

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS, 1937-38.

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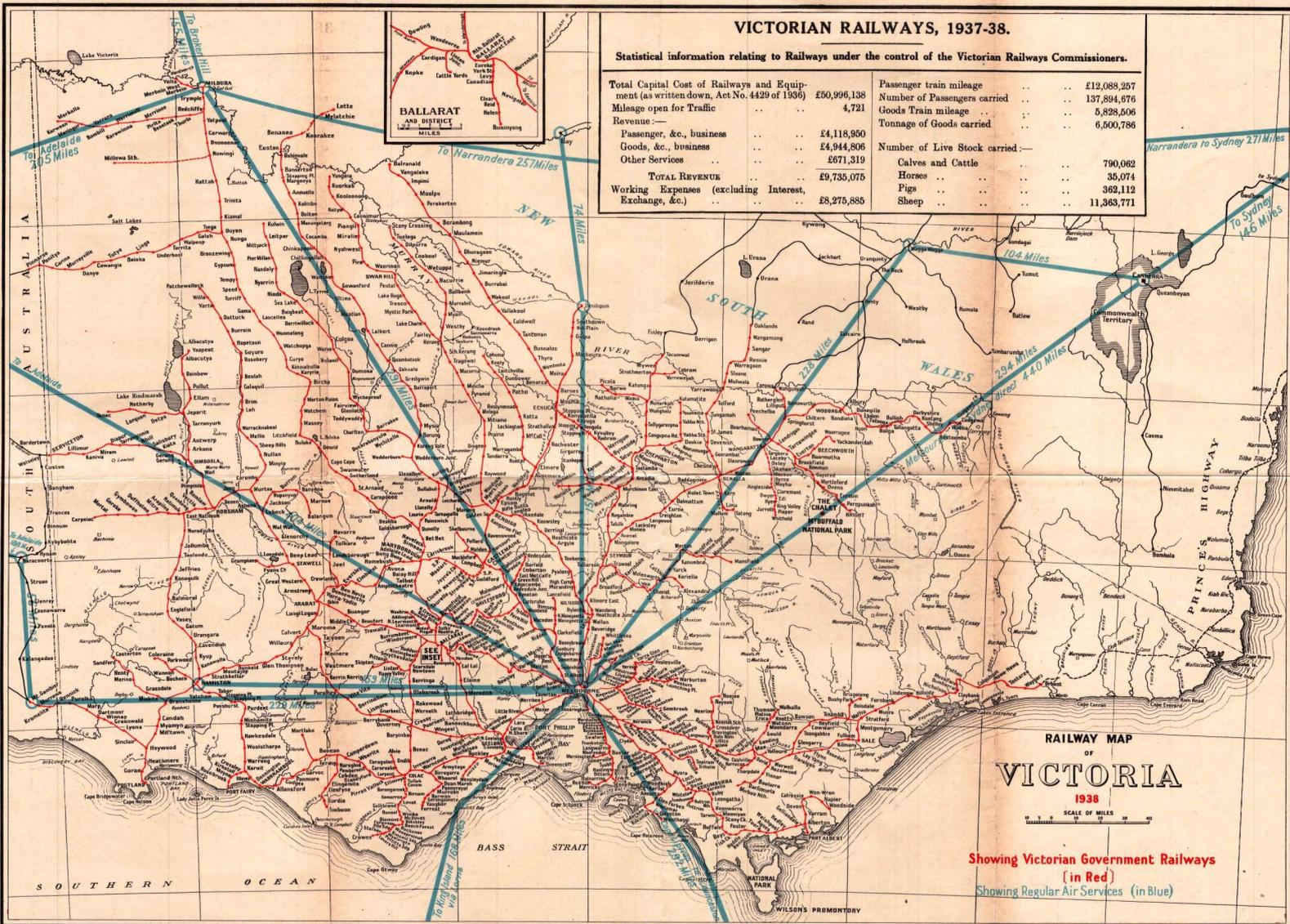
Total Capital Cost of Railways and Equipment (as written down, Act No. 4429 of 1936)	£50,996,138	Passenger train mileage	112,088,257
Mileage open for Traffic	4,721	Number of Passengers carried	137,894,876
Revenue:—		Goods Train mileage	5,828,606
Passenger, &c., business	£4,118,950	Tonnage of Goods carried	6,900,786
Goods, &c., business	£4,944,806	Number of Live Stock carried:—	
Other Services	£671,319	Calves and Cattle	790,062
TOTAL REVENUE	£9,735,075	Horses	35,074
Working Expenses (excluding Interest, Exchange, &c.)	£8,275,885	Pigs	362,112
		Sheep	11,363,771

BALLARAT AND DISTRICT

RAILWAY MAP OF VICTORIA 1938

SCALE OF MILES
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Showing Victorian Government Railways (in Red)
Showing Regular Air Services (in Blue)



PART IX.

INTERCHANGE.

COMMERCE.

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

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

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

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

number of non-self-governing British Colonies and Protectorates is also now obtaining the benefits of these provisions in respect to certain specified goods.

In order to facilitate the implementation of Trade Agreements the Intermediate Tariff, which was a feature of the Australian Customs Tariff until the 14th October, 1932, was again introduced on the 28th November, 1935, insofar as certain items subject to treaty negotiations were concerned. The benefits of the Intermediate Tariff may be extended to any country by proclamation.

Following on the completion of Trade Agreements with Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France and the Union of South Africa in 1936, and Switzerland in 1938, the provisions of the Intermediate Tariff in respect of certain goods were extended to those countries. The benefits of the Intermediate Tariff have been extended also to certain other countries (including British non-self-governing colonies, protectorates and mandates) entitled to most favoured nation treatment.

The General Tariff applies to all goods except those the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, those covered by reciprocal tariff agreements, and those entitled to the Intermediate Tariff.

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

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

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

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

Exchange
Adjustment.

The *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933-1939* varies the duty imposed by the Customs Tariff 1933-1939 in respect of a large range of goods which fall under the British Preferential Tariff of specified items deemed to be protective in their incidence. Section 5 of that Act is quoted hereunder :—

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

- (a) Whenever, at the date of exportation of any such goods, Australian currency is depreciated to the extent of not less than sixteen and two-thirds per centum in relation to the currency of the British country from which those goods are imported, a deduction from the amount of duty payable on those goods, in accordance with any law of the Commonwealth for the time being in force imposing Duties of Customs (other than primage duty and duty imposed by the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921-1922* or any Act amending or in substitution for that Act) or in accordance with Customs Tariff proposals, shall be made of—

(i) one-fourth of that amount of duty; or

(ii) twelve and one-half per centum of the value for duty,

whichever is the less; or

- (b) Whenever, at the date of exportation of any such goods, Australian currency is depreciated to the extent of not less than eleven and one-ninth per centum and less than sixteen and two-thirds per centum in relation to the currency of the British country from which those goods are imported, a deduction from the amount of duty payable on those goods, in accordance with any law of the Commonwealth for the time being in force imposing Duties of Customs (other than primage duty and duty imposed by the *Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act 1921-1922* or any Act

amending or in substitution for that Act) or in accordance with Customs Tariff proposals, shall be made of—

- (i) one-eighth of that amount of duty ; or
 - (ii) six and one-quarter per centum of the value for duty,
- whichever is the less.

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

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

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

In addition to duties imposed by the Customs Tariff 1933-1938, *ad valorem* primage duties at rates of 4 per cent., 5 per cent., or 10 per cent. are charged according to the type of goods and origin thereof. Goods, the produce or manufacture of New Zealand, Norfolk Island, Fiji, Papua, or the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, are exempt from primage duty, as are a number of specified goods for use by primary producers, whilst many machines, tools of trade and raw materials not manufactured in Australia, when subject to the British Preferential Tariff, are also free of primage duty. Primage duties at the rates applicable to the British Preferential Tariff are accorded to Canadian goods admissible under the British Preferential Tariff, and also to proclaimed commodities from the British non-self-governing colonies and protectorates. A limited number of goods, admissible under the Intermediate Tariff, pay primage duties at the rate equivalent to the British Preferential Tariff rate.

**Recorded
Value of
Imports and
Exports.**

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

- (a) (i) The actual money price paid or to be paid for the goods by the Australian importer plus any special deduction, or
- (ii) the current domestic value of the goods—
whichever is the higher; plus
- (b) all charges payable or ordinarily payable for placing the goods free on board at the port of export, plus
- (c) ten per cent. of the total of (a) and (b) as representing cost of insurance, freight and other charges.

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

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

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

**Excise
Tariff.**

The Excise Tariff in operation is the Excise Tariff 1921-1938 (which embodies all previous schedules and amendments thereto) as proposed to be amended by the Excise Tariff Proposals tabled in the House of Representatives on the 4th May, 1938 and the 21st September, 1938. This Tariff relates only to beer, spirits, tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, certain petroleum or shale products, fusel oil, concentrated grape must, playing cards, cigarette tubes, cigarette papers, matches, wine, saccharin, snuff and wireless valves.

**Variation in
External
Exchange
Position.**

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

Oversea
Trade of
Victoria.

The total values of oversea trade to and from Victorian Ports for each of the five years 1933-34 to 1937-38 are set forth hereunder:—

OVERSEA TRADE.—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Year.				Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.*	Total.
IMPORTS (BRITISH CURRENCY).						
				£	£	£
1933-34	..	..	..	22,190,826	213,406	22,404,232
1934-35	..	..	..	26,137,841	207,232	26,345,073
1935-36	..	..	..	30,379,457	236,674	30,616,131
1936-37	..	..	..	32,241,559	352,167	32,593,726
1937-38	..	..	..	38,801,044	421,954	39,222,998
EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY).†						
1933-34	..	..	..	28,943,447	1,576,279	30,519,726
1934-35	..	..	..	26,248,909	1,870,918	28,119,827
1935-36	..	..	..	33,628,137	1,354,407	34,982,544
1936-37	..	..	..	41,638,388	1,949,258	43,587,646
1937-38	..	..	..	39,149,308	2,094,359	41,243,667

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

† Estimated British Currency values in each year were £24,370,000 in 1933-34, £22,454,000 in 1934-35, £27,932,000 in 1935-36; £34,805,000 in 1936-37, and £32,936,000 in 1937-38.

Percentage
of Common-
wealth Trade.

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

Year.	Commonwealth Trade—			Portion of Commonwealth Trade handled in Victorian Ports—		
	Imports.	Exports.	Total.	Imports.	Exports.	Total.
	£	£	£	%	%	%
1933-34 (a)	60,712,926	124,003,402	..	..	..	..
1933-34 (b)	60,712,926	99,021,417	159,734,343	36·9	24·6	29·3
1934-35 (a)	74,119,496	113,523,334	..	..	..	..
1934-35 (b)	74,119,496	90,654,148	164,773,644	35·5	24·8	29·6
1935-36 (a)	85,252,458	136,963,887	..	..	..	..
1935-36 (b)	85,252,458	109,372,407	194,624,865	35·9	25·5	30·1
1936-37 (a)	92,640,462	162,376,784	..	..	..	..
1936-37 (b)	92,640,462	129,664,318	222,304,780	35·2	26·8	30·3
1937-38 (a)	113,975,060	157,580,120	..	..	..	..
1937-38 (b)	113,975,060	125,837,879	239,812,939	34·4	26·2	30·1

(a) Recorded Values. (b) British Currency Values.

Recorded
Values of
Principal
Imports.

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

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1934-35 TO 1937-38.

(British Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.	£	£	£	£
Cheese	1,766	2,669	3,078	3,380
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins ..	191,715	184,288	222,164	204,796
All other	66,623	78,399	84,858	93,077
Meats	67,431	73,854	90,018	75,178
All other Animal Foodstuffs	3,592	6,981	6,651	6,243
Total, Class I. ..	331,127	346,191	406,769	382,674
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING—				
Caramel, Caramel Paste, Cocoa				
Butter, &c.	9,743	18,192	17,000	35,404
Cocoa and Chocolate ..	70,588	64,419	118,491	65,999
Coffee and Chicory	28,606	25,367	27,267	20,979
Confectionery	6,140	8,277	7,934	11,214
Fruits, Dried	27,223	22,244	19,649	22,660
Fruits, Fresh	960	1,111	905	1,391
Fruits, &c., Preserved ..	1,036	1,868	1,084	2,767
Grain and Pulse—				
Rice	2,784	3,538	2,666	3,438
All other	12,903	16,969	26,869	25,134
Hops	7,595	977	321	641
Mustard	16,133	5,282	1,867	1,451
Nuts, Edible	67,694	72,191	85,473	62,760
Pickles and Sauces	3,446	4,607	4,254	2,553
Sago and Tapioca	14,234	14,195	12,099	13,094
Spices	30,173	29,904	31,678	28,821
Tea	411,305	379,031	432,524	440,665
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	62,937	59,251	63,954	60,955
Total, Class II. ..	773,500	727,423	854,035	799,926

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1934-35 TO 1937-38—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer and Porter, &c. ..	10,951	8,704	6,690	9,360
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy	9,757	10,147	7,561	9,062
Gin	3,254	1,737	2,548	1,677
Whisky	100,315	69,754	74,378	74,648
Other	11,033	7,300	7,217	10,579
Wine (Fermented)—				
Sparkling	10,583	3,655	6,657	7,245
Other	4,525	5,071	6,358	5,897
Total, Class III. ..	150,418	106,368	111,409	118,468
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF.				
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	4,564	4,278	3,259	3,967
Unmanufactured	310,821	401,734	434,098	532,995
Cigars	6,187	4,720	6,276	5,074
Cigarettes	4,372	12,043	16,144	10,789
Snuff	198	170	178	282
Total, Class IV. ..	326,142	422,945	459,955	553,107
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	49,257	62,464	73,928	67,933
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	5,496	15,064	11,174	8,550
Hides and Skins—				
Hides (Calf, Cattle, and Horse)	180,039	175,579	146,857	220,784
Skins (Goat)	53,838	85,038	65,542	53,401
Other	145,718	160,657	178,372	268,598
Silk, Raw	171,196	289,579	418,981	517,892
Wool	58,348	199,883	137,478	407,349
All other Animal Substances ..	33,197	48,666	57,738	68,501
Total, Class VI. ..	647,832	974,466	1,016,142	1,545,075

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1934-35 TO 1937-38—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES.	£	£	£	£
Fibres—				
Flax and Hemp	110,958	162,199	217,919	190,579
Kapok	36,795	44,494	55,859	65,269
All other	71,579	97,479	121,697	194,999
Grass or Straw, for hatmaking, furniture, mats, &c. ..	42,611	40,554	33,203	29,594
Gums and Resins	91,001	103,647	132,240	159,749
Pulp for Papermaking ..	122,070	139,984	192,923	326,527
Seeds	117,655	149,888	117,145	158,228
Tanning Substances ..	20,412	23,208	24,149	33,298
All other Vegetable Substances	48,856	54,919	73,815	77,802
Total, Class VII. ..	661,937	816,372	968,950	1,236,045
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
<i>(a) Apparel.</i>				
Apparel—				
Blouses, Skirts, Costumes, &c. (excluding Knitted Goods)	25,529	29,512	35,007	41,975
Boots and Shoes	78,949	70,120	45,440	57,399
Corsets	10,766	8,671	4,040	6,992
Furs and other Skins—Dressed	86,533	98,444	95,453	71,686
Gloves	184,159	203,780	192,761	212,942
Hats and Caps	58,941	65,953	61,019	73,066
Hosiery and Knitted Apparel (including Socks and Stockings)	19,313	29,078	31,415	36,002
Men's and Boys' Outer Garments	26,933	39,320	45,745	62,196
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c. ..	3,164	4,173	4,378	7,152
Trimmings	161,291	167,384	175,494	205,266
Other	121,832	170,844	155,496	178,603
<i>(b) Textiles.</i>				
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck	231,623	223,422	217,115	296,743
Cotton and Linen	1,998,779	1,725,790	1,799,921	2,178,217
Hessians and other Jute Piece Goods	114,794	122,204	134,687	145,266
Lace for Attire, Lace Flouncings, &c.	86,256	119,859	114,621	105,724
Silk	1,174,598	1,155,377	1,218,160	1,444,492

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1934-35 TO 1937-38—continued.

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES—continued.				
(b) <i>Textiles.</i> —continued.				
Piece Goods—continued.				
Velvets, Velveteens, Pushes, &c.	86,101	99,340	116,743	96,508
Woolen	115,786	126,844	127,034	123,511
Other	328,677	346,796	344,338	355,413
Floor Coverings—Carpets, Lino- leums, Mats, &c.	609,065	698,607	756,641	861,591
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c.	197,949	204,318	171,781	216,837
All other Textiles	321,435	331,720	376,254	403,326
(c) <i>Manufactured Fibres.</i>				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff, and Compressed Fodder	82,818	85,795	68,823	65,962
Corn and Flour	297,415	372,956	436,252	384,468
All other	89,774	90,082	93,757	92,963
Cordage and Twines (excluding Metal Cordage)	144,161	53,862	120,150	183,159
Yarns—				
Artificial Silk	310,471	323,411	352,543	444,034
Cotton	364,678	287,463	310,838	439,270
Wool	18,001	36,421	26,360	34,107
Other	23,642	19,970	22,804	41,229
Total, Class VIII.	7,373,433	7,311,516	7,655,070	8,866,099
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Oils (in bulk)—				
Kerosene, &c.	105,655	110,895	151,405	205,442
Lubricating (Mineral)	206,635	222,371	227,674	292,757
Petroleum, Crude	204,587	210,650	189,116	266,191
Petroleum and Shale Spirit	890,525	1,258,354	1,541,087	1,730,875
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	272,552	311,476	321,828	357,446
Total, Class IX.	1,679,954	2,113,746	2,431,110	2,852,711
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES	159,290	163,092	182,531	203,560
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES	150,519	190,869	157,933	212,662

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INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1934-35 TO 1937-38—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES, AND MA- CHINERY.	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Machines and Machinery.</i>				
Electrical Machinery and Ap- pliances—				
Cable and Wire, Covered..	175,879	309,056	270,541	432,714
Dynamo Machines	77,127	150,633	139,455	166,756
Telephones and Switch- boards	67,639	140,800	192,600	330,164
Wireless and Parts	74,873	55,616	45,464	43,496
Other	293,815	332,393	395,345	445,495
Implements and Machinery (Agricultural, Horticultural, and Viticultural)	41,176	60,873	64,947	95,291
Engines	178,542	360,988	584,159	801,827
All other Machines and Machinery	1,152,723	1,531,561	1,651,080	2,242,720
(b) <i>Metals and Metal Manu- factures, other than Machinery.</i>				
Alloys	73,228	65,673	60,335	82,196
Gas Appliances	28,002	43,252	41,635	47,385
Iron and Steel—				
Bar, Rod, Hoop, Ingots, Blooms, &c.	162,868	204,051	183,835	328,244
Pig and Scrap	1,371	530	1,574	1,181
Plate and Sheet	780,348	926,786	885,195	1,552,075
Girders, Beams, Channels, Joists, &c.	10,749	1,421	1,564	4,119
Wire	70,323	81,241	85,246	91,391
Railway and Tramway Material	17,187	10,579	13,015	210
Lamps and Lampware	92,857	73,522	48,807	67,386
Pipes and Tubes	127,023	81,422	91,246	154,123
Plated Ware and Cutlery	119,502	147,185	151,176	171,884
Tools of Trade (not being Machines)	203,157	261,681	255,003	335,450
Vehicles—				
Motor Cycles, Tricycles, &c.	64,055	109,437	115,378	135,671
Bodies for Motor Cars, &c. ..	74,394	75,220	43,800	45,139
Chassis for Motor Cars, &c. ..	1,877,031	2,496,909	2,305,573	3,011,177
Aircraft	101,956	200,295	266,561	420,858
Other Vehicles and Parts	467,852	619,256	548,596	653,986
All other Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery	602,364	738,992	756,274	930,205
Total, Class XII.	6,936,041	9,079,372	9,198,404	12,591,143

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1934-35 TO 1937-38—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS XIII. — RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.				
(a) <i>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures.</i>				
Rubber, Crude, Powdered or Reclaimed	331,530	293,071	665,268	671,248
Rubber Manufactures ..	117,477	177,426	166,132	199,592
(b) <i>Leather and Manufactures of Leather and Substitutes therefor.</i>				
Glace Kid	5,291	10,667	8,836	4,555
Patent and Enamelled ..	969	468	1,155	393
All other	44,590	57,979	63,746	51,690
Total, Class XIII. ..	499,857	539,611	905,137	927,478
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED.				
Timber—				
Dressed	80,318	83,418	93,243	186,198
Undressed	443,996	459,613	386,018	597,481
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	94,428	104,935	103,500	98,001
Total, Class XIV. ..	618,742	647,966	582,761	881,680
CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONEWARE.				
Cement (Portland)	5,555	7,203	5,807	4,946
Earthenware, China, &c. ..	169,605	189,322	186,583	199,026
Glass and Glassware	228,061	305,976	288,949	326,815
All other Earthenware, Cements, China, Glass, and Stoneware	62,925	74,659	78,101	89,180
Total, Class XV. ..	466,146	577,160	559,440	619,967

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1934-35 TO 1937-38—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Paper.</i>				
Cardboard and other Paper				
Boards	73,174	90,845	87,403	152,813
Printing	621,042	690,424	892,769	795,126
Wrapping of all Colours ..	68,191	87,683	100,702	130,417
Writing and Typewriting ..	148,120	191,952	188,217	241,555
All other	210,869	221,781	225,182	225,246
(b) <i>Stationery and Paper Manufactures.</i>				
Books (Printed), Directories, &c.	346,449	370,371	310,320	335,435
Price Lists, Catalogues, &c. ..	15,291	18,516	18,960	21,851
Pens and Pencils	50,308	54,429	49,697	60,300
All other	146,669	210,634	164,952	206,418
Total, Class XVI. ..	1,680,113	1,936,635	2,038,202	2,169,161
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME-PIECES AND FANCY GOODS.				
Fancy Goods	145,766	161,698	181,981	210,661
Jewellery, including Cameos, &c.	123,449	134,147	136,439	174,805
Watches, Clocks, Chronometers, &c.	132,261	162,598	172,640	225,084
Total, Class XVII. ..	401,476	458,443	491,060	610,550
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Surgical and Dental Instruments, &c.	108,317	114,058	119,648	142,921
Talking Machines — Phonographs, &c.	4,147	7,057	9,717	12,703
All other Optical and Scientific Instruments	94,808	120,446	135,963	187,807
Total, Class XVIII. ..	207,272	241,561	265,328	343,431
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	49,376	56,801	48,342	54,088
Cream of Tartar	196	316	574	422
Dyes	163,876	195,891	162,331	194,117
Fertilizers	232,108	272,691	322,682	369,260
Oils, Essential (Non-spirituous)	32,110	39,311	44,334	48,498

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES
INTO VICTORIAN PORTS, 1934-35 TO 1937-38—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS— <i>continued.</i>	£	£	£	£
Perfumery and Toilet Prepara- tions	57,319	68,175	67,410	90,787
Proprietary Medicines	51,232	66,910	58,206	62,768
Sodium Salts	135,090	208,970	231,359	252,472
Spirits and Spirituous Prepara- tions	19,538	29,618	28,327	28,255
Sulphur (Brimstone).. .. .	133,346	184,026	148,518	245,521
All other Drugs and Chemicals	382,310	424,375	490,424	544,749
Total, Class XIX. ..	1,256,501	1,547,084	1,602,507	1,890,937
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition and Explo- sives	216,433	262,332	205,065	207,942
Bags, Baskets, Trunks, &c. ..	74,737	79,058	74,961	87,665
Brushware	87,381	154,519	125,170	172,016
Matches and Vestas	557	5,515	4,218	2,465
Musical Instruments &c.—				
Pianos and Parts	3,904	5,656	5,201	7,019
Other and Parts	21,747	27,661	29,132	33,090
Soap and Soap Substitutes ..	8,787	14,048	14,395	13,870
All other Articles*	1,354,738	1,567,384	1,822,746	1,404,370
Total, Class XX. ..	1,768,284	2,116,173	2,280,888	1,928,437
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold	204,557	220,891	335,483	407,046
Silver	2,606	15,568	16,587	14,827
Bronze—Specie	69	215	97	81
Total, Class XXI. ..	207,232	236,674	352,167	421,954
Grand Total	26,345,073	30,616,131	32,593,726	39,222,998

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

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

The proportion which the value of each of the more important classes bore to the total value of imports during 1937-38 was as follows:—Apparel, textiles, and manufactured fibres 22·6 per cent., machinery and metal manufactures 32·1 per cent., oils, &c., 7·3 per cent., paper and stationery, 5·5 per cent., and drugs, chemicals and fertilizers, 4·8 per cent. Excluding bullion and specie, the imports for 1937-38 exceeded those of the previous year by £6,559,485.

Recorded
Values of
Principal
Exports.

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

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1934-35 TO 1937-38.
(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVING ANIMALS.	£	£	£	£
Butter	3,428,217	3,751,294	4,056,443	3,577,351
Cheese	141,392	158,109	153,233	350,649
Eggs	370,194	283,724	297,933	237,748
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	4,786	5,240	4,770	3,372
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	61,981	115,053	137,564	235,831
Lamb	2,134,761	2,489,952	2,803,421	2,904,460
Mutton	297,002	224,243	283,521	214,047
Pork	100,316	193,245	313,488	396,867
Rabbits and Hares	192,104	99,495	58,331	118,295
Other	87,528	122,434	167,883	206,371
Preserved in Tins	30,611	26,074	46,150	71,222
Sausage Casings	288,580	241,058	277,149	290,104
Other	2,043	3,172	3,724	2,405
Milk and Cream	513,107	523,209	683,610	743,220
All other Animal Foodstuffs	3,340	4,519	6,064	5,710
Total, Class I.	7,655,962	8,240,821	9,293,284	9,357,652
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SUBSTANCES USED IN MAKING.				
Biscuits	21,201	19,899	21,747	21,342
Fruits, Dried	1,320,022	1,306,592	1,357,241	1,633,620
Fruits, Fresh	431,159	542,555	643,404	565,571
Fruits, Preserved in liquid	647,909	522,734	713,425	950,902
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat	1,617,923	2,917,377	5,346,703	6,144,958
Other	94,696	34,438	85,385	50,824
Prepared—				
Flour (Wheaten)	1,734,520	1,875,692	2,292,958	2,644,037
Other	191,770	138,889	165,832	195,271
Jams and Fruit Jellies	9,472	19,744	19,512	28,051
Tea	11,922	10,294	5,710	3,399
All other Vegetable Foodstuffs	75,734	91,748	92,872	143,874
Total, Class II.	6,156,328	7,479,962	10,744,789	12,381,849

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1934-35 TO 1937-38—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.. ..	£ 93,413	£ 91,970	£ 100,704	£ 115,224
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	49,522	71,813	81,645	106,516
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	44,780	64,686	77,687	60,009
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.				
Hides and Skins—				
Hides (Calf, Cattle, Horse)	72,035	117,093	265,842	286,715
Opossum	113,302	14,136	15,392	66,242
Rabbit and Hare	236,199	556,942	573,354	382,412
Sheep	887,082	1,369,510	1,800,977	1,602,680
Other	52,458	48,992	47,297	49,791
Wool—				
Greasy	7,766,452	11,845,485	13,347,925	9,725,107
Scoured and Washed	1,101,958	1,369,205	2,236,816	1,697,797
Tops, Noils and Waste	43,498	85,012	147,146	101,721
All other Animal Substances	17,524	29,636	40,872	43,053
Total, Class VI.	10,290,508	15,436,011	18,475,621	13,955,518
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES	48,521	42,047	108,509	94,898
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL; (b) TEXTILES; AND (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
Boots and Shoes	38,939	29,547	35,471	23,861
All other Apparel	49,684	55,127	98,382	98,101
Textiles	92,412	84,039	154,155	152,350
Manufactured Fibres	81,903	102,194	130,895	169,285
Total, Class VIII.	262,938	270,907	418,903	443,597
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Tallow—Unrefined	263,558	212,409	269,929	211,448
All other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	42,132	62,162	72,555	55,172
Total, Class IX.	305,690	274,571	342,484	266,620
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES	8,316	13,060	19,268	17,860
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS, INCLUDING ORES AND CONCENTRATES	43,772	53,547	59,047	164,410

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1934-35 TO 1937-38—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MA- CHINERY.	£	£	£	£
(a) <i>Machines and Machinery.</i> Machines and Machinery ..	167,549	202,653	323,680	335,061
(b) <i>Metals and Metal Manufactures other than Machinery.</i>				
Iron and Steel	36,152	41,704	106,518	149,701
Cadmium—Blocks, Bars, &c. . .	15,880	48,285	46,000	73,765
Metals, Scrap (except Iron and Steel)	7,439	9,866	29,840	19,213
Motor Cars, Lorries, &c., and Parts	36,167	35,455	38,285	54,157
Zinc—Bars, Blocks, &c. . .	29,614	1,663	4,320	1,516
All other Metals and Manufac- tures thereof	86,900	103,289	160,474	300,731
Total, Class XII. ..	379,701	442,915	709,117	934,144
CLASS XIII. — RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR.				
Rubber and Manufactures ..	34,437	33,543	37,894	35,032
Leather and Manufactures ..	214,053	316,423	387,896	287,414
Total, Class XIII. ..	248,490	349,966	425,790	322,446
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER, RAW AND MANUFACTURED ..	26,220	30,982	36,838	44,771
CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONEWARE	43,216	60,770	45,069	58,368
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STA- TIONERY.				
Paper	23,825	54,251	35,308	26,334
Stationery	31,630	71,207	43,499	99,034
Total, Class XVI. ..	55,455	125,458	78,807	125,368
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME- PIECES, AND FANCY GOODS.				
Precious Stones, Unset; Pearls, Cameos, &c. . .	23,859	42,402	27,292	30,894
All other Jewellery, Time- pieces, and Fancy Goods ..	34,296	37,800	38,817	53,387
Total, Class XVII. ..	58,155	80,202	66,109	84,281

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES
FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1934-35 TO 1937-38—*continued.*

Article.	Year ended 30th June—			
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SUR- GICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRU- MENTS	£ 60,481	£ 65,075	£ 75,462	£ 85,505
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Casein	32,066	36,394	44,372	38,989
Fertilizers	1,109	8,310	23,530	32,983
Medicines	14,132	22,127	26,348	26,795
Oil—Eucalyptus	39,174	44,387	67,866	75,047
All other Drugs and Chemicals	53,157	54,782	50,953	66,393
Total, Class XIX. ..	139,638	166,000	213,069	240,207
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Soap	50,939	60,425	50,687	38,674
Vessels transferred abroad ..	1,500	24,000	3,500	5,000
All other Articles	225,364	182,949	211,999	246,391
Total, Class XX. ..	277,803	267,374	266,186	290,065
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold	1,857,367	1,275,078	1,912,721	2,086,057
Silver	12,522	78,322	34,046	6,553
Bronze	1,029	1,007	2,491	1,749
Total, Class XXI. ..	1,870,918	1,354,407	1,949,258	2,094,359
Australian produce	27,776,969	34,593,245	43,221,283	40,847,621
Other produce	342,858	389,299	366,363	396,046
Grand Total	28,119,827	34,982,544	43,587,646	41,243,667

The export trade consists largely of agricultural and pastoral products. The value of wool, wheat, flour, butter, fruits (all kinds), meats, hides and skins, and milk and cream exported during 1937-38 amounted to slightly over 89 per cent. of the total Australian merchandise exported—wool alone represented 30 per cent. Exclusive of bullion and specie, total exports showed a decrease during 1937-38 of £2,489,080 as compared with the previous year.

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

Trade with
Countries.

IMPORTS (ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN) INTO VICTORIAN PORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, AND EXPORTS DIRECT THERETO FROM VICTORIAN PORTS, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Imports of Products or Manufactures of—	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1934.	1935	1936.	1937.	1938.
	British Currency Values—				
	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	9,778,157	11,697,297	12,942,494	14,275,509	16,281,394
Canada	1,135,007	1,548,182	2,009,791	2,091,694	2,590,750
Hong Kong	3,239	2,847	6,296	10,244	7,820
India and Ceylon	1,205,428	928,889	1,054,425	1,121,835	1,059,210
Malaya (British)	138,892	269,645	193,610	439,248	551,273
New Zealand	693,933	710,648	892,702	788,134	1,118,998
Pacific Islands (British)	291,906	369,393	423,975	580,235	651,718
South African Union	41,659	63,902	60,379	55,464	77,936
Other British Possessions	109,364	197,535	222,307	247,835	294,488
Belgium	144,247	169,486	214,832	262,007	390,043
China	92,201	114,709	186,895	232,999	192,467
Czecho-Slovakia	106,423	143,935	165,414	206,412	294,640
Egypt	4,835	9,803	4,312	4,729	11,040
France	382,661	348,520	298,630	315,299	389,034
Germany	773,174	892,655	1,274,852	1,492,146	1,593,185
Italy	300,602	286,939	284,860	213,893	331,305
Japan	1,438,415	1,650,491	1,972,675	1,657,226	2,221,183
Netherlands	203,475	212,117	220,592	180,745	230,692
Netherlands East Indies	1,016,651	988,176	1,100,524	1,562,494	1,928,647
Norway	136,584	116,521	145,383	166,068	198,642
Persia (Iran)	225,818	267,281	452,337	581,011	533,637
Peru	73	2,070	123	1,286	1,110
Philippine Islands	26,795	33,326	37,783	45,621	56,753
Spain	37,165	48,041	49,512	46,558	32,555
Sweden	350,770	340,359	434,333	476,724	763,847
Switzerland	204,581	208,578	237,209	245,286	349,866
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	26,759	35,664	59,916	76,611	73,630
United States of America	2,539,046	3,581,495	4,615,541	4,069,149	5,558,811
Other Foreign Countries	446,181	495,892	456,989	459,943	613,612
Total (excluding Outside Packages)*	21,857,041	25,734,396	29,909,511	31,906,405	38,398,286
Exports to—	Australian Currency Values—				
United Kingdom	14,550,513	15,358,112	16,896,085	20,780,768	21,410,481
Canada	480,750	418,941	535,974	799,087	531,553
Hong Kong	134,921	226,681	265,084	413,309	548,485
India and Ceylon	407,104	420,089	519,858	621,015	543,723
Malaya (British)	454,145	576,913	537,854	737,538	837,589
New Zealand	897,532	1,101,914	1,297,961	1,704,140	2,738,964
Pacific Islands (British)	117,058	133,098	270,163	279,112	278,502
South African Union	73,091	97,186	100,383	150,303	345,538
Other British Possessions	255,604	197,154	404,243	805,624	643,274
Belgium	1,442,580	1,043,417	1,135,288	1,668,520	705,623
China	391,568	218,153	195,836	418,022	263,305
Czecho-Slovakia	17,590	16,802	81,677	175,510	151,782
Egypt	93,842	80,486	80,428	206,204	136,152
France	1,780,375	1,107,783	1,558,357	2,179,155	2,521,677
Germany	1,248,045	340,345	480,689	666,420	766,314
Italy	1,335,986	196,822	138,737	1,080,252	768,057
Japan	4,063,449	3,685,831	6,265,854	3,178,434	2,999,369
Netherlands	95,682	106,380	267,814	610,255	144,830
Netherlands East Indies	593,861	553,328	627,153	666,160	742,288
Norway	77	1,836	3,299	7,755	6,466
Persia (Iran)	498	153	13	..	..
Peru .. .. .	..	1,944	2,655	1,219	60,958
Philippine Islands	147,667	52,655	173,182	193,699	144,859
Spain	42,373	217,636	65,488	2,649	63,904
Sweden	80,196	70,992	124,284	163,276	200,520
Switzerland	1,559	2,178	48,240	12,903	10,078
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	45,691	52,238	1,993	74	187,449
United States of America	838,727	808,165	1,884,110	5,421,709	2,714,274
Other Foreign Countries†	329,238	1,032,095	1,019,842	644,534	784,473
Total	30,519,726	28,119,827	34,982,544	43,587,646	41,243,667

* "Outside Packages," 1933-34, £547,191; 1934-35, £610,677; 1935-36, £706,620; 1936-37, £687,321; 1937-38, £824,712.

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

Trade with
United
Kingdom.

Imports from and exports to the United Kingdom during 1937-38 represented nearly 42 per cent. and 52 per cent. respectively of the total value of imports and exports of Victorian ports during that year. During 1937-38 imports and exports increased by £2,005,885 and £629,713 respectively over those for the previous year. Details of the principal articles interchanged are given hereunder for each of the last five years.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
THE UNITED KINGDOM, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
<i>Imports (British Currency Values).</i>					
<i>Articles of United Kingdom origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Whisky	116,791	89,173	69,595	74,352	74,648
Cigarettes	2,546	3,579	10,930	14,408	8,372
Apparel	279,312	323,182	351,141	339,746	358,241
Piece Goods—					
Carvas and Duck	152,896	206,266	189,684	192,560	247,409
Cotton and Lian	1,498,000	1,641,787	1,340,295	1,526,152	1,786,573
Silk	420,191	404,590	408,137	599,405	553,230
Woolen	81,587	108,840	120,267	117,301	105,551
Velvets, and Lace for Attire	76,229	81,443	118,272	131,989	101,014
Other	200,573	232,724	253,974	299,091	291,332
Floor Coverings	475,729	578,978	655,285	702,279	785,851
Sewing and Embroidery Silks, &c	174,570	180,734	183,121	154,946	195,907
Yarns	352,972	465,951	423,549	525,787	694,347
Machines and Machinery	764,175	1,127,105	1,559,121	1,760,098	2,403,906
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	669,729	930,544	1,016,275	1,003,259	1,628,669
Motor Cars (bodies, chassis, and parts)	669,793	560,910	735,802	1,016,141	1,165,125
Pipes and Tubes	102,862	106,337	72,606	76,521	143,614
Platedware and Cutlery	82,585	103,031	126,104	130,913	149,489
Other Vehicles and parts, n.e.i.	230,680	372,844	530,945	613,336	645,828
Other Metals and Manufactures	534,543	654,016	765,113	779,025	928,434
Rubber and Rubber Goods	71,788	76,559	83,235	81,584	87,770
Crockery and Household Ware	73,542	105,005	117,607	124,086	130,813
Glass and Glassware	47,473	60,639	69,072	78,894	80,209
Paper	590,041	550,836	598,952	600,023	678,403
Books	241,735	319,704	333,471	265,589	283,016
Fancy Goods	47,649	60,294	64,415	68,101	80,589
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations	57,584	62,758	78,564	76,726	86,396
Sodium Salts	99,645	105,139	168,794	157,497	145,015
Dyes	116,310	123,078	156,335	118,288	149,271
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	169,391	183,440	213,532	171,910	177,789
All other Articles	1,877,236	1,877,811	2,128,301	2,475,502	2,114,583
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	9,778,157	11,697,297	12,942,494	14,275,509	16,281,394
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to United Kingdom.</i>					
Butter	2,095,079	3,078,708	3,335,027	3,664,218	3,220,153
Eggs	362,292	369,760	283,147	297,314	236,979
Meats—					
Beef, Mutton and Lamb	1,984,827	2,451,024	2,768,777	3,174,115	3,302,275
Pork	55,741	97,712	189,588	309,035	390,795
Rabbits and Hares	117,817	181,639	92,017	53,173	104,571
Other	121,120	135,210	204,113	274,925	371,344
Milk and Cream	41,569	3,150	7,068	35,765	63,186
Fruits—all kinds	2,195,693	1,754,923	1,649,446	1,825,348	2,465,936
Wheat and Flour	769,123	268,758	915,635	3,429,620	3,822,150
Wine, fermented	45,116	32,155	24,654	30,916	31,938
Hides and Skins	492,603	329,848	383,111	631,492	618,657
Wool	4,144,271	4,010,126	4,936,807	5,744,374	5,243,139
Tallow, unrefined	29,480	37,196	25,579	52,675	28,337
Leather, &c.	182,396	112,609	226,806	266,850	183,018
Soap	60,184	37,955	47,497	33,367	26,578
Bullion and Specie	1,558,610	1,862,966	1,273,820	333,160	352,979
All other Articles	294,592	594,373	532,993	624,421	948,446
Total	14,550,513	15,358,112	16,896,085	20,780,768	21,410,481

Trade with
India and
Ceylon.

During 1937-38, the value of imports into Victorian ports from India and Ceylon decreased by £62,625 as compared with the previous year, while the value of exports from Victorian ports to those countries decreased by £77,292. The principal articles interchanged in each of the last five years were as follows :—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH INDIA AND CEYLON, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of Indian and Cingalese origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Cocoa Beans	5,723	5,044	2,980	6,514	1,862
Coffee	4,273	6,644	4,428	6,965	4,589
Rice	51	..	..	29	27
Nuts	787	719	867	4,505	4,884
Spices	4,911	4,359	4,610	4,496	5,691
Tea	179,408	138,198	152,345	108,021	90,022
Hides and Skins.. .. .	39,464	36,887	64,512	56,002	53,940
Fibres	31,537	35,047	61,226	65,917	99,442
Gums and Resins	9,769	13,842	12,651	12,883	9,414
Seeds	40,605	37,199	20,149	42,562	47,729
Hessians	94,744	100,705	107,556	118,614	129,876
Floor Coverings	6,199	6,926	7,363	7,672	7,746
Bags and Sacks	728,509	469,840	547,823	594,662	541,413
Yarns—Coir	10,661	14,569	10,838	11,867	15,732
Oils in Bulk	291	917	853	472	273
Waxes	4,537	5,004	5,410	6,131	711
Rubber, &c.	11,810	19,423	17,905	33,217	1,706
All other Articles	32,149	33,566	32,909	41,306	44,153
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	1,205,428	928,889	1,054,425	1,121,835	1,059,210
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to India and Ceylon.</i>					
Butter	9,516	12,192	17,007	16,776	9,968
Meats	14,005	15,008	24,897	29,219	31,752
Milk and Cream	86,483	72,310	57,443	82,527	61,522
Biscuits	2,624	2,978	2,919	2,559	2,285
Hay and Chaff	1,817	4,503	3,762	10,972	1,269
Fruits (all kinds)	13,783	9,205	12,227	14,792	16,015
Wheat	720	1,347	23,084	44,838	25,429
Flour	86,550	96,515	96,894	140,157	104,831
Horses	24,529	26,720	41,344	47,206	37,983
Wool	71,687	66,978	118,394	133,304	155,864
Tallow (unrefined)	31,299	39,306	64,772	42,618	41,374
Soap	1,818	1,015	909	1,221	498
All other Articles	62,273	72,012	56,206	54,826	54,933
Total	407,104	420,089	519,858	621,015	543,723

The value of imports into Victorian ports from New Zealand during 1937-38 increased by £330,864 as compared with that of the previous year, whilst the value of exports from Victorian ports thereto increased by £1,029,824. The principal articles of trade during each of the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH NEW ZEALAND, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imports (British Currency Values), Articles of New Zealand origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
Fish	40,117	48,568	54,194	58,652	63,335
Milk and Cream	2,624	325	1	174	7
Meats	4,564	5,525	11,230	7,197	3,439
Grain and Pulse	6,767	8,376	9,431	18,005	13,441
Hops	438	510	512	321	..
Animals (horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs)	20,137	20,829	32,255	41,868	29,481
Hides and Skins	138,953	151,686	175,669	142,753	212,770
Wool	172,919	57,382	199,558	136,156	402,794
Flax and Hemp	20,834	27,510	39,936	52,933	22,391
Oakum and Tow	3,122	2,537	2,255	1,151	1,068
Seeds	26,481	37,801	32,532	31,567	28,833
Timber	82,032	167,489	157,069	75,756	78,061
Gold and Silver	138,626	127,080	122,786	143,132	181,181
All other Articles	41,269	55,030	55,274	76,469	82,147
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	698,933	710,648	892,702	788,134	1,118,998
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to New Zealand.</i>					
Fruits, all kinds	126,663	243,518	288,218	377,520	328,354
Grain and Pulse—					
Wheat	209	1	14,934	45,965	883,463
Flour	1,367	1,381	1,525	1,350	1,385
Oats	172	288	4,796	2,540	3,963
Rice and Rice Meal	2,054	3,096	4,957	5,989	4,440
Tea	14,625	10,928	9,671	3,797	1,784
Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	8,380	9,825	12,559	17,579	19,841
Tobacco manufactured	52,722	39,698	62,497	73,132	90,800
Apparel	81,869	62,340	67,435	118,038	108,417
Textiles	38,271	43,534	46,496	120,303	82,432
Manufactured Fibres	42,473	63,510	75,585	93,598	133,156
Oils	5,368	7,909	10,856	15,326	14,009
Machines and Machinery	49,462	70,267	78,985	118,667	160,770
Metal manufactures	71,173	70,680	92,153	114,970	200,259
Rubber manufactures	25,796	33,078	31,941	35,352	30,151
Leather, &c.	45,364	44,429	38,744	42,585	24,731
Books	7,089	9,978	13,186	17,852	16,784
Photographic goods and materials	34,033	46,190	46,699	62,569	72,468
Drugs and Chemicals	38,375	40,157	41,010	49,074	46,384
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	48,801	68,414	41,216	46,253	75,560
All other Articles	203,266	232,693	314,498	341,681	434,813
Australian produce	799,985	993,902	1,188,262	1,570,550	2,611,057
Other produce	97,547	108,012	109,699	133,550	122,907
Total	897,532	1,101,914	1,297,961	1,704,140	2,733,964

The value of imports into Victorian ports from Belgium showed an increase of £128,036 during 1937-38, as compared with the previous year, while the value of exports from Victorian ports to that country decreased by £982,897. The principal articles of trade with Belgium during each of the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH BELGIUM, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of Belgian origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Furs and other Skins, dressed ..	100	..	18	421	691
Gloves	5,061	12,185	33,011	27,061	34,664
Piece Goods	43,067	45,020	43,364	61,190	68,485
Artificial Silk Yarn	316	182	2,245	756	888
Electrical Machinery, &c. ..	4,265	6,156	9,302	11,967	19,799
Metal Manufactures—					
Copper	68	47	2,628	3	1,064
Iron and Steel	3,949	2,988	7,493	9,763	37,270
Other	5,584	5,405	3,864	8,568	10,819
Glass and Glassware	42,786	49,374	42,591	66,133	101,732
Paper	7,230	7,287	6,492	5,294	7,655
Precious Stones, Unset	4,293	12,948	23,803	18,017	29,575
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	4,446	2,748	4,364	5,789	10,431
All other Articles	23,082	25,146	35,657	47,045	66,970
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	144,247	169,486	214,832	262,007	390,043
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to Belgium.</i>					
Meats	310	513	452	..	964
Wheat .. .. .	..	548	106,308	88,666	1,593
Hides and Skins	12,491	27,200	57,703	71,141	63,429
Wool	1,416,681	981,736	940,750	1,466,215	603,269
Tallow (unrefined) .. .. .	..	1,060	..	13,394	6,600
Cameos and Precious Stones ..	599	1,400	7,224	4,097	5,915
All other Articles	12,499	30,960	22,851	45,007	23,853
Total	1,442,580	1,043,417	1,135,288	1,688,520	705,623

**Trade with
France.**

The value of imports into Victorian ports from France during 1937-38 increased by £73,735 as compared with that of the previous year, while the value of exports from Victorian ports to France increased by £342,522. The chief articles of trade during each of the last five years are given in the appended table.

**VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH
FRANCE, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.**

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of French origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Brandy	8,741	9,748	10,015	7,560	9,009
Hides and Skins	2,525	508	1,427	1,518	1,176
Wine	8,330	11,465	4,528	7,773	7,729
Gums and Resins	7,188	4,734	5,485	11,106	7,025
Apparel—					
Trimmings and Ornaments	41,960	36,373	24,190	22,281	30,437
Gloves	11,255	9,786	7,016	7,011	7,920
Other	19,715	15,910	16,629	15,066	26,822
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	123,489	99,728	77,677	73,325	102,471
Other	4,151	4,385	3,376	2,619	2,745
Oils	15,966	16,295	17,999	22,569	22,370
Electrical Machinery and Appliances	1,212	1,506	887	2,094	927
Other Machines and Machinery	3,797	9,572	3,984	7,678	6,982
Motor Bodies, Chassis and Parts	3,108	3,246	1,385	470	982
Rubber Manufactures	3,605	1,380	1,781	1,193	816
Stationery and Paper Manufactures	3,665	3,954	13,734	31,793	31,055
Pipes (smoking)	5,380	3,956	11,769	5,822	8,089
Cream of Tartar	173	44	35	..	..
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations	9,591	9,297	6,151	6,472	6,985
All other Articles	108,804	106,633	90,562	88,949	115,494
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	382,661	348,520	298,630	315,299	389,034
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to France.</i>					
Meats	8,335	8,911	4,678	3,113	4,077
Wheat and Flour .. .. .	..	..	7,880	56,688	198,840
Hides and Skins	769,538	519,765	712,461	874,115	916,721
Wool	962,690	556,738	824,052	1,234,188	1,391,059
Tallow (unrefined) .. .. .	..	..	..	711	..
All other Articles	39,812	22,369	9,286	10,340	10,980
Total	1,780,375	1,107,783	1,558,357	2,179,155	2,521,677

**Trade with
Germany.**

During 1937-38, the value of imports into Victorian ports from Germany increased by £101,039 as compared with 1936-37, while the value of exports from Victorian ports to that country increased by £99,894. The chief item of export to Germany is wool which, during the past five years accounted for 83 per cent. of the total exports from Victorian ports to that country—the percentage for 1937-38 being 75.

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

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH GERMANY, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Articles.	Value in year ended 30th June—				
	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of German origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Hides and Skins	177	47	368	..	132
Apparel—					
Gloves	61,991	67,795	78,557	77,139	71,765
Other	39,639	39,676	56,752	48,883	50,470
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	46,877	56,424	93,329	108,979	136,405
Other	11,269	15,052	19,059	19,311	27,581
Artificial Silk Yarn	5,205	186	5,438	6,917	1,491
Machines and Machinery ..	122,477	171,556	307,147	449,084	443,823
Metals and Metal Manufactures—					
Vehicles and Parts	7,164	13,164	46,310	60,534	86,827
Plated Ware and Cutlery ..	9,039	9,790	12,319	11,283	10,643
Other	82,394	91,915	116,735	103,293	124,748
Glass and Glassware	15,226	33,366	73,906	32,934	38,189
Paper	31,725	28,462	59,294	65,515	60,163
Stationery and Paper Manufactures	11,857	11,535	12,568	12,265	12,269
Fancy Goods	13,569	9,994	8,953	15,926	19,806
Timepieces	19,013	24,191	25,287	33,744	43,885
Optical, Surgical, and Scientific Instruments	40,206	48,274	52,674	58,258	81,015
Drugs, Chemicals and Fertilizers	99,788	107,268	110,574	175,539	153,626
Bags, Baskets, &c.	23,083	30,676	25,868	29,863	30,518
Brushware	2,480	3,335	2,853	4,263	7,449
Musical Instruments	7,116	10,818	16,952	16,863	13,975
All other Articles	122,879	119,131	149,909	161,553	178,405
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	773,174	892,655	1,274,852	1,492,146	1,593,185
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to Germany.</i>					
Sausage Casings	3,071	768	716	46	1,645
Fruits (all kinds)	29,918	8,870	9,179	6,898	6,934
Wheat and Flour .. ..	..	..	..	78,185	96
Wool	1,167,668	301,862	409,529	466,587	572,443
Hides and Skins	19,268	11,624	40,265	67,443	57,830
Tallow (unrefined) .. ..	..	..	143	4,070	3,187
Casein	2,460	520	1,440	12,510	..
Eucalyptus Oil	5,940	5,511	6,549	13,899	16,887
All other Articles	19,720	11,190	12,868	16,782	107,292
Total	1,248,045	340,345	480,689	666,420	766,314

The value of imports into Victorian ports from Japan during 1937-38 increased by £563,957 as compared with that of 1936-37, while the value of exports from Victorian ports to Japan decreased by £179,065. The principal articles interchanged during each of the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH JAPAN, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1934	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of Japanese origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Fish	2,748	5,193	4,070	3,751	10,468
Silk, Raw	221,511	169,381	277,455	340,335	498,890
Fibres	2,427	3,533	4,573	2,430	1,560
Grass or Straw, &c.	9,144	12,048	11,563	7,955	7,128
Apparel—					
Buttons	10,869	15,776	22,356	17,369	22,485
Hats and Caps	9,797	5,604	6,424	5,983	7,017
Other	23,144	36,229	47,006	57,442	71,020
Piece Goods— Silk	521,690	616,085	585,562	448,152	563,828
Cotton and Linen	205,345	295,891	332,320	208,466	297,393
Other	49,122	66,310	76,197	52,475	99,115
Other Textiles	38,538	38,578	48,498	50,553	78,613
Yarns	28,886	36,619	59,695	32,882	52,297
Oils	3,943	5,472	8,480	5,089	10,684
Timber	5,808	5,819	7,781	8,423	12,748
Chinaware	43,703	37,528	44,604	32,920	47,865
Glass and Glassware	15,986	16,786	20,158	19,133	25,001
Fancy Goods	49,232	48,145	55,028	64,439	62,067
Jewellery and Precious Stones	5,807	5,736	3,846	3,130	2,781
Camphor	1,652	2,414	2,683	2,263	4,085
Sulphur (Brimstone)	34,658	38,764	62,574	26,179	80,046
All other Articles	154,405	188,580	291,802	267,857	266,092
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	1,438,415	1,650,491	1,972,675	1,657,226	2,221,183
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to Japan.</i>					
Butter	559	..	..	4,741	88
Hides and Skins	18,167	42,000	51,612	53,081	97,423
Milk and Cream	33,286	9,801	..	..	15
Wheat	670,476	1,240,387	1,750,647	527,454	690,960
Flour	2,850	4,647	40,150	617	408
Wool	3,839,697	2,258,058	4,306,693	2,419,730	2,025,311
Tallow (unrefined)	40,948	47,549	20,200	6,962	12,491
Casein	19,138	31,333	34,536	16,216	31,948
Fertilizers	456	1,072	406	137	..
All other Articles	37,872	50,984	61,610	149,496	140,730
Total	4,663,449	3,685,831	6,265,854	3,178,434	2,909,369

The value of imports into Victorian ports from Netherlands East Indies during 1937-38 increased by £366,153, while the value of exports from Victorian ports thereto increased by £76,128, as compared with 1936-37. The chief articles interchanged with Netherlands East Indies during each of the last five years were as follows:—

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of Netherlands East Indies origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Coffee and Chicory	11,829	9,165	9,763	7,952	5,877
Sago and Tapioca .. .. .	..	135	486	1,223	1,350
Spices	315	346	260	220	310
Tea	289,697	255,677	219,335	314,466	333,536
Tobacco—unmanufactured	32,534	20,029	29,793	27,705	16,877
Hides and Skins	14,684	6,026	1,995	563	1,473
Fibres	49,897	61,793	83,494	120,293	141,130
Seeds	3,325	3,338	6,291	5,415	7,967
Oils	494,676	558,055	642,420	881,534	1,265,044
Rubber, crude	94,308	48,486	80,866	179,391	121,942
All other Articles	25,386	25,126	25,821	23,732	33,141
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	1,016,651	988,176	1,100,524	1,562,494	1,928,647
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to the Netherlands East Indies.</i>					
Butter	223,805	250,567	302,234	258,945	245,980
Meats	637	1,259	1,616	1,283	1,050
Milk and Cream	58,969	2,856	2,107	2,047	1,587
Biscuits	7,553	11,813	7,952	11,032	9,801
Fruits and fruit juices	27,999	23,008	21,610	23,025	26,765
Flour	219,390	215,616	227,670	306,007	362,211
Machines and Machinery	315	145	104	1,593	532
Leather, &c.	22,348	9,124	5,722	10,852	8,089
Soap	969	910	139	141	29
All other Articles	31,880	38,030	57,999	51,235	86,244
Total	593,865	553,328	627,153	666,160	742,288

The value of imports into Victorian ports from the United States of America increased by £1,489,662 during 1937-38 as compared with 1936-37, whilst the value of exports from Victorian ports to that country decreased by £2,707,435. The principal articles included in the trade with the United States of America in each of the last five years were as follows —

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES INTERCHANGED WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Articles.	Value in Year ended 30th June—				
	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
<i>Imports (British Currency Values). Articles of United States origin imported into Victorian ports.</i>	£	£	£	£	£
Fish, Preserved in Tins	5,290	3,680	1,725	3,542	3,782
Sausage Casings	34,017	44,143	37,149	52,448	45,939
Tobacco, &c.	169,875	279,307	365,885	396,376	513,072
Gums and Resins	17,641	23,043	26,069	37,151	46,453
Apparel—					
Socks and Stockings	203	500	1,226	741	800
Other	18,422	30,216	46,191	24,874	29,504
Textiles—					
Piece Goods	59,802	65,891	55,750	11,908	17,529
Other	11,153	10,253	13,795	7,699	16,733
Manufactured Fibres and Yarns	11,734	20,706	4,164	1,932	4,556
Oils	760,950	619,391	823,332	760,560	760,215
Paints and Varnishes	27,065	42,347	35,817	51,727	54,689
Asphalt, Bitumen, and Natural Pitch	16,884	2,713	8,625	14,908	8,779
Machines and Machinery	312,291	548,945	836,273	810,386	1,226,886
Metals and Metal manufactures—					
Iron and Steel	20,497	42,182	57,559	28,014	235,946
Tools of Trade	33,206	42,530	61,858	49,583	73,260
Vehicles and Parts—					
Motor Bodies, Chassis, &c.	308,947	766,666	948,344	706,223	991,146
Other	87,961	176,233	249,175	183,720	400,384
Other Metals, &c.	78,016	103,190	95,539	77,045	112,122
Rubber, &c.	15,135	22,147	35,822	21,328	40,517
Leather, &c.	2,837	5,231	6,028	8,064	5,811
Timber	80,218	84,909	124,087	77,869	104,932
Glass and Glassware	13,106	16,323	21,161	12,538	16,494
Paper	33,870	37,178	52,907	66,771	48,450
Stationery	22,262	30,519	42,158	48,680	55,334
Jewellery, Timepieces and Fancy Goods	5,750	14,826	25,279	26,525	40,414
Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments	52,934	74,053	79,999	77,300	76,643
Sulphur (Brimstone)	95,358	85,015	103,128	67,624	93,018
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	16,018	17,591	23,824	6,821	5,969
Instruments—Musical	2,124	5,353	6,653	6,456	6,354
All other articles	225,480	366,414	419,019	430,336	523,080
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	2,539,046	3,581,495	4,615,541	4,069,149	5,558,811
<i>Exports (Australian Currency Values) from Victorian ports to the United States.</i>					
Sausage Casings	194,884	250,963	150,658	171,026	151,557
Hides and Skins	353,091	294,067	794,155	910,003	590,499
Wool	222,054	100,847	782,259	2,568,571	112,176
Tallow (unrefined)	177	98,216	64,149	69,348	15,357
Machines and Machinery	10,083	4,707	7,668	7,990	9,421
Metals and Metal Manufactures	4,481	4,448	6,532	5,345	9,057
Leather, &c.	1,900	97	792	1,341	229
Eucalyptus Oil	12,074	14,926	15,347	26,262	9,442
All other articles	39,983	39,894	62,550	1,661,823*	1,816,536*
Total	838,727	808,165	1,884,110	5,421,709	2,714,274

* Including Gold Bullion 1936-37 £1,581,953; 1937-38, £1,729,095.

Wool, wheat and flour, meats, butter, fruits (all kinds), and hides and skins were the chief exports from Victorian ports in 1937-38. The values of these products, arranged according to destination, are shown in the following statement:—

DESTINATION OF THE PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF
MERCHANDISE EXPORTED FROM VICTORIAN
PORTS IN 1937-38.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Destination.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Meats.	Butter.	Fruits (all kinds).	Hides and Skins.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom ..	5,243,139	3,822,150	4,168,985	3,220,153	2,465,936	618,657
Aden ..	..	10,545	..	133	765	..
Canada ..	190,243	1,052	8,717	5,908	262,106	3,777
Hong Kong ..	17,399	428,409	7,343	4,616	7,595	..
India and Ceylon ..	155,864	130,260	31,752	9,968	16,015	1,174
Irish Free State ..	..	61,038	..	..	..	..
Malaya (British) ..	..	100,214	17,102	46,969	13,538	..
Malta ..	..	125,549	9,267	91	232	..
Mauritius ..	..	88,875	227	8,413	283	..
New Zealand ..	14,912	884,848	4,597	16	328,354	2,727
Pacific Islands (British)	..	66,709	9,462	1,406	3,030	..
South African Union..	..	168,637	1,560	..	426	158
Sudan ..	..	35,928	50	52	14	..
Other British Countries	..	234,827	1,061	19,447	4,202	972
Africa, Portuguese East	..	89,372	815	708	588	..
Africa, Portuguese West	..	30,425	..	..	..	..
Belgium ..	603,269	1,593	964	1,604	5,776	63,429
China ..	22,062	205,183	516	2,812	631	169
Egypt ..	16,682	90,008	9,524	1,221	15	..
France ..	1,391,059	198,840	4,077	..	..	916,721
French Indo-China ..	..	19,763	..	5	530	..
Germany ..	572,443	96	1,645	..	6,934	57,830
Italy ..	448,381	312,749	1,021	..	..	214
Japan ..	2,025,311	691,368	1,916	83	..	97,423
Kwantung Peninsula ..	..	91,440	..	317	..	190
Mexico ..	34,037	..	..	..	..	..
Netherlands ..	85,421	24,863	249	..	4,671	16,101
Netherlands East Indies	..	362,327	1,050	245,980	18,898	604
Norway ..	4,598	..	..	..	..	..
Philippine Islands ..	..	74,660	857	45	8,882	..
Siam ..	..	45,755	..	3,716	37	..
Spain ..	..	63,771	..	..	..	..
Sweden ..	126,232	..	1,482	..	4	1,416
U.S.S. Republic ..	..	187,449	..	..	..	..
United States of America	112,176	5,846	157,590	593	241	590,499
Other Foreign Countries	461,397	134,446	1,145	3,095	390	15,779
Total ..	11,524,625	8,788,995	4,442,974	3,577,351	3,150,093	2,387,840

The value of the above-mentioned six items added to that of the next principal item (milk and cream, £743,220) amounted to £34,615,098 and represented slightly over 89 per cent. of the total Australian merchandise exported. The destinations and values of the major shipments of milk and cream during 1937-38 were as follows:—Malaya (British), £521,686; United Kingdom, £63,186; India and Ceylon, £61,522; Philippine Islands, £40,344 and China, £15,212.

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

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM VICTORIAN PORTS DURING EACH OF THE YEARS 1934-35 TO 1937-38.
(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.)

Commodity.		1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.
Wool	{ lb. £	191,192,361 8,911,908	203,451,217 13,299,702	195,135,300 15,731,887	188,253,625 11,524,625
Butter	{ lb. £	93,643,352 3,428,217	91,714,538 3,751,294	90,717,838 4,056,443	77,695,589 3,577,351
Wheat	{ centals £	6,740,543 1,617,923	9,736,294 2,917,377	12,585,520 5,346,703	16,375,470 6,144,958
Flour (wheaten)	{ centals £	5,277,680 1,734,520	5,153,933 1,875,692	4,665,665 2,292,958	5,569,867 2,644,037
Fruits— Dried	{ lb. £	83,280,231 1,320,022	76,482,933 1,306,592	81,974,582 1,357,241	91,536,812 1,633,620
Fresh	{ lb. £	48,268,400 431,159	58,529,200 542,555	71,309,700 643,404	63,842,200 565,571
Preserved in Liquid	{ lb. £	41,806,638 647,909	33,933,641 522,734	48,475,485 713,425	67,390,636 950,902
Meats— Beef (frozen)	{ lb. £	5,889,226 61,981	10,064,934 115,053	11,018,738 137,564	14,829,315 235,831
Lamb (frozen)	{ lb. £	82,602,215 2,134,761	95,093,406 2,489,952	102,436,881 2,803,421	97,414,387 2,904,460
Mutton (frozen)	{ lb. £	19,527,499 297,002	13,447,972 224,243	16,058,586 283,521	13,708,724 214,047
Pork (frozen)	{ lb. £	3,521,449 100,316	7,312,160 193,245	12,454,887 313,488	15,312,055 396,867
Rabbits and Hares (frozen)	{ pairs £	4,297,934 192,104	2,180,524 99,495	1,340,572 58,331	1,976,473 118,295
Sausage Casings	{ cwt. £	14,074 288,580	13,469 241,058	14,284 277,149	14,547 290,104
All other	{ — £	— 124,068	— 156,920	— 222,527	— 283,370
Milk and Cream	{ lb. £	13,903,655 513,107	14,070,896 523,209	19,085,395 683,610	20,775,023 743,220
Hides and Skins— Sheep	{ lb. £	34,096,376 887,082	36,737,286 1,369,510	37,403,387 1,800,977	37,195,409 1,602,680
Calf, Cattle, Horse	{ No. £	176,154 72,035	220,402 117,093	522,821 265,842	553,848 286,715
Rabbits and Hares	{ lb. £	3,157,799 236,199	3,856,069 556,942	2,972,466 573,354	2,137,549 382,412
Other Skins	{ — £	— 165,760	— 63,128	— 63,319	— 116,033
Tallow (unrefined)	{ cwt. £	255,701 263,558	149,948 212,409	217,497 269,929	188,258 211,448
Eggs in shell	{ dozen £	6,575,746 370,169	5,038,859 283,108	5,128,705 296,812	3,687,093 228,943
Cheese	{ lb. £	4,597,914 141,392	5,135,386 158,109	4,488,183 153,233	10,371,747 350,649

**Customs and
Excise
Revenue.**

The oversea trade and the gross revenue collected at Victorian ports and inland stations, during the year 1937-38, are shown in the following statement.

**OVERSEA TRADE AND GROSS REVENUE COLLECTED AT
VICTORIAN PORTS AND INLAND STATIONS, 1937-38.**

Heading.	Melbourne.	Geelong.	Portland.	Warrnam- bool.	Inland Sta- tions.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Oversea Trade—						
Imports (British Cur- rency)	37,420,600	1,707,385	95,013	..	..	39,222,998
Exports (Australian Currency)	35,721,742	4,391,591	505,243	625,091	..	41,243,667
Total (British Currency)	65,946,695	5,214,356	498,482	499,176	..	72,168,709
Gross Revenue (Aus- tralian Currency)—						
Import Duties	9,229,072	296,862	9,368	..	..	9,535,302
Excise Duties	4,881,346	18,284	..	..	24,281	4,923,911
Primage	1,597,502	29,617	1,649	..	..	1,628,768
Other Sources	55,528	3,349	43	..	1	58,921
Total	15,763,448	348,112	11,060	..	24,282	16,146,902*

* After deducting £557,785 for Refunds and Drawbacks, &c., the net revenue was £15,589,117.

**Interstate
Trade.**

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

Primary
Produce
Interchanged.

The interstate trade of certain items of primary produce for the year 1937-38 are shown in the following table :—

VICTORIA—INTERSTATE TRADE OF 10 SPECIFIED
PRIMARY PRODUCTS, 1937-38. (QUANTITIES ONLY.)

Article.	Imported into Victoria from other States during 1937-38, and recorded by—				
	Victorian Railways.	Melbourne Harbor Trust.	Geelong Harbor Trust.	Warrnam- bool Harbor Authority.	Total
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Butter	4	1,426	..	..	1,430
Coal	2	1,123,855	203,555	6,265	1,333,677
Flour	16,820	50	..	..	16,870
Fruits, fresh	42,439	5,297*	..	..	†
Fruits, dried	1,203	2,658*	1	..	‡
Oats	4,022	1,593	..	..	5,615
Onions	385	122	..	..	507
Potatoes	1,166	683	..	..	1,849
Wheat	73,958	4	..	..	73,962
Wool	33,376	10,026	2,672	..	46,074

Article.	Exported from Victoria to other States during 1937-38, and recorded by—				
	Victorian Railways.	Melbourne Harbor Trust.	Geelong Harbor Trust.	Warrnam- bool Harbor Authority.	Total
	tons.	tons	tons	tons.	tons.
Butter	649	2,848	..	..	3,497
Coal	545	2,008	..	..	2,553
Flour	3,923	4,425	..	..	8,348
Fruits, fresh	9,818	21,855*	..	..	§
Fruits, dried	146	7,293*	..	..	||
Oats	6,258	6,026	507	..	12,791
Onions	4,677	9,618	10,442	10	24,747
Potatoes	24,961	16,125	377	12	41,475
Wheat	1,637	2,319	3,307	..	7,263
Wool	802	13,342	1,087	..	15,231

* Measurement tons.

† Comprising 42,439 tons weight and 5,297 tons measurement.

‡ Comprising 1,203 tons weight and 2,659 tons measurement.

§ Comprising 9,818 tons weight and 21,855 tons measurement.

|| Comprising 146 tons weight and 7,293 tons measurement.

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

VICTORIA—INTERSTATE TRADE OF FOUR SPECIFIED PRODUCTS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THE STATE OF IMPORT AND EXPORT, 1937-38.

Article.	Imported into Victoria from—						Total.
	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.		
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	
Butter	5	288	..	..	1,137	1,430
Flour	16,738	1	131	..	..	16,870
Wheat	69,500	..	4,462	..	..	73,962
Wool	30,902	1,512	10,739	892	2,029	46,074	

Article.	Exported from Victoria to—						Total.
	New South Wales.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	
Butter	1,567	7	792	710	315	106	3,497
Flour	3,198	78	791	4	4,152	125	8,348
Wheat	1,026	177	658	..	5,399	3	7,263
Wool	9,381	345	899	42	4,564	..	15,231

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

Manufactured Articles Interchanged.

Since January, 1934, returns of certain manufactured articles (quantities only) have also been received from the Authorities mentioned on page 375. Particulars of the interstate trade in these articles are given in the following statement for the year ended 30th June, 1938.

VICTORIA—INTERSTATE TRADE OF CERTAIN MANUFACTURED GOODS, 1937-38.

(Quantities only.)

Item.	Melbourne Harbor Trust.		Geelong Harbor Trust.		Victorian Railways Department.	
	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.
	Meas. Tons.	Meas. Tons.	Meas. Tons.	Meas. Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Confectionery	11,669	14,577	24	..	17	1,315
Jams, Pickles, Sauces ..	1,053	12,930	5	5	27	108
Ale and Beer	87	35,014	..	..	13	3,468
Spirits	1,020	4,356	3	272	24	157
Wine	3,993	762	..	..	1,898	292
Tobacco and Cigars	4,297	5,340	..	..	..	..
Cigarettes	3,855	2,814	..	..	7	204
Apparel and Textiles ..	22,440	58,911	9	1,144	274	2,549
Boots and Shoes	3,518	10,231	..	..	80	1,704
Machinery and Metal Manufactures	162,097	237,005	918	143	1,400	6,825
Steel	160,426*	10,329*	156	..	47	618
Wire Netting	2,517*	79*	15	..	11	210
Timber	108,258	6,546	3,221	..	9,427	8,721
Paper	13,835	36,158	905	..	1,499	1,420
Chemicals, Drugs, Medicines	23,581	35,668	5,043	50	15	154

* Weight tons.

There was no interstate trade in these goods at the Port of Warrnambool during 1937-38.

Details of border crossings of stock as supplied by the Government Statistician of New South Wales and the Government Statist of South Australia respectively are shown below.

VICTORIA—BORDER CROSSINGS OF HORSES,
CATTLE AND SHEEP, 1937-38.

Item.	Imported into Victoria from—		Exported from Victoria to—	
	New South Wales.	South Australia.	New South Wales.	South Australia.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Horses	1,720	896	552	484
Cattle	62,405	15,298	17,428	7,126
Sheep	2,207,230	50,782	469,112	301,274

In addition to border crossings, live stock were interchanged by sea between Victoria and other States. Particulars for 1937-38 were as follows :—Imported into Victoria : Horses, 87 ; cattle, 564 ; and sheep, 18,077. Exported : Horses, 913 ; cattle, 123 ; and sheep, 20,092.

SHIPPING.

Victorian shipping, as dealt with in the succeeding tables, refers to vessels trading with other States and Oversea Countries ; the tonnage quoted is net. Vessels trading on the Victorian coast and on the River Murray have not been taken into consideration. Coastal shipping is included in the particulars of the shipping at Victorian ports (page 380) and at the ports of Melbourne and Geelong (page 382).

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

VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING,
1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1934.	1935	1936.	1937.	1938.
Vessels Entered—					
Number	2,393	2,603	2,719	2,848	3,019
Tons	6,791,063	7,435,416	7,939,719	8,098,613	8,537,857
Average tonnage ..	2,838	2,856	2,920	2,844	2,828
Vessels Cleared—					
Number	2,359	2,585	2,711	2,849	2,991
Tons	6,775,019	7,407,121	7,907,632	8,070,031	8,520,864
Average tonnage ..	2,872	2,865	2,917	2,833	2,849

For the twelve months ended 30th June, 1938, steamers numbered 2,797 of the vessels entered and 2,793 of the vessels cleared, their tonnage aggregating 8,516,383 and 8,501,803 respectively. The inward shipping included 94 vessels in ballast, of an aggregate tonnage of 292,796, whilst the outward shipping included 403 vessels in ballast, having an aggregate tonnage of 866,289.

Sailing vessels with auxiliary engines are now included under "Sailing vessels." Prior to 1936-37 they were included with "Steamers."

The countries having shipping communication with Victoria in 1937-38 are set out in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—SHIPPING WITH PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, 1937-38.

Countries.	Entered.				Cleared.			
	Steamers.		Sailing Vessels.		Steamers.		Sailing Vessels.	
	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.	Num-ber.	Net Tonnage.
Australian States	2,038	4,722,640	217	20,677	2,106	4,980,596	194	18,419
United Kingdom	156	1,192,336	..	..	236	1,535,084	..	..
New Zealand	71	258,094	5	797	76	281,554	4	642
India	18	71,503	..	..	18	76,635	..	..
Straits Settlements.. ..	30	143,839	..	..	19	83,199	..	..
Other British	132	461,121	..	..	86	311,423	..	..
Total British Countries..	2,445	6,849,533	222	21,474	2,541	7,268,491	198	19,061
Japan	57	242,714	..	..	61	258,494	..	..
Dutch East Indies	37	191,080	..	..	55	285,028	..	..
United States of America ..	88	508,421	..	..	34	237,275	..	..
Other Foreign	170	724,635	..	..	102	452,515	..	..
Total Foreign Countries..	352	1,666,850	..	..	252	1,233,312	..	..
Grand Total	2,797	8,516,383	222	21,474	2,793	8,501,803	198	19,061

The nationality of vessels entered and cleared at Victorian ports for the year 1937-38 was as follows:—

NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1937-38.

Nationality.	Entered.		Cleared.	
	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.
British—	No.		No.	
Australian	1,905	2,903,245	1,870	2,868,641
United Kingdom	631	3,715,293	640	3,745,607
Canadian	7	29,814	7	29,814
Hong Kong	28	114,394	28	108,505
New Zealand	87	107,884	83	104,842
South African	5	16,035	6	19,244
Other British	7	24,858	7	24,858
Total British	2,670	6,911,523	2,641	6,901,511

NATIONALITY OF SHIPPING, 1937-38—continued.

Nationality.	Entered.		Cleared.	
	Vessels.	Net Tonnage	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.
	No.		No.	
Foreign—				
Chinese	4	9,639	5	11,899
Danish	7	26,595	6	22,348
French	5	18,912	5	18,912
German	58	253,493	56	244,893
Dutch	48	258,164	47	253,301
Italian	23	128,459	23	128,504
Japanese	57	246,600	59	253,982
Norwegian	75	334,893	78	341,197
Swedish	27	87,463	26	85,718
United States of America	34	226,280	34	222,763
Other Foreign	11	35,836	11	35,836
Total, Foreign	349	1,626,334	350	1,619,353
Grand Total	3,019	8,537,857	2,991	8,520,864

Shipping
entered at
Victorian
Ports.

Particulars of shipping—Oversea, Interstate, and Coastal—which entered at each port of Victoria are given in the following statement for the year ended 30th June, 1938.

VICTORIA—VESSELS ENTERED AT EACH PORT, 1937-38.

Direction.	Melbourne.		Geelong.		Portland.		Warrnam- bool.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.
	No.		No.		No.		No.	
Oversea—								
Steam	181	699,232	45	131,282	..	..	..	..
Sailing	4	642	..	..	..	..	..	..
Interstate*—								
Steam	2,368	7,209,634	193	436,093	8	38,120	2	1,972
Sailing	206	19,636	12	1,196	..	..	..	..
Oversea <i>via</i> Ports—								
Steam and Sailing	27	96,488	44	201,525	10	51,449	..	..
Interstate <i>via</i> Ports—								
Steam and Sailing	112	232,745	79	88,404	9	48,456	5	5,497
Local (within the State)—								
Steam and Sailing	736	366,327	402	214,378	58	51,536	59	21,216
Total—								
Steam and Sailing	3,634	8,624,754	775	1,072,878	85	189,561	66	28,685

NOTE.—“Ports” means Victorian ports.

* Including “Oversea *via* States.”

Cargo discharged and shipped. Statistics relating to the tonnage of cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria during the year ended 30th June, 1938, are shown in the following tables. The former shows the tonnage of interstate and oversea cargo handled at each port in the State, and the latter the tonnage of oversea cargo discharged and shipped in Victoria according to the nationality of the vessels in which the cargo was carried.

VICTORIA—TONNAGE OF INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA
CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED AT EACH
PORT DURING THE YEAR 1937-38.

Port.	Discharged.		Shipped.	
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Melbourne	2,460,597	1,845,796	1,133,013	1,033,719
Geelong	218,035	270,610	69,595	482,140
Portland .. .. .	..	24,206	..	6,913
Warrnambool	6,265	..	6,258	..
Total	2,684,897	2,140,612	1,208,866	1,522,772

VICTORIA—TONNAGE OF OVERSEA CARGO DISCHARGED
AND SHIPPED DURING THE YEAR 1937-38 ACCORDING
TO THE NATIONALITY OF VESSELS.

Nationality of Vessels Carrying Cargo.	Tonnage.	
	Discharged.	Shipped.
Australian	26,730	36,218
Great Britain	1,321,552	952,841
Canadian	8,194	3,468
Hong Kong	95,196	23,352
New Zealand	28,530	77,424
South African	902	5,322
Other British	12,796	12,530
Total British	1,493,900	1,111,155
Chinese	9,387	6,628
Danish	21,044	20,751
French .. .. .	..	10,013
German	62,099	48,819
Dutch	50,235	72,156
Italian	20,318	29,594
Japanese	66,159	123,077
Norwegian	270,602	39,472
Swedish	60,975	10,343
United States of America	47,406	15,756
Other Foreign	38,487	35,008
Total Foreign	646,712	411,617
Grand Total	2,140,612	1,522,772

PRINCIPAL PORTS OF VICTORIA.

**Port of
Melbourne.**

The Port of Melbourne is under the control of the Melbourne Harbor Trust, which had 11·71 miles of wharfs, piers, and jetties in the River Yarra, Victoria Dock, Maribyrnong River, and Hobson's Bay at 31st December, 1938. The area of these wharfs, &c., is 57·5 acres, and there are 29 acres of sheds. Reference to the constitution of the Trust and the revenue and expenditure thereof are shown in part "Local Government," page 149.

**Trade of
the Port
of Melbourne.**

During the year 1938, vessels to the number of 3,530 (3,228 steamers and 302 sailing vessels) with registered gross tonnage aggregating 14,748,360, berthed within the Port.

Total imports in 1938 amounted to 4,366,509 tons of which 2,362,109 tons were interstate and coastal cargo. Exports totalled 2,082,700 tons including interstate and coastal tonnage amounting to 1,045,672. Coal forms a great part of the interstate imports and, excluding 56,930 tons transhipped to vessels and 142,636 tons kept on board and landed at Geelong or used for bunkers, the quantity imported during 1938 amounted to 981,433 tons.

**Port of
Geelong.**

The Port of Geelong is controlled by the Geelong Harbor Trust. The number of vessels visiting the port during 1938 was 199 and represented 1,721,642 gross tonnage. Imports and exports, for that period, aggregated 474,826, and 523,944 tons respectively. Wheat, 425,707 tons, was the principal article exported.

POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES, AND WIRELESS.

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

The number of post offices and the number of mails despatched and received in each of the last five years are given hereunder.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF POST OFFICES AND MAILS.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Post Offices.*	Number of Mails—	
		Despatched.	Received.
1934	2,546	2,337,530	2,253,666
1935	2,536	2,379,271	2,347,651
1936	2,531	2,465,947	2,356,896
1937	2,553	2,537,245	2,432,689
1938	2,564	2,603,450	2,481,907

* Excluding "Telephone" offices at which telegraph and telephone business only is transacted, viz., 1933-34, 257; 1934-35, 255; 1935-36, 251; 1936-37, 255; 1937-38, 256.

Postal
Returns—
Victoria.

Particulars relating to the number of letters, packets, and newspapers dealt with during 1936-37 and 1937-38 are given hereunder.

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF LETTERS, PACKETS, AND NEWSPAPERS DEALT WITH, 1936-37 AND 1937-38.

Particulars.	1936-37.			1937-38.		
	Letters, Post-cards, Letter-cards, and Packets.	Newspapers.	Total.	Letters, Post-cards, Letter-cards, and Packets.	Newspapers.	Total.
<i>Posted for delivery—</i>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<i>Within the Commonwealth ..</i>	222,594,300	26,058,800	248,653,100	236,393,400	27,674,300	264,067,700
<i>Beyond the Commonwealth—</i>						
Despatched ..	8,309,000	3,425,000	11,734,000	8,787,200	3,622,200	12,409,400
Received ..	8,811,300	2,785,200	11,596,500	10,084,000	3,187,500	13,271,500
Total ..	239,714,600	32,269,000	271,983,600	255,264,600	34,484,000	289,748,600

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

VICTORIA—REGISTERED ARTICLES AND PARCELS POST, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Year ended 30th June—	Registered Articles (Other than Parcels)—				Parcels Post*.			
	Posted for Delivery Within the Commonwealth.	Posted for Delivery Beyond the Commonwealth.	Total Posted in Commonwealth.	Received from Beyond the Commonwealth.	Posted for Delivery Within the Commonwealth.	Posted for Delivery Beyond the Commonwealth.	Total Posted in Commonwealth.	Received from Beyond the Commonwealth.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1933 ..	1,719,900	54,718	1,774,618	105,663	1,611,500	41,400	1,652,900	67,300
1934 ..	1,732,416	75,370	1,807,786	106,790	1,636,700	42,400	1,679,100	68,100
1935 ..	1,793,270	85,832	1,879,102	121,163	1,682,600	42,100	1,724,700	71,400
1936 ..	1,873,910	85,082	1,958,992	126,769	1,739,700	46,400	1,786,100	73,700
1937 ..	1,966,683	101,273	2,067,956	138,135	1,782,200	46,300	1,828,500	76,200
1938 ..	1,979,712	128,304	2,108,016	149,158	1,805,400	53,300	1,858,700	84,800

* Including Registered Value payable and Duty Parcels.

Dead
Letters—
Victoria.

During 1937-38 there were 241,812 letters, &c., and 148,417 packets, &c., returned direct to writers or delivered; 31,716 letters, &c., and 16,293 packets, &c., were destroyed in accordance with the Post and Telegraph Act; and 14,565 letters, &c., and 6,473 packets, &c., were returned as unclaimed to other countries. Money and valuables to the amount of £22,296 were found in postal articles sent to the Dead Letter Office as undeliverable. Postal articles numbering 10,032 were posted without address, and of that number 150 contained money and valuables to the extent of £722.

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

VICTORIA—MONEY ORDERS AND POSTAL NOTES, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Heading.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.
Number of Money Order Offices open	744	750	780	774	789
Money Orders Issued—					
Inland { Number ..	424,295	430,573	447,513	456,417	493,551
{ Amount £	2,314,166	2,459,967	2,689,175	2,791,642	2,936,766
Interstate { Number ..	70,622	71,964	75,489	78,206	82,951
{ Amount £	352,663	355,993	384,046	400,001	412,318
Beyond the Com- { Number ..	37,334	39,932	39,322	41,534	43,099
monwealth { Amount £	106,817	99,198	104,601	109,017	114,586
Total { Number ..	532,251	542,469	562,324	576,157	619,601
{ Amount £	2,778,676	2,915,158	3,177,822	3,300,660	3,463,670
Money Orders Paid—					
Inland { Number ..	436,293	430,105	447,605	475,912	505,216
{ Amount £	2,311,413	2,454,817	2,685,090	2,796,842	2,936,506
Interstate { Number ..	129,224	139,211	142,733	145,938	142,861
{ Amount £	582,337	639,574	675,280	706,128	690,744
Beyond the Com- { Number ..	27,251	29,323	28,760	30,499	30,073
monwealth { Amount £	85,679	93,681	87,238	89,557	89,606
Total { Number ..	592,768	598,639	619,098	652,349	678,150
{ Amount £	2,979,429	3,188,072	3,447,608	3,592,527	3,716,856
Postal Notes—					
Issued { Number ..	5,630,980	5,887,709	6,281,363	6,091,221	6,338,041
{ Amount £	1,818,211	1,922,979	2,083,199	2,075,090	2,183,188
Paid—Issued with- { Number ..	3,548,767	3,618,801	3,948,072	3,752,478	3,825,000
in the State { Amount £	1,212,473	1,271,285	1,383,811	1,367,453	1,416,841
Paid — Issued in { Number ..	512,038	511,899	571,796	527,114	542,842
other States { Amount £	181,195	194,462	216,059	211,965	220,470

Of the money orders issued in 1937-38, 576,502 for £3,349,084 were payable in the Commonwealth of Australia, 5,702 for £17,326 in New Zealand, 27,213 for £57,309 in the United Kingdom, and 10,184 for £39,951 in other countries. The orders paid included 648,077 for £3,627,250 issued in the Commonwealth, 14,513 for £35,107 in New Zealand, 11,086 for £41,161 in the United Kingdom, and 4,474 for £13,338 in other countries.

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

Telegraphs and
Telegrams.

VICTORIA—TELEGRAPH BUSINESS, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Heading.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Number of Telegraph Offices (including Railway Telegraph Offices)	2,421	2,427	2,411	2,435	2,452
Telegrams—					
Within the Commonwealth—					
Paid and Collect Telegrams Despatched—					
Ordinary, Urgent and Press	2,771,371	3,027,272	3,247,835	3,457,481	3,581,662
Lettergrams	62,961	64,903	52,963	47,665	38,657
Radiograms	4,021	4,422	3,438	3,231	2,894
Unpaid Telegrams Transmitted— Service, Shipping, Meteorological	196,730	209,835	215,680	229,777	253,930
Total	3,085,083	3,306,432	3,519,916	3,738,154	3,877,143
Beyond the Commonwealth—					
Despatched	221,852	230,329	233,018	253,480	248,196
Received	196,489	205,261	207,995	224,057	225,013
Total Number of Telegrams dealt with	3,453,424	3,742,022	3,960,929	4,215,691	4,350,352
Revenue—	£	£	£	£	£
Telegrams within the Commonwealth	203,903	219,874	237,361	243,336	247,707
Telegrams beyond the Commonwealth	40,890	47,555	46,077	47,239	44,187
Total Revenue received by State..	244,793	267,429	283,438	290,975	291,894

Information relating to the telephone service is given below for the years 1933-34 to 1937-38.

VICTORIA—TELEPHONES, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Heading.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Telephone Exchanges ..	1,648	1,650	1,651	1,663	1,682
Public Telephones ..	2,344	2,408	2,412	2,465	2,506
Lines Connected ..	113,983	121,631	128,313	135,751	143,657
Instruments Connected ..	157,802	168,198	177,397	187,753	198,761
Instruments per 1,000 of Population ..	86·2	91·5	96·0	101·2	106·5
Effective Paid Local Calls—					
(a) Subscribers ..	110,096,229	120,865,028	132,051,708	142,524,028	152,305,209
(b) Public Telephones ..	7,436,774	8,173,003	8,512,110	9,368,548	10,078,118
Trunk Line Calls ..	8,519,955	8,987,751	9,778,457	10,322,172	11,007,373

Details of wireless licences issued in each of the years 1933-34 to 1937-38 are shown hereunder. Broadcast listeners' licences issued in Victoria at 30th June, 1938, represented nearly 30 per cent. of the total for Australia (1,056,004).

VICTORIA—WIRELESS LICENCES ISSUED. 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Class of Licence.	Number of Licences Issued During—				
	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.
Coast	1	1	1	1	1
Ship	68	66	90	89	95
Aircraft .. .. .	..	4	3	9	14
Land	3	3	3	3	3
Broadcasting*	15	15	17	18	18
Broadcast Listeners	206,995	236,886	263,414	288,717	315,406
Experimental	329	361	403	481	539
Portable	5	5	4	6	5
Special	15	15	21	25	24
Total	207,431	237,356	263,956	289,349	316,105

* Exclusive of stations operated by the National Broadcasting Service (P.M.G.'s Department) viz.:—1933-34, 3; 1934-35, 3; 1935-36, 4; 1936-37, 5; 1937-38, 5.

Post Office
revenue and
expenditure.

Particulars concerning the revenue and expenditure of the Post and Telegraph Department for the years 1933-34 to 1937-38 are contained in the following table:—

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF POST AND TELEGRAPH
DEPARTMENT IN VICTORIA, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Particulars.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.
<i>Revenue.*</i>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Postage	1,477,455	1,563,197	1,644,847	1,697,534	1,786,186
Money Order Commission	58,945	64,909	69,400	69,495	72,897
Poundage on Postal Notes	12,724	12,862	13,194	13,640	14,099
Private Boxes and Bags	124,688	124,413	122,226	134,061	136,688
Miscellaneous					
Total Postal	1,673,812	1,765,381	1,849,667	1,914,730	2,009,870
Telegraph	263,904	301,898	321,752	347,910	341,796
Radio	118,626	110,328	117,660	136,048	155,926
Telephones	1,647,408	1,749,660	1,891,547	2,066,231	2,192,308
Grand Total†	3,703,750	3,927,267	4,180,626	4,464,919	4,699,900
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries and Contingencies—					
Salaries and Payments in the					
Nature of Salary	1,250,344	1,261,943	1,302,031	1,322,979	1,454,186
General Expenses	50,269	86,924	103,421	110,787	114,692
Stores and Material	44,450	26,345	35,003	40,568	48,347
Mail Services	234,458	240,381	244,544	251,898	274,692
Engineering Services (other than					
new works)	500,202	569,881	654,197	765,050	766,423
Pensions and Retiring Allowances	37,726	35,653	32,845	30,810	28,372
Rents, Repairs, Maintenance, Fit-					
tings, &c.	18,561	27,991	34,146	36,551	29,318
Proportion of Audit Expenses	2,071	2,718	2,767	2,900	2,884
New Works—					
Telegraph, Telephone, and Wireless	246,681	385,293	700,253	695,650	1,009,646
New Buildings, &c.	637	34,773	73,156	39,320	56,993
Total Expenditure‡	2,385,999	2,671,902	3,182,363	3,296,513	3,785,553

* Including "Central Office" collections.

† Actual collections.

‡ Actual payments.

TRANSPORT.

Transport
Regulation
Board.

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

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

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

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

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT LICENCES IN FORCE AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1938.

Discretionary Licences.			Licences "As of Right."		
Type of Licence.	Permanent licences relating to commercial passenger vehicles operated as—	Number of Licences.	Type of Licences.	To operate for hire or reward—	Number of Licences.
A	Stage Omnibuses ..	690	EA	Within 25 miles of Melbourne ..	4,703
B	Touring Omnibuses ..	45	EB	Within 25 miles of Ballarat ..	145
C	Special Service Omnibuses	104		Within 25 miles of Bendigo ..	124
				Within 25 miles of Geelong ..	240
D	Permanent licences relating to commercial goods vehicles ..	1,122	EC	Within 20 miles of the places of business of the owners outside the radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong ..	4,674
			ED	Primary Producers, the vehicles being operated in connexion with their business as such and in some cases for the carriage for hire or reward of their neighbours' produce ..	841
			EG	Private Carriers, the vehicles being used to carry the goods of the owners in the course of trade in connexion with their own business ..	18,617
			EH	(i) Carrying only 3rd Schedule goods ..	315
				(ii) Racehorse floats ..	23
				(iii) Tank wagons carrying only petroleum products ..	25
				(iv) Commercial travellers' vehicles registered at the commercial rate of motor registration ..	583
			All other ..	266	
	Total	1,961		Total	30,556

The grand total of licences, including temporary licences not shown above, issued at 30th June, 1938, was 34,252, and the total fees for all licences issued at that date amounted to £15,986 15s. 7d.

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

Services through to Melbourne from certain areas have been licensed and consolidated with resultant improvement, both as to the type of plant in use and as to the standards of the services generally. In all cases, reliable and improved time-tables have been instituted and, in many instances, fares have been reduced in consequence of the elimination of entirely wasteful competition, which frequently existed previously.

Stage motor services closely co-ordinated with railway services have been carefully planned throughout the State. With the ability to protect new services on comparatively thin traffic routes, isolated areas are now being served on regular time-tables in a manner not heretofore attempted. On all services, where the returns from the traffic offering permit of the enforcement of higher standards, the vehicles now in use have been constructed in accordance with the Board's requirements for safety and comfort and with due regard to their suitability in the kind of services in which they are being used.

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

- (a) All motor vehicles employed to carry goods for hire or reward or in the course of trade must be brought under licence.
- (b) Licences are issued automatically for vehicles used for a series of purposes. These licences are the "licences as of right" referred to, and are designated "Ea," "Eb," "Ec," "Ed," "Ee," "Ef," "Eg," and "Eh."
- (c) If the vehicles are to be used for purposes beyond those for which automatic licensing is prescribed, the Board may grant or refuse the application.

- (d) An application will be granted only if the grant can be justified upon reasons of necessity or convenience, taking into consideration, *inter alia*, the adequacy or otherwise of any existing service for the carriage of goods.
- (e) Under the amending *Transport Regulation Act* 1935, no decision of the Board has any force or effect until it has been reviewed by the Governor in Council, who may approve or disapprove of the Board's decision or make any determination in the matter which the Board itself may have made.

Briefly, the Board's "discretionary" power, subject to review, relating to the transportation of goods can be taken to apply only to carrying for hire or reward over comparatively long distances, i.e., beyond local radii, with the further limitation due to the existence of certain exempted "Third Schedule" goods.

The exercise of this discretionary power has been further qualified by the important over-riding principle that all services for the transportation of goods which were in existence prior to the 30th day of August, 1933, when the *Transport Regulation Act* 1933 was first introduced, will be authorized to continue to carry the same tonnage, serving the same towns and operating in all respects in the same manner, as in the basic period. These services obtained preferential treatment under the "transitory" provisions of section 54 of the *Transport Regulation Act* 1933. Applications not falling within the dispensation have been determined on their merits.

Disregarding the possible necessity for some rationalization of the statutory provisions relating to licences "as of right" (see paragraph (b) above), the basis of a planned system has been attained with the exception of those long distance carriers who have been automatically licensed under the "transitory" principle, and not upon any basis of necessity or convenience. They appear in the records as a separate group, and their current licences fell due for renewal after the first statutory period of two years on the 26th July, 1938.

These licences have since been renewed for a further period of two years, but the Board expresses the view that the existence of these services is still impeding any prospect of attaining a comprehensively planned system of goods transport in this State.

There are at present 147 separate operators in this group with a total of 215 vehicles between them, distributed as follows:—

VICTORIA—CLASSIFICATION OF “TRANSITORY”
TRANSPORT OPERATORS.

No. of Vehicles Licensed.	No. of Operators.	Licensed Carrying Capacity of Vehicles. (Tons.)	No. of Operators.	Aggregate Weekly Tonnage Authorized.	No. of Operators.
1	99	Up to 2 tons	10	Up to 10 tons	20
2	31	Over 2 tons up to 5 tons	59	Over 10 tons up to 20 tons ..	41
3	14	“ 5 “ 10 “	50	“ 20 “ 40 “	44
4	3	“ 10 “ 15 “	12	“ 40 “ 60 “	21
		“ 15 “ 20 “	16	“ 60 “ 80 “	14
				“ 80 “ 100 “	3
				“ 100 “ 120 “	3
				“ 120 “ 140 “	1
	147		147		147

RAILWAYS.

All railways in Victoria available for general traffic, with the two exceptions referred to on page 399, are the property of the State, and are under the management of three Commissioners appointed by the Government.

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

A railway map is published opposite page 345. All lines controlled by the Victorian Commissioners are shown thereon.

The succeeding tables relate to the State Railways, the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramways and the Road Motor Services, all of which are under the control of the Railways Commissioners. The operations of these tramways and the Road Motor Services are also shown separately on pages 397 and 398 respectively. Motive power in the railways is supplied by steam, electric or motor traction. Steam or motor power is used principally for country passenger and goods traffic, while electric traction is used mainly for passenger traffic on suburban lines.

Important legislation bearing on railway finances was contained in the *Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act No. 4429*, passed by the Victorian Parliament during 1936. This Act provided *inter alia* for the reduction of railway loan liability by the

Reduction of
loan liability.

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

The following table gives particulars relating to gauge, length of lines, &c., at 30th June, 1938.

VICTORIA—GAUGE, LENGTH OF LINES, ETC., OF STATE RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS AT 30TH JUNE, 1938.

Heading.	Gauge of Lines.	Length of Lines—		
		Open for Traffic.	Closed for Traffic.	Opened for Traffic.
		Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Railways	{ 5' 3"	4,599·00	46·91	4,645·91
		121·77	..	121·77
Electric Tramways ..	{ 5' 3"	5·18	..	5·18
		2·42	2·19	4·61
Total .. .. .	..	4,728·37	49·10	4,777·47

At 30th June, 1938, the cost of construction of lines opened for traffic amounted to £39,004,551, after having been written down under Act No. 4429 of 1936 from £53,198,678.

No new lines of railway were opened for traffic during 1937-38, but traffic upon the line from Yarrowonga to Oaklands, N.S.W. (38 miles) is being conducted by the Constructing Authority, and traffic is also being conducted as far as Koorakee (14½ miles) on the Euston (N.S.W.) to Lette (N.S.W.) line.

Total capital cost of railways and equipment.

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

VICTORIA—TOTAL CAPITAL COST OF RAILWAYS, ETC., AND EQUIPMENT, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

At 30th June—	Railways.		Electric Tramways.	Road Motor Services.	Total Capital Cost.
	Lines Opened.*	Lines in Progress of Construction.	Lines Opened.		
	£	£	£	£	£
1934	75,265,966	473,333	342,208	30,055	76,111,562
1935	75,494,806	476,622	343,071	26,926	76,341,425
1936	75,850,652	476,954	336,460	25,318	76,689,384
1937	76,361,910	481,066	336,118	24,124	77,203,218
1938	77,001,929	481,387	338,635	16,559	77,838,510
„ (As written down†)	50,514,751	481,387	151,719	16,559	51,164,416

* Including at 30th June, each year, the cost of surveys for lines not constructed and cost of lines closed for traffic, viz.:—1933-34, £412,439 and £390,189; 1934-35, £413,294 and £389,492; 1935-36, £413,771 and £389,492; 1936-37, £413,846 and £388,909; 1937-38, £413,846 and nil (as written down).

† Written down by £26,674,094 in accordance with provisions of Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act No. 4429 of 1936.

Loan liability.

The face value of stock and bonds allocated to the Railways Department, as reduced in accordance with Act No. 4429, mentioned on page 391 amounted to £46,685,701 at 30th June, 1938. After deducting the value of securities purchased and cancelled from the National Debt Sinking Fund—£2,190,507 (as reduced)—the total liability in respect of current loans outstanding at that date was £44,495,194. The annual interest payable on this amount, calculated at the average rate of 3·92 per cent., was £1,744,212.

In addition to the proceeds from loans, funds amounting to £5,458,243 at 30th June, 1938, have been provided for railway construction equipment, stores, &c., out of Consolidated Revenue and the National Recovery Loan, &c. No interest is charged on this amount.

Railways traffic.

The mileage and the traffic of the railways for each of the years 1933-34 to 1937-38 are given in the following table:—

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS—MILEAGE AND TRAFFIC, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1934	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
Miles Constructed ..	4,777·47	4,777·47	4,777·47	4,777·47	4,777·47
„ Dismantled ..	37·63	37·63	37·63	37·63	37·63
„ Closed to Traffic ..	11·47	11·47	11·47	11·47	11·47
„ Open for Traffic ..	4,728·37	4,728·37	4,728·37	4,728·37	4,728·37
Vehicle Mileage ..	16,222,395	16,456,104	17,345,725	18,171,670	18,889,686
Passenger Journeys ..	137,316,780	145,938,129	145,817,559	147,744,433	144,051,267
Goods and Live Stock Carried (Tons)* ..	5,872,806	6,023,724	6,438,635	6,837,872	7,273,422

* Figures relating to Road Motor Services are included as follows:—14,429 tons in 1933-34, 13,763 tons in 1934-35, 14,541 tons in 1935-36, 14,910 tons in 1936-37, and 15,053 tons in 1937-38.

The tonnage (7,273,422) of goods and live stock carried during 1937-38—represented an increase of 435,550 tons as compared with the previous year.

Railways revenue and expenditure.

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

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
Revenue—	£	£	£	£	£
Passenger, &c., Business—					
Passenger Fares	3,561,863	3,748,133	3,775,587	3,869,853	3,745,247
Parcels, &c. ..	322,879	318,377	} 416,721	425,367	357,196
Other ..	79,761	84,171			
Goods, &c., Business—					
Goods ..	3,842,578	3,799,956	3,981,950	4,278,187	4,275,515
Live Stock ..	675,450	688,442	722,533	690,933	608,265
Minerals ..	66,913	80,485	78,064	73,213	73,741
Miscellaneous—					
Dining Car and Refreshment Services ..	297,075	318,251	321,920	341,864	346,862
Sale of Electrical Power ..	27,761	66,107	30,945	34,754	39,454
Rentals ..	131,185	134,697	137,958	136,221	139,334
Book Stalls ..	57,922	61,274	64,036	66,494	68,327
Advertising ..	40,865	41,023	38,188	40,070	37,876
Other* ..	145,614	157,789	201,561	264,047	39,466
Total ..	9,249,866	9,498,705	9,769,463	10,221,003	9,809,158

* Including recoups, &c., of loss resulting from the working of certain lines, viz:—1933-34, £136,456; 1934-35, £142,330; 1935-36, £166,162; 1936-37, £220,038 and 1937-38, Nil.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1933-34
TO 1937-38—continued.

Heading.	Year ended 30th June—				
	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Working Expenses—	£	£	£	£	£
Way and Works ..	1,569,939	1,575,799	1,532,041	1,638,697	1,786,377
Rolling-stock ..	2,164,452	2,188,945	2,340,828	2,499,843	2,645,898
Transportation ..	2,004,675	2,097,595	2,201,131	2,305,865	2,569,196
Electrical Engineer- ing Branch ..	187,369	212,429	201,471	221,943	248,194
Stores Branch ..	87,361	94,853	98,824	106,009	121,524
Pensions and Gratuities ..	134,906	127,791	133,604	143,902	123,292
Payment to the Superannuation Fund ..	289,521	323,807	356,569	360,498	361,697
Contribution to Railway Renewals and Replacements Fund ..	..	..	..	..	250,000
Other ..	244,671	242,211	199,363	212,145	239,508
Total Working Expenses ..	6,682,894	6,863,430	7,063,831	7,488,902	8,345,686
Less Charged to—					
Unemployment Relief Funds ..	251,104	171,940	137,871	162,061	148,233
Public Account Advances Act, No. 4499 ..	..	..	..	..	297,400
Working Expenses Charged to Rail- way Revenue ..	6,431,790	6,691,490	6,925,960	7,326,841	7,900,053
Net Revenue ..	2,818,076	2,807,215	2,843,503	2,894,162	1,909,105
Debt Charges—					
Interest Charges and Expenses* ..	3,196,910	3,071,700	3,046,863	3,019,221	1,846,972
Exchange on Inter- est Payments and Redemption ..	356,285	301,965	302,945	301,017	184,651
Contribution to National Debt Sinking Fund ..	..	..	..	..	119,435
Deficit for year ..	735,119	566,450	506,305	426,076	241,953
Proportion of Work- ing Expenses to Revenue ..	% 69·53	% 70·45	% 70·89	% 71·68	% 80·54

* Including Loan Conversion Expenses.

The revenue for 1937-38 decreased by £411,845 as compared with that for 1936-37. Passenger business decreased by £114,902, and goods, &c., business by £84,812. Total working expenses increased by £856,784 as compared with those of the previous year.

Railways earnings and expenses per mile open.

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

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PER AVERAGE MILE OPEN, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Heading.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.
Average Number of Miles Open for Traffic	4,728	4,728	4,728	4,728	4,728
Gross Earnings per Mile ..	£ 1,956	£ 2,009	£ 2,066	£ 2,162	£ 2,075
Working Expenses per Mile ..	1,360	1,415	1,465	1,550	1,671
Net Revenue per Mile ..	596	594	601	612	404

This table does not take account of the interest paid on railway loans and expenses of paying the same, which are given in the table on page 395.

Capital cost of Railways Rolling-stock.

At 30th June, 1938, the capital cost of the broad-gauge rolling-stock after being written down in accordance with Act No. 4429 of 1936 was £6,868,018 (including electrical equipment of suburban passenger coaches, £483,693), of the narrow-gauge £38,085, of the electric street tramway £22,220, and of the road motor coaches and trucks £10,522.

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

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS STAFF—NUMBERS, SALARIES, ETC., 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Employees at end of Year.			Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid during Year.
	Permanent.	Supernumerary.	Total.	
1934 ..	17,368	3,719	21,087	£ 4,519,183
1935 ..	16,933	4,937	21,870	4,613,492*
1936 ..	16,520	6,028	22,548	4,901,932*
1937 ..	16,190	6,969	23,159	5,204,414*
1938 ..	15,854	8,124	23,978	5,886,599

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

* Excludes payments on account of staff on loan to other departments. During the year 229 such officers were transferred to the Public Service under Act No. 4462 of 1936.

The results of operating the St. Kilda-Brighton and Sandringham-Beaumaris Electric Tramways for 1937-38 are detailed in the following statement. As these tramways are controlled and operated by the Railways Commissioners, particulars relating to them have been included in all the preceding railway tables.

ELECTRIC STREET TRAMWAYS, 1937-38.
(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	St. Kilda-Brighton Electric Tramway.	Sandringham- Beaumaris Electric Tramway.	Total.
Average Mileage of Tramway Worked	5.18	2.42	7.60
Car Mileage	517,933	121,536	639,469
Number of Passengers Carried ..	4,262,663	1,037,083	5,299,746
	£	£	£
Gross Revenue	43,492	10,101	53,593
Working Expenses	39,360*	8,304	47,664
Interest Charges	4,552†	2,230‡	6,782
Net Result	Loss 420	Loss 433	Loss 853
Capital Expenditure at 30th June, 1938, as written down under Act 4429 of 1936—			
Construction of Lines	88,723	40,775	129,498
Rolling Stock	13,942	8,279	22,221
Total	102,665	49,054	151,719

* Including £2,600 charged to Public Account Advances Act No. 4499.

† Including exchange on interest payments and redemptions, £387.

‡ Including exchange and interest payments and redemptions, £190.

**Road Motor
Services.**

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

VICTORIA—ROAD MOTOR SERVICES, 1935-36 TO 1937-38.
(Under the control of the Railways Commissioners.)

Heading.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.
Car Mileage No.	323,966	325,399	333,454
Passenger Journeys	779,618	836,304	856,845
Gross Revenue—	£	£	£
Passenger Service	7,319	7,684	7,775
Goods Service	14,420	13,527	12,715
Working Expenses	21,746	23,340	24,738
Interest Charges*	838	780	710
Net Result	<i>Loss</i> 845	<i>Loss</i> 2,909	<i>Loss</i> 4,958
Capital Expenditure at end of Year (less depreciation written off)	25,318	24,123	16,599

* Including exchange on interest payments and redemptions, £75 in 1935-36, £71 in 1936-37, and £60 in 1937-38.

The following table shows the number of persons killed or injured in railway accidents and the amount paid in compensation, damages, &c., for the years 1936-37 and 1937-38.

VICTORIA—RAILWAY ACCIDENTS, 1936-37 AND 1937-38.

Nature of Accident.	1936-37.		1937-38.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Train Accidents—				
Passengers .. ..	..	..	..	25
Employees .. ..	..	..	..	2
Accidents on Line (other than Train Accidents)—				
Passengers	8	184	4	196
Employees	3	27	3	62
Other Persons .. ..	..	1	..	..
Shunting Accidents—				
Passengers .. ..	..	1	..	1
Employees	4	120	7	129
Other Persons .. ..	..	8	1	7
Employees proceeding to or from Duty ..	..	1	2	..
Accidents to Persons at Crossings ..	20	31	14	16
Trespassers	21	3	17	4
Total	56	376	48	442
Compensation, Damages, &c., Paid	£ 9,028		£ 12,674	

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

**Municipal
railway.**

A railway between Kerang and Koondrook, owned and worked by the council of the Shire of Kerang, is open for general traffic. This railway, which has a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge, is 13 miles 75 chains in length and, up to 30th September, 1938, cost £41,923 for construction and equipment. During the year ended 30th September, 1938, the gross receipts were £5,803 and the working expenses, including interest, £4,952. The train mileage for the same year was 13,850, the number of passenger journeys 4,002, and the tonnage of goods and live stock carried 17,047.

**Private
railway.**

Another railway in Victoria, which does not belong to the State system, but which is available for general public use, is that between Yarra Junction and Powelltown. It is 11 miles in length and has a gauge of 3 feet. A steel tramway continuation of this line—used only for the haulage of logs and sawn timbers—extends about 8 miles beyond Powelltown. The total cost of construction up to 30th June, 1938, was £80,133 and, for the year ended on the same date, the receipts and working expenses in connexion therewith (exclusive of depreciation and interest on capital) were £5,307 and £6,492 respectively. The train mileage for the year between Powelltown and Yarra Junction was 10,296, and the passengers carried numbered 4,625.

TRAMWAYS.**Victorian
Tramways.**

The various tramway systems in the State at 30th June, 1938 (excluding those under the control of the Railways Commissioners) comprised 11·046 miles of cable lines double track, and 158·164 miles of electric lines, of which 129·037 miles were double, and 29·127 miles single track.

The electric street tramways, St. Kilda to Brighton and Sandringham to Beaumaris, under the management of the Victorian Railways Commissioners, are not referred to in this connexion, but

they are included under the heading "Railways," page 391, and "All Victorian Tramways," page 403.

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

VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

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

Financial Year.	Miles of Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Number of Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Number of Rolling-stock.	Number of Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
1933-34	139·331	33·222	23,548,465	174,521,455	2,025,870	1,282,175	1,164	4,682
1934-35	139·864	32·415	23,842,327	180,992,273	2,100,836	1,320,256	1,146	4,902
1935-36	140·539	29·321	23,807,660	181,300,917	2,118,001	1,302,003	986	4,910
1936-37	139·554	28·023	24,407,964	186,616,911	2,188,939	1,372,443	929	4,788
1937-38	140·083	29·127	24,631,822	183,440,296	2,180,347	1,480,474	958	4,778

Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act.

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

The Board is empowered to borrow up to £5,500,000 by the issue of stock or debentures secured upon its revenues and undertakings, this being in addition to the transferred liabilities attaching to the tramways vested in it. Power is given to have an overdraft not exceeding £400,000. At 30th June, 1938, the Board had exercised its borrowing power to the extent of £4,950,000.

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

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1933-34, TO 1937-38.

Financial Year	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1933-34	131·331	7·502	21,991,952	166,447,236	1,949,924	1,196,726	1,096	4,442
1934-35	131·331	7·500	22,286,490	172,846,701	2,023,970	1,235,899	1,076	4,667
1935-36	131·299	5·821	22,234,804	172,991,695	2,040,063	1,211,542	915	4,670
1936-37	130·084	4·663	22,836,418	178,505,695	2,112,922	1,279,541	858	4,565
1937-38	130·563	5·177	22,995,124	175,564,110	2,105,159	1,363,083	887	4,527

Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board—Separate Systems. In the next statement the operations of the cable tramways, the electric tramways and the motor omnibus systems under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board are shown separately for the years 1936-37 and 1937-38.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS, 1936-37 AND 1937-38.

System.	Track Open.		Tram / Bus Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Ex-penses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	No.	£	£	No.	No.
1936-37.								
Cable ..	11·046	..	3,262,184	24,938,050	252,662	200,393	227	601
Electric ..	119·038	4·663	19,574,234	153,567,645	1,860,260	1,079,148	631	3,964
Motor Omnibus ..	..	..	1,286,270	6,231,747	64,363	52,659	71	226
1937-38.								
Cable ..	11·046	..	2,566,853	21,245,025	214,669	174,222	227	562
Electric ..	119·517	5·177	20,428,271	154,319,085	1,890,490	1,188,861	660	3,965
Motor Omnibus ..	..	..	1,821,200	9,211,974	97,942	76,551	82	175

The total traffic receipts of the Tramway Board during 1937-38 amounted to £2,203,101. There was also additional revenue from advertising, rents, &c., viz.:—£2,393 from cable tramways, £12,730 from electric tramways and £333 from motor omnibuses, making a gross revenue for the year of £2,294,125.

The gross surplus for the year—£778,923—was made up as follows:—Cable Tramways, £42,840, Electric Tramways, £714,359, and Motor Omnibuses, £21,724. Out of this sum was paid interest on loans, rates, &c., leaving available for appropriation an amount of £474,842. The appropriations made, viz.:—Consolidated Revenue, £125,746; Renewals Reserve Account, £318,122; Loan Redemption and Sinking Fund Accounts, £98,998, resulted in a net deficit of £65,518.

Pursuant to section 77 of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act No. 3732, the Board is required to make certain annual payments to the Consolidated Revenue of the State. The total of such payments up to 30th June, 1938, amounted to £1,998,573. This amount was allocated as follows:—Fire Brigades Board, £971,280; Licensing Fund, £435,251, and Infectious Diseases Hospital, £592,042.

Up to 30th June, 1938, the capital cost of the tramways vested in the Tramways Board, including stores on hand, amounted to £8,505,497, of which £678,944 was expended on cable tramways, £7,666,773 on electric tramways, and £159,780 on motor omnibuses.

In the next statement comparisons are made between the cable, electric, and bus systems operated by the Tramways Board, the receipts per mile, the cost of working, &c., being shown for the year 1937-38.

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

System.	Traffic Receipts.			Percentage of Working Expenses to Total Revenue.	Working Expenses per Vehicle Mile, including Power Cost.	Average Distance per Penny.
	Per Vehicle Mile.	Per Mile of Single Track.	Per Passenger.			
	<i>d.</i>	£	<i>d.</i>		<i>d.</i>	Miles.
Cable ..	20·071	9,717	2·425	80·264	14·005	·972
Electric ..	22·210	7,741	2·940	62·466	11·478	·907
Bus ..	12·907	1,746	2·552	77·895	8·602	·768

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

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

TRAMWAYS IN EXTRA-METROPOLITAN CITIES, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Financial Year.	Track Open.		Tram Mileage.	Passenger Journeys.	Traffic Receipts.	Working Expenses.	Rolling-stock.	Persons employed.
	Double.	Single.						
	Miles.	Miles.						
1933-34	8·00	25·72	1,556,513	8,074,219	75,946	85,449	68	240
1934-35	8·53	24·92	1,555,837	8,145,572	76,866	84,357	70	235
1935-36	9·24	23·50	1,572,856	8,309,222	77,938	90,461	71	240
1936-37	9·47	23·36	1,571,546	8,111,216	76,017	92,902	71	223
1937-38	9·52	23·95	1,636,698	7,876,186	75,188	117,391	71	251

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

ALL VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1936-37 AND 1937-38.

Heading.	1936-37.	1937-38.
Route Mileage Open—Double .. miles	147·154	147·683
Single .. Miles	28·023	29·127
Total .. miles	175·177	176·810
Cost of Construction and Equipment £	8,727,380	8,686,029*
Gross Revenue—		
Traffic Receipts £	2,244,863	2,233,940
Other £	10,835	15,503
Total Revenue £	2,255,698	2,249,443

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

ALL VICTORIAN TRAMWAYS, 1936-37 AND 1937-38—*continued.*

Heading.	1936-37.	1937-38.
Working Expenses £	1,417,120	1,525,481
Net Earnings £	838,578	723,962
Interest, &c. £	255,602	261,389
Statutory Charges, Rates, &c. .. £	600,046	581,404
Net Loss after Paying Working Expenses, Interest, &c., Statutory Charges, Rates, &c. £	17,070	118,831
Tram Miles Run miles	25,042,851	25,271,291
Passenger Journeys No.	192,181,787	188,740,042
Staff Employed—		
Salaried No.	685	699
Wages No.	4,193	4,167
Total Staff No.	4,878	4,866
Rolling Stock No.	962	991

LICENSED VEHICLES.

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

Vehicles licenced for passenger traffic during 1937-38 included:—Wagonettes (4-wheel), 36; hansom cab, 1; motor cars (taxi cabs, &c), 550; motor omnibuses, 296; motor charrs-a-bancs, 39; and motor cabs, 84. The number of drivers licenced for conveyance of goods within the corporate limits of the City of Melbourne was 1,487.

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

rate chargeable for registration or renewal of registration of motor vehicles owned by primary producers.

The total registrations of motor vehicles, &c., the number of drivers' licences &c., issued, and the revenue received therefrom by the Motor Registration Branch of the Police Department during each of the five years, 1933-34 to 1937-38, are shown in the following table:—

VICTORIA—REGISTRATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ETC.,
DRIVERS' LICENCES, ETC., ISSUED, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Heading.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Vehicles—					
Private Cars	130,495	140,483	141,205	135,833	143,015
Commercial Vehicles ..	30,849	32,781	36,956	31,771	32,995
Hire Cars	2,466	2,303	2,125	2,052	2,164
Primary Producers' Vehicles .. .. .	..	..	13,220*	36,904	44,579
Omnibuses	198	224	324	350	369
Traction Engines	200	223	252	268	338
Trailers	1,040	2,179	2,650	3,341	4,217
Motor Cycles	24,248	24,968	26,095	26,663	27,333
Drivers' Licences	245,847	260,288	289,486	315,826	340,438
Dealers' Licences	305	339	405	472	499
Transfers	56,669	75,994	96,088	106,880	127,000
	£	£	£	£	£
Total Revenue Received†	1,271,212	1,377,407	1,554,922	1,647,223	1,794,652

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

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

The principal items of revenue received during 1937-38 were in respect of:—Motor cars, £1,634,341; Motor cycles, £31,071, and drivers' licences, £85,149.

In the next statement, details relating to new registrations and renewals of registration of motor cars and motor cycles are shown for the years 1936-37 and 1937-38 respectively.

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

Vehicles.	1936-37.			1937-38.		
	New Registrations.		Renewals of Registration.	New Registrations.		Renewals of Registration.
	New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.		New Vehicles.	Used Vehicles.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Motor Cars—						
Private	13,292	12,855	109,686	14,904	13,674	114,387
Commercial and Hire	4,524	3,660	25,517	4,754	3,633	25,772
Primary Producers	3,424	3,400	29,080	3,850	3,304	36,425
Motor Cycles .. .	2,923	4,730	19,010	2,946	4,934	19,453

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

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

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, NUMBER OF PERSONS AFFECTED, 1938.

Place of Occurrence.	Number of Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Number of Persons Killed.	Number of Persons Injured.	Number of Accidents in which no Person was Killed or Injured.	Total Number of Accidents.
City of Melbourne	1,507 (1,309)	57 (37)	1,614 (1,396)	4,330 (4,134)	5,837 (5,443)
Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne)	3,456 (3,361)	177 (201)	3,751 (3,664)	5,814 (5,542)	9,270 (8,903)
Total—Metropolitan Area ..	4,963 (4,670)	234 (238)	5,365 (5,060)	10,144 (9,676)	15,107 (14,346)
Remainder of State	1,675 (1,730)	199 (189)	2,158 (2,218)	2,319 (2,355)	3,994 (4,085)
Grand Total	6,638 (6,400)	433 (427)	7,523 (7,278)	12,463 (12,031)	19,101 (18,431)

Note.—Figures in parentheses relate to the year 1937.

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—PARTICULARS OF
PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, 1938.

Description.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pedestrian	101	1,287	51	797	152	2,084
Driver of motor vehicle other than motor cycle	51	724	2	74	53	798
Driver of motor cycle	53	969	..	4	53	973
Passenger—motor car, truck, bus, &c.	52	635	24	776	76	1,411
Passenger—motor cycle, side car	3	27	2	25	5	52
Pillion rider	8	144	2	82	10	226
Cyclist	63	1,560	4	179	67	1,739
Driver of horse-drawn vehicle or equestrian	12	100	2	11	14	111
Other	1	66	2	63	3	129
Total	344	5,512	89	2,011	433	7,523

Particulars of victims of traffic accidents during 1938 are shown according to age and sex in the following statement:—

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—SEX AND AGE OF
PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, 1938.

Age Group.	Males.		Females.		Total.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
0- 4	8	103	5	79	13	182
5- 9	8	261	4	135	12	396
10-14	17	382	4	115	21	497
15-19	32	760	7	266	39	1,026
20-29	79	1,587	11	474	90	2,061
30-39	43	805	9	227	52	1,032
40-49	49	606	14	227	63	833
50-59	42	409	7	193	49	602
60 and over	66	445	28	226	94	671
Not stated .. .. .	..	154	..	69	..	223
Total	344	5,512	89	2,011	433	7,523

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

VICTORIA—CAUSES OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 1938.

Stated Cause.	Number of Accidents.		
	Fatal.	Non-fatal with Injured.	Total.
Driver or Rider—			
Skidding on roadway	26	263	289
Failure to exercise care at intersection ..	16	509	525
Excessive speed	20	144	164
Not keeping to left	23	247	270
Swerving to avoid vehicle or other object ..	..	160	160
Stopping or turning in front of other vehicle or leaving kerb without warning	9	296	305
Obscured vision	6	127	133
Dazzled by sun or light	5	117	122
Careless, negligent, or inefficient driving ..	74	1,015	1,089
Hit and run motorist	6	105	111
All other	33	932	965
Total	218	3,915	4,133
Vehicle—			
Defective mechanism and tyres	18	212	230
No lights	3	23	26
Total	21	235	256
Pedestrian—			
Walking or running on roadway, or crossing without care	84	1,184	1,268
Alighting from or boarding vehicle in motion	8	81	89
Stepping on to road without care	8	60	68
Other	26	303	329
Total	126	1,628	1,754
Other—			
Horses shying, bolting, or stumbling	9	36	45
Falling from moving vehicle	4	19	23
Other (including not known)	33	394	427
Total	46	449	495
Grand Total	411	6,227	6,638

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

VICTORIA—NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED
IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, 1934 TO 1938.

Heading.	1934.		1935.		1936.		1937.		1938.	
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
Bicycle .. .	No. 10	No. 189	No. 7	No. 269	No. 20	No. 326	No. 16	No. 382	No. 14	No. 336
Motor Bus .. .	2	47	1	32	2	56	7	74	8	53
Motor Car .. .	254	5,744	299	5,850	308	6,139	341	5,931	356	6,239
Motor Cycle .. .	19	515	19	367	28	606	35	650	23	645
Train* .. .	32	32	23	15	22	13	3	2	2	1
Tram .. .	15	202	11	147	10	172	9	149	10	143
Other Vehicle .. .	13	67	14	62	9	45	9	40	3	36
Pedestrian .. .	..	..	..	1	..	6	2	40	3	52
Horses .. .	4	16	8	22	5	12	5	10	4	13
Total .. .	349	6,812	382	6,765	404	7,375	427	7,278	433	7,523

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

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

VICTORIA—PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED, TYPES OF
VEHICLES, ETC., INVOLVED, 1937 AND 1938.

Type of Vehicle &c., Involved.	1937.			1938.		
	Number of Accidents.*	Number Killed.	Number Injured.	Number of Accidents.*	Number Killed.	Number Injured.
Motor Car .. .	4,379	256	5,115	4,643	272	5,432
Motor Van .. .	189	16	207	163	11	173
Motor Truck, Lorry .. .	786	80	878	801	84	887
Motor Bus .. .	66	7	87	70	12	77
Motor Cycle .. .	1,326	83	1,493	1,424	80	1,638
Pedal Cyclist .. .	1,804	74	1,848	1,874	72	1,904
Tram—Electric and Cable .. .	223	19	235	217	16	224
Train—Electric and Steam .. .	15	10	10	23	16	21
Horse-drawn Vehicle .. .	232	14	263	191	13	216
Horse .. .	30	8	24	25	5	21
Pedestrian .. .	2,006	177	1,964	2,102	147	2,055
Other .. .	..	..	..	1	..	2

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

Details of breaches of the Motor Car Act and Traffic Regulations will be found on page 48 of this Year Book.

AIRCRAFT.

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

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

The main air lines of Victoria are shown on the map opposite page 345 of this Year-Book.

VICTORIA—CIVIL AIRCRAFT, 1933-34 TO 1937-38.

Particulars.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.
Registered Owners (a)	30	24	28	22	36
Registered Aircraft (a)	49	44	51	45	70
Licensed Pilots—					
Private (a)	110	150	181	172	216
Commercial (a)	54	54	57	84	104
Licensed Ground Engineers (a)	85	96	78	92	134
Licensed Navigators (a)	(d)	1	2	5	12
Licensed Aircraft Radio Telephone Operators (a)	(d)	..	1	4	5
Aerodromes—					
Government (a)	2	2	2	2	2
Public (a)	19	20	19	18	18
Government Emergency Grounds (a)	11	11	10	11	11
Flights carried out	25,588	20,686	27,110	37,674	39,920
Hours flown	6,287	6,621	8,464	19,860	37,042
Approximate Mileage	594,132	446,180	637,473	2,081,355	4,439,191
Passengers Carried—					
Paying	20,834	11,873	15,618	38,528	72,380
Non-paying	1,845	2,600	3,710	5,368	8,154
Total Passengers Carried	22,679	14,473	19,328	43,896	80,534
Goods, Weight Carried lb.	20,207	5,240	19,409	204,919	557,836
Mails, Weight Carried lb.	633	(e) 2,571	11,106	33,703	51,861
Accidents—					
Persons Killed .. ..	..	3	3	2	1
Persons Injured	1	2	1	6	2

(a) At 30th June; (b) Certificated Pilots; (c) Other Staff; (d) Not Available; (e) Number of Letters.