

PART IV.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

MUNICIPALITIES.

Legislation. The form of local government in Victoria is prescribed by 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* 1937 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 *Local Government (Celebrations) Act* 1937 authorizes and validates expenditure by municipalities out of municipal funds in connexion with the celebration of the coronation of His Majesty King George VI., and also empowers any municipal council to expend municipal funds in the celebration of an event of historical interest to, or in the preparation and publication of historical records of, the municipality.

The total number of municipalities throughout the State at 30th September, 1937, was 195. Of these, 34 ranked as cities, 5 as towns, 18 as boroughs, and 138 as shires. The only unincorporated area of the State is French Island, which is situated between the eastern and the western passages of Western Port Bay, County of Mornington, and which contains about 42,000 acres.

**Properties
Rated and
Number of
Dwellings.**

The following is a statement of the number of rate-payers, the number of properties rated, the estimated value of rateable property, the estimated number of dwellings (occupied and unoccupied), and the number of houses built in the municipalities of Victoria for each of the five years 1932-33 to 1936-37.

VICTORIA—PROPERTIES RATED AND NUMBER OF DWELLINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1932-33 TO 1936-37.

Year.	Number of Distinct Rate-payers.	Number of Properties Rated.	Value of Rateable Property.		Estimated Number of Dwellings.		Number of Dwellings erected during the year.
			Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Occupied.	Unoccupied.†	
Municipalities in Greater Melbourne*							
			£	£			
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	254,248	1,552	5,399
1936-37 ..	329,978	380,863	18,327,920	341,753,340	259,871	1,280	5,775
Municipalities outside Greater Melbourne							
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
1936-37 ..	291,157	415,394	14,533,036	288,332,210	212,496	3,009	2,431
Total—							
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	613,522,880	463,943	5,215	7,687
1936-37 ..	621,135	796,257	32,860,956	630,085,550	472,367	4,289	8,206

* 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.

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

The estimated capital improved value of rateable property reached its highest point in the year 1929-30. The valuation fell in each of the years 1930-31 to 1933-34, but an increase was shown in 1934-35, 1935-36, and 1936-37 as compared with 1933-34. The figure for 1936-37 represents a decrease of 7·4 per cent. as compared with that relating to the year 1929-30.

The following table shows, for each municipality in **Municipalities**, Victoria, the general rate levied in the £, the estimated value of rateable property, the amount of loans outstanding at 30th September, 1937, the Municipal Fund receipts, and the estimated number of dwellings.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1936-37.

Name.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1937.	Municipal Fund Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
MUNICIPALITIES IN GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
Box Hill ..	2 7	233,068	4,661,360	201,329 ^e	51,952	4,025	19
Brighton ..	2 4	563,182	11,263,640	230,397	102,923	8,391	20
Brunswick ..	0 7 ^a	619,142	9,906,400	191,004	179,642	13,089	37
Camberwell ..	0 4 ³ _a	933,371	17,684,500	483,458	170,071	15,783	95
Caulfield ..	0 4 ³ _a	973,666	18,753,650	363,581	150,762	18,522	20
Chelsea ..	0 4 ³ _a	85,214	1,636,140	44,268 ^d	30,834	2,415	150
Coburg ..	0 5 ^a	384,812	6,555,180	394,020	110,464	9,536	12
Collingwood ..	2 3	438,710	8,774,200	97,390	103,008	7,235	57
Essendon ..	0 5 ¹ _a	594,879	10,065,980	213,331	122,780	11,921	35
Fitzroy ..	2 1	439,640	8,792,800	138,560	61,377	7,086	166
Footscray ..	2 3	603,934	12,078,680	324,304	174,821	11,221	..
Hawthorn ..	2 3	600,494	12,009,880	133,785	89,420	9,592	15
Heidelberg ..	2 6	370,943	7,418,860	292,359	116,772	7,066	16
Kew ..	2 5	401,729	8,034,580	181,140	66,088	6,393	21
Malvern ..	2 5	888,193	17,763,860	282,310	131,261	11,983	20
Melbourne ..	1 11	4,465,505	89,310,100	3,574,129	749,353	20,148	157
Moorabbin ..	2 6	257,979	5,159,580	186,753 ^e	51,704	5,160	9
Mordialloc ..	0 4 ^a	132,762	2,542,170	106,305 ^f	41,901	2,637	..
Northcote ..	2 6	456,061	9,121,220	254,137	130,822	10,579	58
Oakleigh ..	0 5 ¹ _a	154,764	2,585,670	95,131	40,374	3,050	15
Port Melbourne ..	2 6	180,279	3,605,580	87,041	39,556	3,085	13
Prahran ..	1 9	1,187,597	17,813,950	196,884	150,168	15,062	..
Preston ..	2 6	333,163	6,663,260	368,345	100,554	8,324	..
Richmond ..	2 6	529,994	7,949,920	260,425	112,760	9,508	21
Sandringham ..	0 4 ³ _a	268,284	4,808,020	225,530 ^g	59,527	5,376	..
South Melbourne ..	2 6	763,863	15,277,260	247,214	138,776	10,309	102
St. Kilda ..	2 0	1,042,264	13,028,300	271,945	126,738	14,432	212
Williamstown ..	2 3	253,659	5,073,180	160,519	87,189	5,711	10
<i>Shire.</i>							
Braybrook ..	2 0 ^b	170,769	3,415,380	61,083	33,703	2,291	..
Total Municipalities in Greater Melbourne ..	..	18,327,920	341,753,340	9,666,677	3,519,300	259,871	1,280

^a Levied on unimproved value of land.

^b Differential general rates levied.

^c Including £6,582 due by Shire of Blackburn and Mitcham.

^d Excluding £5,547 due to Shire of Dandenong.

^e Including £8,736 due by the Cities of Mordialloc and Sandringham; but excluding £4,087 due to City of Sandringham.

^f Excluding £5,823 due to Cities of Moorabbin and Sandringham.

^g Including £8,174 due by Cities of Moorabbin and Mordialloc; but excluding £7,000 due to City of Moorabbin.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1936-37—continued.

Name.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1937.	Municipal Fund Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>							
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Ballaarat ..	2 9	338,779	6,357,870	74,924 ^b	106,956	9,594	80
Bendigo ..	2 2	290,948	4,364,220	64,318	84,096	6,837	25
Geelong ..	2 8	289,268	5,785,360	110,336	65,825	4,181	8
Geelong West ..	2 9	115,216	2,304,320	74,340 ^c	26,033	3,504	20
Mildura ..	2 10	101,326	2,026,520	138,179 ^d	42,894	1,689	10
Warmambool ..	2 1	114,846	2,296,920	59,791	19,980	2,153	31
<i>Towns.</i>							
Ararat ..	2 3	40,837	816,740	107,741	15,814	1,040	1
Hamilton ..	2 3	66,206	1,324,120	13,898	21,613	1,503	10
Horsham ..	2 6	66,727	1,334,540	33,993	20,400	1,368	..
Newtown and Chilwell ..	0 4 ¹ / ₂ ^a	119,722	2,260,490	34,056	20,544	2,229	5
Salé ..	2 6	50,955	880,160	18,761	12,684	1,040	25
<i>Boroughs.</i>							
Castlemaine ..	2 6	47,143	942,860	10,024	13,161	1,384	..
Clunes ..	1 9	10,522	210,440	10,310	4,204	331	16
Daylesford ..	3 0	26,292	525,840	12,433	11,556	826	3
Eaglehawk ..	2 6	21,559	431,180	736	13,781	1,070	..
Echuca ..	2 6	49,512	990,240	5,351	12,779	1,098	..
Inglewood ..	2 0	6,878	137,560	19,215	2,561	277	..
Koroit ..	2 0	19,727	394,540	445	4,781	387	2
Maryborough ..	2 0	44,304	886,080	11,082	20,040	1,496	..
Port Fairy ..	2 2	21,975	439,500	5,259	6,209	473	5
Portland ..	0 4 ¹ / ₂ ^a	40,219	692,620	17,742	8,449	799	..
Queenscliffe ..	2 9	22,484	449,680	11,577	5,995	675	..
Ringwood ..	2 8	49,796	995,920	37,476 ^e	13,493	866	4
Sebastopol ..	2 9	10,027	200,540	..	6,331	466	..
Shepparton ..	3 0	77,448	1,548,960	24,007 ^f	26,409	1,539	..
St. Arnaud ..	2 6	30,989	619,780	33,332	8,566	804	..
Stawell ..	2 9	35,438	708,760	80,216	17,525	1,217	9
Wangaratta ..	2 9	50,584	1,011,680	28,966	16,443	1,176	..
Wonthaggi ..	3 0	33,600	672,000	10,153	17,313	1,338	12
<i>Shires.</i>							
Alberton ..	2 5	107,314	2,146,280	9,136	19,006	1,427	65
Alexandra ..	1 10	64,274	1,285,480	3,418	10,040	961	3
Arapiles ..	1 6	58,581	1,171,620	1,416	5,719	513	15
Ararat ..	1 6	201,600	4,032,000	..	20,632	1,435	..
Avoca ..	2 0	44,778	895,560	1,185	7,247	870	..

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Excluding £975 due to Shire of Bungaree.

c Excluding £11,531 due to Shire of Corio.

d Excluding £8,446 due to Shire of Mildura.

e Excluding £1,051 due to Shire of Lillydale.

f Excluding £6,780 due to Shire of Shepparton.

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		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
Avon ..	2 0	56,200	1,124,000	329	6,894	699	..
Bacchus Marsh ..	2 0	64,093	1,281,860	5,276	11,325	877	..
Bairnsdale ..	1 9	151,605	3,032,100	8,718	22,634	2,069	50
Ballan ..	1 9 b	63,986	1,279,720	..	9,252	908	..
Ballarat ..	1 6	70,763	1,415,260	1,505	7,381	779	11
Bannockburn ..	1 8	52,283	1,045,660	..	6,044	609	37
Barrabool ..	1 9	56,820	1,136,400	4,500	6,617	471	48
Bass ..	2 6	59,298	1,185,960	11,092 ^c	14,865	1,067	40
Beechworth ..	2 0 b	37,579	751,580	29,560	7,542	1,074	2
Belfast ..	1 4	70,523	1,410,460	209	6,028	497	..
Bellarine ..	2 0	57,659	1,153,180	1,487	7,995	1,179	2
Benalla ..	1 9 b	183,281	3,665,620	36,538	25,997	2,042	8
Berwick ..	2 0	140,068	2,801,360	22,583	30,709	2,888	100
Bet Bet ..	1 9 b	43,189	863,780	7,505	11,395	1,135	..
Birchip ..	1 6	49,734	994,680	2,188	7,205	483	..
Blackburn and Mitcham ..	2 10	111,886	2,237,720	48,710 ^d	23,368	1,849	19
Borong ..	1 6 b	156,592	3,131,840	12,486 ^e	22,303	1,327	..
Bright ..	2 0	42,886	857,720	13,692	7,640	1,184	15
Broadford ..	1 11	27,460	549,200	3,000	4,956	442	2
Broadmeadows ..	1 9	139,832	2,796,640	42,592	22,858	1,425	15
Bulla ..	1 9	41,183	823,660	1,772	5,408	422	12
Buln Buln ..	2 6	85,761	1,715,220	2,002	17,136	1,746	50
Bungaree ..	1 9	31,783	635,660	3,923 ^f	3,686	557	9
Buninyong ..	2 0	57,431	1,148,620	5,586	9,700	1,156	49
Charlton ..	1 10 b	79,919	1,598,380	3,777	11,736	646	3
Chiltern ..	1 9 b	30,442	608,840	3,112	5,038	542	8
Coluna ..	1 9	51,380	1,027,600	11,567 ^g	12,940	804	2
Colac ..	1 7 b	293,271	5,865,420	22,097	35,281	3,138	10
Corio ..	2 3	113,139	2,262,780	70,832 ^h	18,402	927	10
Cranbourne ..	2 6	107,798	2,155,960	25,033	27,478	1,721	100
Creswick ..	1 6 b	67,754	1,355,080	1,185	13,883	1,207	1
Dandenong ..	a 0 2½b	138,041	2,718,200	153,267 ⁱ	52,964	3,073	..
Deakin ..	1 6	90,397	1,807,940	3,653	8,879	1,044	55
Dimboola ..	1 6 b	153,243	3,064,860	6,401 ^j	17,843	1,516	..
Donald ..	1 9	89,222	1,784,440	17,210	12,183	805	..
Doncaster and Templestowe ..	2 3	52,027	1,040,540	520	10,338	828	15
Dundas ..	2 0	126,307	2,526,140	..	15,120	881	6
Dunmunkle ..	1 7	155,986	3,119,720	17,234 ^k	19,550	1,160	..
East Loddon ..	1 6	63,591	1,271,820	33	5,804	432	..
Eltham ..	2 6 b	64,025	1,280,500	21,133	23,445	1,761	..
Euroa ..	2 0 b	79,679	1,593,580	2,495	12,314	991	..
Ferntree Gully ..	3 0	144,378	2,887,560	108,656	41,552	4,353	200
Flinders ..	2 9	104,743	2,094,860	26,240	22,456	2,408	..

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £3,230 due by Shire of Phillip Island.

d Excluding £6,582 due to City of Box Hill.

e Including £75 due by Shire of Dunmunkle.

f Including £975 due by City of Ballaarat.

g Excluding £199 due to Shire of Kerang.

h Including £11,531 due by City of Geelong West.

i Including £5,547 due by City of Chelsea.

j Excluding £348 due to Shire of Karkaroc.

k Excluding £75 due to Shire of Borong.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1936-37—continued.

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		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
Frankston and Hastings ..	2 9	120,016	2,400,320	49,977	43,809	2,487	8
Gisborne ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	41,184	823,680	11,087	6,184	589	79
Glenelg ..	1 9	142,364	2,847,280	21,163	19,293	1,370	..
Glenlyon ..	1 9	46,557	931,140	2,976	6,271	875	90
Gordon ..	1 6	103,765	2,075,300	6,425	10,409	805	27
Goulburn ..	1 6	47,050	941,000	5,658	5,779	500	2
Grenville ..	1 9	60,440	1,208,800	932	11,723	754	31
Hampden ..	2 3	308,832	6,176,640	4,633	46,470	2,751	3
Healesville ..	2 9	41,785	835,700	16,659	12,634	859	12
Heytesbury ..	2 0	111,592	2,231,840	9,398	17,293	1,289	10
Huntly ..	2 0	45,728	914,560	7,327	7,035	819	10
Kara Kara ..	1 6	106,775	2,135,500	3,716	9,988	631	35
Karkaroc ..	1 6	111,724	2,234,480	15,185 ^c	15,790	1,470	..
Keilor ..	1 9	64,822	1,296,440	7,508	8,802	501	5
Kerang ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	177,423	3,548,460	55,579 ^d	23,405	2,112	6
Kilmore ..	2 0	23,479	469,580	6,878	4,104	432	6
Korong ..	1 6	94,033	1,880,660	19,197	13,920	1,146	28
Korumburra ..	2 0	121,005	2,420,100	4,451	22,776	1,767	15
Kowree ..	1 9	94,250	1,885,000	242	13,858	845	14
Kyneton ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	97,238	1,944,760	19,696	19,491	1,782	40
Lawloit ..	1 8	86,329	1,726,580	11,581	9,093	570	2
Leigh ..	1 6	58,274	1,165,480	896	6,318	373	39
Lexton ..	1 6	47,917	958,340	2,148	5,824	429	5
Lillydale ..	3 0	131,640	2,632,800	70,067 ^e	35,819	3,479	8
Lowan ..	1 7 <i>b</i>	130,471	2,609,420	9,767	13,618	972	..
Maffra ..	1 11	130,597	2,611,940	7,042	19,239	1,470	..
Maldon ..	1 6	35,388	707,760	..	5,890	723	..
Mansfield ..	2 1 <i>b</i>	91,427	1,828,540	6,284	12,062	1,044	3
Marong ..	1 6	98,178	1,963,560	4,710	15,657	1,370	50
Melton ..	1 6	46,794	935,880	6,865	5,220	426	..
Metcalfe ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	44,936	898,720	..	6,888	798	12
Mildura ..	1 9	262,420	5,248,400	51,049 ^f	37,347	4,360	..
Minhamite ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	83,687	1,673,740	5,117	11,076	496	4
Mirboo ..	3 0	30,775	615,500	581	6,525	389	..
Mornington ..	2 6	69,270	1,385,400	23,000	12,024	689	270
Mortlake ..	1 6	179,253	3,585,060	1,949	16,121	834	..
Morwell ..	2 3	62,298	1,245,960	8,375	14,467	2,003	4
Mount Rouse ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	105,753	2,115,060	..	12,186	656	..
Mulgrave ..	2 6	67,269	1,345,380	36,050	10,189	921	3
McIvor ..	2 0	52,132	1,042,640	9,869	7,126	773	..
Narracan ..	2 3	105,858	2,117,160	8,462	23,059	2,248	6
Newham and Woodend ..	2 0	35,815	716,300	435	6,055	569	1
Newstead and Mt. Alexander ..	1 9	27,221	544,420	..	5,519	698	..
Numurkah ..	1 0 <i>b</i>	141,457	2,829,140	1,728	13,601	1,455	74
Omoo ..	2 3	50,625	1,012,500	974	8,979	696	10
Orbost ..	2 6	56,158	1,123,160	38,144	12,748	1,277	20
Otway ..	3 0	40,441	808,820	385	9,823	998	4

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b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £348 due by Shire of Dimboola.

d Including £199 due by Shire of Cohuna.

e Including £1,051 due by Borough of Ringwood.

Including £8,446 due by City of Mildura.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1936-37—continued.

Name.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1937.	Municipal Fund Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>							
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Oxley ..	2 0	73,035	1,460,700	3,902	13,782	1,089	10
Phillip Island ..	2 6	21,405	428,100	15,977 ^c	5,165	274	2
Portland ..	2 0	84,910	1,698,200	187	13,614	1,352	80
Pyalong ..	2 0	26,694	533,880	..	2,962	176	2
Ripon ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	101,313	2,026,260	21,780	15,416	919	28
Rochester ..	1 6	153,740	3,074,800	9,923	19,450	1,467	63
Rodney ..	1 9	179,322	3,586,440	29,493	27,069	2,235	..
Romsey ..	2 0	63,042	1,260,840	4,563	8,868	788	30
Rosedale ..	0 1½ ^a	148,121	2,962,420	376	11,166	1,051	60
Rutherglen ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	57,737	1,154,740	8,137	10,381	842	25
Seymour ..	1 6	73,234	1,464,680	27,665	8,605	1,041	..
Shepparton ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	109,119	2,182,380	35,909 ^d	25,517	1,255	6
South Barwon ..	2 3	67,487	1,349,740	30,388	15,711	1,456	..
South Gippsland	2 9	65,443	1,308,860	5,624	12,797	1,135	10
Stawell ..	1 9	78,422	1,568,440	4,501	9,986	868	30
Strathfieldsaye ..	1 9	34,696	693,920	..	4,982	916	12
Swan Hill ..	1 6	223,658	4,473,160	88,255 ^e	34,986	3,741	101
Talbot ..	2 0	28,556	571,120	1,955	4,097	373	2
Tambo ..	2 3	56,603	1,132,060	2,909	11,897	1,045	..
Towong ..	2 0	93,531	1,870,620	5,709	13,487	1,167	5
Traralgon ..	2 0	59,802	1,196,040	13,965	12,341	896	..
Tullaroop ..	1 9	42,111	842,220	712	6,281	562	16
Tungamah ..	1 6	129,563	2,591,260	14,260	14,539	1,147	30
Upper Murray ..	1 9	57,319	1,146,380	5,575	6,709	601	..
Upper Yarra ..	3 0	39,215	784,300	5,185	12,616	1,228	100
Violet Town ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	45,528	910,560	2,943	8,197	406	7
Walpeup ..	1 6	95,547	1,910,940	40,363	11,179	1,595	100
Wangaratta ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	47,843	956,860	2,668	5,504	579	..
Wannon ..	1 6	113,331	2,266,620	2,612	12,088	852	35
Waranga ..	2 0	95,491	1,909,820	8,239	19,429	1,345	10
Warragul ..	2 6	107,401	2,148,020	5,068	20,233	1,371	5
Warrnambool ..	1 7 <i>b</i>	255,313	5,106,260	123	29,129	1,880	11
Werribee ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	134,399	2,687,980	79,632	25,698	1,928	..
Whittlesea ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	78,370	1,567,400	6,251	11,942	892	..
Wimmera ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	140,509	2,810,180	1,984	14,137	956	1
Winchelsea ..	2 0	100,059	2,001,180	6,210	14,977	977	2
Wodonga ..	1 9	44,037	880,740	15,729	8,823	852	..
Woorayl ..	2 9	110,841	2,216,820	14,795	21,669	1,485	5
Wycheproof ..	1 6	147,940	2,958,800	26,667 ^f	18,264	1,390	10
Yackandandah ..	2 0	57,091	1,141,820	..	7,737	697	20
Yarrowonga ..	2 1 <i>b</i>	68,927	1,378,540	47,042	13,422	774	1
Yea ..	0 2½ ^a	62,775	1,226,710	12,338	7,067	705	25
Total Municipalities outside Greater Melbourne ..	..	14,533,036	288,332,210	3,007,293	2,908,649	212,496	3,009
Total Victoria ..	..	32,860,956	630,085,550	12,673,970	6,127,949	472,367	4,289

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Excluding £3,230 due to Shire of Bass.

d Including £6,780 due by Borough of Shepparton.

e Including £1,871 due by Shire of Wycheproof.

f Excluding £1,871 due to Shire of Swan Hill.

Rating on
Unimproved
Values.

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

Since the year 1926-27, the number of municipalities which levied the general rate on the unimproved value has remained unchanged at 14. The following table gives for those municipalities particulars of the capital value of land (improved and unimproved), the net annual value, the rating, &c., for the year 1936-37.

Municipality.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Unimproved Capital Value.	Net Annual Value (excluding Special Rateable Properties).	Amount of Rate in the £ on Unimproved Capital Value.	Equivalent Rate on Net Annual Value.	Amount Collectable in 1936-37 on Unimproved Capital Value.	Percentage Unimproved Capital Value to Capital Improved Value.
	£	£	£	d.	s. d.	£	%
CITIES, TOWNS, AND BOROUGHES.							
<i>Greater Melbourne.</i>							
Brunswick City ..	9,906,400	2,779,660	619,142	7	2 7	81,073	28·06
Camberwell City ..	17,684,560	5,565,518	933,371	4½	2 3	104,353	31·47
Caulfield City ..	18,753,630	5,810,382	970,668	4½	2 3	108,945	30·98
Chelsea City ..	1,636,140	658,343	85,214	4½	2 11	12,344	40·24
Coburg City ..	6,555,180	2,269,523	384,812	5	2 5	47,282	34·62
Essendon City ..	10,065,980	3,153,755	594,879	5½	2 5	72,273	31·33
Mordialloc City ..	2,542,170	1,134,602	132,762	4	2 10	18,910	44·63
Oakleigh City ..	2,585,670	960,707	154,082	5¼	2 9	21,015	37·16
Sandringham City ..	4,808,020	1,851,814	268,284	4½	2 7	34,721	38·52
<i>Outside Greater Melbourne.</i>							
Newtown and Chilwell Town ..	2,260,490	681,821	119,322	4¼	2 3	13,496	30·16
Portland Borough ..	692,620	229,892	39,857	4¼	2 0	4,068	33·19
SHIRES.							
Dandenong ..	2,718,200	1,262,558	138,041	2½*	1 11	13,152	46·45
Rosedale ..	2,962,420	1,522,576	148,121	1¼	1 1	7,930	51·40
Yea ..	1,226,710	587,785	62,775	2¼	1 9	5,510	47·92

* Differential general rates levied.

The next statement shows the municipalities which increased or decreased the general rate for the year 1936-37, as compared with the year 1935-36.

Alteration of General Rate.	Municipalities.	General Rate.		
		1935-36.	1936-37.	Increase + Decrease -
	CITIES.	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
	Bendigo	2 5	2 2	- 3
	Brighton	2 5	2 4	- 1
	Kew	2 6	2 5	- 1
	Mildura	2 8	2 10	+ 2
	Oakleigh	0 5*	0 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ *	+ $\frac{1}{4}$
	Warrnambool	2 0	2 1	+ 1
	TOWNS.			
	Ararat	2 0	2 3	+ 3
	Newtown and Chilwell	0 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ *	0 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ *	+ $\frac{1}{4}$
	BOROUGHS.			
	Echuca	2 8	2 6	- 2
	Maryborough	2 3	2 0	- 3
	SHIRES.			
	Alexandra	1 8	1 10	+ 2
	Avoca	2 3	2 0	- 3
	Bairnsdale	1 6†	1 9	+ 3
	Ballarat	1 3	1 6	+ 3
	Belfast	1 3	1 4	+ 1
	Bet Bet	1 6	1 9†	+ 3
	Broadford	1 9	1 11	+ 2
	Donald	1 6	1 9	+ 3
	Flinders	1 9	2 9	+12
	Kilmore	1 9	2 0	+ 3
	Kowree	1 6	1 9	+ 3
	Lawloit	1 7	1 8	+ 1
	Mansfield	1 9	2 1†	+ 4
	Morwell	2 6	2 3	- 3
	McIvor	1 6	2 0	+ 6
	Newstead and Mt. Alexander	1 6	1 9	+ 3
	Phillip Island	2 3	2 6	+ 3
	South Gippsland	2 6	2 9	+ 3
	Strathfieldsaye	1 6†	1 9	+ 3
	Talbot	1 9	2 0	+ 3
	Towong	1 9†	2 0	+ 3
	Violet Town	1 10†	2 0†	+ 2
	Wangaratta	1 6	1 9†	+ 3
	Yarrawonga	2 0	2 1†	+ 1

* Levied on unimproved value of land.

† Differential general rates levied.

Municipal Revenue and Expenditure. The following table summarizes for 1936-37 the revenue and expenditure of municipalities in Victoria under the headings of Municipal Fund (including Town Fund in the Cities of Melbourne and Geelong) and Business Undertakings. The accounts of the Municipal Fund are presented on a cash basis and those of Business Undertakings generally on a revenue basis. Particulars relating to Loan Accounts, Private Streets Accounts, and Special Improvement Charge Accounts, which are excluded from this statement, are shown on subsequent pages of this Part.

VICTORIA—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF MUNICIPALITIES, 1936-37.

(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 ..	749,353	2,769,947	2,608,649	6,127,949	777,842	2,822,589	2,594,760	6,195,191
Business Undertakings—								
Electric Light Undertakings	740,269	678,872	205,478	1,624,619	639,531	698,223	187,000	1,524,754
Gasworks ..	..	54,750	26,190	80,940	..	53,304	25,392	78,696
Waterworks ..	..	1,027	38,573	39,600	..	1,192	37,381	38,573
Abattoirs ..	93,807	15,437	12,024	119,268	83,053	7,177	10,782	101,012
Quarries ..	..	11,381	31,264	42,645	..	11,560	30,155	41,715
Hydraulic Power ..	21,867	..	..	21,867	19,706	..	..	19,706
Railway ..	..	..	6,184	6,184	..	..	5,792	5,792
Total ..	1,605,296	3,529,414	2,928,362	8,063,072	1,520,132	3,594,045	2,891,262	8,005,430

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

Details of the principal items of receipts during 1936-37 are given below :—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND RECEIPTS, 1936-37.

(Including Trust Funds, Sustenance Works, and Farm Labourers' Scheme.)

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.†	Total.
	City of Melbourne.*	Other.		
Rates—	£	£	£	£
General and Extra	434,969	1,622,811	1,529,211	3,586,991
Other .. .. .	..	263	7,293	7,556
Interest on overdue rates ..	1,040	14,831	20,846	36,717
Licences and Registration Fees—				
Dog	718	21,524	24,504	46,746
Health, Dairy, Slaughtering, and Noxious Trades	1,108	2,092	5,561	8,761
Hackney Carriages .. .. .	..	12	132	144
Petrol Pump	600	4,487	4,924	10,011
Dancing Saloon	136	41	10	187
Other .. .. .	..	144	861	1,005
Total Taxation	438,571	1,666,205	1,593,342	3,698,118
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Sanitary and Garbage	9,195	21,990	123,005	154,190
Other	1,801	5,195	7,127	14,123
Council Properties—				
Markets	129,472	18,902	29,448	177,822
Halls	7,197	12,698	21,719	41,614
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facili- ties	22,870	32,780	13,326	68,976
Weighbridges	3,641	230	13,750	17,621
Sale of Materials .. .. .	..	22,201	26,530	48,731
Plant Hire .. .. .	..	3,375	45,193	48,568
Grazing Fees	641	..	8,938	9,579
Pounds	144	322	5,053	5,519
Other	12,584	32,003	39,468	84,055
Contributions for Road and Pavement Works	10,576	107,323	37,540	155,439
Other Services—				
Car Parking	17,430	865	32	18,327
Sheep Dipping .. .. .	..	..	1,783	1,783
Building Fees	3,964	11,804	3,254	19,022
Other .. .. .	..	3,754	4,202	7,956
Total Public Works and Services	219,515	273,442	380,368	873,325

* For year ended 31st December, 1937.

† Including City of Geelong for year ended 31st August, 1937.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND RECEIPTS, 1936-37—continued.

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.†	Total.
	City of Melbourne.*	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Miscellaneous—				
Police Court Fines	3,736	3,706	2,628	10,070
Interest on Investments	8,148	3,704	543	12,395
Supervision of Private Streets	..	16,434	381	16,815
Contributions from municipalities on account of severance adjustments .. ..	..	2,513	7,891	10,404
Other	761	17,506	16,714	34,981
Total Miscellaneous	12,645	43,863	28,157	84,665
Transfers from Business Undertakings (excluding Loan Recoups and Administration Refunds)	68,600	164,641	10,899	244,140
Government Grants—				
Unemployment Relief Works	..	27,940	41,236	69,176
Licences Equivalent	8,796	13,265	37,814	59,875
River Works .. ..	..	..	18,773	18,773
Sustenance, Sustenance Materials and Administration, and Farm Labourers' Scheme .. ..	..	411,444	390,611	802,055
Other	1,226	13,956	22,412	37,594
Total Government Grants	10,022	466,605	510,846	987,473
Trust Receipts—				
Refunds of Advances .. ..	..	66,163	22,603	88,766
Contractors' Deposits .. ..	..	25,111	31,747	56,858
Other .. ..	..	63,917	30,687	94,604
Total Trust Receipts .. ..	..	155,191	85,037	240,228
Grand Total	749,353	2,769,947	2,608,649	6,127,949

* For year ended 31st December, 1937.

† Including City of Geelong for year ended 31st August, 1937.

Of the total Municipal Fund receipts (excluding sustenance, &c., and trust items) during 1936-37, 72·7 per cent. was received from taxation (71·4 per cent. from rates and 1·3 per cent. from licences and registration fees); 17·2 per cent. from public works and services; 4·8 per cent. from transfers from business undertakings; 3·6 per cent. from Government grants; and 1·7 per cent. from other sources. The total amount collected from taxation (£3,698,118) was equivalent to £1 19s. 11d. per head of population or to £5 19s. 1d. per distinct ratepayer.

Details of the principal items of expenditure from the Municipal Fund during 1936-37 are set out hereunder :—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND EXPENDITURE, 1936-37.
(Including Trust Funds, Sustenance Works, and Farm Labourers' Scheme.)

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.†	Total.
	City of Melbourne.*	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
General Administration ..	71,885	212,253	301,650	585,788
Debt Services—				
Redemption of Loans ..	4,445	238,554	97,789	340,788
Sinking Fund Instalments ..	43,923	1,620	4,429	49,972
Interest on Loans ..	131,972	226,036	92,145	450,153
Interest on Overdrafts ..	206	11,186	27,963	39,355
Payments to municipalities on account of severance adjustments ..	..	2,112	8,292	10,404
Other ..	..	608	103	711
Total Debt Services ..	180,546	480,116	230,721	891,383
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Administration ..	7,401	16,798	25,083	49,282
Sanitary and Garbage ..	30,253	110,907	104,372	245,532
Statutory Contributions—				
Queen's Memorial Infectious Diseases Hospital	9,802	28,797	3,022	41,621
Heatherton Sanatorium ..	1,299	3,967	134	5,400
Infant Welfare Centres ..	2,864	16,348	10,831	30,043
Other ..	5,822	9,273	21,418	36,513
Council Properties—				
Markets ..	70,230	7,170	15,190	92,590
Halls ..	19,888	58,598	23,525	102,011
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities ..	90,283	207,829	69,744	367,856
Weighbridges ..	1,769	277	9,399	11,445
Grazing Expenses ..	..	..	4,269	4,269
Pounds ..	183	1,101	5,411	6,695
Other ..	10,018	31,853	26,864	68,735
Plant, Furniture, and Equipment ..	..	29,282	51,501	80,783
Roads, Streets, Footpaths, and Bridges—				
Construction, Maintenance, Cleaning, and Watering	198,505	817,662	894,373	1,910,540
Lighting ..	9,234	99,815	59,758	168,807

* For year ended 31st December, 1937.

† Including City of Geelong for year ended 31st August, 1937.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND EXPENDITURE, 1936-37—*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	21,911	612	53	22,576
Sheep Dipping .. ..	..	..	1,419	1,419
River Works .. ..	..	89	22,417	22,506
Vermin Destruction .. ..	..	..	3,273	3,273
Other .. ..	..	4,477	9,128	13,605
Total Public Works and Services	479,462	1,444,855	1,361,184	3,285,501
Grants and Contributions—				
Country Roads Board	145	8,190	187,862	196,197
Fire Brigades	14,098	41,076	10,938	66,112
Hospitals, Ambulances, and other Charities	6,150	15,473	19,252	40,875
Other	13,463	27,194	9,184	49,841
Total Grants and Contributions	33,856	91,933	227,236	353,025
Miscellaneous—				
Sustenance, Sustenance Administration, and Farm Labourers' Scheme	7,307	426,587	387,723	821,617
Other	4,786	17,892	11,984	34,662
Total Miscellaneous	12,093	444,479	399,707	856,279
Trust Expenditure—				
Advances .. ..	..	63,926	22,185	86,111
Contractors' deposits refunded .. ..	..	23,048	28,838	51,886
Other .. ..	..	61,979	23,239	85,218
Total Trust Expenditure .. ..	..	148,953	74,262	223,215
Grand Total	777,842	2,822,589	2,594,760	6,195,191

* For year ended 31st December, 1937.

† Including City of Geelong for year ended 31st August, 1937.

Of the total Municipal Fund expenditure (excluding sustenance, &c., and trust items) in 1936-37, 11·4 per cent. was for administration; 17·3 per cent. for debt services; 7·9 per cent. for health services; 7·1 per cent. for parks, gardens, &c.; 40·4 per cent. for roads, streets, &c.; 8·4 per cent. for other public works and services; 6·9 per cent. for grants and contributions; and 0·6 per cent. for miscellaneous items. In considering the cost of administration, it must be borne in mind that the municipalities are not recouped for any administrative costs incurred in the supervision of work on main roads, &c., for the Country Roads Board.

**Municipal
Electric Light
Undertakings
and Gasworks.**

In Victoria, in 1936-37, electric light undertakings were operated by 47 municipalities, and there were also eleven municipally-owned gasworks. The revenue and expenditure of these undertakings are shown below:—

**VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC LIGHT UNDERTAKINGS
AND GASWORKS—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1936-37.**

Revenue.		Expenditure.	
£		£	
Consumers' Accounts	1,611,363	Working Expenses—	
Street Lighting	49,072	Purchase of Current and Genera-	
Sale of Residuals, &c.	13,785	tion Costs	780,106
Other	31,339	Maintenance, Repairs, Distribu-	
		tion	174,889
		Management Charges	113,635
		Depreciation	174,455
		Debt Charges—	
		Redemption of Loans	44,895
		Sinking Fund Instalments	9,041
		Interest on Loans	59,945
		Interest on Overdrafts	954
		Other	456
		Transfers to Municipal Fund	236,412
		Other	8,662
Total	1,705,559	Total	1,603,450

**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, 1937, fifteen municipalities had been so constituted. In seven other municipalities the water supply services were being administered in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1928*. An analysis of the authorities controlling water supply in Victoria is given on page 152 of this Part.

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

**VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS—RECEIPTS AND
EXPENDITURE, 1936-37.**

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
£		£	
Water Rates (including Interest on		Administrative Expenses	3,487
Overdue Rates)	30,010	Works from Revenue	3,516
Water Sales	8,014	Maintenance and Repairs	12,057
Meter Rents	581	Depreciation Fund	2,195
Other	995	Debt Services—	
		Redemption of Loans	4,018
		Interest on Loans	12,737
		Interest on Overdrafts	82
		Other	481
Total	39,600	Total	38,573

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 1936-37, the total revenue on account of these undertakings was £189,964 and the total expenditure amounted to £168,225. In those cases in which the finances of quarries and abattoirs were operated through the Municipal Fund, particulars of the amounts have been included in the statement of that Fund, under the heading of "Other Council Properties".

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

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.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES,
1933-34 TO 1936-37.

Assets.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.
	£	£	£	£
Municipal Fund—				
Arrears of Rates—				
General	955,852	935,469	910,567*	795,943*
Other	136,985	122,301	69,273	21,919
Arrears of Sanitary Charges				57,753
Streets formed, &c., payments outstanding	1,238,696	1,166,749	1,266,976	1,230,938
Cash in hand or in Bank	718,823	692,671	786,887	719,667†
Other Assets	588,657	620,072	512,952	483,892
Loan Funds—				
Sinking Funds—				
Amount at Credit	655,840	721,973	780,493	822,080
Due by other Municipalities	66,920	62,197	61,048	64,535
Due by other Bodies	11,203	11,203	1,125	1,125
Unexpended Balances	650,245	649,581	387,102	‡
Property—				
Halls, Buildings, Markets, &c.	5,543,940	5,917,130	6,176,050	6,392,480
Waterworks	350,500	379,080	377,860	393,360
Gasworks	256,830	257,880	281,670	261,670
Electric Light Undertakings	2,684,850	2,742,490	2,832,850	3,042,420
Plant and Machinery	610,850	606,920	611,580	625,690
Other Assets	202,870	236,950	230,490	281,770
Total Assets §	14,673,061	15,122,666	15,286,923	15,195,242

* Including "Differential General Rates".

† Net Balance of all Funds.

‡ Included in "Cash in hand or in Bank."

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

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, 1933-34 TO
1936-37—continued.

Liabilities.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.
	£	£	£	£
Municipal Fund—				
Due on Current Contracts ..	88,908	96,671	150,018	133,594
Interest overdue	14,144	10,813	9,713	5,602
Bank Overdrafts	827,750	759,804	846,400	636,664*
Payments Due to Country Roads Board	409,699	411,880	386,943	295,009
Other Liabilities	673,279	654,935	775,814	793,496
Loan Funds—				
Loans Outstanding—				
Due to Government† ..	937,929	911,139	801,209	732,269
Due to Public	11,975,632	11,863,315	11,944,237	11,941,701
Due on Loan Contracts ..	52,744	89,755	54,165	73,756
Due to other Municipalities ..	66,920	62,197	61,048	64,535
Total Liabilities	15,047,005	14,860,509	15,029,547	14,676,626

* Net Balance of all Funds.

† Excluding liability to the Country Roads Board on account of one-half the capital expenditure on Main Roads, as follows:—£1,858,282 in 1933-34; £1,822,626 in 1934-35; £1,794,693 in 1935-36; and £1,732,809 in 1936-37. The *Country Roads Board Fund (Amendment) Act 1936* provides that relief may be given to municipalities of portion of their liabilities in respect of permanent works on Main Roads, State Highways, and Developmental Roads. The amount of such relief shall not exceed £200,000 in 1936-37 and £250,000 in 1937-38 or any subsequent year.

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.

VICTORIA—ARREARS OF GENERAL RATES, 1932-33 TO 1936-37.

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.
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
1936-37* ..	247,231	548,712	795,943	0 13 2	2 4 10	1 5 8

* Including arrears of "Differential General Rates."

As compared with the year 1928-29, the arrears of general rates per distinct ratepayer increased in 1936-37 by 87 per cent. in cities, towns, and boroughs; by 157 per cent. in shires; and by 117 per cent. in all municipalities.

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

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.

In the municipalities throughout the State, there were, at 30th September, 1937, 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.

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

The amount of money borrowed at any time for permanent works or undertakings shall, 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. In addition, however, loans, not upon the credit of the municipality but on the security of certain specified income thereof, may be raised for permanent works or undertakings by the issue of debentures or by mortgage. Such loans shall have a currency of not more than 30 years and shall not exceed five times the average amount of such income for the three years preceding the raising of the loan.

Municipal Loan Receipts. The following statement shows the loan receipts (exclusive of conversion loans) during the years 1932-33 to 1936-37.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN RECEIPTS, 1932-33 TO 1936-37.

(Excluding Conversion Loans.)

Year.	Gross Proceeds of Loans—		Other Receipts.	Total.
	From Government.	From Other Sources.		
	£	£	£	£
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
1936-37*	14,183	540,279	177,741†	732,203

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

† Including, in the City of Melbourne, £162,962 transferred from General, Electric Supply, and Hydraulic Power Accounts.

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

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN EXPENDITURE, 1932-33 TO 1936-37.

Heading.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.*	1936-37.*	
	£	£	£	£	£	
Roads, Streets, and Bridges	59,746	170,895	235,397	200,441	280,706	
Waterworks	7,549	11,473	1,196	960	12,936	
Drainage	22,945	9,738	32,300	7,239	2,731	
Electric Light Works	105,713	172,338	212,959	250,208	302,382	
Gasworks						2,466	883	4,154	7,191
Halls				90,807	63,810	
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	42,301	67,142	103,225	113,314	66,059	
Plant				7,105	19,417	
Other Council Properties				190,072	94,113	
Foreshore Improvements	21,223	38,206	20,992		2,178	
Creek Improvements					1,400	450
Housing and Reclamation					7,944	389
Other Purposes					8,929	4,653
Total	259,477	472,258	666,952	882,573	857,015	

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

At 30th September, 1937, the balance of loans unexpended amounted to £250,224.

Municipal Loan Liability.

The loan liability of the municipalities in Victoria at the end of the years 1932-33 to 1936-37 is given hereunder.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN LIABILITY, 1932-33 to 1936-37.

At 30th September—	Due to—		Gross Loan Liability.	Accumulated Sinking Funds.	Net Loan Liability.	
	Government.*	Public.			Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.
1933	944,657	12,108,795	13,048,452	552,049	12,496,403	6 17 2
1934	937,929	11,975,632	12,913,561	655,840	12,257,721	6 13 8
1935	911,139	11,863,315	12,774,454	721,973	12,052,481	6 11 0
1936	801,209	11,944,237	12,745,446	880,493	11,964,953	6 9 5
1937	732,269†	11,941,701‡	12,673,970	722,080	11,851,890	6 7 8

* Excluding liability to Country Roads Board (see footnote † on page 137).

† Including £110,619 due under the provisions of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918, No. 2995.*

‡ Including £38,400 payable in New Zealand.

Municipal Loans outstanding Purposes.

In the following statement are given particulars, as far as available, of the purposes for which municipal loans outstanding at 30th September, 1937, were raised. The information is exclusive of loans due to the Country Roads Board:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOANS OUTSTANDING AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1937—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 Undertakings .. ..	..	841,888	..	404,193	..	1,246,081	1,246,081
Gasworks .. ..	..	78,361	..	18,049	..	96,410	96,410
Waterworks .. ..	..	6,310	279,139	22,455	279,139	28,765	307,904
Private Streets and Special Improvements	174,690	527,760	12,494	209,043	187,184	736,803	923,987
Housing and Reclamation .. ..	..	8,733	..	..	..	8,733	8,733
Contributions due under Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918	110,083	..	536	..	110,619	..	110,619
Closer Settlement Advances for Roads	2,059	..	42,898	..	44,957	..	44,957
Bush Fires—Repairs to damages caused by .. ..	..	..	773	..	773	..	773
Mallee Tanks .. ..	..	..	1,019	..	1,019	..	1,019
Kerang—Koondrook Railway .. ..	..	..	7,820	..	7,820	..	7,820
Other Municipal Works	40,159	7,876,634	60,519	1,948,275	100,758	9,824,909	9,925,667
Total	326,991	9,339,686	405,278	2,602,015	732,269	11,941,701	12,673,970

NOTE.—At 30th September, 1937, accumulated Sinking Funds amounted to £822,080, viz., on account of Electric Light, £281,624; Gasworks, £11,681; Waterworks, £2,127; Private Streets and Special Improvements, £73,343; and Other Municipal Works, £453,305.

The following table shows the actual rates of interest which were payable by municipalities on fixed loans and Government loans outstanding at 30th June, 1937. 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 (£110,619) has been excluded from the statement. Particulars of the loan liability to the Country Roads Board have been excluded also.

VICTORIA—RATES OF INTEREST ON MUNICIPAL LOANS
OUTSTANDING AT 30TH JUNE, 1937.

Actual Rate of Interest.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
%	£	£	£	£
1½	382	382
3	2,044	2,044
3½	343,378
3 ⁵ / ₁₆	33,015
3 ³ / ₈	39,665	124,056
3 ⁷ / ₁₆	3,841	83,798
3½	50,626	522,626
3 ⁹ / ₁₆	7,810	7,810
3 ⁸ / ₁₆	30,914	455,138
3 ¹¹ / ₁₆	9,115	9,115
3 ³ / ₄	67,241	265,000
3 ¹³ / ₁₆	14,294
3 ⁷ / ₈	107,187
4	173,974	422,823
4 ¹ / ₁₆	12,161
4½	30,493	340,655
4¼	457,939	2,275,391
4 ¹ / ₈	2,600	2,600
4 ³ / ₈	3,500	28,772
4 ⁷ / ₁₆	5,000	9,000
4½	830,691	1,374,191
4 ⁵ / ₈	2,192	2,192
£4 13s.	3,982	3,982
4 ³ / ₄	35,155	46,610
4 ⁷ / ₈	8,191	20,455
5	1,231,892	4,875,024
£5 0s. 9d.	64,494	852,247
£5 2s. 8d.	4,000
5½	4,570	4,570
£5 4s. 7d.	64,515	117,579
5¼	25,150	25,150
5 ³ / ₈	512	512
£5 8s. 6d.	8,439	13,851
5½	10,287	10,974
5 ⁵ / ₈	6,364	6,364
5¼	22,698	23,953
5 ⁷ / ₈	3,977	78,977
6	51,368	73,761
6½	2,215	2,215
Not stated	613	12,840
Total	2,951,722	12,631,406
Average Rate of Interest	% 4·62	% 4·53

**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 June, 1937, 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.

**VICTORIA—DUE DATES OF MUNICIPAL LOANS
OUTSTANDING AT 30TH JUNE, 1937.**

Year of Maturity.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
1937-38	842,858	89,790	56,878	989,526
1938-39 .. ..	..	164,003	20,643	184,646
1939-40	250,000	223,572	68,556	542,128
1940-41	410,000	86,985	76,924	573,909
1941-42 .. ..	..	56,477	67,661	124,138
1942-43	64,000	39,113	65,727	168,840
1943-44	550,000	35,348	53,213	638,561
1944-45	472,000	144,941	129,321	746,262
1945-46	85,000	168,440	73,704	327,144
1946-47 .. ..	..	323,527	134,280	457,807
1947-48 to 1951-52 ..	1,013,875	994,829	529,917	2,538,621
1952-53 to 1956-57 ..	..	1,997,301	874,994	2,872,295
1957-58 to 1961-62 ..	..	1,417,844	364,798	1,782,642
1962-63 and after ..	..	344,702	147,521	492,223
Not stated .. ..	..	18,794	288,121	306,915
Total	3,687,733	6,105,666	2,952,258	12,745,657

**Construction
of Private
Streets.**

The council of any municipality may form, level, &c., any street, road, &c., which is formed or set out on private property or on land of the Crown or of any public body, and which is not formed, &c., to the satisfaction of the council. The cost of doing so is recoverable from the owners of adjoining properties. At the request of any owner, the amount apportioned as his total liability may be made payable by 40 or, if the council so directs, 60 quarterly instalments bearing interest on the portion that from time to time remains unpaid.

For the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of work in respect of which any person is liable to pay by instalments, the council may, on the credit of the municipality, obtain advances from a bank by overdraft on current account or borrow money by the issue of debentures, but such borrowings shall not exceed the total amount of instalments payable. This borrowing power is additional to those powers mentioned on page 138.

Details of the receipts and expenditure of Private Streets Accounts in 1936-37 are shown below:—

VICTORIA—PRIVATE STREETS ACCOUNTS—RECEIPTS
AND EXPENDITURE, 1936-37.

Receipts.	£	Expenditure.	£
Proceeds of Loans—		Works	248,316
From Government ..	20,000	Debt Charges—	
From Other Sources ..	10,500	Redemption of Loans ..	160,419
Owners' Contributions ..	328,667	Sinking Fund Instalments ..	6,263
Interest on Fixed Deposits ..	1,208	Interest on Loans ..	43,848
Advance from Trust Fund ..	10,578	Interest on Overdraft ..	6,738
Other	4,595	Other	3,756
		Other	4,935
Total Receipts ..	375,548	Total Expenditure ..	474,275
Cash in hand or in Bank at		Bank Overdraft at 1st Octo-	
1st October, 1936 ..	191,067	ber, 1936	204,392
Bank Overdraft at 30th Sep-		Cash in hand or in Bank at	
tember, 1937	289,421	30th September, 1937 ..	177,369
	856,036		856,036

At 30th September, 1937, loans outstanding on account of private street construction amounted to £834,694.

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

The particulars of the receipts and expenditure of the Special Improvement Charge Accounts in 1936-37 are as follow:—

VICTORIA—SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT CHARGE ACCOUNTS
—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1936-37.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
Special Improvement Charges	£ 21,252	Works	£ 1,358
Other	600	Debt Charges—	
		Redemption of Loans ..	15,963
		Sinking Fund Instalments	1,000
		Interest on Loans and	
		Overdraft	5,729
		Other	238
Total Receipts	21,852	Total Expenditure	24,288
Cash in hand or in Bank at		Bank Overdraft at 1st Octo-	
1st October, 1936	12,724	ber, 1936	11,643
Bank Overdraft at 30th Sep-		Cash in hand or in Bank at	
tember, 1937	12,792	30th September, 1937	11,437
	47,368		47,368

Loans outstanding at 30th September, 1937, for special improvements amounted to £89,293.

Length of
Roads and
Streets.

The following table shows the length of all roads and streets in the State in the year 1937.

VICTORIA—LENGTH OF ALL ROADS AND STREETS, 1937.

Type of Road or Street.	Roads and Streets (excluding State Highways).	State Highways.	Total.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Asphalt (i.e., Sheet Asphalt on Concrete Base)	155	16	171
Other Bituminous	5,636	1,356	6,992
Concrete	137	2	139
Waterbound macadam, gravel, sand, and hard loam pavements	21,805	934	22,739
Wood Blocks, Granite, and other setts Formed but not otherwise paved	153	..	153
Surveyed roads not formed which are used for general traffic	25,010	..	25,010
	48,883	..	48,883
Total	101,779	2,308	104,087

Melbourne and Metropolitan Municipal Loans Redemption Fund. 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 1937-38 amounted to £56,429, and were made up of contributions by municipalities, £52,933, and interest on credit balance of Fund, £3,496. The amount expended from the Fund was £26,144, all of which was used for the redemption of municipal loans.

The total receipts of the Fund to the 30th June, 1938, amounted to £2,041,547. The payments out of the Fund were—redemption of Municipal Loans, £1,241,630; payment to the Treasury in reduction of Municipal Liabilities, £604,180; interest, £84,447; and sundries, £10. The credit balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1938, was £111,281.

Licensing Fund. During the year 1937-38 a sum of £59,660 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, £5,650; and to Shires, £22,390. A statement of the receipts and expenditure of this Fund appears in part "Law, Crime, &c.", of this issue, page 57.

Municipal Officers Fidelity Guarantee Fund. A statement giving the provisions of the Act under which this fund was established appears in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29 on page 163.

The premium revenue for the year ended 30th September, 1938, was £1,277, for guarantees amounting to £383,935. The claims paid from January, 1908, the date of the inception of the fund, to 30th September, 1938, amounted to £5,748. The amount to the credit of the fund at 30th September, 1938, was £25,350.

HOUSING.

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

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. At 30th September, 1938, 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, £7,847 was outstanding at 30th September, 1938.

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, 1938, discloses that 10,524 applications had been approved, 5,006 homes erected, 3,777 homes purchased, and 461 mortgages discharged. The sums paid as instalments of principal and interest amounted to £5,473,759, whilst the arrears of instalments totalled £157,352, the percentage of arrears to the total amount due being 2.79.

Housing Commission. Particulars relating to the constitution, powers, and duties of the Housing Commission will be found in Part "Social Condition" of this *Year Book*.

COUNTRY ROADS BOARD.

With the object of improving the main roads of the State an Act (the *Country Roads Act* 1912) was passed which empowered the Governor in Council to appoint a Board of three members.

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; 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 ; and 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 amount of the municipal contribution toward the cost of maintenance works on main roads is one-third of the amount expended, but such contribution may be reduced in certain circumstances.

Subsequent to the passing of the original legislation dealing with main roads, provision has been made for the Board to deal with other types of road, e.g., developmental roads, State highways, tourists' roads, Murray River bridges and roads for which special funds are provided, such as Federal aid road funds, and unemployment relief funds.

The cost of maintenance of State highways, tourists' roads and Murray River bridges is charged to the Country Roads Board Fund, without contribution by the municipalities.

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 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* 1937 provides that, for the year 1937-38, 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 Fund for each of the last four years were as follows:—

VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD FUND—
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1934-35 TO 1937-38.

—	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.
<i>Receipts.</i>				
	£	£	£	£
Payments by Municipalities ..	273,152	290,505	278,373	302,622
Fees Motor Car Act ..	1,252,272	1,409,395	1,480,272	1,608,879
Fees and Registration of Traction Engines ..	1,276	1,362	1,129	1,207
Fees Motor Omnibus Act ..	272	18	10	5
Stores and Materials ..	144,505	184,186	165,316	208,512
Hire of Plant ..	32,051	41,359	46,402	49,596
Other Receipts (advance from Public Account advances for unemployment relief and other works, &c.) ..	68,229	79,095	92,043	83,184
TOTAL	1,771,757	2,005,920	2,063,545	2,254,005
<i>Expenditure.</i>				
Maintenance and reconditioning of main roads, State highways, and tourists' roads ..	879,040	985,281	1,044,620	1,129,651
Road construction for relief of unemployment (including materials) ..	9,652	30,480	..	..
Relief to Municipalities ..	99,990	150,000	197,508	245,635
Interest and Sinking Fund ..	117,240	118,620	118,912	119,211
Recoup to Revenue (Interest, Sinking Fund, &c.) ..	322,518	310,847	317,788	323,832
Plant, Stores, and Materials ..	197,967	227,880	216,144	264,099
Other Expenditure (including administration) ..	135,962	172,099	180,725	180,209
TOTAL	1,762,369	1,995,207	2,075,697	2,262,637

The balance to the credit of the Fund at 30th June, 1935, was £11,046; at 30th June, 1936, £21,759; at 30th June, 1937, £9,607; and at 30th June, 1938, £976.

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 1937-38 this Account received £57,972 from the State Loans Repayment Fund, and the payments for permanent works amounted to £58,286.

The Developmental Roads Loan Account is credited with money received from stock and debentures issued under the authority of Section 85 of the *Country Roads Act 1928* and is debited with expenditure in connexion with the construction of developmental roads. During 1937-38 there were no transactions owing to the funds having been exhausted in the previous year.

The following is a summary of the total expenditure by the Board on road construction during each of the last four years :—

**VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD—EXPENDITURE
ON ROADS, 1934-35 TO 1937-38.**

—	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.
State Highways*—	£	£	£	£
Maintenance and conditioning	348,383	468,413	401,337	418,905
Main Roads*—				
Construction	138,254	156,142	228,470	170,442
Maintenance	700,074	679,065	752,629	749,946
Total Main Roads ..	838,328	835,207	981,099	920,388
Developmental Roads*—				
Construction, &c.	267,759	309,369	294,170	375,632
Unemployment Relief	95,329	363,848	215,377	138,184
Tourists' Roads*—				
Construction, &c. .. ..	..	..	35,635	52,046
Murray River Bridges and Punts—				
Maintenance .. ..	..	..	1,700	2,841
Roads adjoining Commonwealth Areas .. ..	..	..	..	3
TOTAL	1,549,799	1,976,837	1,929,318	1,907,999

* 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 the years 1933 to 1937. The loan indebtedness as at the end of each of the five years is also shown.

MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1933 TO 1937.

Heads of Revenue and Expenditure.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.
REVENUE.					
	£	£	£	£	£
Wharfage and Tonnage Rates ..	464,889	515,127	589,764	657,889	712,566
Rents	36,984	39,870	37,793	38,910	39,527
Interest	3,707	1,062	987	972	983
Other Revenue	67,636	72,385	82,880	87,507	93,182
	573,216	628,444	711,424	785,278	846,258
Less Statutory Payments to—					
Consolidated Revenue ..	111,089	113,279	121,948	135,578	146,513
Geelong Harbor Trust ..	..	7,500	15,000	15,000	15,000
Total	462,127	507,665	574,476	634,700	684,745
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
General Management and Expenses	31,643	33,916	35,643	42,137	44,255
Flotation and Redemption of Loans					
Expenses	3,825	3,825	3,825	32,940	3,832
Operating Expenses	21,291	23,855	24,743	29,052	32,208
Maintenance—					
Dredging	70,044	81,529	88,573	78,557	98,622
Harbor	247	1,058	1,186	2,323	2,213
Wharves	10,264	26,187	23,119	43,767	76,630
Approaches	2,819	5,067	6,013	4,060	8,280
Railways	810	1,151	1,299	2,771	1,225
Other Properties	199	912	989	4,980	1,681
Interest on Loans and Exchange	256,649	245,683	238,483	226,071	211,138
Depreciation, Renewals, and Insurance Account	10,000	35,000	100,000	80,000	116,000
Sinking Fund	45,893	46,496	47,305	84,111	84,868
Total	453,684	504,679	571,178	630,769	680,952
Surplus on Revenue Account ..	8,443	2,986	3,298	3,931	3,793
Deficit on Revenue Account ..	..	..	..	..	..
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.					
Land and Property	34,531	2,960	1,766	1,044	291
Deepening Waterways	14,755	8,372	1,038	13,728	..
Wharves Construction	35,234	57,265	28,173	16,904	11,285
Approaches Construction	10,713	62,289	22,600	31,050	28,944
Other Harbor Improvements ..	3,840	1,382	2,029	9,631	10,245
Railways	5	..	50,059	3,143	..
Floating and General Plant ..	5,734	5,754	2,105	2,266	1,313
Total	107,812	138,022	107,770	77,766	52,078
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness	4,494,811	4,461,015	4,427,110	4,102,400	4,179,632
Sinking Fund	23,700	36,400	49,800	63,900	78,700
Net Indebtedness ..	4,471,111	4,424,615	4,377,310	4,038,500	4,100,932

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 1933 to 1937. Capital expenditure during, and loan indebtedness at end of, each of the five years is also shown.

GEELONG HARBOR TRUST — REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1933 TO 1937.

Heads of Revenue and Expenditure.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.
REVENUE.					
	£	£	£	£	£
Wharfage, Tonnage and Special Berth Rates	37,793	43,683	53,305	61,075	72,178
Rents, Fees, and Licences	6,414	6,926	6,297	6,135	5,419
Freezing Works and Abattoirs	8,220	8,418	8,465	8,465	8,465
Contribution by Melbourne Harbor Trust .. ..	..	7,500	15,000	15,000	15,000
Other Revenue	4,811	6,982	5,735	5,908	4,840
Total	57,238	73,509	88,802	96,583	105,902
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
Management Expenses	10,694	10,551	10,515	12,961	12,737
Maintenance—					
Wharves and Approaches	3,334	1,996	2,033	2,532	3,262
Harbor	1,242	843	869	1,412	2,159
Floating Plant	3,540	3,596	4,547	7,896	7,341
Other	4,199	2,773	1,817	2,438	2,653
Interest on Loans	28,449	15,562	16,270	15,583	12,732
Sinking Fund .. ..	..	2,243	4,417	4,417	4,238
Freezing Works and Abattoirs	4,713	4,945	9,475	6,489	11,064
Depreciation Reserve Account .. ..	..	22,641	28,861	28,092	35,740
Miscellaneous	301	285	255	338	250
Total	56,472	65,435	79,059	82,158	92,176
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.					
Land and Property	5,110	1,376	..	60	..
Deepening Waterworks .. ..	..	2,841	15,688	27,144	30,315
Wharves and Approaches .. ..	..	1,420	3,963	74	78
Other	318	304	18,426	1,951	8,323
Total	5,428	5,941	38,077	29,229	38,716
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness	614,169	612,403	582,621	580,824	557,310
Sinking Fund .. ..	..	2,243	6,724	11,396	15,981
Net Indebtedness	614,169	610,160	575,897	569,428	541,329

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITIES.

The authorities controlling water supply for domestic purposes in Victoria are listed in the following statement. It is estimated that about 80 per cent. of the population of this State are so supplied 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	
Inglewood	
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)	
Grenville Shire Council (Linton supply) ..	
Huntly Shire Council (Goornong supply) ..	
Leigh Shire Council (Rokewood and Corindhap 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 *Year-Book*. 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 22 of the municipal districts within the metropolis.

**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 a radius of 13 miles of the Post Office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth streets, Melbourne (excluding 11 square miles in the Shires of Keilor and Braybrook under the control of the Keilor-St. Albans Waterworks Trust), those portions of the Cities of Moorabbin and Mordialloc outside such radius, and portions of the Shires of Dandenong and of Blackburn and Mitcham are 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 one other city and of eleven shires.

**Board's
borrowing
powers and
liability on
loans.**

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

The liability under loans raised by the Board was £25,425,360 on 30th June, 1938. The Board was at that date empowered to borrow £1,714,574 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 1933-34 to 1937-38:—

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Heads of Revenue and Expenditure.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.
REVENUE.					
Water Supply—					
Water Rates (including Meter Excess)	£ 699,083	£ 670,756	£ 789,797	£ 812,287	£ 893,865
Water Charges and Stations	16,127	18,204	20,916	20,526	20,747
Meter Rents	47,179	48,503	49,799	52,151	53,827
Sewerage—					
Sewerage Rates	790,040	867,567	952,784	992,240	1,032,491
Sanitary Charges	15,206	15,360	16,088	17,206	17,417
Metropolitan Farm—					
Grazing Fees, Rents, Pastures, &c. Balance Live Stock Account	5,411	5,528	7,757	12,797	18,251
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers—	24,882	..	10,775	15,296	8,572
Drainage and River Improvement Rate	70,893	70,415	71,800	74,187	77,693
River Water Charges	8,036	7,578	7,503	8,480	10,572
Transfer from Renewals Fund	182,000	..	..	..	..
Total	1,858,857	1,703,911	1,927,219	2,005,170	2,133,435
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
Water Supply—					
Management and Incidental Expenses	36,142	36,393	40,039	40,103	42,067
Maintenance	87,825	93,873	104,662	101,994	108,967
Sewerage—					
Management and Incidental Expenses	27,108	26,790	29,371	29,229	29,560
Maintenance	75,453	80,345	84,099	87,632	97,802
Metropolitan Farm—					
Administrative Expenses	412	313	441	687	417
Maintenance	30,953	33,906	34,743	38,417	46,448
Balance Live Stock Account .. .. .	..	19,082	..	..	..
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers—					
Management and Incidental Expenses	3,534	3,531	3,991	4,074	3,950
Maintenance	10,102	10,154	11,214	11,746	15,103
Pensions and Compassionate Allowances	5,666	3,804	4,958	4,563	6,963
Discount and Expenses <i>re</i> Loans	25,761	26,382	26,378	36,775	99,741
Interest on Overdraft	525	334	48	728	38
Interest on Loans	1,269,612	1,254,176	1,263,503	1,256,775	1,272,900
Exchange	30,348	35,962	98,964	112,277	47,091
Contribution to—					
Sinking Fund	62,363	62,633	62,758	62,813	63,563
Renewals Fund	80,428	79,754	80,924	131,970	184,381
Superannuation Fund	20,541	20,519	20,667	20,770	20,909
Fire Insurance Fund	500	704	696	10,000	20,000
Depreciation .. .. .	..	..	..	..	10,324
Contributions to Municipalities	3,850	3,850	3,850	3,850	3,850
Flood Repairs .. .. .	..	..	21,171	..	..
Centenary Decorations .. .. .	..	106	..	..	..
Total	1,771,123	1,792,611	1,892,477	1,954,403	2,074,074
Surplus on Revenue Account	87,734*	..	34,742	50,767	59,361
Deficit on Revenue Account .. .. .	..	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 1937-38 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 £17,503,160 in 1936-37 and £18,105,190 in 1937-38.

Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan waterworks system. The total cost of the water supply system up to 30th June, 1938, was as follows:—

Original water supply works, tank, pumping station, &c.	£
Yan Yean system	82,885
Maroondah system	661,402
O'Shannassy system	1,704,230
Service reservoirs	3,062,758
Large mains	605,387
Reticulation	2,607,195
Afforestation	3,153,623
Thompson River Scheme	28,907
Investigations, future works	317
	4,583
Total	11,911,287

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 1937 was as follows:—

	Gallons.
Yan Yean Reservoir..	3,793,869,000
Maroondah Reservoir	14,489,526,000
O'Shannassy River and Silvan No. 1	10,034,058,000
Total Output	28,317,453,000

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 1937 :—

TOTAL AND DAILY AVERAGE CONSUMPTION OF WATER IN MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS DURING EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR 1937.

Month.	Total Consumption of Water.	Daily Average Consumption of Water.
	Gallons.	Gallons.
January	2,772,851,000	89,446,806
February	2,908,908,000	103,889,571
March	2,725,972,000	87,934,581
April	2,204,625,000	73,487,500
May	1,984,282,000	64,009,097
June	1,728,403,000	57,613,433
July	1,768,006,000	57,032,451
August	1,798,637,000	58,020,548
September	1,946,661,000	64,888,700
October	2,230,383,000	71,947,839
November	3,106,569,000	103,552,300
December	3,146,645,000	101,504,677
Total for the year	28,321,942,000	..
Daily average for the year 1937 .. .. .	..	77,594,362

NOTE.—The maximum daily consumption for 1937 occurred on 27th November, and the minimum daily consumption on 5th July of that year. The consumption was 151,070,000 gallons on the former and 44,865,000 gallons on the latter of these 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, 1933 TO 1937.

(MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS AREA.)

Year.	Properties Supplied with Water at 30th June.	Number of Properties for which Sewers were Provided at 30th June.	Daily Average of Annual Consumption of Water to 31st December.	Daily Consumption of Water per Head of Population Served.
			Gallons.	
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
1937	271,771	255,950	77,594,000	71.91

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

These figures show that additional properties to the number of 4,862 were supplied with water during the year ended 30th June, 1937.

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 seweraged areas. The sewerage rate for the year 1937-38 was 1s. 2d. in the £1. The total annual value of property in the Board's area in 1937-38 was £18,793,283, of which £17,634,696 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 1937-38 amounted to £1,049,908.

The cost of sewerage works and house connexions up to 30th June, 1938, was £13,952,919, divided as follows:—

	£
Farm purchase and preparation	1,236,953
Treatment works	120,164
Outfall Sewers and Rising Mains	512,662
Pumping stations, buildings, and plant	355,678
Main and branch sewers	3,139,075
Reticulation sewers	7,629,106
Cost of house connexions chargeable to capital	799,799
Sanitary depots	57,719
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Cost of sewerage system	13,851,156
Householders' debts for house connexions	101,763
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Total	£13,952,919
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The sewage of the metropolis is delivered into two 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.

The first house was connected in Port Melbourne in August, 1897. On 30th June, 1938, the number of buildings for which sewers were provided was 261,872, and the estimated population served by the system was 1,039,632.

During the year 1937-38, 5,515 new houses were erected in the Board's area, and provision was made for the sewerage of 5,922 buildings.

The following statement shows the progress of sewer connexions to the 30th June, 1938 :—

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—
SEWER CONNEXIONS AT 30TH JUNE, 1938.

Municipality.	No. of Buildings for which sewers were provided on 30th June, 1938.
Blackburn and Mitcham Shire	476
Box Hill City	3,827
Braybrook Shire (part of)	1,578
Brighton City	8,637
Broadmeadows Shire (part of)	345
Brunswick City	13,677
Camberwell City	16,028
Caulfield City	19,475
Coburg City	9,337
Collingwood City	8,194
Essendon City	12,291
Fitzroy City	7,979
Footscray City	11,824
Hawthorn City	9,621
Heidelberg City (part of)	6,195
Keilor Shire (part of)	174
Kew City	6,345
Malvern City	12,922
Melbourne City	22,694
Moorabbin City	3,856
Northcote City	10,864
Oakleigh City	3,185
Port Melbourne City	3,316
Prahran City	14,882
Preston City	8,401
Richmond City	10,223
Sandringham City	5,138
South Melbourne City	11,007
St. Kilda City	13,383
Werribee Shire (part of)	16
Williamstown City	5,982
Total	261,872

Pumping Stations.

At 30th June, 1938, 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, 1938, are as under:—

Total area of farm	22,634 acres.
Area under intense irrigation	11,873 „
Rainfall at farm for year	16.71 inches.
Average rainfall over 44 years	18.36 „
Net cost of sewage purification for year per head of population served	1s. 5.47d.
Loss on cattle for year	£ 7,319
Loss on horses for year	£ 658
Profit on sheep for year	£ 16,548
Profit on agistment for year	£ 15,230

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

For the year 1937-38, the working expenses were £4,858, while interest amounted to £2,831, making a total of £7,689. The revenue was £2,586, leaving a deficiency of £5,103.

METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS.

Metropolitan Drainage and River Improvement Rate. Under the provisions of Part VIII. of the Act, relating 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 by 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 for 1937-38 was £18,793,283.

Cost of Drainage and River Improvement works. The total cost of Drainage and River Improvement works to 30th June, 1938, was £1,205,010.

Length of
main drains.
follow :—

The classification and length of all main drains under the control of the Board at 30th June, 1938, are as

1. Underground drains—		
(a) Constructed by Municipal Councils and taken over by the Board and not replaced	31 miles 47 chains	
(b) Constructed by the Board (including 9 miles 57 chains of drains which replace drains previously declared)	46 „ 3 „	
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Total underground drains controlled	77 miles 50 chains	
2. Open drains—		
(a) Constructed by Municipal Councils and taken over by the Board and not replaced	7 miles 68 chains	
(b) Constructed by the Board (including 2 miles 74 chains of drains which replace drains previously declared)	3 „ 20 „	
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Total constructed open drains controlled.. .. .	11 miles 8 chains	
3. Natural watercourses and unlined open drains controlled		5 miles 55 chains
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Grand total of drains controlled	94 miles 33 chains	

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, 1937, the capital cost of construction was £601,837, and the loans outstanding (due to the Government) at that date was £288,142. During 1937, receipts amounted to £46,715 and expenditure to £42,081.

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, £760,000 for sewerage works, and £270,000 for sewerage installations to properties under deferred payments conditions. The expenditure on these services to 30th June, 1938, was—Water supply, £713,678; sewerage, £645,828; and sewerage installation, £257,403, of which £3,580 is outstanding. The revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1938, was £56,843 on account of waterworks and £39,905 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, 1938, the amounts so appropriated and used to redeem loans were:—Sewerage, £67,715; and Water Supply, £71,141.

The population supplied is estimated by the Trust at 48,000. The number of buildings situate within the "Drainage Area" is 11,927; the number within the "Sewered Areas," 11,688; and the number connected with the sewers, 11,670.

Water Supply.—The catchment area is about 16,000 acres. There are five storage reservoirs and seven service reservoirs. 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 9,571 acres and includes the city of Geelong, the city of Geelong West, the town of Newtown and Chilwell, and their suburban areas in the shires of Corio, South Barwon, and Bellarine.

WATERWORKS TRUSTS.

Waterworks Trusts. During 1937 there were 107 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, 1937.

**VICTORIA—WATERWORKS TRUSTS—ORDINARY RECEIPTS
AND ORDINARY EXPENDITURE, 1937.**

Ordinary Receipts.	Amount.	Ordinary Expenditure.	Amount.
	£		£
Water Rates (including arrears) ..	147,547	Administrative Expenses ..	21,384
Water Sales (including arrears) ..	22,968	Works from Revenue	24,210
Meter Rents (including arrears) ..	2,993	Maintenance and Repairs (including Pumping and Purchase of Water)	46,529
Interest on overdue Rates ..	1,514	Redemption of Loans	15,858
Transfers from Depreciation Fund ..	3,657	Interest on Loans	57,593
Other	9,380	Interest on Bank Overdraft ..	236
		Depreciation Fund	15,734
		Other	5,668
Total	188,059	Total	187,212

All loan moneys are provided by the Treasurer of Victoria. At 30th June, 1938, the loan liability of Waterworks Trusts amounted to £1,378,715 (including £47,789 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, 1937.

**MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST—RECEIPTS AND
EXPENDITURE, 1936-37.**

Receipts.	Expenditure.
£	£
Water Rates (including arrears) 3,730	Administrative Expenses .. 993
Water Sales (including arrears) 2,207	New Mains 868
Interest on overdue Rates .. 49	New Offices and Workshop .. 427
Other 757	Meters and Meter Maintenance 780
	Maintenance and Repairs .. 3,121
	Redemption of Loans .. 150
	Interest on Loans 436
	Depreciation Fund 1,130
	Other 23
Total 6,743	Total 7,928

At 30th June, 1937, the loan liability of the Trust amounted to £10,827, 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, 1937, twenty such authorities had been constituted.

The following statement gives general statistical information relating to all authorities (including the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust) in whose districts the sewerage systems were in operation at 31st December, 1937.

SEWERAGE SYSTEMS IN OPERATION IN VICTORIA, 1937.

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	1,016,120	255,950	1 2	1,037,539	13,612,488	13,916,330	138,055
Bairnsdale ..	1932	2,300	554	0 6	4,417	62,238	49,237	24,000
Ballarat ..	1920	37,000	8,057	1 9	27,892	421,348	412,840	31,108
Bendigo ..	1916	20,200	6,160	1 2	21,509	331,587	301,251	11,303
Colac ..	1923	5,100	1,348	2 0	6,264	80,361	71,230	..
Echuca ..	1927	3,550	1,016	2 0	6,205	65,949	62,143	14,804
Geelong Water-works and Sewerage Trust*	1908	46,100	11,476	1 3	38,992	637,186	585,950	6,226
Hamilton ..	1935	170	43	†	2,189	56,146	64,475	22,000
Horsham ..	1926	4,420	983	1 3	3,688	49,822	40,740	26,250
Kerang ..	1932	1,080	255	2 0	1,479	56,933	38,759	25,000
Mildura ..	1928	7,000	1,525	1 6	7,126	73,200	66,851	20,312
Shepparton ..	1934	620	136	†	1,446	98,982	66,962	600
Swan Hill ..	1926	3,600	818	1 5	3,659	53,913	51,440	16,616
Wangaratta ..	1933	4,350	1,012	2 0	4,898	64,071	55,336	30,162
Warrnambool ..	1929	8,250	1,823	0 10	4,400	77,178	73,501	14,500
Total ..	..	1,159,860	291,156	..	1,171,703	15,741,402	15,857,045	380,936

* Sewerage finance only.

† Special rate levied.

In addition to those enumerated in the above table, sewerage authorities had been constituted in the following districts, in which, at the end of 1937, preliminary works or detail surveys were being carried out:—Ararat constituted in 1935; Benalla in 1934; Castlemaine in 1934; Dandenong in 1935; Kyneton in 1933; Sale in 1936; and Warragul in 1935.

FIRE BRIGADES BOARDS.

Under the *Fire Brigades Act 1928* there are constituted **Constitution of Fire Brigades Boards.** a metropolitan fire district, controlled by the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board, and nine country fire districts, controlled by the Country Fire Brigades Board.

During 1937 an amending Act (the *Fire Brigades Act 1937*) was passed. The object of this Act is five-fold—(1) to enable the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board to borrow £100,000 to erect stations and purchase fire engines; (2) to enable both the Metropolitan and the Country Fire Brigades Boards to establish funds for the purchase, construction, renewal or replacement of land, buildings, machinery, or plant; (3) to extend the tenure of members of each Board from

two to three years; (4) to remedy the position in respect of the superannuation fund of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board and to extend the power to make regulations regarding the superannuation fund of either Board; and (5) to empower the State Savings Bank to invest in debentures issued by either 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, 1938, had under its control the following:— 43 stations, 316 members of permanent staff, 69 members of special service staff, 9 members of clerical staff, 62 men engaged in the workshops, 12 employees engaged in the tailoring department, and 167 partially paid firemen.

During 1937–38 the cost of maintenance of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade was £187,126, 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 823d. in the pound on the annual value of £18,408,381 of property within the Fire District, and that of the insurance companies to £6 10s. 0½d. for every £100 of premiums on insured property. The premiums received in the Metropolitan Fire District in 1936 amounted to £959,277.

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, 1938, was £30,886. This was made up of equal contributions of £10,039 from the Government, the municipalities, and the insurance companies, and £769 from other sources. The expenditure for the same year amounted to £32,423. There are 124 municipal councils and 110 insurance companies included in the operation of the Act. The premiums received by the insurance companies in

country districts during the year 1936 amounted to £372,877. The annual value of rateable property assessed within the Board's districts in 1937 was £3,701,960. 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 152 registered brigades and the number of registered firemen is 2,878. In most brigades there is, in addition to the registered firemen, a number of "reserve" members.

Particulars of receipts and expenditure of both Fire Receipts and Expenditure. Brigades Boards for the five years 1933-34 to 1937-38 are as follows:—

**VICTORIA—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF FIRE
BRIGADES BOARDS, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.**

Heads of Receipts and Expenditure.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Ordinary Receipts.</i>					
Contributions — Government, Municipal, and Insurance	185,770	185,263	185,033	189,533	217,244
Receipts for Services	21,317	23,352	24,376	26,288	30,549
Interest and Sundries	14,945	15,785	16,749	19,031	21,835
Total	222,032	224,400	226,158	234,852	269,628
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries	128,446	132,691	140,177	148,493	162,079
Fire Expenses	4,400	4,455	4,511	4,259	4,428
Administrative Charges, &c. Plant—Purchase and Repairs	33,399	30,173	31,819	37,578	41,252
Interest	18,944	17,568	18,049	15,949	16,582
Repayment of Loans	11,588	10,987	10,790	10,507	10,107
Superannuation Fund	8,466	9,662	10,610	11,614	12,235
Miscellaneous	8,090	8,214	4,992	5,415	6,012
	4,707	6,954	10,949	20,146	10,398
Total	218,040	220,704	231,897	253,961	263,093
<i>Loan Expenditure.</i>					
Purchase of Land and Erection of Buildings, &c.	8,378	3,197	9,858	268	8,073

Local Government and Semi-Governmental, etc., Bodies. In the following statement particulars are given of the new money loan raisings during 1936-37 by Local Government and Semi-Governmental and Other Public Bodies. Information in respect of the amount of loans outstanding (excluding overdrafts) at 30th June, 1937, is also shown.

VICTORIA—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—NEW MONEY LOAN RAISINGS 1936-37, AND LOANS OUTSTANDING AT 30TH JUNE, 1937.

Authority.	New Money Loan Raisings during year ended 30th June, 1937.		Loans Outstanding (excluding Overdrafts) at 30th June, 1937.		Accumulated Sinking Funds at 30th June, 1937.
	From Central Government.	From Public Creditor.	Due to—		
			Central Government.	Public Creditor.	
	£	£	£	£	£
LOCAL GOVERNMENT.					
Metropolitan Municipalities ..	23,399	326,942	380,321	9,413,078	724,496
Ex-Metropolitan Municipalities ..	9,094	158,635	402,851	2,549,407	121,901
Total Local Government	32,493	485,577	783,172	11,962,485	846,397
SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES.					
Water Supply and Sewerage—					
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works ..	107,500	200,000	407,500	24,737,960	1,806,978
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust ..	..	16,804	..	1,254,604	5,120
Other Sewerage Authorities ..	5,907	318,570	225,738	1,496,936	2,460
Ballarat Water Commission ..	..	..	289,355	..	..
Waterworks Trusts ..	24,828	..	1,357,237	..	..
Mildura Urban Water Trust ..	..	..	10,827	..	..
Total Water Supply and Sewerage ..	138,235	535,374	2,290,657	27,489,500	1,814,558
Irrigation and Drainage—					
First Mildura Irrigation Trust	..	30,000	40,039	30,000	7,195
Harbors—					
Melbourne Harbor Trust ..	..	..	..	4,249,700	63,900
Geelong Harbor Trust ..	..	..	353,368	205,600	11,524
Total Harbors ..	..	..	353,368	4,455,300	75,424
Tramways—					
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board ..	..	..	..	4,689,356	47,569
Electricity Supply—					
State Electricity Commission ..	..	..	*	1,129,451	6,769
Fire Brigades—					
Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board	..	..	..	180,036	..
Country Fire Brigades Board ..	..	..	..	47,576	..
Total Fire Brigades ..	..	..	..	227,612	..
Total Semi-Governmental and Other Public Bodies	138,235	565,374	2,684,064	38,021,219	1,951,515
Grand Total	170,728	1,050,951	3,467,236	49,983,704	2,797,912

* Excluding liability to the State of Victoria (£17,452,964) and to the Unemployment Relief Fund (£100,000).

BUILDING PERMITS.

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

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 eleven years 1928-1938 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
1938	5,131,951	1,634,079	1,436,354	8,202,384	113·72

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

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN GREATER MELBOURNE,
1937 AND 1938.

Class of Permit.	1937.		1938.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
New Buildings.		£		£
Buildings for Habitation—				
Private Dwellings—				
Brick, concrete, &c. ..	1,844	2,028,982	2,347	2,483,473
Wood, fibro-cement, &c. ..	1,926	1,245,156	2,277	1,498,287
Flats*	575	1,246,799	457	1,100,811
Other (Hotels, Guest Houses, &c.)	9	128,050	5	49,380
Total, Buildings for Habitation	4,354	4,648,987	5,086	5,131,951
Commercial Buildings—				
With Residence—				
Shops	177	189,169	190	205,722
Garages	7	9,271	4	2,900
Factories	2	3,284	1	800
Other	6	16,064	9	19,165
Without Residence—				
Shops	69	80,598	75	88,549
Garages	17	17,284	11	51,039
Factories	164	780,490	143	476,124
Other	40	488,907	47	417,944
Public Buildings—				
Hospitals	2	14,300	3	204,770
Churches	16	57,033	12	35,710
Schools	6	31,274	6	26,000
Theatres	3	49,500	1	8,500
Other	25	80,195	20	96,856
Total, Commercial and Public Buildings	534	1,817,369	522	1,634,079
Alterations and Additions—				
Private Dwellings	4,526	361,616	4,808	356,083
Flats	27	19,202	13	3,565
Other Buildings for Habitation	137	154,443	88	99,285
Shops	462	236,942	425	229,206
Garages (Commercial)	28	22,864	35	15,403
Factories	406	484,016	379	375,465
Other Business Premises	161	225,297	160	173,085
Public Buildings	96	227,703	102	184,262
Total, Alterations and Additions	5,843	1,732,083	6,010	1,436,354
Grand Total, Building Permits	10,731	8,198,439	11,618	8,202,384

* Prior to July, 1938, returns from a number of municipalities included under the heading "Flat Buildings", certain types of semi-detached residences which are now classified as ordinary private dwellings.

NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW
PRIVATE DWELLINGS, FLATS, HOTELS, ETC., IN
GREATER MELBOURNE, 1932 TO 1938.

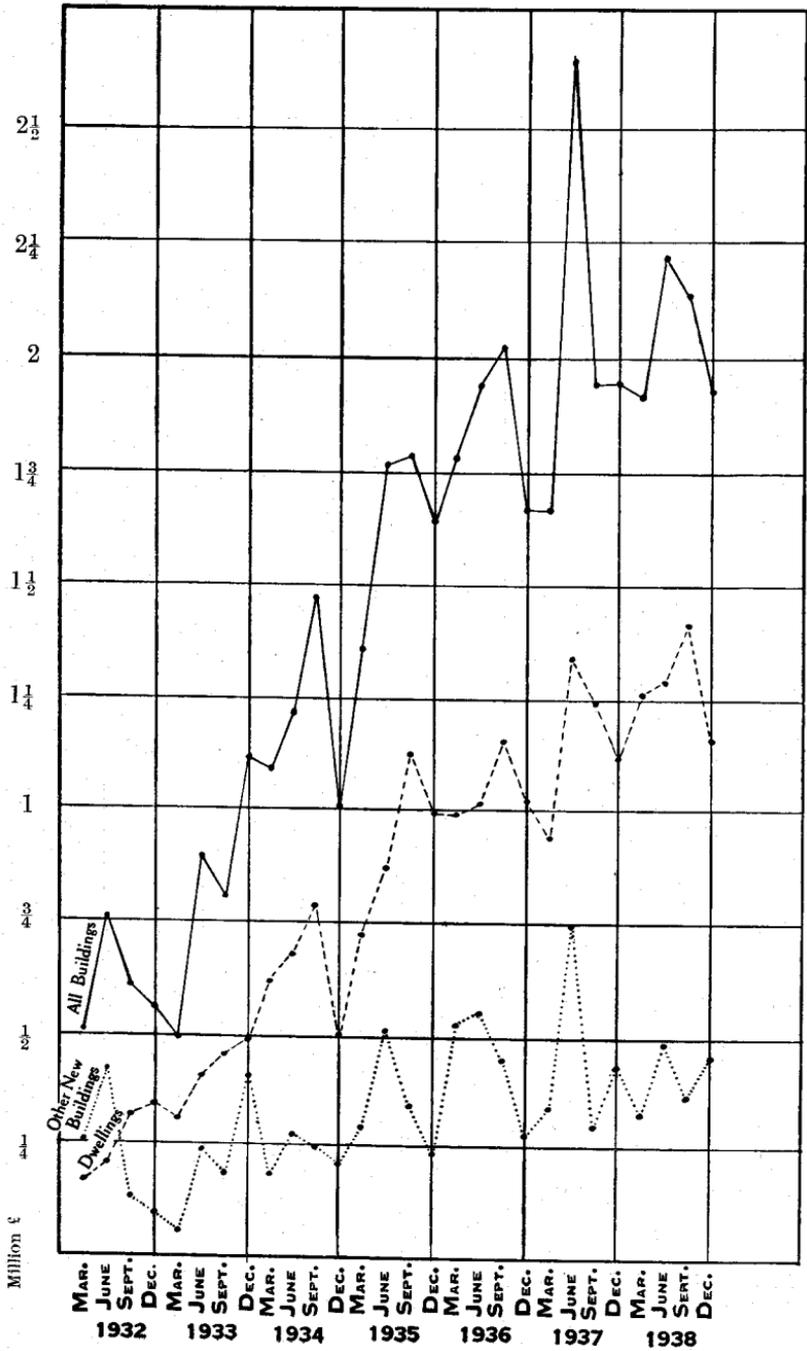
Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—						
	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
CITIES.							
Box Hill	15	30	46	75	83	99	152
Brighton	29	63	100	170	207	216	360
Brunswick	7	18	53	103	130	121	149
Camberwell	143	193	357	603	697	808	882
Caulfield	103	164	275	397	352	319	386
Chelsea	18	22	18	33	34	45	56
Coburg	18	32	84	170	229	261	304
Collingwood	10	1	5	18	19	26	20
Essendon	22	40	82	140	165	214	238
Fitzroy	10	4	2	10	10	14	13
Footscray	12	12	55	107	198	253	322
Hawthorn	33	63	118	135	183	150	139
Heidelberg (exclusive of Greensborough Ward) ..	26	30	63	120	117	188	205
Kew	25	32	65	90	127	134	131
Malvern	128	129	199	236	132	141	137
Melbourne	9	23	31	62	60	68	62
Moorabbin	16	26	63	104	167	196	239
Mordialloc	13	8	21	50	56	88	93
Northcote	24	27	46	76	92	92	120
Oakleigh	3	4	45	53	48	83	86
Port Melbourne	1	..	4	1	2	17	20
Prahran	71	167	225	234	231	177	160
Preston	9	25	52	103	165	228	298
Richmond	5	4	17	30	27	31	37
Sandringham	36	31	39	79	98	121	164
South Melbourne	1	8	18	19	16	12	18
St. Kilda	150	133	121	137	108	98	96
Williamstown	5	9	17	39	65	89	98
SHIRE.							
Braybrook (exclusive of Western Riding) ..	9	7	10	26	44	65	101
Total	951	1,305	2,231	3,420	3,862	4,354	5,086

**VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR ALL
BUILDINGS IN GREATER MELBOURNE DURING THE
YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1934 TO 1938.**

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—				
	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
CITIES.	£	£	£	£	£
Box Hill	85,702	93,413	94,891	119,902	137,083
Brighton	168,129	243,139	274,709	283,210	459,965
Brunswick	124,039	204,349	182,794	214,375	222,563
Camberwell	445,742	739,842	880,870	984,658	1,097,766
Caulfield	344,911	516,659	484,732	511,096	464,885
Chelsea	13,872	30,952	50,322	33,366	52,469
Coburg	108,416	143,356	204,274	240,925	316,782
Collingwood	56,844	89,236	129,389	140,583	127,701
Essendon	131,379	157,596	176,488	207,359	245,033
Fitzroy	13,039	57,420	93,553	86,304	73,770
Footscray	90,868	171,679	252,759	343,026	294,192
Hawthorn	163,475	262,461	231,911	226,428	234,869
Heidelberg (exclusive of Greens- borough Ward)	98,432	137,371	123,709	215,990	263,690
Kew	103,106	138,528	198,485	211,303	194,181
Malvern	273,446	340,604	246,652	246,684	235,515
Melbourne	1,185,123	1,275,893	1,335,093	1,576,587	1,260,496
Moorabbin	56,303	81,411	143,880	161,220	206,199
Mordialloc	19,882	33,909	39,250	77,585	88,010
Northcote	55,313	83,438	93,040	100,049	111,772
Oakleigh	34,992	60,037	79,230	79,430	80,513
Port Melbourne	15,268	6,007	276,783	158,205	130,447
Prahran	393,159	547,189	532,645	516,526	511,078
Preston	49,832	99,235	134,285	201,806	252,601
Richmond	132,612	269,612	160,536	195,901	152,928
Sandringham	56,991	88,022	118,356	133,561	156,773
South Melbourne	165,520	219,303	244,909	294,201	338,290
St. Kilda	345,098	390,047	495,866	426,459	260,127
Williamstown	31,823	50,363	82,150	114,612	106,491
SHIRE.					
Braybrook (exclusive of Western Riding)	16,150	29,133	57,668	97,088	126,195
Total	4,784,465	6,560,704	7,419,229	8,198,439	8,202,384
Total number of permits issued	7,808	9,201	10,022	10,731	11,618

The following graph shows in quarterly periods from 1932 to 1938 the trend of the building industry in Greater Melbourne. The value for June quarter, 1937, was the highest quarterly total recorded since the collection was first made in September quarter, 1927.

VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN GREATER MELBOURNE 1932 TO 1938



VALUE OF PERMITS ISSUED IN QUARTERLY TOTALS.

Year and Quarter.	New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	All Buildings.
	Dwellings.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
1932—March	169,662	259,631	81,396	510,689
June	204,494	420,287	131,817	756,598
September	319,488	132,606	156,581	608,675
December	340,200	96,237	126,217	562,654
1933—March	309,083	53,492	136,721	499,296
June	402,492	238,830	256,302	897,624
September	451,690	184,374	167,342	803,406
December	498,457	406,804	203,295	1,108,556
1934—March	615,969	181,820	288,689	1,086,478
June	680,664	271,743	267,436	1,219,843
September	789,216	246,816	437,658	1,473,690
December	502,577	201,866	300,011	1,004,454
1935—March	731,486	289,392	339,351	1,360,229
June	872,589	515,717	377,699	1,766,005
September	1,128,438	344,420	315,099	1,787,957
December	989,095	235,244	422,174	1,646,513
1936—March	983,010	527,487	273,208	1,783,705
June	1,013,937	553,210	376,732	1,943,879
September	1,155,100	447,149	418,347	2,020,596
December	1,020,732	282,979	367,338	1,671,049
1937—March	939,090	341,482	384,577	1,665,149
June	1,343,608	749,309	549,290	2,642,207
September	1,246,310	296,314	401,123	1,943,747
December	1,119,979	430,264	397,093	1,947,336
1938—March	1,265,616	322,326	329,984	1,917,926
June	1,288,736	490,524	438,927	2,218,187
September	1,418,736	363,850	352,910	2,135,496
December	1,158,863	457,379	314,533	1,930,775

Building
Permits Issued
By Provincial
Municipalities.

With a view to gauging the relative activity of the building industry during recent years in centres outside Greater Melbourne, particulars, more or less complete, relating to building permits issued by certain provincial municipalities, have been obtained and are given below :—

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED
BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1927 TO 1938.

Municipality.	Period.	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Ballaarat 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
	1938	127	86,570	12	11,620	144	52,490	283	150,680
	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
1938		63	45,180	3	6,060	192	27,835	258	79,075
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
	1938	35	29,277	12	43,349	102	33,093	149	105,719
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	†	†	163	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
	1938	91	59,400	3	5,115	16	5,535	110	70,050

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1927 TO 1938—continued.

Municipality.	Period.	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
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	..	..	..	..	..	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	25,322	11	34,598	26	7,726	90	67,646
	1938	52	29,370	7	36,975	25	10,782	84	77,127
	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	49	24,214	153	124,481
1938		88	50,612	12	45,357	31	28,638	131	124,607
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	+	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
1938	50	41,915	5	19,790	26	8,476	81	70,181	
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
1938	32	18,469	14	24,362	29	1,765	75	45,596	

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY CERTAIN
PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES 1927 TO 1938—*continued.*

Municipality.	Period.	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
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
	1938	81	49,180	18	37,126	69	20,678	168	106,984
Warnambool 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
	1938	39	29,855	1	13,000	16	21,456	56	64,311

* Not available.

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

‡ Included in "Alterations and Additions."

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