservoirs are given in the *Year-Book* for 1920-21, pp. 226 and 227. The total storage capacity of the reservoirs and service basins is 2,738,120,000 gallons.

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

Sewerage.—The sewerage scheme consists of a main outfall sewer, 4 ft. 3 in. by 3 ft. 3 in., to the ocean at Black Rock, a distance of about 9 miles from Geelong. The drainage area is 9,538 acres and includes the city of Geelong, the city of Geelong West, the town of Newtown and Chilwell, and the suburban areas in the shires of Corio, South Barwon, and Bellarine.

WATERWORKS TRUSTS.

Waterworks Trusts. During 1936 there were 108 Waterworks Trusts, constituted under the provisions of the *Water Act*, 1928, functioning in Victoria. The ordinary receipts and ordinary expenditure of these Trusts are given below for the year ended 31st December, 1936.

WATERWORKS TRUSTS—ORDINARY RECEIPTS AND ORDINARY EXPENDITURE, 1936.

Ordinary Receipts.	Amount.	Ordinary Expenditure.	Amount.
	£		£
Water Rates (including arrears) ..	143,368	Administrative Expenses ..	21,170
Water Sales (including arrears) ..	23,517	Works from Revenue ..	15,072
Meter Rents (including arrears) ..	2,177	Maintenance and Repairs (including	
Interest on overdue Rates ..	1,960	Pumping and Purchase of Water)	45,215
Transfers from Depreciation Fund ..	3,798	Redemption of Loans ..	16,897
Other	7,316	Interest on Loans ..	57,903
		Interest on Bank Overdraft ..	389
		Depreciation Fund ..	16,398
		Other	4,990
Tota	182,136	Total	178,034

All loan moneys are provided by the Treasurer of Victoria. At 30th June, 1937, the loan liability of Waterworks Trusts amounted to £1,357,237 (including £48,207 on account of loans from Unemployment Relief Funds).

MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST.

Mildura Urban Water Trust. This Trust, which was constituted under the provisions of the Mildura Irrigation Trusts Acts, supplies water for domestic use in the City of Mildura. The receipts and expenditure of this authority is given hereunder for the year ended 30th June, 1936.

**MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST—RECEIPTS AND
EXPENDITURE, 1935-36.**

Receipts.	Expenditure.
£	£
Water Rates (including arrears) 3,135	Administrative Expenses .. 1,338
Water Sales (including arrears) 2,076	New Mains 2,139
Interest on overdue Rates .. 46	New Offices 1,793
Sale of Land 3,012	Meters and Meter Maintenance 585
Transfer from Depreciation Fund 1,741	Maintenance and Repairs .. 2,643
Other 367	Redemption of Loans .. 150
	Interest on Loans 435
	Depreciation Fund 460
	Other 217
Total 10,377	Total 9,760

At 30th June, 1936, the loan liability of the Trust amounted to £10,839, all of which was due to the Government.

SEWERAGE AUTHORITIES.

Sewerage Authorities. In districts outside the areas under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust (which bodies were constituted under special Acts), sewerage authorities may be constituted in Victoria under the provisions of the *Sewerage Districts Act* 1928. At 31st December, 1936, twenty such authorities had been constituted.

General statistical information is given in the following statement relating to all authorities (including the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust) in whose districts the sewerage systems were in operation at 31st December, 1936 :—

SEWERAGE SYSTEMS IN OPERATION IN VICTORIA, 1936.

Authority.	Year of Constitution.	Estimated Population Served by System.	Number of Properties Connected to Sewers.	Sewerage Rate Levied in £ of Net Annual Municipal Value.	Ordinary Revenue.	Capital Expenditure to End of Year (Excluding House Connections).	Loans Outstanding at End of Year.	
							Sewerage Works.	House Connections.
				s. d.	£	£	£	£
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works*	1890	998,480	251,507	1 1	987,404	13,436,028	13,931,210	182,138
Ballarat ..	1920	35,100	7,802	1 9	27,572	406,986	399,569	37,157
Bendigo ..	1916	19,600	6,006	1 4	22,349	328,357	304,958	18,322
Celac ..	1923	5,030	1,327	2 0	6,296	80,237	71,804	6,347
Echuca ..	1927	3,500	1,000	2 0	5,955	65,799	62,582	19,135
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust*	1908	46,300	11,289	1 3	38,235	637,190	592,300	10,498
Horsham ..	1926	4,230	941	1 3	2,913	46,623	41,190	27,750
Mildura ..	1928	6,750	1,457	1 7	6,727	71,755	68,146	24,375
Swan Hill ..	1926	3,350	759	1 4	3,512	50,196	47,240	19,287
Wangaratta†	1933	3,850	928	2 0	4,729	62,873	55,929	31,500
Warrnambool ..	1929	8,010	1,749	1 0	4,716	76,190	74,264	16,500
Total ..	..	1,134,200	284,825	..	1,110,408	15,262,234	15,649,192	393,009

* Sewerage finance only.

† Financial particulars for fifteen months.

In addition to those enumerated in the above table, sewerage authorities had been constituted in the following districts, in which, at the end of 1936, preliminary works or detail surveys were being carried out:—Ararat constituted in 1935; Bairnsdale in 1932; Benalla in 1934; Castlemaine in 1934; Dandenong in 1935; Hamilton in 1935; Kerang in 1932; Kyneton in 1933; Sale in 1936; Shepparton in 1934; and Warragul in 1935.

FIRE BRIGADES BOARDS.

Under the *Fire Brigades Act* 1928 there are constituted a metropolitan fire district, controlled by the Metropolitan

Fire Brigades Board, and nine country fire districts, controlled by the Country Fire Brigades Board.

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

The Board on 30th June, 1937, had under its control the following:—43 stations, 296 members of permanent staff, 67 members of special service staff, 9 members of clerical staff, 63 men engaged in the workshops, 12 employees engaged in the tailoring department, and 165 partially paid firemen.

During 1936-37 the cost of maintenance of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade was £159,594, one-third being contributed by each of the contributing bodies, viz., Government of Victoria, municipalities within the Metropolitan Fire District, and the fire insurance companies carrying on business in that district. The municipalities' contribution was equal to 723d. in the pound on the annual value of £17,655,664 of property within the Fire District, and that of the insurance companies was equal to £5 13s. 4d. for every £100 of premiums on insured property. The premiums received in the Metropolitan Fire District in 1935 amounted to £938,484.

Country Fire Brigades Board. The Country Fire Brigades Board consists of nine members. Three are appointed by the Governor in Council, two are elected by the municipal councils of the districts in which there are brigades registered under the Board, two by the fire insurance companies carrying on business in such districts, and two by the registered fire brigades. The Board's revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1937, was £30,687, which was obtained from the following sources:—Government, £9,979; municipalities, £9,979; insurance companies, £9,979; and other sources, £750. The expenditure for the same year amounted to £30,640. There are 122 municipal councils and 109 insurance companies included in the operation of the Act. The premiums received by the insurance companies in country districts during the year 1935 amounted to £368,951. The annual value of rateable property assessed within the Board's districts in 1936 was £3,526,457. All

brigades under the control of the Board are volunteer brigades, but in the large centres a few permanent stationkeepers and auxiliaries are employed. There are 150 registered brigades, and the number of registered firemen is 2,856. In most brigades there is, in addition to the registered firemen, a number of "reserve" members.

Receipts and Expenditure. Particulars of receipts and expenditure of both Fire Brigades Boards for the five years 1932-33 to 1936-37 are as follows:—

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF FIRE BRIGADES .
BOARDS, 1932-33 TO 1936-37.

Heads of Receipts and Expenditure.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Ordinary Receipts.</i>					
Contributions — Government, Municipal, and Insurance	183,209	185,770	185,263	185,033	189,533
Receipts for Services	21,106	21,317	23,352	24,376	26,288
Interest and Sundries	15,120	14,945	15,785	16,749	19,031
Total	219,435	222,032	224,400	226,158	234,852
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries	130,477	128,446	132,691	140,177	148,493
Fire Expenses	4,242	4,400	4,455	4,511	4,259
Administrative Charges, &c. ..	35,488	33,399	30,173	31,819	37,578
Plant—Purchase and Repairs	14,066	18,944	17,568	18,049	15,949
Interest	12,692	11,588	10,987	10,790	10,507
Repayment of Loans	8,022	8,466	9,662	10,610	11,614
Superannuation Fund	8,090	8,090	8,214	4,992	5,415
Miscellaneous	5,188	4,707	6,954	10,949	20,146
Total	218,265	218,040	220,704	231,897	253,961
<i>Loan Expenditure.</i>					
Purchase of Land and Erection of Buildings, &c. ..	511	8,378	3,197	9,858	268
<i>Loan Indebtedness</i>	246,110	247,895	238,234	237,624	226,010

BUILDING PERMITS.**Building
Permits
Issued.**

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

IN GREATER MELBOURNE.

The value of permits issued by municipalities in Greater Melbourne for all classes of buildings, *i.e.*, dwellings, other new buildings, and alterations and additions to existing buildings, during the period of twelve months ended on 31st December in each of the ten years 1928-1937 was as follows:—

Year ended 31st December—	Value of Permits Issued.				Index to Total Value = 100 in 1929.
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.)	Other New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	
1928	5,312,197	1,747,251	983,474	8,042,922	111·51
1929	4,187,832	1,991,927	1,033,018	7,212,777	100·00
1930	1,308,976	852,079	578,521	2,739,576	37·98
1931	418,572	364,339	342,990	1,125,901	15·61
1932	1,033,844	908,761	496,011	2,438,616	33·81
1933	1,661,722	883,500	763,660	3,308,882	45·88
1934	2,588,426	902,245	1,293,794	4,784,465	66·33
1935	3,721,608	1,384,773	1,454,323	6,560,704	90·96
1936	4,172,779	1,810,825	1,435,625	7,419,229	102·86
1937	4,648,987	1,817,369	1,732,083	8,198,439	113·67

The following table gives detailed information relating to the number and value of building permits issued by the municipalities in Greater Melbourne during the years ended 31st December, 1936 and 1937.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN GREATER MELBOURNE,
1936 AND 1937.

Class of Permit.	1936.		1937.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
New Buildings.		£		£
Buildings for Habitation—				
Private Dwellings—				
Brick, concrete, &c. ..	1,818	1,904,609	1,844	2,028,982
Wood, fibro-cement, &c. ..	1,500	915,053	1,926	1,245,156
Flats	538*	1,302,917	575†	1,246,799
Other (Hotels, Guest Houses, &c.)	6	50,200	9	128,050
Total, Buildings for Habitation	3,862	4,172,779	4,354	4,648,987
Commercial Buildings—				
With Residence—				
Shops	205	201,480	177	189,169
Garages	3	10,350	7	9,271
Factories	6	17,805	2	3,284
Other	20	35,405	6	16,064
Without Residence—				
Shops	112	125,690	69	80,598
Garages	17	10,948	17	17,284
Factories	123	655,423	164	780,490
Other	59	402,674	40	488,907
Public Buildings—				
Hospitals	6	100,567	2	14,300
Churches	12	48,740	16	57,033
Schools	9	24,772	6	31,274
Theatres	2	25,500	3	49,500
Other	24	151,471	25	80,195
Total, Commercial and Public Buildings	598	1,810,825	534	1,817,369
Alterations and Additions—				
Private Dwellings	4,274	329,452	4,526	361,616
Flats	53	27,484	27	19,202
Other Buildings for Habitation	103	89,711	137	154,443
Shops	378	104,558	462	236,942
Garages (Commercial)	51	17,933	28	22,864
Factories	377	398,310	406	484,016
Other Business Premises	224	273,872	161	225,297
Public Buildings	102	194,305	96	227,703
Total, Alterations and Additions	5,562	1,435,625	5,843	1,732,083
Grand Total, Building Permits	10,022	7,419,229	10,731	8,198,439

* Providing for 1,920 self-contained units.

† Providing for 1,810 self-contained units.

The number of building permits issued by each municipality in Greater Melbourne during the years ended 31st December, 1931 to 1937, is given below in respect of new private dwellings, flats, hotels, &c. :—

NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW PRIVATE DWELLINGS, FLATS, HOTELS, ETC., IN GREATER MELBOURNE, 1931 TO 1937.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—						
	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.
CITIES.							
Box Hill	8	15	30	46	75	83	99
Brighton	14	29	63	100	170	207	216
Brunswick	8	7	18	53	103	130	121
Camberwell	47	143	193	357	603	697	808
Caulfield	33	103	164	275	397	352	319
Chelsea	10	18	22	18	33	34	45
Coburg	15	18	32	84	170	229	261
Collingwood	1	10	1	5	18	19	26
Essendon	8	22	40	82	140	165	214
Fitzroy	3	10	4	2	10	10	14
Footscray	6	12	12	55	107	198	253
Hawthorn	13	33	63	118	135	183	150
Heidelberg (exclusive of Greensborough Ward) ..	13	26	30	63	120	117	188
Kew	16	25	32	65	90	127	134
Malvern	49	128	129	199	236	132	141
Melbourne	4	9	23	31	62	60	68
Moorabbin	18	16	26	63	104	167	196
Mordialloc	3	13	8	21	50	56	88
Northcote	5	24	27	46	76	92	92
Oakleigh	2	3	4	45	53	48	83
Port Melbourne	1	1	4	4	1	2	17
Prahran	26	71	167	225	234	231	177
Preston	7	9	25	52	103	165	228
Richmond	6	5	4	17	30	27	31
Sandringham	15	36	31	39	79	98	121
South Melbourne	3	1	8	18	19	16	12
St. Kilda	29	150	133	121	137	108	98
Williamstown	4	5	9	17	39	65	89
SHIRE.							
Braybrook (exclusive of Western Riding) ..	8	9	7	10	26	44	65
Total	374	951	1,305	2,231	3,420	3,862	4,354

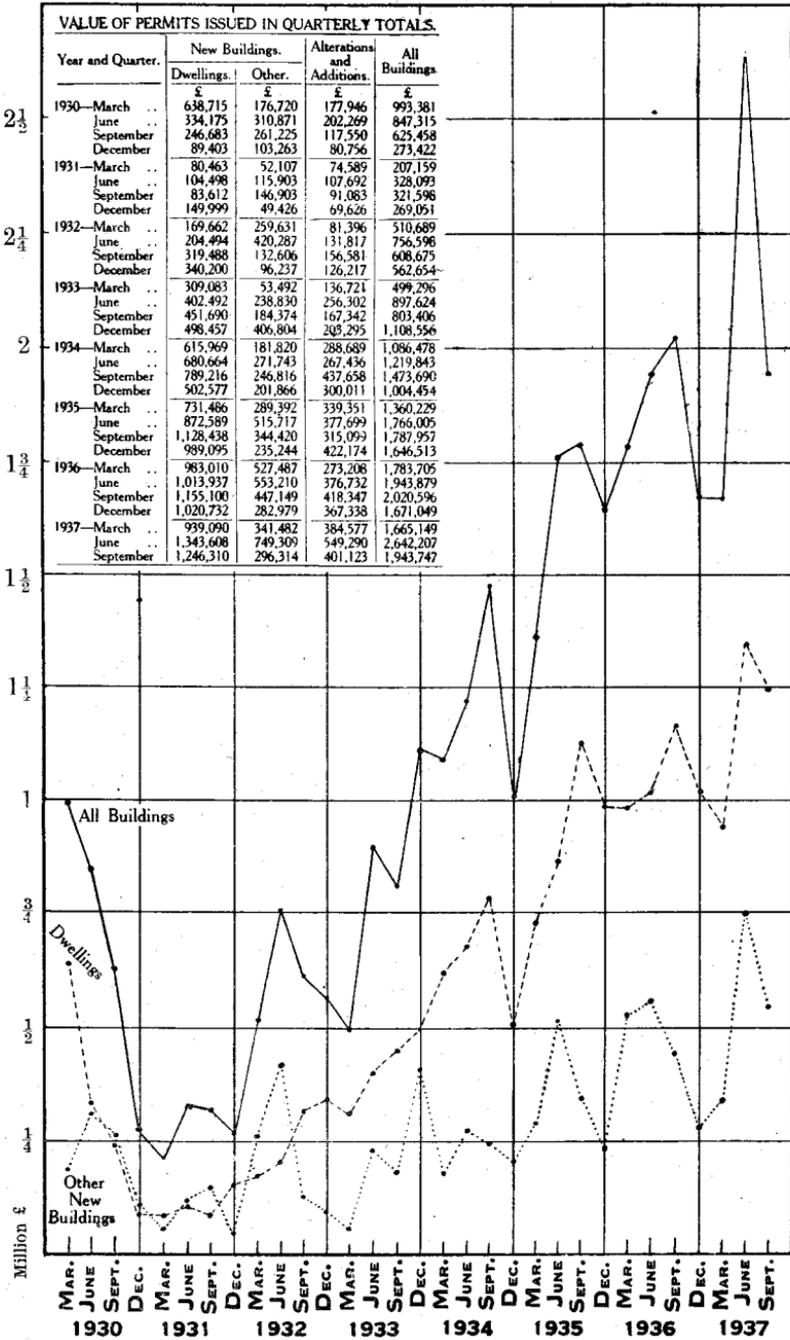
In the following statement is shown the value of building permits issued for all buildings by each municipality in Greater Melbourne during each of the five years ended on 31st December, 1933 to 1937.

VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR ALL BUILDINGS IN GREATER MELBOURNE DURING THE YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1933 TO 1937.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—				
	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.
CITIES.					
	£	£	£	£	£
Box Hill	27,763	85,702	93,413	94,891	119,902
Brighton	77,682	168,129	243,139	274,709	283,210
Brunswick	53,036	124,039	204,349	182,794	214,375
Camberwell	327,038	445,742	739,842	880,870	984,658
Caulfield	198,137	344,911	516,659	484,732	511,096
Chelsea	21,300	13,872	30,952	50,322	33,366
Coburg	43,373	108,416	143,356	204,274	240,925
Collingwood	57,828	56,844	89,236	129,389	140,583
Essendon	73,270	131,379	157,596	176,488	207,359
Fitzroy	33,356	18,039	57,420	93,553	86,304
Footscray	41,333	90,868	171,679	252,759	343,026
Hawthorn	112,455	163,475	282,461	231,911	226,428
Heidelberg (exclusive of Greensborough Ward)	45,741	98,432	137,371	123,709	215,990
Kew	60,113	103,106	138,528	198,485	211,303
Malvern	230,143	273,446	340,604	246,652	246,684
Melbourne	949,519	1,185,123	1,275,893	1,335,093	1,576,587
Moorabbin	33,669	56,303	81,411	143,880	161,220
Mordialloc	10,605	19,882	33,909	39,250	77,585
Northcote	44,122	55,313	83,438	93,040	100,049
Oakleigh	7,249	34,992	60,037	79,230	79,430
Port Melbourne	3,189	15,268	6,007	276,785	158,205
Prahran	367,210	393,153	547,189	532,645	516,526
Preston	26,934	49,832	99,235	134,285	201,806
Richmond	44,761	132,612	269,612	160,536	195,901
Sandringham	47,679	56,991	88,022	118,356	133,561
South Melbourne	93,724	165,520	219,803	244,909	294,201
St. Kilda	235,133	345,098	390,047	495,866	426,459
Williamstown	35,542	31,828	50,363	82,150	114,612
SHIRE.					
Braybrook (exclusive of Western Riding)	6,978	16,150	29,133	57,668	97,088
Total	3,308,882	4,784,465	6,560,704	7,419,229	8,198,439
Total number of permits issued ..	5,827	7,808	9,201	10,022	10,731

The following graph shows at quarterly rests, from March quarter, 1930, to September quarter, 1937, the trend of the operations in the building industry in Greater Melbourne. It will be seen that the value of building permits fell with regular rapidity from £993,381 in March quarter, 1930, to £207,159 in March quarter, 1931, and that in March quarter, 1932, there was a definite improvement in the volume of business. The value for June quarter, 1937, was the highest quarterly total recorded since the collection was first made, viz., September quarter, 1927.

VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN GREATER MELBOURNE 1930 TO 1937



OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.

With a view to gauging the relative activity of the building industry during recent years in centres outside Greater Melbourne, a collection has been made of particulars relating to building permits issued by certain provincial municipalities during 1927 and each subsequent year. Complete records covering the whole of that period have not been kept by some authorities. The information, in so far as available, is given below :—

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED
BY CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES OUTSIDE GREATER
MELBOURNE, 1927 TO 1937.

Municipality.	Period.	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.		
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.					
			£		£		£		£	
Ballarat City ..	1927-28	101	*	29	*	145	*	275	*	
	1928-29	123	*	16	*	127	*	266	*	
	1929-30	127	*	39	*	98	*	264	*	
	1930-31	59	*	11	*	51	*	121	*	
	1931-32	69	*	22	*	84	*	175	*	
	1932-33	68	*	30	*	62	*	160	*	
	1933-34	82	*	35	*	78	*	195	*	
	1934-35	134	*	17	*	120	*	271	*	
	1935†	78	46,370	9	17,400	84	17,570	171	81,340	
	1936	134	73,240	19	9,980	144	34,650	297	117,870	
1937	146	82,290	16	9,620	116	34,650	278	126,560		
Bendigo City ..	1936	143	83,400	2	2,400	248	34,456	393	120,256	
	1937	126	81,611	4	4,130	317	26,954	447	112,695	
Geelong City ..	1931	1	*	1	*	53	*	55	*	
	1932	4	*	8	*	45	*	57	*	
	1933	11	*	5	*	65	*	81	*	
	1934	23	*	16	*	68	*	107	*	
	1935	39	24,640	20	38,068	70	9,584	129	72,292	
	1936	38	48,040	19	12,765	90	36,201	147	97,006	
	1937	38	27,111	17	66,003	111	31,934	166	125,048	
Geelong West City ..	1927	181	99,550	†	†	321	27,608	502	127,158	
	1928	82	56,792	†	†	181	12,138	263	68,930	
	1929	71	47,010	†	†	103	10,148	234	57,158	
	1930	17	11,445	†	†	115	8,765	132	20,210	
	1931	8	4,240	†	†	48	5,515	56	9,755	
	1932	3	2,850	†	†	65	2,562	68	5,412	
	1933	10	6,425	†	†	65	7,559	75	13,984	
	1934	13	11,714	†	†	72	3,716	85	15,430	
	1935	40	22,143	7	5,145	49	2,102	96	29,390	
	1936	67	41,626	3	2,025	36	2,891	106	46,542	
	1937	82	55,884	3	3,925	28	2,825	113	62,634	
	Horsham Town ..	1927	27	20,210	4	2,875	18	6,029	49	29,114
		1928	28	21,613	2	3,390	13	1,122	43	26,125
1929		40	23,406	5	9,032	21	7,896	66	40,334	
1930		6	2,449	1	700	12	3,803	19	6,952	
1931		..	..	..	..	8	363	8	363
1932		1	452	..	..	..	..	1	452
1933		7	2,668	..	..	11	586	18	3,254
1934		24	9,631	1	275	14	1,626	39	11,532	
1935		24	11,795	4	2,170	21	4,195	49	18,160	
1936		37	19,418	4	13,855	24	12,310	65	45,583	
1937		53	26,322	11	34,598	26	7,726	90	67,646	

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE, 1927 TO 1937—
continued.

Municipality.	Period.	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Mildura City	1928	25	18,860	†	†	31	18,227	56	37,087
	1929	36	24,639	†	†	24	22,988	60	47,627
	1930	17	14,232	†	†	12	1,695	29	15,927
	1931	5	3,400	†	†	11	3,350	16	6,750
	1932	11	8,363	†	†	22	11,459	33	19,822
	1933	59	35,174	†	†	45	20,128	104	55,302
	1934	75	41,926	†	†	36	10,533	111	52,459
	1935	72	41,094	14	3,665	43	11,629	129	56,388
	1936	91	43,085	20	31,795	35	23,613	146	98,493
	1937	88	40,103	16	60,164	40	24,214	153	124,481
Newtown and Chilwell Town	1927	71	*	†	*	108	*	179	*
	1928	39	*	†	*	110	*	149	*
	1929	24	*	†	*	87	*	111	35,500
	1930	14	*	†	*	79	*	93	28,900
	1931	2	1,090	†	†	42	4,157	44	5,247
	1932	7	4,570	†	†	66	8,452	73	13,022
	1933	13	14,914	†	†	42	6,347	55	21,261
	1934	20	17,375	†	†	46	13,187	66	30,562
	1935	38	28,022	2	700	25	3,686	65	32,408
	1936	50	39,261	5	4,350	30	12,235	85	55,846
	1937	45	33,278	6	5,105	32	9,177	83	47,560
Sale Town	1927	14	12,805	4	7,760	42	3,588	60	24,153
	1928	15	12,748	1	2,301	28	2,576	44	17,625
	1929	12	10,338	3	12,683	54	2,650	69	25,671
	1930	13	10,836	6	3,388	65	2,262	84	16,486
	1931	2	600	3	19,975	57	1,559	62	22,134
	1932	4	2,503	3	2,388	52	2,660	59	7,551
	1933	20	17,447	3	1,601	36	2,355	59	21,403
	1934	10	5,820	7	2,997	52	3,276	69	12,093
	1935	27	12,543	5	7,056	39	2,005	71	21,604
	1936	27	18,367	3	4,832	57	7,770	87	30,969
	1937	24	14,998	7	5,936	39	12,698	70	33,632
Shepparton Borough ..	1935§	32	21,980	4	2,170	31	11,710	67	35,860
	1936	61	37,870	13	27,410	38	7,425	112	72,705
	1937	97	58,750	10	17,444	38	7,786	145	83,980
Warrnambool City ..	1927	1	800	2	1,500	8	1,660	11	3,960
	1928	11	8,900	5	7,000	6	550	22	16,450
	1929	25	20,000	6	18,500	9	3,300	40	41,800
	1930	20	27,600	1	800	5	900	26	29,300
	1931	24	19,700	1	300	5	1,450	30	21,450
	1932	34	25,800	2	3,500	6	950	42	30,250
	1933	25	20,500	7	8,500	9	3,350	41	32,350
	1934	22	15,700	1	200	10	1,400	33	17,300
	1935	30	25,250	9	15,400	9	2,950	48	43,600
	1936	51	37,385	7	2,800	12	4,245	70	44,430
	1937	46	36,550	7	38,500	15	13,050	68	88,100

* Not available.

† Particulars for six months ended 31st December, 1935.

‡ Included in "Alterations and Additions."

§ Particulars for nine months ended 31st December, 1935.