

PART X.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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

The Local Government Act No. 5203 of 1946 consolidated the law relating to Local Government in Victoria.

For purposes of local government, the State of Victoria consists of 198 Municipalities and the Yallourn Works Area which was constituted under the *State Electricity (Yallourn Area) Act No. 5219* of 1947. Information relating to the formation of the Yallourn Works Area is published on page 492 of this *Year-Book*.

During the year ended 31st December, 1948, the State Parliament passed several Acts affecting local government, and details of their principal provisions are given in Part I. of this *Year-Book*. The numbers and the titles of the principal Acts are as follow:—

- No. 5268.—*Camberwell Lands Act 1948.*
- No. 5271.—*Building Operations and Building Materials Control (Amendment) Act 1948.*
- No. 5288.—*Building Operations Control (Amendment) Act 1948.*
- No. 5347.—*Building Operations (Amendment) Act 1948.*
- No. 5273.—*Town and Country Planning Act 1948.*
- No. 5278.—*Country Roads (Permanent Works) Act 1948.*
- No. 5281.—*Closer Settlement (Disposal of Land) Act 1948.*
- No. 5289.—*Local Government (Streets) Act 1948.*
- No. 5290.—*Country Roads Act 1948.*
- No. 5295.—*Forests (Amendment) Act 1948.*
- No. 5299.—*Local Authorities Superannuation (Amendment) Act 1948.*
- No. 5301.—*Health (Hospitals) Act 1948.*
- No. 5302.—*River Improvement Act 1948.*
- No. 5307.—*Local Government (Footscray Street Construction) Act 1948.*
- No. 5314.—*Transfer of Land (Acquisitions) Act 1948.*
- No. 5316.—*Fire Brigades (Borrowing and Salaries) Act 1948.*
- No. 5321.—*North-West Mallee Settlement Areas Act 1948.*
- No. 5324.—*Municipal Endowment (Temporary Discontinuance) Act 1948.*
- No. 5326.—*Country Roads Board Fund (Amendment) Act 1948.*
- No. 5328.—*Housing Act 1948.*

- No. 5331.—*Statute Law Revision Act 1948.*
 No. 5334.—*Water Supply Loans Application Act 1948.*
 No. 5335.—*Country Roads (Works and Evidence) Act 1948.*
 No. 5346.—*Public Works Loan and Application Act 1948.*
 No. 5354.—*Revocation and Excision of Crown Reservations Act 1948.*
 No. 5357.—*Co-operative Housing Societies Act 1948.*

Municipalities in Victoria. Of the 198 municipalities in the State at 30th September, 1948, 35 ranked as cities, 6 as towns, 20 as boroughs, and 137 as shires. The only unincorporated areas of the State are French Island, in Westernport Bay, containing about 42,000 acres; Julia Percy Island, off Port Fairy, containing 650 acres; and Tower Hill, adjacent to the Borough of Koroit, containing approximately 1,350 acres.

Changes in names and the constitution of new municipalities during the last ten years are as follow.—

- | Year. | |
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| 1938 | .. On 19th January, 1938, the Borough of Colac was constituted by severance from the Shire of Colac.
On 24th May, 1938, the name of the Shire of Borung was changed to the Shire of Warracknabeal. |
| 1939 | .. The Borough of Swan Hill was constituted on 31st May, 1939, by severance from the Shire of Swan Hill.
On 23rd May, 1939, the name of the Shire of Lawloit was changed to the Shire of Kaniva. |
| 1945 | .. On 10th April, 1945, the name of the Shire of Blackburn and Mitcham was changed to the City of Nunawading. |
| 1948 | .. On 25th May, 1948, the Borough of Colac was proclaimed a Town.
On 1st September, 1948, the Borough of Benalla was constituted by severance from the Shire of Benalla. |

Municipal Elections. Municipal elections of councillors are held in August in every year. Under Section 149 of the *Local Government Act 1946*, the Governor in Council may, on the petition of the council of any municipality, make orders providing for compulsory voting and voting by post. At 30th September, 1948, voting was compulsory in the following 21 municipalities.—

Metropolitan Area.

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|--------|---|
| Cities | .. Brunswick, Coburg, Essendon, Fitzroy, Footscray, Heidelberg, Northcote, Nunawading, Port Melbourne, Preston, Williamstown. |
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Outside Metropolitan Area.

Cities	..	Ballaarat, Bendigo, Mildura.
Town	..	Hamilton
Boroughs	..	Castlemaine, Echuca, Maryborough, Wonthaggi.
Shires	..	Eltham, Warragul.

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 during the years ended 30th September, 1947 and 1948.

As the metropolitan area was redefined in 1947, information relating to municipalities in Greater Melbourne and municipalities outside Greater Melbourne is not comparable with that for previous years.

It is not practicable to present all types of statistics for a part of a municipality. Consequently, where only portion of a municipality comes within the Metropolitan Area, the statistics published, unless otherwise stated, relate to the municipality as a whole.

VICTORIA—PROPERTIES RATED AND NUMBER OF DWELLINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1946-47 AND 1947-48.

Year Ended 30th September.	Number of Distinct Rate- payers.	Number of Prop- erties Rated.	Value of Rateable Property.		Estimated Number of Dwellings.†		Esti- mated Number of Dwel- lings Erected During the Year.
			Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Occupied.	Unoc- cupied.	
MUNICIPALITIES IN GREATER MELBOURNE.*							
1947.. ..	401,964	458,592	24,199,694	464,910,600	307,576	35	5,859
1948.. ..	413,521	466,751	25,275,859	486,266,050	315,663	15	6,742
MUNICIPALITIES OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
1947.. ..	288,760	403,604	16,011,188	319,573,460	222,642	489	3,422.
1948.. ..	295,423	409,580	17,443,926	348,302,030	219,651‡	423	4,978§
TOTAL.							
1947.. ..	690,724	862,196	40,210,882	784,484,060	530,218	524	9,281
1948.. ..	708,944	876,331	42,719,785	834,568,080	535,314	438	11,720

* Including the whole of the City of Heidelberg, the Borough of Ringwood, and the whole of the Shires of Braybrook, Broadmeadows, and Keilor.

† Particulars of occupied and unoccupied dwellings are based on returns furnished by municipalities. These figures refer to the number of *units* in all habitable buildings and differ from the basis on which the 1947 Census returns were compiled.

‡ Including occupied dwellings in areas not within any municipality, viz., the Yallourn Works Area, 1,162 and the Unincorporated areas, 38.

§ Includes 61 within the Yallourn Works Area.

In 1947-48 the estimated capital improved value of rateable property reached its highest point (£834,568,080).

Municipalities. The following table shows, for each municipality in Victoria, the general rate levied in the £1 the estimated value of rateable property, the amount of loans outstanding at 30th September, 1948, the General Account receipts, and the estimated number of dwellings.—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1947-48.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1948.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.*	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
MUNICIPALITIES IN GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>							
Box Hill ..	0 5½ <i>a</i>	419,646	8,011,220	157,101 <i>c</i>	59,303	5,667	..
Brighton ..	2 4	822,545	16,450,900	153,904	120,742	10,396	..
Brunswick ..	0 7 <i>a</i>	750,623	11,361,980	123,728	186,398	13,731	..
Camberwell ..	0 5½ <i>a</i>	1,577,453	27,144,840	198,004	215,027	20,584	..
Caulfield ..	0 4½ <i>a</i>	1,411,423	27,593,920	168,589	170,354	20,640	..
Chelsea ..	0 6½ <i>a</i>	141,046	2,186,310	8,069 <i>d</i>	34,368	3,326	..
Coburg ..	0 6 <i>a</i>	617,168	10,854,410	353,212	152,957	12,284	..
Collingwood ..	2 6	522,691	10,453,820	58,705	88,044	7,107	..
Essendon ..	0 6½ <i>a</i>	822,971	13,336,320	217,744	167,615	13,642	..
Fitzroy ..	2 6	489,573	9,791,460	76,158	78,409	7,504	..
Footscray ..	2 3	845,269	16,905,380	252,964	175,733	13,131	..
Hawthorn ..	2 3	733,487	14,669,740	89,577	103,792	10,515	..
Heidelberg ..	2 6 <i>b</i>	587,756	11,755,120	303,879	128,309	9,745	..
Kew ..	0 5½ <i>a</i>	620,313	11,424,330	127,253	100,144	7,586	..
Malvern ..	2 5	1,058,624	21,172,480	133,068	145,642	12,949	1
Melbourne ..	2 0	5,387,935	107,758,700	4,296,000	884,528	24,054	14
Moorabbin ..	<i>ab</i> 4	443,588	8,510,670	105,152 <i>e</i>	91,218	8,263	..
Mordialloc ..	0 5½ <i>a</i>	200,568	3,807,470	94,348 <i>f</i>	45,134	3,666	..
Northcote ..	0 5 <i>a</i>	558,506	9,732,260	145,887	168,979	11,280	..
Nunawading ..	2 10	180,333	3,606,660	27,894 <i>g</i>	34,346	2,846	..
Oakleigh ..	0 5½ <i>a</i>	229,114	3,991,630	39,249	44,627	3,908	..
Port Melbourne ..	2 6	341,918	6,838,360	14,615	56,334	3,501	..
Prahran ..	1 8	1,495,547	29,910,940	129,259	161,327	16,841	..
Preston ..	0 5½ <i>a</i>	590,774	10,991,590	290,475	124,651	11,161	..
Richmond ..	2 9	619,818	12,396,360	145,946	104,010	9,620	..
Sandringham ..	0 6 <i>a</i>	432,241	8,110,600	191,153	76,506	7,191	..
South Melbourne ..	2 6	926,043	18,520,860	184,378	148,660	11,422	..
St. Kilda ..	2 3	1,314,149	26,282,980	195,259	171,773	17,056	..
Williamstown ..	2 3	337,847	6,756,940	72,701	94,014	6,402	..
<i>Borough.</i>							
Ringwood ..	3 0	90,496	1,809,920	25,816 <i>i</i>	22,840	1,390	..

* See footnote † on page 475.

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £2,434 due by City of Nunawading.

d Excluding £920 due to Shire of Dandenong.

e Excluding £2,157 due to City of Sandringham.

f Excluding £2,157 due to City of Sandringham.

g Excluding £2,434 due to City of Box Hill.

h Including £4,314 due by Cities of Moorabbin and Mordialloc.

i Excluding £194 due to Shire of Lillydale.

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Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1948.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.*	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
Braybrook ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	330,078	6,601,560	33,190	57,678	3,793	..
Broadmeadows ..	2 3	185,095	3,701,900	30,970	37,173	2,410	..
Keilor ..	2 0	91,254	1,825,080	2,336	15,063	817	..
Mulgrave ..	2 6	99,967	1,999,340	18,766	18,806	1,235	..
Total Municipalities in Greater Melbourne ..	..	25,275,859	486,266,050	8,465,349	4,284,504	315,663	15
OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>							
Ballaarat ..	2 10	496,619	9,932,380	62,591 <i>c</i>	109,448	10,048	4
Bendigo ..	2 10	339,288	6,785,760	77,932	74,384	7,113	..
Geelong ..	2 10	345,101	6,902,020	106,758	69,952	4,545	..
Geelong West ..	3 0	173,875	3,477,500	50,539 <i>d</i>	35,441	4,046	..
Mildura ..	2 9	174,325	3,486,500	134,390 <i>e</i>	40,405	2,054	..
Warrnambool ..	3 0	135,663	2,713,260	36,533	32,922	2,380	..
<i>Towns.</i>							
Ararat ..	2 9	52,098	1,041,960	79,176	17,673	1,307	..
Colac ..	2 10	81,978	1,639,560	13,006 <i>f</i>	16,860	1,604	..
Hamilton ..	0 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ <i>a</i>	95,546	1,870,570	24,427	23,960	1,747	..
Horsham ..	2 9	104,836	2,096,720	99,176	31,327	1,614	..
Newtown and Chilwell ..	0 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ <i>a</i>	153,620	3,050,590	22,771	27,223	2,502	..
Sale ..	3 0	62,276	1,245,520	17,084	19,127	1,214	..
<i>Boroughs.</i>							
Castlemaine ..	3 0	58,609	1,172,180	11,323	16,066	1,516	..
Clunes ..	2 6	11,771	235,420	3,255	3,677	288	2
Daylesford ..	3 0	34,572	691,440	10,961	8,302	880	..
Eaglehawk ..	2 6	24,529	490,580	..	7,097	1,122	..
Echuca ..	3 0	56,557	1,131,140	17,577	13,730	1,194	..
Inglewood ..	2 0	9,732	194,640	6,997	3,586	264	1
Koroit ..	2 4	21,236	424,720	914	5,034	351	..
Maryborough ..	3 0	64,719	1,294,380	12,236	17,573	1,677	..
Port Fairy ..	2 9	25,556	511,120	2,252	6,137	507	..
Portland ..	0 6 <i>a</i>	60,541	1,030,520	21,234	14,635	997	..
Queenscliffe ..	2 9	40,067	801,340	8,063	8,706	767	..
Sebastopol ..	2 9	18,363	367,260	..	4,096	522	..
Shepparton ..	2 8	152,233	3,044,660	50,093 <i>g</i>	31,798	1,960	..
St. Arnaud ..	2 9	34,235	684,700	16,690	13,402	790	..
Stawell ..	3 0	51,701	1,034,020	42,644	22,041	1,326	..
Swan Hill ..	2 6	76,220	1,524,400	41,008 <i>h</i>	25,006	1,009	..
Wangaratta ..	3 0	106,110	2,122,200	48,704	14,100	1,631	..
Wonthaggi ..	3 0	44,625	892,500	3,013	12,057	1,232	..

* See footnote † on page 475.

a Levied on unimproved value of land.*b* Differential general rates levied.*c* Excluding £82 due to Shire of Bungaree.*d* Excluding £5,161 due to Shire of Corio.*e* Excluding £270 due to Shire of Mildura.*f* Excluding £4,129 due to Shire of Colac.*g* Excluding £328 due to Shire of Shepparton.*h* Excluding £21,271 due to Shire of Swan Hill.

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Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1948.	General Account Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.*	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
Alberton ..	2 3	148,479	2,969,580	7,104	22,578	1,397	..
Alexandra ..	2 0	92,929	1,858,580	5,533	15,885	894	..
Arapiles ..	2 3	58,754	1,175,080	6,725	9,934	522	..
Ararat ..	2 0	211,337	4,226,740	..	26,853	1,113	..
Avoca ..	3 0	44,309	886,180	1,853	11,090	727	2
Avon ..	2 6	54,812	1,096,240	238	9,005	626	..
Bacchus Marsh ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	77,797	1,555,940	..	13,546	862	..
Bairnsdale ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	164,108	3,282,160	30,150	27,947	2,151	..
Ballan ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	70,399	1,407,980	1,741	9,875	841	..
Ballaarat ..	2 0	74,594	1,491,880	1,890	11,855	811	..
Bannockburn ..	1 10	60,053	1,201,060	..	8,583	571	15
Barrabool ..	1 10 <i>b</i>	68,793	1,375,860	4,297	10,314	550	..
Bass ..	2 3	103,360	2,067,200	4,992 ^c	18,480	1,071	1
Beechworth ..	2 6	45,194	903,880	13,485	11,003	944	3
Belfast ..	2 3	77,259	1,545,180	2,300	12,776	488	..
Bellarine ..	2 0	75,224	1,504,480	..	11,917	1,298	2
Bonalla ..	1 10 <i>b</i>	203,812	4,076,240	24,532	29,390	2,165	..
Berwick ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	240,184	4,803,680	2,120	37,896	3,098	..
Bet Bet ..	2 3	40,001	800,020	33,815	6,505	776	..
Birchip ..	2 0	48,901	978,020	7,839	11,936	386	4
Bright ..	2 9	57,993	1,159,860	9,880	15,225	1,342	2
Broadford ..	2 0	29,706	594,120	2,518	6,276	419	..
Bulla ..	2 3	44,332	886,640	5,769	6,267	399	1
Buln Buln ..	2 6	140,534	2,810,680	607	31,612	1,867	6
Bungaree ..	2 0	33,784	675,680	1,288 ^d	4,703	451	1
Buninyong ..	2 3 <i>b</i>	69,131	1,382,620	1,226	12,376	1,004	..
Charlton ..	2 3 <i>b</i>	81,206	1,624,120	5,853	17,961	562	26
Chiltern ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	41,752	835,040	170	7,038	487	..
Cohuna ..	2 6	68,935	1,378,700	2,009	13,934	846	..
Colac ..	2 0	227,365	4,547,300	8,258 ^e	30,094	1,734	3
Corio ..	2 6	175,101	3,502,020	45,880 ^f	35,132	1,067	..
Cranbourne ..	2 9 <i>b</i>	165,688	3,313,760	8,418	34,300	2,050	..
Creswick ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	70,467	1,409,340	3,784	14,729	1,040	3
Dandenong ..	0 5 ^g / _{10th}	228,776	4,333,720	97,212 ^g	62,021	3,728	..
Deakin ..	2 0	113,961	2,279,220	1,700	16,114	1,040	..
Dimboola ..	2 6	176,701	3,534,020	21,941 ^h	27,893	1,611	..
Donald ..	2 3	88,439	1,768,780	2,525	15,535	735	..
Doncaster and Templestowe ..	2 7	78,991	1,579,820	..	11,846	1,066	4
Dundas ..	2 6	180,590	3,611,800	..	27,411	889	..
Dunmunkle ..	2 0	157,250	3,145,000	6,697	40,982	1,086	..
East Loddon ..	2 0	66,653	1,333,060	2,000	8,010	364	12
Eltham ..	2 6 <i>b</i>	83,124	1,762,480	13,642	15,181	2,198	..
Euroa ..	2 3 <i>b</i>	91,904	1,838,080	19,877	17,910	1,045	..
Fern Tree Gully ..	3 0	220,355	4,407,100	51,767	53,555	5,814	100
Flinders ..	2 9	200,197	4,003,940	5,549	39,106	3,296	..

* See footnote † on page 475.

a Levied on unimproved value of land.*b* Differential general rates levied.*c* Including £1,816 due by Shire of Phillip Island.*d* Including £82 due by City of Ballaarat.*e* Including £4,129 due by Town of Colac.*f* Including £5,161 due by City of Geelong West.*g* Including £920 due by City of Chelsea.*h* Excluding £177 due to Shire of Karkaroo.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1947-48—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1948.	General Account 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>		
Frankston and Hastings ..	2 9	223,986	4,479,720	58,732	60,921	3,379	..
Gisborne ..	1 9 b	54,301	1,086,020	3,314	8,822	678	..
Genelg ..	2 9	193,840	3,876,800	34,766	47,671	1,421	1
Glenlyon ..	2 0	43,856	877,120	6,566	6,739	822	..
Gordon ..	2 0 b	105,269	2,105,380	4,027	16,596	742	35
Goulburn ..	1 9 b	47,292	945,840	4,703	6,505	475	1
Grenville ..	1 9 b	54,602	1,092,040	1,051	13,328	588	..
Hampden ..	2 6	306,394	6,127,880	369	56,198	2,845	..
Healesville ..	3 0	54,428	1,088,560	11,329	17,780	1,203	..
Heytesbury ..	2 6	188,767	3,775,340	9,889	32,380	1,444	..
Huntly ..	2 0	54,000	1,080,000	5,558	7,188	666	..
Kaniva ..	1 11	123,536	2,470,720	8,704	16,404	561	8
Kara Kara ..	2 0 b	107,231	2,144,620	1,638	15,375	489	..
Karkaroc ..	2 0	123,455	2,469,100	6,213 e	19,716	1,091	11
Kerang ..	2 0	176,473	3,529,460	53,867	27,813	1,949	..
Killmore ..	2 3 b	29,285	585,700	11,762	5,466	416	..
Korong ..	2 3	96,516	1,930,320	21,195	13,395	947	4
Korumburra ..	2 0 b	134,873	2,697,460	352	24,927	1,681	..
Kowree ..	2 0	144,449	2,888,980	6,526	20,004	1,188	1
Kyneton ..	2 0 b	99,724	1,994,480	10,499	20,881	1,770	10
Leigh ..	2 0	58,878	1,177,560	..	9,102	301	..
Lexton ..	2 0	40,318	806,360	..	7,245	322	40
Lillydale ..	2 6 b	233,881	4,677,620	37,500 d	51,214	4,677	..
Lowan ..	2 6	144,613	2,892,260	1,520	24,698	1,024	..
Maffra ..	2 9	133,541	2,670,820	10,417	34,473	1,508	..
Maldon ..	1 9 b	36,023	720,460	..	6,409	632	..
Mansfield ..	2 5 b	92,694	1,853,880	10,072	16,592	1,038	..
Marong ..	2 0	103,431	2,068,620	1,935	15,367	1,205	10
Melton ..	2 0	48,198	963,960	2,553	5,601	364	..
Metcalfe ..	2 0	53,792	1,075,840	..	7,528	707	..
Mildura ..	1 10	339,302	6,786,040	37,491 e	65,238	3,852	..
Minhamite ..	1 9 b	85,488	1,709,760	..	12,076	524	..
Mirboo ..	3 0	31,293	625,860	5,660	10,286	417	..
Mornington ..	2 6	114,100	2,282,000	4,431	19,517	1,261	..
Mortlake ..	2 0	184,059	3,681,180	..	24,391	833	..
Morwell ..	2 3	155,413	3,108,260	5,685	23,811	1,982	..
Mount Rouse ..	2 0	106,448	2,128,960	..	16,695	623	..
McIvor ..	2 0	63,496	1,269,920	8,408	9,454	621	8
Narracan ..	2 6	167,844	3,356,880	23,497	28,960	2,987	..
Newham and Woodend ..	2 0	36,752	735,040	..	5,744	563	1
Newstead and Mt. Alexander ..	2 6	29,128	582,560	99	5,081	622	..
Numurkah ..	1 9 b	141,526	2,830,520	10,927	20,577	1,477	..
Omeo ..	3 0	51,917	1,038,340	9,812	11,629	559	20
Orbost ..	2 6	83,765	1,675,300	18,663	16,970	1,175	..
Otway ..	3 0	50,217	1,004,340	6,223	15,942	1,010	2
Oxley ..	2 6	76,680	1,533,600	5,629	14,883	1,030	..
Phillip Island ..	3 0	29,317	586,340	15,711 f	7,802	342	..
Portland ..	2 0	196,390	3,927,800	29,442	29,031	1,673	2

* See footnote † on page 475.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £177 due by Shire of Dimboola.

d Including £194 due by Borough of Ringwood.

e Including £270 due by City of Mildura.

f Excluding £1,816 due to Shire of Bass.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1947-48—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £1 of Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1948.	General Account 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>		
Pyalong ..	2 0	27,533	550,660		3,516	157	..
Ripon ..	2 0	99,932	1,998,640	9,152	15,838	828	..
Rochester ..	1 9 b	186,781	3,735,620	1,195	21,332	1,479	..
Rodney ..	2 3	197,676	3,953,520	21,158	38,173	2,475	..
Romsey ..	2 6	64,200	1,284,000	5,447	11,620	810	..
Rosedale ..	0 2 1/2 a	134,431	2,646,130	5,000	18,731	1,006	..
Rutherglen ..	2 0	73,687	1,473,740	5,141	13,832	799	6
Seymour ..	1 6 b	77,113	1,542,260	15,683	20,072	1,115	..
Shepparton ..	2 6 b	120,888	2,417,760	6,922 c	26,098	1,258	..
South Barwon ..	2 3 b	101,399	2,027,980	39,117	19,475	1,757	1
South Gippsland ..	3 0	68,124	1,362,480	10,533	16,218	1,127	..
Stawell ..	2 6	122,384	2,447,680	3,226	20,067	739	..
Strathfieldsaye ..	2 3	43,092	861,840		8,357	938	7
Swan Hill ..	2 0	187,040	3,740,800	70,607 d	36,853	2,444	10
Talbot ..	2 0	28,363	567,260		4,196	295	1
Tambo ..	3 0	59,859	1,197,180	1,700	13,230	1,037	..
Towong ..	2 0 b	99,017	1,980,340		15,079	1,051	..
Traralgon ..	2 6 b	88,030	1,760,600	47,160	31,106	1,476	..
Tullaroop ..	2 0	42,021	840,420	1,957	7,488	436	4
Tungamah ..	1 6	197,380	3,947,600	15,547	22,827	1,176	..
Upper Murray ..	2 0	70,568	1,411,360	4,502	10,212	571	..
Upper Yarra ..	3 0	57,205	1,144,100	1,333	17,837	1,680	25
Violet Town ..	2 0	58,669	1,173,380	5,420	8,900	393	11
Walpeup ..	2 0 b	93,509	1,870,180	27,740	15,784	1,204	..
Wangaratta ..	2 0	74,020	1,480,400	151	7,522	562	..
Wannon ..	2 0 b	133,130	2,662,600		19,611	917	..
Waranga ..	2 0	103,449	2,068,980	451	21,290	1,166	5
Warracknabeal ..	1 9 b	158,522	3,170,440	20,837	24,115	1,249	..
Warragul ..	2 6	181,747	3,634,940	28,725	37,989	1,690	..
Warrnambool ..	2 0 b	272,158	5,443,160		41,810	1,928	..
Werribee ..	2 0 b	160,812	3,216,240	59,915	35,209	2,366	..
Whittlesea ..	2 0 b	76,060	1,521,200	510	11,920	984	..
Wimmera ..	1 6 b	139,084	2,781,680	1,465	20,069	904	5
Winchelsea ..	2 0 b	111,705	2,234,100	9,162	19,238	1,107	..
Wodonga ..	2 3	61,392	1,227,840	22,951	14,336	963	..
Woorayl ..	2 9	118,536	2,370,720	16,328	26,866	1,662	..
Wycheproof ..	1 9	146,886	2,937,720	35,571 e	22,369	1,102	..
Yackandandah ..	2 0	59,166	1,183,320		10,178	735	..
Yarrowonga ..	2 3 b	69,814	1,396,280	30,828	15,488	820	2
Yea ..	0 4 a	62,928	1,208,820	10,840	18,317	723	..
Total Municipalities outside Greater Melbourne ..	..	17,443,926	348,302,030	2,531,520	3,328,937	218,451	423
Total Municipalities ..	..	42,719,785	834,568,080	10,996,869	7,613,441	534,114	438
Yallourn Works Area ..						1,162	..
Uncorporated Areas ..						38	..
Total Victoria ..						535,314	438

* See footnote † on page 475.

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £328 due by Borough of Shepparton.

d Including £627 due by Shire of Wycheproof, and £21,271 due by Borough of Swan Hill.

e Excluding £627 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.

There were at 30th September, 1948, twenty municipalities which levied the general rate on the unimproved value. 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 1947-48 :—

VICTORIA—RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES, 1947-48.

Municipality.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Unimproved Capital Value.	Net Annual Value (excluding Special Rateable Properties).	Amount of Rate in the % of Unimproved Capital Value.	Equivalent Rate on Net Annual Value.	Amount Collectable in 1947-48 on Unimproved Capital Value.	Unimproved Capital Value to Capital Improved Value.
IN GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>							
Box Hill ..	£ 8,011,220	£ 2,264,940	£ 417,165	5½	s. d. 12 5	£ 49,546	% 28·27
Brunswick ..	11,361,980	3,125,360	741,636	7	2 5	91,156	27·51
Camberwell ..	27,144,840	8,002,100	1,572,999	5½	2 4	183,381	29·48
Caulfield ..	27,593,920	7,830,022	1,405,423	4½	2 1	146,813	28·38
Chelsea ..	2,186,310	820,231	140,455	6½	3 3	23,069	37·52
Coburg ..	10,854,410	3,327,523	612,051	6	2 9	83,188	30·66
Essendon ..	13,336,320	4,086,399	820,020	6½	2 8	110,673	30·64
Kew ..	11,424,330	3,898,117	615,629	5½	2 8	82,835	34·12
Moorabbin ..	8,510,670	3,416,193	434,755	4*	2 7	56,937	40·14
Mordialloc ..	3,807,470	1,237,775	200,568	5½	2 8	27,076	32·51
Northcote ..	9,732,260	3,284,400	554,674	5	2 6	68,425	33·75
Oakleigh ..	3,991,630	1,462,054	227,366	5½	2 10	31,982	36·63
Preston ..	10,991,590	3,327,997	576,788	5½	2 9	79,733	30·28
Sandringham ..	8,110,600	2,443,344	430,491	6	2 10	61,084	30·13
OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
Hamilton Town ..	1,870,570	636,748	95,546	5½	2 10	13,929	34·04
Newtown and Chilwell Town ..	3,050,590	806,614	153,200	5½	2 5	18,485	26·44
Portland Borough	1,030,520	337,282	59,996	6	2 10	8,432	32·73
Dandenong Shire ..	4,333,720	1,576,716	228,776	5 ⁵ / ₁₀	3 0	34,819	36·38
Rosedale Shire ..	2,646,130	1,303,788	134,317	2½	2 0	13,581	49·27
Yea Shire ..	1,208,820	574,086	62,928	4	3 0	9,568	47·49

* Differential general rates levied.

**Municipal
revenue and
expenditure.**

The following table summarizes for the year ended 30th September, 1948, the revenue and expenditure of municipalities in Victoria under the headings of General Account and Business Undertakings. The transactions of the General Account are presented on a cash basis and those of Business Undertakings generally on a revenue basis. Particulars relating to Loan Accounts, Private Streets Accounts, and Special Improvement Charge Accounts are excluded from this statement.—

**VICTORIA—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF
MUNICIPALITIES, 1947-48.**

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.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Account	884,528	3,399,976	3,328,937	7,613,441	953,481	3,653,144	3,540,016	8,146,641
Business Undertakings—								
Electric Light	1,145,343	1,345,094	386,769	2,877,206	1,136,787	1,351,610	357,777	2,846,174
Gasworks ..	..	55,232	65,250	120,482	..	55,238	69,517	124,755
Waterworks	..	575	46,555	47,130	..	388	48,995	49,383
Abattoirs ..	107,807	40,174	28,118	176,099	128,729	42,368	29,814	200,911
Quarries ..	..	6,138	14,471	20,609	..	9,693	12,448	22,141
Hydraulic Power ..	19,301	..	..	19,301	19,414	..	..	19,414
Railway ..	..	..	10,048	10,048	..	..	9,851	9,851
Total ..	2,156,979	4,847,189	3,880,148	10,884,316	2,238,411	5,112,441	4,068,418	11,419,270

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

Details of the principal items of receipts during the year ended 30th September, 1948, are given below :—

**VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS,
1947-48.**

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Rates—				
General and Extra	536,397	2,389,978	2,135,536	5,061,911
Other .. ..	..	45	2,216	2,261
Interest on overdue rates	211	8,154	12,825	21,190
Licences and Registration Fees—				
Dog	780	17,448	24,942	43,170
Health, Dairy, Slaughtering, and Noxious Trades	1,338	2,315	4,926	8,579
Hackney Carriages .. ..	..	47	470	517
Petrol Pump	166	3,793	3,543	7,502
Dancing Saloon	50	31	11	92
Other	576	35	786	1,397
Total Taxation	539,518	2,421,846	2,185,255	5,146,619
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Sanitary and Garbage	13,127	68,330	175,147	256,604
Other	1,988	17,196	9,295	28,479
Council Properties—				
Markets	105,985	16,914	42,799	165,698
Halls	15,893	41,746	42,943	100,582
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	30,032	58,634	37,835	126,501
Weighbridges	5,642	406	11,475	17,523
Sale of Materials	1,159	38,465	38,697	78,321
Plant Hire .. ..	..	14,761	214,715	229,476
Grazing Fees .. ..	..	65	8,920	8,985
Pounds	211	809	5,238	6,258
Other	49,004	42,043	89,276	180,323
Contributions for Road and Pavement Works	10,200	99,053	75,466	184,719
Other Services—				
Car Parking	31,400	3,942	70	35,412
Sheep Dipping .. ..	..	..	2,514	2,514
Building Fees	1,098	29,573	14,469	45,140
Other .. ..	..	3,381	3,714	7,095
Total Public Works and Services	265,739	435,318	772,573	1,473,630

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS,
1947-48—continued.

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Miscellaneous—				
Police Court Fines	8,542	8,014	4,440	20,996
Interest on Investments	965	25,305	6,027	32,297
Supervision of Private Streets .. .. .	..	11,172	1,067	12,239
Other	1,054	16,900	27,976	45,930
Total Miscellaneous	10,561	61,391	39,510	111,462
Transfers from Business Undertakings (excluding Loan Recoups and Administration Refunds)	50,000	232,900	11,356	294,256
Government Grants—				
Roads	7,629	41,807	59,582	109,018
Parks, Gardens, &c. .. .. .	..	140	10,860	11,000
River Works .. .. .	..	..	2,370	2,370
Infectious Diseases Treatment .. .. .	..	..	7,019	7,019
Infant Welfare Centres	1,975	16,836	16,372	35,183
Licences Equivalent	8,716	13,613	36,653	58,982
Vermin Destruction .. .. .	..	..	1,224	1,224
Other	390	11,863	7,180	19,433
Total Government Grants	18,710	84,259	141,260	244,229
Trust Receipts—				
Refunds of Advances .. .. .	..	25,671	49,091	74,762
Contractors' Deposits .. .. .	..	33,627	30,889	64,516
Other .. .. .	..	104,964	99,003	203,967
Total Trust Receipts .. .. .	..	164,262	178,983	343,245
Grand Total	884,528	3,399,976	3,328,937	7,613,441

Of the total General Account receipts (excluding trust items) during 1947-48, 70·8 per cent. was derived from taxation (70·0 per cent. from rates and 0·8 per cent. from licences and registration fees); 20·3 per cent. from public works and services; 4·1 per cent. from transfers from business undertakings; 3·3 per cent. from Government

Grants; and 1·5 per cent. from other sources. The total amount collected from taxation (£5,146,619) was equivalent to £2 9s. 6d. per head of population or to £7 5s. 2d. per distinct ratepayer.

Details of the principal items of expenditure from the General Account during the year ended 30th September, 1948, are set out hereunder:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENDITURE,
1947-48.

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
General Administration (including Pay-Roll Tax)*	129,835	428,687	522,965	1,081,487
Debt Services—				
Redemption of Loans .. ..	..	313,842	151,352	465,194
Sinking Fund Instalments	49,212	640	1,684	51,536
Interest on Loans	118,635	146,725	67,697	333,057
Interest on Overdrafts	2,457	5,250	14,186	21,893
Payments to Municipalities on account of severance adjustments .. ..	..	893	4,525	5,418
Other	309	135	164	608
Total Debt Services	170,613	467,485	239,608	877,706
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Administration	12,857	33,575	39,697	86,129
Sanitary and Garbage	68,635	277,502	185,954	532,091
Statutory Contributions—				
Fairfield Hospital	10,748	37,070	2,763	50,581
Infant Welfare Centres	6,575	51,104	42,986	100,665
Infectious Diseases—				
Maintenance and Treatment .. ..	..	..	11,965	11,965
Furniture and Equipment .. ..	..	..	1,297	1,297
Other	11,246	35,332	9,539	56,117
Council Properties—				
Markets	65,712	8,953	26,445	101,110
Halls	35,081	80,461	43,277	158,819
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	144,744	366,373	143,753	654,870
Weighbridges	2,541	430	5,691	8,662
Grazing Expenses .. ..	..	..	6,378	6,378
Pounds	63	2,997	6,623	9,683
Other Council Properties	10,724	91,629	68,384	170,737

* For details see page 487.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENDITURE,
1947-48—*continued.*

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Public Works and Services— <i>continued—</i>				
Plant, Furniture, and Equipment	7,837	95,118	278,636	381,591
Roads, Streets, Footpaths, and Bridges— Construction, Maintenance, Cleaning, and Watering	156,923	1,148,997	1,346,548	2,652,468
Lighting	1,574	126,590	67,103	195,267
Other Works and Services—				
Car Parking	31,839	2,309	54	34,202
Sheep Dipping .. .. .	..	..	1,504	1,504
River Works .. .. .	..	..	3,352	3,352
Vermin Destruction .. .. .	..	..	3,200	3,200
Other .. .. .	..	4,167	3,593	7,760
Total Public Works and Services	567,099	2,362,607	2,298,742	5,228,448
Grants and Contributions—				
Country Roads Board .. .. .	..	6,615	154,673	161,288
Fire Brigades	19,854	70,960	38,132	128,946
Hospitals, Ambulances, and other Charities	6,405	27,575	28,102	62,082
Other	54,141	106,232	54,557	214,930
Total Grants and Contributions	80,400	211,382	275,464	567,246
Miscellaneous	5,534	15,147	16,653	37,334
Trust Expenditure—				
Advances .. .. .	..	14,928	69,053	83,981
Contractors' deposits refunded .. .. .	..	28,648	26,070	54,718
Other .. .. .	..	124,260	91,461	215,721
Total Trust Expenditure .. .. .	..	167,836	186,584	354,420
Grand Total	953,481	3,653,144	3,540,016	8,146,641

Of the total General Account expenditure (excluding trust items) in 1947-48, 13·9 per cent. was for administration; 11·2 per cent. for debt services; 10·8 per cent. for health services; 8·4 per cent. for parks, gardens, &c.; 36·5 per cent. for roads, streets, &c.; 11·4 per cent. for other public works and services; 7·3 per cent. for grants and contributions; and 0·5 per cent. for miscellaneous items.

Particulars of the principal items of expenditure during the year ended 30th September, 1948, in respect of general municipal administration are given in the appended statement. In considering the cost of administration, it must be borne in mind that the municipalities are not recouped for any administrative cost incurred in the supervision of work on main roads, &c., for the Country Roads Board.

VICTORIA—COST OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION,
1947-48.

Heading.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Salaries*	101,036	268,749	344,606	714,391
Mayoral and Presidential Allowances	4,000	14,365	16,402	34,767
Audit Expenses	950	3,031	5,519	9,500
Dog Registration Expenses	1,089	6,313	11,930	19,332
Election Expenses	622	8,305	3,395	12,322
Insurances	8,370	22,229	26,448	57,047
Legal Expenses	926	5,251	5,721	11,898
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Postage, Telephone	4,806	51,964	69,730	126,500
Pay-Roll Tax	8,036	36,377	27,719	72,132
Other .. .. .	..	12,103	11,495	23,598
Total	129,835	428,687	522,965	1,081,487

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

In Victoria, in 1947-48, electric light undertakings were operated by 38 municipalities, and there were also seven municipally-owned gasworks. The revenue and expenditure of such undertakings in 1947-48 amounted to £2,997,688 and £2,970,929 respectively.

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, 1948, twelve

municipalities had been so constituted. In four other municipalities the water supply services were being administered in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1928*. An analysis of the authorities controlling water supply in Victoria is given on page 160 of the *Year-Book* for 1939-40.

During 1947-48 the receipts and expenditure of the abovementioned municipal waterworks amounted to £47,130 and £49,383 respectively.

Other municipal business undertakings. Quarries, abattoirs, hydraulic power (in the City of Melbourne), and the Kerang-Koondrook railway are other undertakings which are under the control of municipalities in Victoria. In 1947-48, the total revenue on account of these undertakings was £226,057 and the total expenditure amounted to £252,317. In those cases in which the finances of quarries and abattoirs were operated through the General Account, particulars of the amounts have been included in the statement of that Account under the heading of "Other Council Properties".

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

Arrears of general and extra rates. The following table shows the total amount of arrears of general and extra rates and also the amount of arrears per distinct ratepayer in the cities, towns, and boroughs and in the shires at the end of each of the four years, 1944-45 to 1947-48:—

VICTORIA—ARREARS OF GENERAL AND EXTRA RATES,
1944-45 TO 1947-48.

Year Ended 30th September—	Arrears of General and Extra Rates—			Arrears per Distinct Ratepayer—		
	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Shires.	All Muni- cipalities.	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Shires.	All Muni- cipalities.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1945	91,596	212,909	304,505	0 4 5	0 16 8	0 9 2
1946	75,309	196,933	272,242	0 3 7	0 15 6	0 8 1
1947	60,204	161,237	221,441	0 2 9	0 12 5	0 6 5
1948	51,315	139,250	190,565	0 2 4	0 10 5	0 5 4

Number of councillors. In the municipalities throughout the State, there were, at 30th September, 1948, 2,133 councillors viz., 420 in municipalities in Greater Melbourne and 1,713 in municipalities outside Greater Melbourne.

Municipal loans.

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

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

Municipal loan receipts.

The following statement shows the loan receipts (exclusive of conversion loans) during each of the four years, 1944-45 to 1947-48. Particulars of loans raised for work in private streets are also excluded:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN RECEIPTS, 1944-45 TO 1947-48
(Excluding Conversion Loans.)

Year Ended 30th September—	Gross Proceeds of Loans—		Other Receipts.	Total.
	From Government.	From Other Sources.		
	£	£	£	£
1945 .. .. .	..	43,500	213,706	257,206
1946	4,917	297,489	253,396	555,802
1947	19,467	952,258	681,509*	1,653,234
1948	4,647	805,524	215,522†	1,025,693

* Including, in the City of Melbourne, £269,837 transferred from General, Electric Supply, and Hydraulic Power Accounts, and £400,000 transferred from Sinking Fund.

† Including, in the City of Melbourne, £155,972 transferred from the Electric Light Account.

Municipal loan expenditure.

In the following statement details are given of the loan expenditure, exclusive of expenditure on private streets, by municipalities for each of the four years, 1944-45 to 1947-48.

**VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN EXPENDITURE,
1944-45 TO 1947-48.**

Heading.	Year Ended 30th September—			
	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	£	£	£	£
Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Drains ..	19,956	57,122	159,286	205,564
Waterworks .. .. .	..	4,917	19,467	4,647
Electric Light Undertakings	101,943	189,153	165,689	385,789
Gasworks	8,057	20,814	21,969	15,660
Halls	1,022	49	1,325	7,278
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities .. .. .	..	7,651	12,789	92,635
Plant	1,485	17,096	67,378	144,833
Abattoirs	10,817	3,981	21,138	12,090
Markets	941	5,209	4,345	3,461
Infant Welfare Centres	3,719	2,367	5,745	21,671
Other Council Properties	870	4,946	30,274	34,434
Other Purposes	5,925	16,881	4,993	12,567
Transfer to General Revenue Fund .. ..	..	..	255,340	..
Total	154,735	330,186	769,738	940,629

At 30th September, 1948, there was a credit balance in loan accounts amounting to £1,734,431.

Municipal loan liability. The loan liability of the municipalities in Victoria at the end of each of the four years, 1944-45 to 1947-48 is given hereunder.—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN LIABILITY, 1944-45 TO 1947-48.

At 30th September—	Due to—		Gross Loan Liability.	Accumulated Sinking Funds.	Net Loan Liability.	
	Government.*	Public.			Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.
1945	314,063	10,279,103	10,593,166	1,456,322	9,136,844	4 10 8
1946	256,310	10,044,263	10,300,573	1,563,941	8,736,632	4 6 5
1947	254,570	10,473,798	10,728,368	1,264,794	9,463,574	4 11 10
1948	260,171	10,736,698	10,996,869	1,375,590	9,621,279	4 12 7

* Excluding liability to Country Roads Board.

Note.—All amounts outstanding under the provisions of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918*, No. 2995, were paid during the year.

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

For the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of work in respect of which any person is liable to pay by instalments, the council may, on the credit of the municipality, obtain advances from a bank by overdraft on current account or borrow money by the issue of debentures, but such borrowings shall not exceed the total amount of instalments payable. This borrowing power is additional to those powers mentioned on page 489.

Details of the receipts and expenditure of Private Streets Accounts in 1947-48 are shown below :—

VICTORIA—PRIVATE STREETS ACCOUNTS—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1947-48.

Receipts.	£	Expenditure.	£
Proceeds of Loans—		Works	275,504
From Government		Debt Charges—	
From Other Sources	8,000	Redemption of Loans	38,192
Owners' Contributions	307,982	Interest on Loans	4,517
Interest on Investments	284	Interest on Overdraft	1,683
Advance from Trust Fund	8,979	Repayment of Trust Fund	
Other	6,757	Advance	
		Other	2,147
Total Receipts	332,002	Total Expenditure	322,043
Cash in hand or in Bank at		Bank Overdraft at 1st October,	
1st October, 1947	125,035	1947	69,364
Bank Overdraft at 30th		Cash in hand or in Bank at 30th	
September, 1948	79,917	September, 1948	145,547
	536,954		536,954

At 30th September, 1948, loans outstanding on account of private street construction amounted to £94,558 including £200 due to the State Government.

Collection of this information was suspended during the War. Similar information was last published in the *Year-Book* for 1940-41, page 143.

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 1947-48 are shown below. This information was last published in the *Year-Book* for 1940-41, page 144.

VICTORIA—SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT CHARGE ACCOUNTS—
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1947-48.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£		£
Special Improvement Charges	869	Works	1,227
Cash in hand or in Bank at 1st October, 1947	5,023	Bank Overdraft at 1st October, 1947	973
Bank Overdraft at 30th September, 1948	227	Cash in hand or in Bank at 30th September, 1948	3,919
	<u>6,119</u>		<u>6,119</u>

State
Electricity
Commission
(Yallourn
Area) Act
1947.

The Yallourn Works Area is an area occupied by the works of the Commission at Yallourn as defined by proclamation of the Governor in Council and published in the *Government Gazette* on 24th September, 1947. Upon publication, the Yallourn Works Area ceased to form portion of any municipal district.

The area, which was formed by severance of portions of the Shire of Morwell and the Shire of Narracan, occupies 14 square miles.

The *State Electricity Commission (Yallourn Area) Act 1947*, No. 5219, provided that the Yallourn Town Area shall be such portion of the Yallourn Works Area as is from time to time defined as such by the Governor in Council by proclamation published in the *Government Gazette*.

The Yallourn Town Area was proclaimed on 24th September, 1947.

In July, 1944, a majority of 70 per cent. of residents of Yallourn voted for local representation in the form of an Advisory Board in preference to a municipal or civic council.

The Yallourn Town Advisory Council consists of seven members—three elected by adult franchise of residents of the town, three nominated by the Commission and an independent Chairman appointed by the Government. Briefly, the Advisory Council is empowered to—

- (a) make by-laws for the town area upon such matters as would normally be dealt with by a municipal council, such by-laws not to hinder the Commission's workings.

- (b) recommend or advise the Commission on matters affecting the life, health, welfare, and amenities of the residents of the town area.

It is the responsibility of the Commission to carry into effect by-laws made by the Advisory Council and approved by the Governor in Council. For the administration of the statutory responsibilities normally vested in a municipality, the Yallourn Works Area is deemed to be a borough and the Commission a municipal council or local authority.

The inaugural meeting of the Council was held on 7th January, 1948. With the exception of the Chairman, whose salary is paid from Consolidated Revenue, all other costs and expenses of the Advisory Council are paid from the general fund of the Commission.

The following table shows the estimated length of all roads and streets in the State in the year 1948. The mileage of roads, &c. (excluding State Highways) has been compiled from information furnished by all municipal authorities, but some doubts exist as to the accuracy of the particulars on a number of returns. The mileage of State Highways has been obtained from the Country Roads Board.

This statistical table, which is compiled triennially, was last published in the *Year-Book* for 1944-45, page 341.

VICTORIA—LENGTH OF ALL ROADS AND STREETS AT
30TH SEPTEMBER, 1948.

Type of Road or Street.	Roads and Streets (excluding State Highways).	State Highways.	Total.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Wood or stone	62	..	62
Portland cement concrete	149	1	150
Asphaltic concrete and sheet asphalt	190	12	202
Tar or bitumen surface seal over tar or bitumen penetrated or water-bound pavements	7,598	2,643	10,241
Waterbound macadam, gravel, sand, and hard loam pavements	27,228	1,190	28,418
Formed, but not otherwise paved	23,901	..	23,901
Surveyed roads not formed which are used for general traffic	38,437	..	38,437
Total	97,565*	3,846	101,411

* Figures revised since 1945.

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 1947-48 amounted to £6,171 being contributions by municipalities. The amount expended from the Fund was £6,171, all of which was used for the redemption of municipal loans.

The total receipts of the Fund to the 30th June, 1948, amounted to £2,131,844. The payments out of the Fund were—redemption of municipal loans, £1,443,207; payment to the Treasury in reduction of municipal liabilities, £604,180; interest, £84,447; and sundries, £10. There was no balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1948.

Licensing Fund. During the year 1947-48 a sum of £58,984 was paid out of this Fund to municipalities, as provided by Section 311 of the *Licensing Act* 1928. The payments to cities amounted to £29,997; to towns, £1,611; to boroughs, £6,042; and to shires, £21,334. A statement of the receipts and expenditure of this Fund appears in part "Law, Crime, &c.", of this issue.

Municipal Officers' Fidelity Guarantee Fund. The provisions of the Act under which this Fund was established are set out in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29 on page 163.

The premium revenue for the year ended 30th September, 1948, was £1,412, for guarantees amounting to £423,716. The claims paid from January, 1908, the date of the inception of the Fund, to 30th September, 1948, amounted to £6,814. The amount to the credit of the Fund at 30th September, 1948, was £37,566.

COUNTRY ROADS BOARD.

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

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

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

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

The *Country Roads Board Fund Act* 1948 provides that, for the year 1948-49, all fees (other than fees for licences to drive motor cars) and fines paid under the Motor Car Acts, less the cost of collection of such fees and fines, shall be placed to the credit of the Country Roads Board Fund, and that the annual payment into the Fund of the amount of £50,000 from Consolidated Revenue shall be suspended.

The receipts and expenditure of the Fund for each of the five years, 1944-45 to 1948-49, were as follows:—

**VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD FUND—
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1944-45 TO 1948-49.**

	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
<i>Receipts.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Payments by Municipalities ..	241,764	264,506	276,477	302,905	336,470
Fees, Motor Car Act ..	1,395,225	1,558,480	1,762,795	1,963,554	2,133,717
Fees and Registration of Traction Engines	321	360	477	860	603
Stores and Materials	254,450	214,569	411,750	598,080	376,696
Hire of Plant	108,647	98,782	181,936	230,982	230,976
Other Receipts (advance from Public Account for unemployment relief and other works, &c.)	125,315	172,867	205,527	240,351	276,872
Total	2,125,722	2,309,564	2,838,962	3,336,732	3,355,334
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Maintenance and reconditioning of main roads, State highways, tourists' roads, and Forest roads	733,697	829,084	1,412,029	1,766,914	921,772
Relief to Municipalities	221,040	221,040	220,704	220,683	210,579
Interest and Sinking Fund	107,975	106,413	105,547	104,295	103,290
Recoup to Revenue (Interest, Sinking Fund, &c.)	341,358	337,193	319,561	321,337	321,453
Plant, Stores, and Materials	314,686	479,370	817,797	1,043,506	797,367
Other Expenditure (including ad- ministration)	188,093	325,988	374,560	524,815	604,485
Total	1,906,849	2,299,088	3,250,198	3,981,550	2,958,946

The balance to the credit of the Fund at 30th June, 1949, was £440,833.

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. Receipts from loan proceeds were £400,000 and from State Loans Repayment Fund, £37,529. Payments for Permanent Works amounted to £407,304.

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 1948-49 there were no transactions owing to the funds having been exhausted in previous years.

The following is a summary of the total expenditure by the Board on road construction during each of the five years, 1944-45 to 1948-49:—

**VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD—EXPENDITURE
ON ROADS, 1944-45 TO 1948-49.**

	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	£	£	£	£	£
State Highways*— Maintenance and reconditioning	251,048	261,956	597,180	1,181,382	570,060
Main Roads*— Construction	43,794	40,948	95,168	75,743	12,304
Maintenance	490,706	550,170	905,344	1,283,619	1,087,120
Total Main Roads ..	534,500	591,118	1,000,512	1,359,362	1,099,424
Developmental Roads*— Construction, &c.	153,081	148,588	252,946	436,467	458,473
Tourists' Roads*— Construction, &c.	30,487	53,786	96,302	98,662	73,340
Forests roads— Maintenance .. .. .	..	8,021	19,770	29,342	21,293
Murray River Bridges and Punts— Maintenance	4,115	7,623	4,630	4,004	5,946
Roads adjoining Commonwealth Areas	3,598	381	4,888	3,407	3,247
Commonwealth Defence Works Unemployment Relief	1	..	..	..	..
Commonwealth Defence Works (Northern Territory) Construction, &c.	751,341	6,758	..	..	..
Outer Metropolitan Roads Perma- nent Works— Swan-street Bridge .. .. .	..	..	9,979	15,178	37,769
State Highways .. .. .	..	..	..	..	324,540
Tourists' Roads .. .. .	..	..	..	..	44,137
Forests Roads .. .. .	..	..	..	..	857
Commonwealth Defence Works (Allied Works Council)	Cr. 25,962	Cr. 14,072	..	..	..
Total	1,702,209	1,064,159	1,986,207	3,127,804	2,639,086

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

HARBOR TRUSTS.

The Port of Melbourne is under the control of this **Melbourne Harbor Trust**. Trust, and its constitution, powers and functions are set out on page 145 of the *Year-Book* for 1929-30. The following are particulars of the ordinary revenue and ordinary and capital expenditure for the years 1944 to 1948. The loan indebtedness as at the end of each of the five years is also shown.

MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1944 TO 1948.

Heading.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	£	£	£	£	£
REVENUE.					
Wharfage and Tonnage Rates ..	631,084	662,990	701,591	819,425	961,925
Rents	53,521	54,553	58,184	57,760	57,505
Interest	6,483	11,837	10,679	7,773	10,301
Other Revenue	205,298	188,185	191,183	228,498	284,082
	896,386	917,565	961,037	1,113,456	1,313,813
Less Statutory Payments to—					
Consolidated Revenue ..	130,218	136,598	144,318	167,851	196,420
Geelong Harbor Trust ..	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Total	751,168	765,967	801,719	930,605	1,102,393
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
General Management and Expenses	50,550	53,877	69,386	66,732	91,216
Flotation and Redemption of Loans					
Expenses	3,825	3,619	3,519	2,918	1,526
Operating Expenses	113,759	119,030	122,354	144,830	164,818
Maintenance—					
Dredging	108,705	106,220	129,856	96,657	99,367
Harbor	3,950	4,372	5,595	7,557	7,257
Wharves	56,315	60,257	71,191	69,387	72,260
Approaches	3,452	4,091	5,876	5,906	8,063
Railways	2,927	4,575	15,303	4,372	4,635
Cranes					11,358
Other Properties	4,472	6,569	5,040	4,201	12,065
Interest on Loans and Exchange..	189,530	184,591	183,420	175,675	158,131
Depreciation, Renewals, and Insurance Account	127,875	130,062	129,200	123,940	134,230
Sinking Fund	55,576	56,695	57,951	59,491	60,806
Total	720,336	733,958	798,691	761,666	825,732
Surplus on Revenue Account ..	30,832	32,009	3,028	168,939	276,661
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.					
Land and Property	430	5,848	228	12,791	3,720
Deepening Waterways	59,871	66,764	47,962	90,098	101,619
Wharves Construction	40,397	37,271	49,248	51,998	120,698
Approaches Construction	11,548	5,063	5,049	7,267	28,909
Other Harbor Improvements ..	1,771	1,043	9,031	31,878	22,886
Floating and General Plant ..	89,596	68,275	291,882	181,672	115,408
Total	203,613	184,264	403,400	375,704	393,240
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness*	4,043,046	4,008,151	3,973,100	3,937,709	3,820,203
Sinking Fund	208,901	239,022	268,077	298,016	..
Net Indebtedness	3,834,145	3,769,129	3,705,023	3,639,693	3,820,203

* Excluding bank overdraft as follows:—£75,197 in 1944; Nil in 1945; £163,497 in 1946; £143,066 in 1947; and £80,662 in 1948.

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

The following is a summary of the revenue and expenditure for each year 1944 to 1948. Capital expenditure during, and loan indebtedness at end of, each of the five years are also shown:—

GEELONG HARBOR TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1944 TO 1948.

Heading.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	£	£	£	£	£
REVENUE.					
Wharfage, Tonnage, and Special Berth Rates	32,803	48,929	57,894	64,647	77,333
Rents, Fees, and Licences	6,855	6,886	6,265	6,095	5,872
Freezing Works and Abattoirs	19,329	21,109	18,467	18,259	18,030
Contribution by Melbourne Harbor Trust	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Other Revenue	5,575	6,701	8,011	12,632	16,375
Total	79,562	98,625	105,637	116,633	132,610
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
Management Expenses	13,238	14,122	16,214	24,089	31,176
Maintenance—					
Wharves and Approaches	2,136	3,335	2,577	3,458	3,838
Harbor	3,820	3,294	2,632	3,020	4,055
Floating Plant	3,238	5,062	5,906	2,485	2,629
Other	2,250	3,075	2,244	3,314	8,585
Interest on Loans	16,525	15,168	14,969	14,033	13,886
Sinking Fund	3,855	3,853	3,846	3,844	3,800
Freezing Works and Abattoirs	8,623	8,388	9,484	8,996	14,607
Depreciation Reserve Account	22,875	22,202	22,296	19,567	22,002
Miscellaneous	533	685	1,105	4,809	7,925
Total	77,093	79,184	81,273	87,615	112,503
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.					
Floating Plant		13	16,814	32,677	15,596
Land and Property	4,060	11,212	5,430	5,708	13,930
Deepening Waterways				9,631	32,198
Wharves and Approaches	1,605	849	1,909	3,373	4,258
Other	107	1,577	3,354	2,302	18,754
Total	5,772	13,651	27,507	53,691	84,736
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness	536,734	533,193	529,087	525,403	517,414
Sinking Fund	51,771	57,528	63,472	69,613	75,889
Net Indebtedness	484,963	475,665	465,615	455,790	441,525

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITIES.

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

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.

Creation and constitution of Board.

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

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

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

Area under Board's control at 30th June, 1949.

The metropolis for water supply, sewerage and drainage and river improvement purposes comprises all that land within 13 miles of the post office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth streets, Melbourne, and the remaining portions of the Cities of Moorabbin, Mordialloc, and Nunawading and the Shire of Mulgrave and certain portions of the remainder of the Shires of Eltham, Doncaster and Templestowe, and Dandenong, but excludes portion of the Shire of Werribee within such 13 miles. This territory has an area of 450 square miles within which are situated 27 cities and 1 shire and the parts of one other city and 9 other shires.

Board's borrowing powers and liability on loans.

The Board is empowered to borrow £29,750,000, this amount being exclusive of loans amounting to £2,389,934 originally raised by the Government for the construction of waterworks for the supply of Melbourne and suburbs. These works were vested in and taken over by the Board on 1st July, 1891.

The Board's liability under loans was £27,936,165 on 30th June, 1949. The Board was at that date empowered to borrow £4,203,769 before reaching the limit of its borrowing powers.

The following is a statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Board during each of the five years, 1944-45 to 1948-49:—

**MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1944-45 TO 1948-49.**

Heads of Revenue and Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	£	£	£	£	£
	REVENUE.				
Water Supply— Water Rates and Charges (including Revenue from water supplied by measure) ..	1,133,575	1,033,524	1,086,847	1,167,610	1,294,558
Sewerage— Sewerage Rates	1,082,944	1,101,311	1,113,423	1,158,591	1,202,252
Sanitary Charges	24,384	26,643	24,972	28,137	27,431
Metropolitan Farm— Grazing Fees, Rents, Pastures, &c. Balance Live Stock Account ..	6,251	2,799	1,168	2,700	5,496
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers— Drainage and River Improvement Rate	93,523	95,684	97,257	101,515	105,791
River Water Charges	6,285	7,032	5,816	5,571	6,204
Total	2,407,094	2,309,505	2,389,947	2,525,563	2,713,926
	REVENUE EXPENDITURE.				
Water Supply— Management and Incidental Ex- penses	88,670	107,792	122,672	145,366	182,151
Maintenance	171,304	252,138	392,799	451,606	504,150
Sewerage— Management and Incidental Ex- penses	93,637	109,094	134,099	161,385	186,173
Maintenance	106,747	118,032	130,116	143,124	169,497
Metropolitan Farm— Administrative Expenses	1,778	3,239	4,156	6,158	7,578
Maintenance	86,720	102,418	122,208	129,918	146,640
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers— Management and Incidental Ex- penses	5,294	5,984	6,507	6,958	8,740
Maintenance	16,242	19,390	22,971	15,828	17,061
Pensions and Allowances	15,326	13,982	25,928	12,900	18,033
Loan Flotation Expenses	1,683	436	1,598	3,791	796
Interest (including exchange on interest payments in London)	1,271,585	1,263,123	1,236,098	1,239,372	1,259,743
Contributions to— Sinking Fund	64,928	64,928	65,090	67,340	69,840
Renewals Fund	190,810	190,834	192,063	153,414	162,928
Superannuation Accounts	15,203	15,130	16,887	20,187	21,616
Rates Equalization Reserve	75,000	..	..	..	..
Exchange Reserve	51,000	51,000	51,000	..	..
Reserve for Provision, Main- tenance and Renewals of Water Services	100,000	..	..	..	..
Depreciation	6,156	2,591	..	..	..
Contributions to Municipalities	3,850	3,850	7,290	7,290	7,364
Defence Expenses .. ..	..	..	..	..	..
Contributions to Patriotic Funds..	23,106	14,803	..	..	..
Exchange— Redemption, London Loan, 1948	..	..	..	..	9,000
Total	2,389,039	2,338,764	2,531,482	2,564,637	2,771,310

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 of the annual value of the lands and houses served. The water rate levied in the year 1948-49 was 7d. in the £1 on the annual value of the property served. Properties with an annual value 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 £23,898,901 in 1947-48 and £25,166,144 in 1948-49.

Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan waterworks system.

The total cost of the water supply system to 30th June, 1948 and 1949, was as follows:—

	To 30th June.	
	1948.	1949.
	£	£
Original water supply works, tank, pumping station, &c.	12,505	12,506
Yan Yean System	665,095	666,117
Maroondah System	1,709,258	1,713,990
O'Shannassy System	4,039,314	4,727,620
Service reservoirs	624,408	628,195
Large mains	3,142,183	3,147,111
Reticulation	4,078,746	4,295,554
Afforestation	142,450	162,361
Investigations, future works	8,918	9,666
Total	14,422,877	15,363,120

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.

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, twenty-two service reservoirs (including one at the Metropolitan Farm, Werribee) and three elevated tanks with a total capacity of 262,200,000 gallons.

Output of water.

The total output of water from the various sources of supply in 1947-48 and 1948-49 was as follows:—

	Year ended 30th June—	
	1948.	1949.
	'000 gals.	'000 gals.
Yan Yean Reservoir	2,308,500	2,817,200
Maroondah Reservoir	14,756,400	14,066,600
O'Shannassy River and Silvan No. 1	16,587,400	17,401,700
Total Output	33,652,300	34,285,500

Consumption of water in Melbourne and suburbs.

The total consumption of water amounted to 33,651 million gallons in 1947-48 and 34,280 million gallons in 1948-49 and the average consumption per day was 91·94 million gallons in 1947-48 and 93·92 million gallons in 1948-49. During the year ended 30th June, 1949, the maximum consumption on any one day was 191 million gallons on 9th December, and the minimum consumption was 59·6 million gallons on 26th June. The maximum daily consumption up to 30th June, 1949, was recorded on 11th February, 1948, viz., 200·3 million gallons.

The following table shows for each of the five years, 1945 to 1949, the daily average consumption of water, and the daily average per head:—

DAILY AVERAGE QUANTITY OF WATER CONSUMED IN MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS, 1944-45 TO 1948-49.
(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.	Daily Consumption of Water per Head of Population Served.
			Million Gallons.	Gallons.
1944-45	305,730	288,921	96·18	79·24
1945-46*	308,731	291,536	78·39	63·95
1946-47	312,735	294,343	87·92	70·82
1947-48	320,798	302,433	91·94	72·11
1948-49	328,843	308,772	93·92	71·86

* Restrictions on the use of water were in force from 3rd September, 1945, to 6th March, 1946.

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

These figures show that additional properties to the number of 8,045 were supplied with water during the year ended 30th June, 1949.

Sewerage assessments, rates, and receipts.

The Board is empowered to levy a general sewerage rate not exceeding 1s. 2d. in the £1 of the net annual value of properties in sewered areas. The sewerage rate for the year 1948-49 was 1s. in the £1. The total annual value of property in the Board's area in 1948-49 was £25,030,926, of which £23,640,010 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 1948-49 amounted to £1,229,683.

Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan sewerage system.

The cost of sewerage works to 30th June, 1948 and 1949 is allocated as follows:—

	To 30th June.	
	1948.	1949.
	£	£
Farm purchase and preparation	1,618,536	1,731,870
Treatment works	207,122	210,447
Outfall sewers and rising mains	536,475	531,178
Pumping stations, buildings, and plant	309,929	311,853
Main and Branch sewers	3,329,043	3,346,287
Reticulation sewers	9,191,576	9,588,413
Cost of house connexions chargeable to capital	670,567	670,569
Sanitary depots	46,202	45,241
Investigations	10,930	16,018
Cost of sewerage system	15,920,380	16,451,876

Main and subsidiary sewerage systems.

The sewerage system of the metropolis at 30th June, 1949, consisted of the main system and three subsidiary systems:—

The Main system (serving an area of 66,697 acres) the sewage from which gravitates to Spotswood Pumping Station where it is lifted to the main outfall sewer at Brooklyn and thence flows to the Metropolitan Farm at Werribee.

The Sunshine system (serving an area of 941 acres in the Shire of Braybrook, including the township of Sunshine) the sewage from which is pumped to the main outfall sewer.

The Kew system (serving an area of 99 acres in Kew) the sewage from which drains to a local treatment plant.

The South Eastern system (serving an area of 1,970 acres in Cheltenham, Parkdale, Mentone, and Mordialloc) the sewage from which drains to the Braeside treatment plant in the Shire of Dandenong.

The first house was connected in Port Melbourne in August, 1897. On 30th June, 1948 and 1949, the number of buildings for which sewers were provided was 302,433 and 308,772 respectively, and the estimated population served by the system was 1,202,000 at 30th June, 1948, and 1,228,000 at 30th June, 1949.

During the years 1947-48 and 1948-49, the number of new houses erected in the Board's area was 9,324 and 9,363 respectively, and sewers were provided for 8,090 buildings in 1947-48 and 6,339 in 1948-49.

The following statement shows the progress of sewer connexions to 30th June, 1949:—

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—
SEWER CONNEXIONS AT 30TH JUNE, 1949.

Municipality.	Number of Buildings for which Sewers were provided at 30th June, 1949.
Cities—	
Box Hill	5,734
Brighton	10,782
Brunswick	14,490
Camberwell	22,030
Caulfield	21,917
Coburg	11,893
Collingwood	8,133
Essendon	13,686
Fitzroy	7,944
Footscray	12,999
Hawthorn	10,607
Heidelberg (part)	9,608
Kew	7,653
Malvern	13,892
Melbourne	22,496
Moorabbin	8,016
Mordialloc	3,620
Northcote	12,000
Nunawading	1,589
Oakleigh	4,135
Port Melbourne	3,813
Prahran	16,650
Preston	11,064
Richmond	10,524
Sandringham	7,135
South Melbourne	9,975
St. Kilda	15,372
Williamstown	6,763
Shires—	
Braybrook (part)	2,724
Broadmeadows (part)	1,007
Keilor (part)	504
Mulgrave	12
Werribee (part)	5
Total	308,772

Pumping stations. At 30th June, 1949, pumping stations had been established at Spotswood, Preston, Sunshine, Box Hill, Black Rock, Braybrook, Mordialloc, Port Melbourne, Prahran, and Kew.

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

Statistical data for the year ended 30th June, 1949, are as under :—

Total area of farm	24,950 acres
Area used for sewage disposal	14,704 acres
Rainfall at farm for year	19·20 inches
Average rainfall over 53 years	18·10 inches
Net cost of sewage purification for year per head of population served	2s. 3·4d.
Profit on cattle for year	£63,242
Profit on sheep for year	£8,952

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

For the year 1948-49, the working expenses were £11,236, while interest amounted to £1,824, making a total of £13,060. The revenue was £2,999, leaving a deficiency of £10,061.

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

Assessed value of property. The total annual value of property assessed for drainage and river purposes for 1948-49 was £24,917,636.

Cost of drainage and river improvement works. The total cost of drainage and river improvement works to 30th June, 1949, was £2,102,067.

Length of main drains. The classification and length of all main drains under the control of the Board at 30th June, 1949, were as follows :—

Type of Drain.	Miles.	Chains.
Underground drains.. .. .	103	35
Constructed open drains	11	56
Natural watercourses and unlined open drains.. .. .	9	38
Total	124	49

BALLARAT WATER COMMISSIONERS.

The local governing body by the name of "The Ballarat Water Commissioners" was constituted on the 1st July, 1880, by the *Waterworks Act* 1880, No. 656.

Water supply. The water supply district of the Ballarat Water Commissioners embraces an area of approximately 65 square miles, including the City of Ballarat, the Borough of Sebastopol and portions of the Shires of Ballarat, Buninyong, Bungaree, and Grenville. The estimated population in this area is 50,000. The works comprise six reservoirs, which have a total storage capacity of 2,331,600,000 gallons. Another reservoir, with a storage capacity of 3,000 million gallons, is at present under construction. The catchment area is 17,545 acres. The Commissioners supplied water to 13,677 properties of which 9,198 were connected to the sewers.

To 31st December, 1948, the capital cost of construction was £1,109,210, and the loans outstanding (due to the Government) were £612,399. During 1948 receipts amounted to £300,750 and expenditure to £317,958.

Water rate. The water rate is 1s. 2d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all rateable properties, with a minimum of 15s. per annum for land on which there is a building or water supply.

BALLARAT SEWERAGE AUTHORITY.

The Ballarat Sewerage Authority was constituted under the provisions of the *Sewerage Districts Act* 1915 by Order in Council dated 30th November, 1920, which provides that the members of the Water Commissioners shall be the Sewerage Authority.

Sewerage. The Ballarat sewerage district embraces the City of Ballarat and portion of the Shire of Ballarat. Work was commenced in December, 1922, and to date the Authority has constructed a disposal works, 1 mile of outfall sewer, 2·1 miles of main sewer, 14·5 miles of submains, and 86 miles of reticulation. The whole of the works so far completed are gravitational. The plant treats an average maximum daily flow of approximately 2,000,000 gallons and comprises screening, grit removal, primary sedimentation, trickling filter, secondary sedimentation, and sludge digestion.

To 31st December, 1948, the capital cost of construction including side lines was £562,210, and the loans outstanding at that date were £430,045. The amount outstanding by property owners for sewerage installations was £2,081. During 1948 General Fund receipts amounted to £40,930 and expenditure to £39,800.

Sewerage Rate. The general sewerage rate is 1s. 5d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all properties within the drainage area which are now or may hereafter become sewered during the period for which such rate is made.

GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE TRUST.

This Trust was constituted as the Geelong Municipal Waterworks Trust on 25th January, 1908. It was reconstituted as a Water and Sewerage Authority under the *Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act* 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, 1949, was water supply, £855,910; sewerage, £667,597; and sewerage installation, £257,897, of which £98 is outstanding. The revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1949, was £80,039 on account of waterworks and

£54,116 on account of sewerage. Since 1913 the Trust has appropriated and set apart sums out of revenues for the creation of a sinking fund to redeem loans. At 30th June, 1949, the amounts so appropriated were: sewerage, £101,341 and water supply £113,300. Of such amounts £180,252 had been used to redeem loans which have matured from time to time.

The population supplied is estimated by the Trust at 54,560. The number of buildings situate within the "Drainage Area" is 13,640; the number within the "Sewered Areas", 13,280, and the number connected with the sewers, 13,362.

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

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

Sewerage.—The sewerage system consists of a main outfall sewer, 4 ft. by 3 ft. 3 in. to the ocean at Black Rock, a distance of about 9 miles from Geelong, and 150 miles of main and reticulation sewers. The sewerage area is 9,571 acres and includes the City of Geelong, the City of Geelong West, the City of Newtown and Chilwell, and the suburban areas in the Shires of Corio, South Barwon, and Bellarine.

Rates—Water Rate.—The water rate is 1s. 3d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all rateable properties with a minimum of £1 per annum for land on which there is a building and a minimum of 5s. per annum for land on which there is no building.

Sewerage Rate.—The general sewerage rate is 1s. 3d. in the £1 of the net annual value of all rateable properties.

WATERWORKS TRUSTS.

During 1947-48 there were functioning in Victoria 124 Waterworks Trusts constituted under the provisions of the *Water Act 1928*. The receipts and expenditure of these Trusts for the year 1940 are shown in the *Year-Book* for 1941-42, page 361. Similar particulars are not available for subsequent years.

MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST.

This Trust which was constituted under the provisions of the *Mildura Irrigation and Water Trusts Act 1928*, supplies water for domestic use in the City of Mildura. The revenue and expenditure of this authority for the years ended 30th June, 1948 and 1949, were as follows :—

MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Year ended 30th June—	
	1948.	1949.
<i>Revenue.</i>		
	£	£
Water Rates	6,346	7,071
Water Charges	3,735	4,894
Meter Rents	95	..
Interest on overdue rates	18	23
Transfers from Reserves	2,940	3,500
Other	3,038	1,249
Total	16,172	16,737
<i>Expenditure.</i>		
Administrative Expenses	1,447	1,799
Meter Maintenance	447	386
Maintenance and Repairs	5,625	6,521
Interest on Loans	471	465
Interest on Overdraft	7	..
Depreciation	524	524
Other	1,740	2,000
Total	10,261	11,695

At 30th June, 1949, the net loan liability of the Trust amounted to £10,402 of which £9,267 was due to the Government.

SEWERAGE AUTHORITIES.

In districts outside the areas under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust (which bodies are constituted under special Acts), sewerage authorities may be constituted in Victoria under the provisions of the Sewerage Districts Acts. At 30th June, 1948, 47 such authorities had been constituted.

The following statement gives general statistical information relating to all authorities (including the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust) in whose districts the sewerage systems were in operation in 1948.

SEWERAGE SYSTEMS IN OPERATION IN VICTORIA
AT 30TH JUNE, 1948.

Authority.	Year of Constitution.	Estimated Population Served by System.*	Number of Properties Connected to Sewers.	Sewerage Rate Levied in £ of Net Annual Municipal Value.
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	1890	1,202,000	302,433	<i>s. d.</i> 1 0
Ararat	1935	5,450	1,232	1 9
Bairnsdale	1932	4,020	1,130	1 6
Ballarat	1920	33,000	9,006	1 6
Benalla	1934	4,950	1,220	1 11
Bendigo	1916	26,500	6,721	1 3
Castlemaine	1934	4,200	1,100	2 0
Colac	1923	6,000	1,540	1 6
Dandenong	1935	5,900	1,150	1 5
Dimboola	1938	1,120	280	2 0
Echuca	1927	4,112	1,136	1 9
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust	1908	52,244	13,061	1 2
Hamilton	1935	5,700	1,532	1 5
Horsham	1926	5,500	1,520	1 6
Kerang	1932	3,000	630	2 6
Kyabram	1938	1,900	190	1 8
Kyneton	1933	2,750	800	1 6
Mildura	1928	8,100	1,797	1 3
Mornington	1939	1,140	325	1 9
Morwell	1939	3,160	723	1 6
Murtoa	1938	1,200	289	2 0
Nhill	1938	2,150	517	2 0
Portland	1938	1,250	309	1 4
Shepparton	1934	6,000	1,962	1 6
Swan Hill	1926	5,050	972	2 3
Wangaratta	1933	6,500	1,600	1 5
Warracknabeal	1938	3,000	766	2 0
Warragul	1935	4,100	644	2 0
Warrnambool	1929	8,010	2,164	0 11
Yarrawonga	1938	570	139	..
Total .. .. .	..	1,418,576	356,888	..

* As estimated by the authorities concerned.

In addition to those enumerated in the foregoing table, sewerage authorities had been constituted in the following districts:—

Year 1936	..	Sale.
„ 1938	..	Lorne, Maffra.
„ 1939	..	Beechworth, Euroa, Leongatha, Traralgon, Werribee, Wodonga, Yarram.
„ 1945	..	Maryborough.
„ 1946	..	Charlton.
„ 1947	..	Moe, Mooroopna, Queenscliffe, Tatura, Yea.
„ 1948	..	St. Arnaud, Stawell.

The above authorities were not in operation at 30th June, 1948.

**Yallourn
Sewerage.**

Under the provisions of the State Electricity Commission Acts, a scheme of sewerage for Yallourn was adopted after approval by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission and the Public Health Department. The erection of the treatment plant, pump house, and pipe-testing depot was completed in 1941. To June, 1949, approximately 66 per cent. of the gravity reticulation system had been completed. The sewage treatment plant was put into service in January, 1948, and by June, 1949, 82 houses had been fully connected, also 3 schools, the hotel, 2 guest houses, picture theatre, one hostel, and the shopping area were partly connected.

The use of septic tanks in the town has been discontinued.

To June, 1949, about 1,200 persons were served by the system which will ultimately serve 5,000 persons when completed.

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

FIRE BRIGADES.

**Metropolitan
Fire Brigades
Board.**

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

The Board on 30th June, 1949, had under its control the following:— 42 stations, 358 members of permanent staff, 77 members of special service staff, 20 members of clerical staff, 61 men engaged in the workshops, 9 employees engaged in the tailoring department, and 120 partially-paid firemen.

During 1948-49 the cost of maintenance of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade was £279,560, 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 0·903d. in the £1 on the annual value of £24,764,349

of property within the Fire District, and that of the insurance companies to £5 8s. 8·15d. for every £100 of premiums on insured property. The premiums received in the Metropolitan Fire District in 1947 amounted to £1,714,549.

Particulars of receipts and expenditure of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for the five years, 1945 to 1949, are as follows:—

VICTORIA—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADES BOARD, 1945 TO 1949.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948	1949.
<i>Ordinary Receipts.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Contributions—Government, Municipal, and Insurance Companies	224,964	218,982	242,687	269,769	279,764
Receipts for Services	59,040	53,385	53,867	61,388	68,350
Interest and Sundries	25,521	25,837	29,204	30,946	35,588
Total	309,525	298,204	325,758	362,103	383,702
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries	142,144	143,039	163,597	169,875	187,100
Administrative Charges, &c. ..	43,635	49,509	46,327	53,926	58,875
Partially-paid Firemen and Special Service Staff Allowances ..	42,148	41,493	46,020	45,260	46,905
Plant—Purchase and Repairs ..	30,413	33,203	32,525	32,846	36,469
Interest	8,306	7,753	7,416	6,987	6,571
Repayment of Loans	14,221	8,411	8,860	9,333	9,833
Superannuation Fund	7,107	7,468	8,684	8,795	9,314
Motor Replacement Reserve ..	5,000	7,617	6,492	6,738	7,092
Pay-Roll Tax	5,227	5,418	6,486	6,356	6,857
Miscellaneous	895	1,170	1,414	2,644	4,510
Total	299,096	305,081	327,821	342,760	373,526
At 30th June— Loan Indebtedness	181,048	172,638	163,778	154,445	144,612

The Country Fire Authority, which was constituted in 1944, comprises ten members appointed by the Executive Council selected from panels of names submitted by the Minister of Forests (2 representatives), the Urban Municipalities (1), the Rural Municipalities (1), the Fire Insurance Companies (2), the Rural Fire Brigades (2), and the Urban Fire Brigades (2).

The Authority is responsible for the prevention and suppression of fires in the "country area of Victoria", which embraces the whole of the State outside the metropolitan fire district, excluding State Forests and certain Crown lands. The country area has been divided into 24 Fire Control Regions, three of which (Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong) are wholly urban, the remaining 21 mixed urban and rural. Seventeen permanent Regional Fire Officers supervise fire prevention and extinction in the rural sections of one or more fire control regions.

At 30th June, 1949, there were 194 urban fire brigades and 928 rural fire brigades. The effective registered strength of the brigades at the close of the financial year was 70,106 members. The revenue of the Authority is contributed in equal proportions by the Government, fire insurance companies, and municipalities. There are 123 insurance companies and 170 municipalities included in the operation of the Act. The premiums received by these insurance companies outside Metropolitan Fire District amounted to £1,316,963, whilst the annual value of rateable property within the Authority's area was £17,254,386.

The following statement shows the receipts and expenditure of the Country Fire Authority during the years ended 30th June, 1948 and 1949 :—

	Year Ended 30th June—	
	1948.	1949.
	£	£
<i>Ordinary Receipts.</i>		
Contributions from Government, municipalities, and insurance companies	113,110	113,403
Sundries	1,264	2,220
Total	114,374	115,623
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>		
Administrative (including salaries)	11,498	13,440
Brigade salaries	10,467	11,254
Regional officers—salaries, transport, maintenance ..	11,015	12,703
Fires and practices allowances	4,629	4,636
New stations, repairs, and rentals	3,315	3,273
Rolling stock and plant, purchases and maintenance	36,416	31,461
Hose and appliances	2,229	2,194
Uniforms, telephones, and fuel	3,486	4,782
Repayment of loans	3,875	4,457
Interest on loans	2,073	2,174
Motor Replacement Fund	10,014	10,297
Compensation Fund, accidents	6,880	6,880
Local Government rates	1,036	1,172
Pay-Roll Tax	476	543
Sundries	4,938	6,308
Total	112,347	115,574
Loan Expenditure	80	11,024
Loan indebtedness at 30th June	48,778	79,321

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENT BODIES.

In the following statement particulars are given of the new money loan raisings during each of the years 1938-39 to 1940-41 and 1946-47 and 1947-48 by Local Government and Semi-Governmental and other Public Bodies in Victoria. Collection of this information was suspended during the war but was resumed in respect of the year 1946-47 :—

VICTORIA—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—NEW MONEY LOAN RAISINGS, 1938-39 TO 1940-41, AND 1946-47 AND 1947-48.

Heading.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939	1940	1941	1947	1948†
	£	£	£	£	£
LOCAL GOVERNMENT.					
Due to Government	13,737	6,272	3,741	24,795	18,435
Due to Public Creditor	795,211	624,178	347,249	648,472	943,684
Total Local Government	808,948	630,450	350,990	673,267	962,119
SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL, &c.					
Due to Government	405,529	674,057	473,940	4,216,127*	5,302,206*
Due to Public Creditor	1,478,840†	3,210,930†	1,196,247†	2,611,000	4,956,000
Total Semi-Governmental, &c.	1,884,369	3,884,987	1,670,187	6,827,127	10,258,206
ALL AUTHORITIES.					
Due to Government	419,266	680,329	477,681	4,240,922*	5,320,641*
Due to Public Creditor	2,274,051	3,835,108	1,543,496	3,259,472	5,899,684
Grand Total	2,693,317	4,515,437	2,021,177	7,500,394	11,220,325

* Including the following advances by the Commonwealth Government under the Commonwealth and State Housing Agreement :—£4,000,000 in 1946-47 and £5,000,000 in 1947-48.

† Including the following amounts borrowed to repay loans from Government :—£100,000 to 1938-39, £500,000 in 1939-40, and £50,000 in 1940-41. No amounts so borrowed in 1946-47 and 1947-48.

‡ Figures subject to revision.

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 £1,250, including the cost of the land, if the dwelling be of wood, or £1,500 if it be of brick, stone, or concrete. An eligible person, within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1928*, is one who does not own a dwelling-house in Victoria or elsewhere and who is in receipt of an income not exceeding £400 a year.

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

**War Service
Homes in
Victoria.**

Provision of homes by the Commonwealth Government for Australian soldiers who served during the 1914-1918 War and during the war which commenced in 1939; also for the female dependants of Australian soldiers and other classes of eligible persons as defined in the *War Service Homes Act 1918-1949*.

Activities associated with such Act are shown in the following table. The information is furnished by the War Service Homes Division of the Department of Works and Housing:—

VICTORIA—WAR SERVICE HOMES.

Period.	Applications Approved.	Homes Built and Assisted to Build.	Homes Purchased.	Mortgages Discharged.	Transfers and Resales.
From inception to— 30th June, 1938 ..	10,524	5,009	3,777	461	1,276
Year ended— 30th June, 1939 ..	61	5	4	5	45
.. .. 1940 ..	30	2	..	..	30
.. .. 1941 ..	21	1	3	1	17
.. .. 1942 ..	24	..	1	3	20
.. .. 1943 ..	26	..	2	7	17
.. .. 1944 ..	37	..	4	5	28
.. .. 1945 ..	70	..	7	8	23
.. .. 1946 ..	247	28	38	29	12
.. .. 1947 ..	938	45	483	174	37
.. .. 1948 ..	1,649	119	676	326	28
.. .. 1949 ..	2,641	414	1,030	546	36

To 30th June, 1949, the sums paid as instalments of principal and interest amounted to £8,738,958 whilst the arrears of instalments totalled £63,903; the percentage of arrears to the total amount due being 0.73.

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

In the following statement for the years ended 30th June, 1948 and 1949, information is given of the contracts let by the Commission for the erection of dwellings in Victoria (excluding contracts on account of the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust) and of the work carried out for the Commission by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION
OF VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLING
UNITS, 1947-48 AND 1948-49.

Municipality.	Year Ended 30th June—				Total 31st July, 1939 to 30th June, 1949.*	
	1948.		1949*		Dwelling Units.	Value.
	Dwelling Units.	Value.	Dwelling Units.	Value.		
<i>Metropolitan.</i>	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£
<i>Cities—</i>						
Box Hill	106	162,380	64	96,922	170	259,302
Brighton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	119	149,428
Brunswick .. .. .	..	..	..	..	123	79,318
Camberwell	253	372,161	120	184,633	907	1,238,515
Coburg	16	19,275	5	8,245	689	716,719
Essendon	147	243,807	271	473,934	765	1,150,410
Footscray .. .. .	..	..	..	..	110	105,103
Heidelberg	254	346,591	399	635,281	1,567	2,054,549
Melbourne .. .. .	..	..	16	30,320	32	52,818
Moorabbin	200	269,159	..	..	766	967,782
Northcote .. .. .	..	..	..	..	42	31,044
Oakleigh .. .. .	..	..	..	..	100	83,842
Port Melbourne .. .. .	..	..	..	..	414	243,564
Preston .. .. .	..	..	44	71,972	785	668,650
Richmond .. .. .	..	..	..	..	138	93,157
Sandringham	41	106,616	..	..	878	1,160,396
South Melbourne .. .. .	..	..	..	..	5	7,137
Williamstown .. .. .	..	..	..	..	175	127,847
<i>Shires—</i>						
Braybrook	264	380,678	152	236,432	591	821,613
Broadmeadows .. .. .	..	..	132	201,399	132	201,399
Mulgrave .. .. .	..	..	18	26,781	18	26,781
Total Metropolitan	1,281	1,900,667	1,221	1,965,919	8,526	10,239,374
<i>Outside Metropolitan Area.</i>						
<i>Cities—</i>						
Ballaarat	7	9,790	..	..	64	76,312
Bendigo .. .. .	..	..	..	..	30	32,370
Geelong	62	100,228	85	130,137	308	422,697
Geelong West .. .. .	..	..	..	..	37	36,138
Mildura .. .. .	..	..	24	39,251	74	93,505
Warrnambool	24	31,984	..	..	94	97,824
<i>Towns—</i>						
Ararat	46	65,292	48	80,484	130	182,346
Colac	2	2,241	..	..	71	81,039
Hamilton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	44	47,458
Horsham	50	69,208	..	..	97	126,059
Newtown and Chilwell .. .. .	..	..	..	..	54	35,822
Sale	12	16,142	12	18,469	45	59,020
<i>Boroughs—</i>						
Benalla .. .. .	..	..	..	..	30	34,687
Castlemaine	12	15,886	..	..	25	28,576
Eaglehawk .. .. .	..	..	..	..	5	4,720
Echuca .. .. .	..	..	..	..	23	29,181
Inglewood	6	7,724	..	..	6	7,724
Maryborough	15	22,320	..	..	40	52,691
Port Fairy .. .. .	..	..	10	15,805	10	15,805
Portland .. .. .	..	..	..	..	23	25,633
Shepparton	46	61,539	9	11,895	151	181,456
St. Arnaud .. .. .	..	..	..	..	12	14,288

* Figures are subject to revision.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF
VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLING UNITS, 1947-48
AND 1948-49—continued.

Municipality.	Year Ended 30th June—				Total 31st July, 1939 to 30th June, 1949.*	
	1948.		1949*		Dwelling Units.	Value.
	Dwelling Units.	Value.	Dwelling Units.	Value.		
	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£
<i>Outside Metropolitan Area—continued.</i>						
<i>Boroughs—continued—</i>						
Stawell .. .. .	..	..	..	..	20	24,080
Swan Hill	13	18,482	..	..	45	51,723
Wangaratta	98	142,081	..	..	302	381,562
Wonthaggi	38	54,535	..	..	80	101,317
<i>Shires—</i>						
Alberton	15	19,228	..	..	15	19,228
Bacchus Marsh	25	36,289	..	..	25	36,289
Bairnsdale	20	29,938	14	21,990	34	51,928
Beechworth .. .. .	..	..	..	..	15	18,951
Bright .. .. .	..	..	12	17,830	12	17,830
Broadford .. .. .	..	..	8	12,050	8	12,050
Buln Buln	41	52,240	..	..	41	52,240
Cohuna .. .. .	..	..	..	..	12	13,752
Corio	11	16,823	24	37,439	35	54,262
Cranbourne .. .. .	..	..	..	..	9	10,371
Dandenong .. .. .	..	..	26	41,226	26	41,226
Dimboola .. .. .	..	..	..	..	26	33,379
Dunmunkle .. .. .	..	..	10	15,052	10	15,052
Euroa .. .. .	..	..	..	..	6	5,891
Frankston and Hastings	24	31,627	..	..	24	31,627
Glenside .. .. .	..	..	5	8,170	5	8,170
Gisborne	12	15,735	..	..	12	15,735
Hampden	57	79,087	..	..	57	79,087
Heytesbury	12	16,496	..	..	12	16,496
Kerang .. .. .	..	..	..	..	35	36,088
Korumburra .. .. .	..	..	..	..	20	23,249
Kyneton	15	19,904	..	..	15	19,904
Maffra	4	5,200	..	..	22	24,974
Mansfield .. .. .	..	..	25	39,372	25	39,372
Mildura .. .. .	..	..	..	..	82	78,045
Mirboo	4	5,096	4	5,957	8	11,053
Morwell .. .. .	..	..	108	160,211	140	193,855
Narracan	129	167,500	104	154,774	468	597,268
Numurkah	19	28,144	..	..	34	47,644
Orbost	10	14,690	..	..	10	14,690
Rochester	12	15,718	..	..	12	15,718
Rodney .. .. .	..	..	..	..	46	52,211
Rutherglen .. .. .	..	..	..	..	10	12,360
Seymour	14	18,151	26	37,757	60	79,581
Strathfieldsaye .. .. .	..	..	..	..	20	21,580
Swan Hill .. .. .	..	..	6	6,662	6	6,662
Traralgon	53	76,898	2	2,728	229	271,027
Warracknabeal	3	4,445	..	..	22	26,806
Warragul	3	3,291	45	67,456	166	209,307
Wodonga	5	6,605	..	..	38	45,671
Woorayl .. .. .	..	..	..	..	16	17,781
Yarrowonga .. .. .	..	..	19	28,397	19	28,397
Total Outside Metro- politan Area	919	1,280,507	626	953,112	3,707	4,651,840
Grand Total	2,200	3,181,174	1,847	2,919,031	12,233	14,891,214

* Figures are subject to revision.

Particulars are given in the appended table of the materials of outer walls of dwelling units for which contracts have been let (including work performed by day labour) by the Commission.

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLING UNITS TO 30TH JUNE, 1949; MATERIALS OF OUTER WALLS.

Municipality.	Materials of Outer Walls.					Total Dwelling Units—Contracts Let, &c.
	Brick.	Brick-veneer.	Concrete.	Timber, &c.	Steel.	
METROPOLITAN.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Cities—						
Box Hill .. .. .	..	..	170	..	..	170
Brighton	119	..	..	..	..	119
Brunswick	22	..	96	5	..	123
Camberwell	395	52	460	..	..	907
Coburg	565	..	..	124	..	689
Essendon	653	31	47	34	..	765
Footscray	75	..	1	34	..	110
Heidelberg	689	457	207	214	..	1,567
Melbourne	32	..	..	..	..	32
Moorabbin	209	347	190	19	1	766
Northcote	42	..	..	..	..	42
Oakleigh .. .. .	..	..	99	1	..	100
Port Melbourne	344	..	70	..	..	414
Preston	767	..	..	18	..	785
Richmond	138	..	..	..	..	138
Sandringham	774	..	101	3	..	878
South Melbourne	5	..	..	..	..	5
Williamstown	56	..	89	30	..	175
Shires—						
Braybrook	1	6	438	125	21	591
Broadmeadows .. .. .	..	..	132	..	..	132
Mulgrave .. .. .	..	..	18	..	..	18
Total Metropolitan	4,886	893	2,118	607	22	8,526
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA.						
Cities—						
Ballaarat	23	17	..	24	..	64
Bendigo	30	..	..	..	..	30
Geelong	6	83	..	219	..	308
Geelong West .. .. .	..	37	..	..	..	37
Mildura .. .. .	..	10	..	64	..	74
Warrnambool .. .. .	..	53	..	41	..	94
Towns—						
Ararat .. .. .	..	..	..	130	..	130
Colac .. .. .	..	13	..	58	..	71
Hamilton .. .. .	..	..	..	44	..	44
Horsham .. .. .	..	..	..	97	..	97
Newtown and Chilwell	..	54	..	..	..	54
Sale .. .. .	..	..	..	45	..	45
Boroughs—						
Benalla .. .. .	..	..	..	30	..	30
Castlemaine .. .. .	..	13	..	12	..	25
Eaglehawk	5	..	..	..	..	5
Echuca .. .. .	..	15	..	8	..	23
Inglewood .. .. .	..	..	..	6	..	6
Maryborough .. .. .	..	20	..	20	..	40

VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION OF
VICTORIA FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLING UNITS TO 30TH
JUNE, 1949; MATERIALS OF OUTER WALLS—*continued.*

Municipality.	Materials of Outer Walls.					Total Dwelling Units—Contracts Let, &c.
	Brick.	Brick-veneer.	Concrete.	Timber, &c.	Steel.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA—<i>continued.</i>						
Boroughs—<i>continued.</i>						
Port Fairy	10	..	10
Portland	23	..	23
Shepparton	74	..	77	..	151
St. Arnaud	3	..	9	..	12
Stawell	20	..	20
Swan Hill	45	..	45
Wangaratta	22	54	..	225	1	302
Wonthaggi	80	..	80
Shires—						
Alberton	15	..	15
Bacchus Marsh	25	..	25
Bairnsdale	34	..	34
Beechworth	15	..	15
Bright	12	..	12
Broadford	8	..	8
Buln Buln	41	..	41
Cohuna	12	..	12
Corio	35	..	35
Cranbourne	9	..	9
Dandenong	26	..	..	26
Dimboola	26	..	26
Dunmunkle	10	..	10
Euroa	6	..	6
Frankston
Hastings	7	..	17	..	24
Glenelg	5	..	5
Gisborne	12	..	12
Hampden	57	..	57
Heytesbury	12	..	12
Kerang	35	..	35
Korumburra	20	..	20
Kyneton	15	..	15
Maffra	22	..	22
Mansfield	25	..	25
Mildura	82	..	82
Mirboo	8	..	8
Morwell	140	..	140
Narracan	468	..	468
Numurkah	34	..	34
Orbost	10	..	10
Rochester	12	..	12
Rodney	46	..	46
Rutherglen	10	..	10
Seymour	60	..	60
Strathfieldsaye	20	..	..	..	..	20
Swan Hill	6	..	6
Traralgon	229	..	229
Warracknabeal	22	..	22
Warragul	166	..	166
Wodonga	38	..	38
Woorayl	16	..	16
Yarrawonga	19	..	19
Total Outside Metropolitan Area ..	106	453	26	3,121	1	3,707
Grand Total	4,992	1,346	2,144	3,728	23	12,233

**DWELLING UNITS ERECTED BY THE VICTORIAN HOUSING
COMMISSION TO 30TH JUNE, 1949.**

Municipality.	Completed to 30th June, 1946.	Completed during Year ended 30th June—			Units Completed to 30th June, 1949.
		1947.	1948.	1949.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<i>Metropolitan.</i>					
<i>Cities—</i>					
Box Hill .. .. .	..	..	..	87	87
Brighton	9	95	18	8	130
Brunswick	123	..	..	..	123
Camberwell	18	9	234	284	545
Coburg	502	22	53	76	653
Essendon	134	11	34	117	296
Footscray	62	42	6	..	110
Heidelberg	121	206	400	336	1,063
Melbourne .. .. .	..	..	8	8	16
Moorabbin	62	88	192	289	631
Northcote	42	..	..	..	42
Oakleigh	100	..	..	..	100
Port Melbourne	458*	..	..	..	458
Preston	616	82	44	..	742
Richmond	138	..	..	..	138
Sandringham	102	319	317	61	799
Williamstown	174	..	..	..	174
<i>Shire—</i>					
Braybrook .. .. .	..	19	110	187	316
Total Metropolitan	2,661	893	1,416	1,453	6,423
<i>Outside Metropolitan Area.</i>					
<i>Cities—</i>					
Ballaarat	23	34	..	7	64
Bendigo	3	20	8	..	31
Geelong .. .. .	..	96	65	56	217
Geelong West	37	..	..	..	37
Horsham .. .. .	..	20	19	39	78
Mildura	12	23	15	..	50
Shepparton	46	..	33	38	117
Warrnambool	40	..	17	16	73
<i>Towns—</i>					
Ararat	24	12	..	43	79
Colac	36	..	33	2	71
Hamilton	10	20	..	14	44
Newtown and Chilwell	54	..	..	..	54
Sale .. .. .	..	14	7	17	38
<i>Boroughs—</i>					
Benalla .. .. .	..	16	4	10	30
Castlemaine	13	..	..	..	13
Eaglehawk .. .. .	..	5	2	..	7
Echuca .. .. .	..	..	7	15	22
Inglewood .. .. .	..	..	..	4	4
Maryborough .. .. .	..	11	14	4	29
Portland .. .. .	..	10	11	2	23
St. Arnaud .. .. .	..	..	8	4	12
Stawell .. .. .	..	..	15	4	19
Swan Hill	11	6	14	5	36
Wangaratta	47	17	99	55	218
Wonthaggi .. .. .	..	12	34	20	66

* Includes 42 dwellings erected in 1936 by the Public Works Department and taken over subsequently by the Housing Commission.

DWELLING UNITS ERECTED BY THE VICTORIAN HOUSING COMMISSION
TO 30TH JUNE, 1949—continued.

Municipality.	Completed to 30th June, 1946.	Completed during Year ended 30th June—			Units Completed to 30th June, 1949.
		1947.	1948.	1949.	
<i>Outside Metropolitan Area—continued.</i>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Shires—					
Bacchus Marsh .. .. .	..	..	..	17	17
Bairnsdale .. .. .	..	..	..	5	5
Beechworth .. .. .	..	..	..	10	10
Buln Buln .. .. .	..	..	41	..	41
Cohuna .. .. .	..	1	11	..	12
Corio .. .. .	..	..	..	10	10
Cranbourne .. .. .	..	5	4	..	9
Dimboola .. .. .	..	..	25	1	26
Euroa .. .. .	..	6	..	..	6
Frankston and Hastings	..	..	..	24	24
Gisborne .. .. .	..	..	..	12	12
Hampden .. .. .	..	..	4	30	34
Heytesbury .. .. .	..	..	..	12	12
Kerang .. .. .	..	8	3	9	20
Korumburra .. .. .	..	16	4	..	20
Kyneton .. .. .	..	..	..	1	1
Maffra .. .. .	..	11	7	4	22
Mildura	30	..	6	23	59
Mirboo .. .. .	..	..	..	4	4
Morwell	32	..	..	50	82
Narracan .. .. .	..	63	130	154	347
Numurkah .. .. .	..	..	10	5	15
Orbost .. .. .	..	..	..	10	10
Rochester .. .. .	..	..	..	11	11
Rodney	9	15	4	18	46
Rutherglen .. .. .	..	..	9	1	10
Seymour .. .. .	..	19	1	14	34
Strathfieldsaye .. .. .	..	..	16	3	19
Traralgon	24	36	55	59	174
Warracknabeal .. .. .	..	..	13	9	22
Warragul	3	48	28	40	119
Wodonga .. .. .	..	8	17	13	38
Woorayl .. .. .	..	..	16	..	16
Total outside Metropolitan Area	454	552	809	904	2,719
Grand Total	3,115	1,445	2,225	2,357	9,142

NOTE.—The above statement is exclusive of 268 dwellings which were erected by the Housing Commission for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust, viz. 234 in the Shire of Braybrook and 34 in the City of Coburg.

A summary of Statutory Rules Nos. 250 of 1940; 37, 131, 221 of 1941; 21, 22, 185, 265 of 1942; and 85 of 1944 is given in the *Year-Book* for 1942-43, pages 215 and 216. Statutory Rule No. 163 of 1945 amended No. 85 of 1944 by providing that, without written consent, no permit was to be issued for the erection of a dwelling house, the estimated cost of which exceeded £1,200.

The *Building Operations and Building Materials Control Act*, No. 5116 of 1946, brought under State administration the control of building operations and materials formerly administered by the Commonwealth under the National Security

Regulations. The principal provisions of this Act and of amending Act No. 5271 of 1948 were published in the *Year Book* for 1946-47, pages 510 and 511.

A further amendment (No. 5347 of 1948), contained provisions in regard to the use of materials and building operations beyond a radius of sixty miles from the General Post Office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth streets, Melbourne. This Act expires on 31st December, 1949.

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

Building permits issued in Greater Melbourne. The following statements show the value of building permits issued by the municipalities in the metropolitan area during the periods indicated in respect of dwellings, other new buildings, and alterations and additions to existing buildings.

The information is not comparable with statements of building permits issued appearing in the Year-Books prior to 1945-46.

GREATHER MELBOURNE—VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED, 1938 AND 1941 TO 1949.

NEW SERIES.

Year Ended 31st December—	Value of Permits Issued.				Index to Total Value=100 in 1938.
	Dwellings (Including Flats, Hotels, &c.).	Other New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	
1938	5,318,295	1,640,634	1,445,613	8,404,542	100·00
1941	6,849,457	921,130	1,403,097	9,173,684	109·15
1942	225,612	259,875	635,724	1,121,211	13·34
1943	43,141	513,148	549,550	1,105,839	13·16
1944	177,261	126,210	894,913	1,198,384	14·26
1945	2,059,065	442,719	1,046,643	3,548,427	42·22
1946	9,875,132	1,314,446	1,519,549	12,709,127	151·22
1947	13,685,211	2,156,292	2,057,154	17,898,657	212·96
1948	14,837,267	1,659,443	2,217,297	18,714,007	222·67
1949	20,391,319	1,845,120	2,142,362	24,378,801	290·06

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
DURING THE YEARS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1948 AND 1949.**

Class of Permit.	Year ended 31st December—			
	1948.		1949.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
		£		£
New Buildings.				
Buildings for Habitation—				
Private Dwellings—				
Brick and concrete ..	1,045	2,405,488	1,316	3,483,197
Brick veneer ..	3,330	6,073,122	2,771	5,765,981
Wood, steel, fibro-cement, &c.	4,079	5,795,960	6,606	10,545,656
Flats ..	76*	492,697	74†	579,485
Other (Hotels, Guest Houses, &c.)	1	70,000	1	17,000
Total, Buildings for Habitation	8,531	14,837,267	10,768	20,391,319
Commercial Buildings—				
With Residence—				
Shops	134	296,753	148	372,361
Garages	2	3,650	..	..
Factories	7	13,365	5	35,750
Other .. .. .	..	..	1	925
Without Residence—				
Shops	19	25,130	11	14,075
Garages	3	7,980	10	11,225
Factories	157	694,829	124	860,689
Other	21	96,941	15	22,810
Public Buildings—				
Hospitals	2	459,257	2	429,000
Churches	12	40,535	4	9,200
Schools	6	17,083	7	62,850
Other	8	3,920	4	26,235
Total, Commercial and Public Buildings	371	1,659,443	331	1,845,120
Alterations and Additions—				
Private Dwellings	5,206	705,237	5,992	1,048,630
Flats	17	24,385	14	19,291
Other Buildings for Habitation ..	48	30,125	118	41,069
Shops	170	97,482	183	35,222
Garages (Commercial)	11	4,460	37	28,175
Factories	420	883,144	343	612,533
Other Business Premises	130	105,608	156	141,587
Public Buildings	88	366,856	77	215,855
Total, Alterations and Additions	6,090	2,217,297	6,920	2,142,362
Grand Total, Building Permits	14,992	18,714,007	18,019	24,378,801

* 251 self-contained units.

† 278 self-contained units.

NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW PRIVATE DWELLINGS (INCLUDING FLATS, HOTELS, ETC.) IN GREATER MELBOURNE, 1938 AND 1941 TO 1949.

NEW SERIES.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—									
	1938.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
CITIES.										
Box Hill ..	152	287	9	2	9	135	524	665	490	609
Brighton ..	360	324	5	..	..	60	231	210	214	207
Brunswick ..	149	113	2	..	3	20	58	53	45	34
Camberwell ..	882	762	14	..	5	188	829	821	764	752
Caulfield ..	386	414	9	..	..	42	217	255	183	176
Chelsea ..	56	83	2	..	14	84	172	231	219	270
Collingwood ..	304	336	14	7	10	131	375	550	579	633
Essendon ..	20	9	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
Fitzroy ..	238	266	31	..	3	53	178	185	171	177
Footscray ..	13	7	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	1
Hawthorn ..	322	269	18	..	6	123	197	275	293	326
H Heidelberg (Part)* ..	139	132	2	..	3	17	41	23	13	24
Kew ..	205	287	4	..	4	16	97	346	525	439
Malvern ..	131	244	5	..	1	33	148	127	92	108
Melbourne ..	137	282	3	..	1	2	40	100	99	121
Moorabbin ..	62	122	..	..	1	3	9	8	10	3
Mordialloc ..	239	361	12	..	5	20	177	938	1,200	1,171
Northcote ..	93	132	4	..	16	81	353	362	314	445
Nunawading ..	120	217	2	..	2	32	106	171	175	199
Oakleigh ..	76	114	6	..	4	15	114	389	412	643
Port Melbourne ..	86	150	6	..	7	65	278	273	217	409
Frahan ..	20	29	1	..	..	5	15	10	2	6
Preston ..	160	118	1	..	..	1	3	14	22	24
Richmond ..	298	317	11	..	4	13	114	531	650	667
Sandringham ..	37	33	1	..	..	..	1	3	2	2
South Melbourne ..	164	171	5	..	2	..	86	229	237	203
St. Kilda ..	18	16	..	..	..	3	2	2	2	..
Williamstown ..	96	107	1	..	..	4	17	13	9	11
	98	84	9	..	3	18	69	85	103	279
BOROUGH.										
Ringwood ..	37	59	35	28	58	52	223	279	321	375
SHIRES.										
Braybrook (Part) †	101	183	29	..	4	62	207	261	337	438
Broadmeadows (Part) ‡	73	106	5	..	4	5	64	275	394	402
Kellor (Part) §	46	49	5	..	..	17	49	74	112	180
Mulgrave ..	15	10	11	..	12	17	21	176	318	493
Total ..	5,333	6,193	262	80	263	1,944	7,292	8,787	8,531	10,768

* Excluding Greensborough Ward.

† Excluding Western Riding.

‡ Broadmeadows Riding and Campbellfield Riding only.

§ Doutta Galla Riding only.

NOTE.—Excluding contracts let by the Housing Commission for the erection of dwellings see pages 520 and 521).

VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR ALL
BUILDINGS IN GREATER MELBOURNE DURING THE
YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1948 AND 1949.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	
	1948.	1949.
CITIES.		
	£	£
Box Hill	946,466	1,724,159
Brighton	547,264	619,496
Brunswick	227,685	153,646
Camberwell	1,932,847	2,052,927
Caulfield	528,658	643,363
Chelsea	330,722	446,422
Coburg	935,809	1,069,447
Collingwood	63,495	62,177
Essendon	365,885	425,820
Fitzroy	37,123	35,258
Footscray	586,884	641,643
Hawthorn	104,476	128,522
Heidelberg*	943,774	1,560,303
Kew	356,583	402,294
Malvern	346,798	377,025
Melbourne	437,401	349,086
Moorabbin	2,023,327	3,250,174
Mordialloc	587,261	878,462
Northcote	375,533	431,498
Nunawading	836,998	1,442,305
Oakleigh	399,204	818,719
Port Melbourne.. .. .	81,161	161,302
Prahran	245,224	306,453
Preston	1,222,540	1,480,710
Richmond	74,359	91,790
Sandringham	450,704	673,635
South Melbourne	606,698	87,456
St. Kilda	195,101	168,584
Williamstown	185,833	483,788
BOROUGH.		
Ringwood	489,731	628,667
SHIRES.		
Braybrook†	760,969	770,044
Broadmeadows‡	592,039	819,459
Keilor§	297,498	302,240
Mulgrave	597,957	891,927
Total	18,714,007	24,378,801

* Excluding Greensborough Ward.

† Excluding Western Riding.

‡ Broadmeadows and Campbellfield Ridings only.

§ Dountta Galla Riding only.

NOTE.—The above statement is not comparable with statements of building permits appearing in issues of the *Year-Book* prior to 1945-46.

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 relating to building permits issued by certain municipalities during each of the five years, 1945 to 1949 are given below:—

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISUED BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1945 TO 1949.

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Ballarat City ..	1945	77	76,843	10	20,229	142	32,591	229	129,663
	1946	178	191,844	3	1,790	360	60,479	541	254,113
	1947	158	192,122	13	15,321	259	53,402	430	260,845
	1948	144	215,269	7	352,250	158	81,421	309	648,940
	1949	200	340,850	9	36,320	184	55,762	393	432,932
Bendigo City ..	1945	22	18,385	3	6,035	75	8,522	100	32,942
	1946	78	86,579	..	..	176	20,505	254	107,084
	1947	108	141,757	6	8,155	192	23,637	306	173,549
	1948	123	197,737	2	8,600	190	20,120	315	226,457
	1949	128	220,681	6	165,200	267	41,087	401	426,968
Geelong City ..	1945	17	15,766	1	500	113	13,973	131	30,239
	1946	49	67,404	5	5,037	145	18,671	199	91,112
	1947	41	65,575	7	45,850	119	12,375	167	123,800
	1948	42	67,776	5	38,300	104	18,553	151	124,629
	1949	35	68,880	7	107,663	122	43,539	164	220,082
Geelong West City ..	1945	25	27,897	2	1,675	136	7,203	163	36,775
	1946	102	123,481	4	4,210	148	8,956	254	136,647
	1947	93	127,630	1	3,000	63	7,655	157	138,285
	1948	98	158,222	1	2,000	77	8,960	176	169,182
	1949	128	213,118	..	..	63	10,739	191	223,857

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY CERTAIN
PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1945 TO 1949—*continued.*

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Horsham Town*	1945	12	7,584	1	1,200	13	2,013	26	10,797
	1946	58	48,211	5	1,102	25	4,563	88	53,876
	1947	71	69,309	4	8,725	64	8,929	139	86,963
	1948	54	64,131	3	1,400	45	4,050	102	69,581
	1949	59	85,307	2	2,760	105	14,111	166	102,178
Mildura City ..	1945	11	7,100	3	2,610	16	1,674	30	11,384
	1946	59	48,093	10	4,225	28	2,872	97	55,190
	1947	87	96,832	4	3,812	50	4,394	141	105,038
	1948	102	133,332	6	9,590	43	9,179	151	152,101
	1949	142	203,648	4	154,500	72	8,896	218	367,044
Newtown and Chilwell Town†	1945	21	21,472	1	150	80	9,914	102	31,536
	1946	57	75,059	6	4,956	90	21,355	153	101,370
	1947	77	108,355	2	730	56	10,940	135	120,025
	1948	69	121,394	3	1,005	68	13,417	140	135,816
	1949	85	164,678	..	..	52	35,968	137	200,646
Sale Town ..	1945	6	6,010	1	450	16	13,944	23	20,404
	1946	22	22,480	1	7,000	25	2,202	48	31,682
	1947	35	37,215	4	1,940	39	5,027	78	44,182
	1948	50	68,768	3	1,100	53	64,449	106	134,317
	1949	61	90,605	2	1,350	64	11,501	127	103,456

* Declared a City from 24th May, 1949.

† Declared a City from 1st October, 1949.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY CERTAIN
PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1945 TO 1949—*continued.*

Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Shepparton Borough *	1945	23	23,024	..	..	29	1,469	52	24,493
	1946	71	80,002	4	4,408	25	1,985	100	86,395
	1947	103	131,378	5	10,650	32	11,088	140	153,116
	1948	74	109,837	3	28,500	29	14,854	106	153,191
	1949	142	278,140	8	23,500	127	38,091	277	339,731
Warrnambool City ..	1945	4	2,202	1	950	26	3,183	31	6,335
	1946	19	24,804	1	1,200	74	18,421	94	44,425
	1947	46	61,956	1	350	63	24,216	110	86,522
	1948	44	66,719	..	..	65	15,626	109	82,345
	1949	80	126,051	3	93,797	93	15,803	176	235,651

* Declared a City on 15th March, 1949.