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APPENDIX.

(Some recent information which has come to hand since the various chapters were sent to press is given hereunder. Much of this information is of a preliminary nature and is therefore subject to revision. For revised and for more advanced information, reference should be made to other publications issued by this Bureau (*see* pages 1317-9), notably the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*.)

CHAPTER II.—PHYSIOGRAPHY.

§ 2. Climate and Meteorology of Australia.

Rainfall : Australian Capital Cities, p. 53.—Rainfall recorded in Australian capital cities during 1951 was as follows :—Canberra, 22.00 ins. ; Perth, 34.14 ins. ; Adelaide, 25.44 ins. ; Brisbane, 33.89 ins. ; Sydney, 53.15 ins. ; Melbourne, 29.85 ins. ; Hobart, 24.57 ins.

CHAPTER III.—GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

§ 1. Scheme of Parliamentary Government.

Number and Salary of Members of the Legislatures, p. 68 (*see also* pp. 14 and 18).—From 1st January, 1952, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Allowance paid to members of both Houses was increased to £1,750 per annum. At the same time new and increased additional allowances ranging from £275 to £1,750 were provided for members holding office (other than Ministers of State), and additional annual allowances ranging from £400 to £900, free of income tax, were provided for all members of both Houses, in respect of the expenses of discharging their duties. Furthermore, the annual appropriation for Ministers was increased to £41,000, the additional allowance of the Prime Minister was increased to £3,500, and an additional allowance of £1,000 was made to each other Minister.

From 1st January, 1952, the annual salary of members of the New South Wales Legislature was increased to £500 (Upper House) and £1,875 (Lower House). From 1st July, 1951, the annual salary of members of the South Australian Legislature was increased to £1,150—£1,225 for both Houses, according to distance of electorate from Adelaide.

§ 2. Parliaments and Elections.

Commonwealth Referenda, p. 71.—*Constitution Alteration (Powers to deal with Communists and Communism) Referendum, 22nd September, 1951.* Details of the voting in this referendum, which resulted in an overall majority and majorities in three States against the proposed amendment, were as follows :—

CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (POWERS TO DEAL WITH COMMUNISTS AND COMMUNISM) REFERENDUM, 22nd SEPTEMBER, 1951.

State.	Votes Recorded in Favour of Proposed Law.		Votes Recorded Against Proposed Law.		Number of Informal Ballot-papers.	Total.
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.		
New South Wales	865,838	47.2	969,868	52.8	25,441	1,861,147
Victoria	636,819	48.7	670,513	51.3	18,692	1,326,024
Queensland	373,156	55.8	296,019	44.2	6,741	675,916
South Australia	198,971	47.3	221,763	52.7	6,519	427,253
Western Australia	164,989	55.1	134,497	44.9	6,167	305,653
Tasmania	78,154	50.3	77,349	49.7	3,093	158,596
Total	2,317,927	49.4	2,370,009	50.6	66,653	4,754,589

State Elections, p. 72.—On 21st June, 1952 the first election for the Victorian Legislative Council on the basis of adult suffrage took place. Particulars of electors concerned are as follows :—Electors enrolled, whole State, 1,395,650; electors in contested electorates who voted—number, 994,190, proportion, 92.14 per cent.

An election for the Victorian Legislative Assembly took place on 6th December, 1952 (*see* Ministry on p. 1343).

§ 4. Administration and Legislation.

The Sovereign.—On 7th February, 1952 the Prime Minister announced that the Governor-General had directed the notification, for general information, of the intelligence of the death of His Majesty King George the Sixth on 6th February, 1952.

On 7th February, 1952 the Governor-General and members of the Federal Executive Council proclaimed Princess Elizabeth Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of this Realm and of all her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, Supreme Liege Lady in and over the Commonwealth of Australia.

Governors-General and Commonwealth Ministries, pp. 78 and 88.—On 3rd September, 1952 the Prime Minister announced the approval by Her Majesty the Queen to the appointment of Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, G.C.B., G.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., as Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, and that the present Governor-General (the Right Honorable Sir William John McKell, G.C.M.G.) would continue in office until Sir William Slim is sworn in.

At 24th September, 1952 the Menzies Ministry, as shown on p. 88, remained unaltered, except for the change in designation on 4th June, 1952 of the Hon. Wilfred Selwyn Kent Hughes, M.V.O., O.B.E., M.C., E.D., from the Minister for the Interior and Minister for Works and Housing to the Minister for the Interior and Minister for Works.

Governors and State Ministers, pp. 89–91.—The Governor and the composition of the Ministry in each State in December, 1952 were as shown on pp. 89–91, with the following exceptions :—

Governors.—South Australia—The Hon. Sir John Mellis Napier, K.C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor. (Sir John Napier assumed the administration on 19th June, 1952 following the departure of Sir Charles Norrie.)

Ministries.

NEW SOUTH WALES (3rd April, 1952).

<i>Premier, Colonial Treasurer and Minister for Local Government—</i>	<i>Minister for Agriculture—</i>
THE HON. J. J. CAHILL.	THE HON. E. H. GRAHAM.
<i>Deputy Premier and Minister for Education—</i>	<i>Minister without Portfolio—</i>
THE HON. R. J. HEFFRON.	THE HON. G. WEIR.
<i>Minister for Housing, Minister for Co-operative Societies and Assistant Treasurer—</i>	<i>Minister for Labour and Industry and Minister for Social Welfare—</i>
THE HON. CLIVE R. EVATT, Q.C.	THE HON. F. J. FINNAN.
<i>Attorney-General—</i>	<i>Minister for Transport—</i>
THE HON. C. E. MARTIN, Q.C.	THE HON. W. F. SHEAHAN.
<i>Minister of Justice and Vice-President of the Executive Council—</i>	<i>Secretary for Mines and Minister for Immigration—</i>
THE HON. R. R. DOWNING, M.L.C.	THE HON. J. G. ARTHUR.
<i>Chief Secretary—</i>	<i>Secretary for Lands—</i>
THE HON. C. A. KELLY.	THE HON. F. H. HAWKINS.
<i>Minister for Health—</i>	<i>Secretary for Public Works and Assistant Minister for Local Government—</i>
THE HON. M. O'SULLIVAN.	THE HON. J. B. RENSHAW.
	<i>Minister for Conservation—</i>
	THE HON. A. G. ENTICKNAP.

VICTORIA (17th December, 1952).

<i>Premier and Treasurer—</i>	<i>Minister of Labour and Minister of Mines—</i>
THE HON. J. CAIN.	THE HON. A. MCD. FRASER, M.L.C.
<i>Chief Secretary—</i>	<i>Minister of Education—</i>
THE HON. L. W. GALVIN.	THE HON. A. E. SHEPHERD.
<i>Minister of Transport and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works—</i>	<i>Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, Minister of Soldier Settlement, Minister for Conservation and President of the Board of Land and Works—</i>
THE HON. P. L. COLEMAN, M.L.C.	THE HON. R. W. HOLT.
<i>Attorney-General, Minister-in-charge of Prices and Minister-in-charge of Immigration—</i>	<i>Commissioner of Public Works and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works—</i>
THE HON. W. SLATER, M.L.C.	THE HON. S. MERRIFIELD.
<i>Minister of Health—</i>	<i>Minister-in-charge of Electrical Undertakings and Minister of Forests—</i>
THE HON. W. P. BARRY.	THE HON. J. W. GALBALLY, M.L.C.
<i>Minister of Agriculture, Minister of State Development and Decentralization, Minister of Water Supply and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works—</i>	<i>Ministers without Portfolio—</i>
THE HON. C. P. STONEHAM.	THE HON. J. H. SMITH.
<i>Minister-in-charge of Housing and Minister, in-charge of Materials—</i>	THE HON. F. R. SCULLY.
THE HON. T. HAYES.	

QUEENSLAND (17th January, 1952).

<i>Premier and Chief Secretary; and Vice-President of the Executive Council—</i>	<i>Attorney-General—</i>
THE HON. V. C. GAIR.	THE HON. W. POWER.
<i>Minister for Transport—</i>	<i>Secretary for Public Instruction—</i>
THE HON. J. E. DUGGAN.	THE HON. G. H. DEVRIES.
<i>Secretary for Public Lands and Irrigation—</i>	<i>Secretary for Health and Home Affairs—</i>
THE HON. T. A. FOLEY.	THE HON. W. M. MOORE.
<i>Secretary for Agriculture and Stock—</i>	<i>Secretary for Public Works and Housing—</i>
THE HON. H. H. COLLINS.	THE HON. P. J. REMIGIUS HILTON.
<i>Secretary for Labour and Industry—</i>	<i>Treasurer—</i>
THE HON. A. JONES.	THE HON. E. J. WALSH.
	<i>Secretary for Mines and Immigration—</i>
	THE HON. E. J. RIORDAN.

The foregoing lists show the complete ministries as reconstituted following the retirement of the Hon. J. McGirr, the Victorian Legislative Assembly election on 6th December, 1952, and the death of the Hon. E. M. Hanlon, respectively. The following particulars refer to changes in the Western Australian Ministry following the death of the Hon. G. B. Wood, M.L.C. :—

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Premier, Treasurer and Minister for the North-West—The Hon. D. R. McLarty, M.M. Minister for Agriculture.—The Hon. Sir Charles Latham, M.L.C. (The latter portfolio now follows that of Housing and Forests and is last on the list.)

§ 6. Cost of Parliamentary Government, pp. 102-3.

The cost of Parliamentary Government, Commonwealth and individual States, for the year 1950-51 was as follows :—

Commonwealth, £1,624,998 (3s. 11d. per head); New South Wales, £430,814 (2s. 8d.); Victoria, £303,417 (2s. 8d.); Queensland, £246,941 (4s. 2d.); South Australia, £181,758 (5s. 1d.); Western Australia, £212,933 (7s. 5d.); Tasmania, £117,208 (8s. 2d.); and total, £3,118,069 (7s. 6d.).

The amounts expended under the major headings for all Governments during 1950-51 were :—Governor-General or Governor, £219,616; Ministry, £187,143; Parliament, £1,998,977; Electoral, £694,321.

§ 7. Government Employees.

Australia, 1952, pp. 103-4.—The number of Government employees in Australia in June, 1952 (1951 in parentheses) was as follows :—

Commonwealth Government: Males, 157,900 (160,700); Females, 45,100 (48,100); Persons, 203,000 (208,800).

State Government and Semi-Government Bodies; Males, 358,300 (347,600); Females, 65,000 (61,000); Persons, 423,300 (408,600).

Local Government Authorities: Males, 61,200 (62,100); Females, 5,100 (4,700); Persons, 66,300 (66,800).

Total: Males, 577,400 (570,400); Females, 115,200 (113,800); Persons, 692,600 (684,200).

CHAPTER IV.—LAND TENURE AND SETTLEMENT.

§ 9. Settlement of Returned Service Personnel : 1939-45 War.

War Service Land Settlement Scheme, pp. 120-3.—At 30th June, 1952 an area of 12,665,660 acres had been submitted by the several States for land settlement. Of this, 10,353,256 acres had been approved by the Commonwealth as suitable for soldier settlement and 8,645,531 acres had actually been acquired by the States. The acreages and holdings allotted to ex-servicemen by the States at 30th June, 1952 were as follows:—New South Wales, 5,477,277 (1,856); Victoria, 775,247 (1,822); Queensland, 229,668 (427); South Australia, 186,322 (475); Western Australia, 1,011,224 (639); Tasmania, 75,885 (98); total, 7,755,557 (5,317).

The total expenditure of the War Service Land Settlement Division to 30th June, 1952, £35,780,683, includes War Service Land Settlement, £25,216,987; agricultural loans, £6,200,144; agricultural allowances, £2,255,051; administrative expenses, £725,488; rural training, £1,383,013. Aggregate expenditure in the States and Territories to 30th June, 1952, was as follows:—New South Wales, £4,585,905; Victoria, £2,323,183; Queensland, £1,407,478; South Australia, £9,116,897; Western Australia, £14,216,205; Tasmania, £4,115,660; Northern Territory, £10,748; New Guinea, £4,547.

After deducting repayments of expenditure to 30th June, 1952, £3,577,462 and miscellaneous receipts, £1,972,521, the net expenditure to 30th June, 1952 was £30,230,700.

§ 11. Alienation and Occupation of Crown Lands.

Summary, p. 132.—The alienation and occupation of Crown lands in Australia at 31st December, 1951, were as follows:—

Private Lands—147,984,000 acres (7.77 per cent.) alienated; 34,052,000 acres (1.79 per cent.) in process of alienation.

Crown Lands—1,039,092,000 acres (54.58 per cent.) leased or licensed; 682,604,000 acres (35.86 per cent.) other Crown lands.

CHAPTER V.—TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION.

A. SHIPPING.

§ 2. Oversea Shipping and § 5. Interstate Shipping.

Summary of Movements, pp. 135, 142-3.—The following table summarizes the entrances of oversea and interstate shipping in the several States during the year 1950-51:—

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING : ENTRANCES OF VESSELS, 1950-51.

State of Entry.	Steam.				Sailing.							
	Oversea.				Interstate. (a)		Oversea.		Interstate. (a)		Total Entered.	
	Direct.		Via other States.		No.	Net Tons ('000).	Direct and via other States.		No.	Net Tons ('000).	No.	Net Tons ('000).
	No.	Net Tons ('000).	No.	Net Tons ('000).			No.	Net Tons ('000).				
N.S.W.	487	2,086	583	3,119	1,117	3,399	11	(b)	5	(b)	2,203	8,596
Victoria	424	1,945	573	3,185	1,153	3,382	2	(b)	135	17	2,287	8,529
Queensland	243	840	256	1,368	395	993	8	(b)	..	..	904	3,201
S. Australia	160	695	303	1,699	767	2,886	..	..	23	4	1,253	5,283
W. Australia	532	2,880	33	155	484	2,472	..	..	..	..	1,049	5,506
Tasmania	30	127	79	393	637	738	..	..	159	21	905	1,279
N. Territory	12	27	..	..	20	30	1	(b)	..	..	33	53
Total	1,890	8,600	1,827	9,919	4,573	13,891	22	(b)	322	42	8,634	32,452

(a) Includes oversea vessels on interstate voyages.

(b) Under 1,000 tons.

Total overseas shipping entrances into Australia during 1950-51 numbered 1,911 with an aggregate capacity of 8,601,000 net tons. Of these, 1,769 for 8,200,000 net tons were entrances with cargo. Total overseas clearances numbered 1,992 for 8,707,000 net tons, and clearances with cargo 1,430 for 6,169,000 net tons.

§ 6. Tonnage of Cargo.

Oversea and Interstate Cargo, p. 146.—The table hereunder shows particulars of oversea and interstate cargo discharged in and shipped from each State during the year 1950-51:—

CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED, 1950-51. (Tons '000.)

State.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Meas.	Tons Weight.	Tons Meas.	Tons Weight.	Tons Meas.	Tons Weight.	Tons Meas.
New South Wales ..	2,706	1,497	3,100	342	1,172	421	2,778	332
Victoria	3,102	1,489	1,868	210	1,250	417	449	240
Queensland ..	766	382	293	318	738	115	434	116
South Australia ..	1,160	344	1,116	175	1,049	72	2,667	240
Western Australia	1,153	194	245	226	1,125	146	60	78
Tasmania ..	184	83	328	341	71	124	331	320
Northern Territory	13	..	30	..	..	..	4	..
Total ..	9,084	3,989	6,980	1,612	5,405	1,295	6,723	1,326

B. RAILWAYS.

§ 2. Government Railways.

Summary of Operations, pp. 153-160.—The following table gives a summary of the operations of all Government railways open for general traffic during the year 1950-51:—

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS: SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS, 1950-51.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	C'wealth.	Aust.
Mileage open (route)								
30th June, 1951 .. miles	6,113	4,686	6,560	2,553	4,228	613	2,201	26,954
Gross revenue .. £'000.	49,448	18,651	19,772	7,315	6,969	1,336	2,153	105,644
Working expenses .. £'000.	49,168	20,810	19,427	9,992	8,932	2,009	2,434	112,772
Net revenue .. £'000.	280	-2,159	345	-2,677	-1,963	-673	-281	-7,128
Interest .. £'000.	5,620	2,069	1,586	1,028	717	162	295	11,559
Train-miles run .. '000	b 38,112	14,575	b 18,562	6,379	7,136	2,071	1,841	88,676
Passenger journeys '000	268,567	141,313	34,145	17,177	11,543	3,182	186	476,113
Goods, etc. carried '000 tons	18,324	7,539	7,182	3,794	3,033	861	591	41,324

(a) Includes Commonwealth proportion of Grafton-South Brisbane Line.

(b) Estimated.

C. TRAMWAYS.

Summary of Operations, p. 167.—The following is a summary of the operations of all electric tramways in Australia during the year 1950-51:—Route mileage open for traffic, 30th June, 567; gross revenue, £13,765,000; working expenses, £13,940,000; net revenue, -£175,000; interest, £491,000; car-miles run, 71,746,000; passenger-journeys, 745,034,000.

D. MOTOR OMNIBUS SERVICES.

Government and Municipal Services, p. 174.—The following is a summary of the operations of government and municipal motor omnibus services in Australia during 1950-51:—Length of route, 3,994 miles; gross revenue, £7,717,000; working expenses £8,099,000; bus-mileage run, 53,895,000; passenger-journeys, 339,657,000.

Private Services, p. 175.—The following is a summary of the operations of motor omnibus services under the control of private operators during 1950-51 in the States of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia, respectively:—Gross revenue, £1,995,000, £1,414,000, £573,000; £1,106,000; bus-mileage run, 18,221,000, 19,292,000, 6,031,000, 12,645,000; passenger-journeys, 99,740,000, 83,628,000, 12,470,000, 34,346,000.

F. MOTOR VEHICLES.

Motor Vehicle Registrations, pp. 177-9.—Motor vehicles registered at 30th June, 1952 and new motor vehicles registered during 1951-52 were as follows:—

MOTOR VEHICLES: REGISTRATIONS, 1951-52.

(Excluding Defence Service Vehicles.)

State or Territory.	Number of Motor Vehicles Registered at 30th June, 1952.(a)				Number of New Motor Vehicles Registered, 1951-52.			
	Motor Cars.(b)	Com-mercial Vehicles.(c)	Motor Cycles.	Total.	Motor Cars.(b)	Com-mercial Vehicles.(c)	Motor Cycles.	Total.
New South Wales ..	343,114	199,866	47,552	590,532	41,609	25,839	6,018	73,466
Victoria ..	347,873	148,050	37,303	533,226	42,319	22,498	5,439	70,256
Queensland ..	124,182	107,541	23,302	255,025	13,912	10,180	3,173	27,270
South Australia ..	115,116	53,739	23,458	192,313	13,860	6,847	3,759	24,466
Western Australia ..	64,277	52,643	16,047	132,967	8,840	5,801	2,741	17,382
Tasmania ..	32,548	16,817	5,739	55,104	4,267	2,073	938	7,278
Northern Territory ..	1,366	2,745	646	4,757	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)
Aust. Capital Territory	3,882	1,846	532	6,260	512	223	82	817
Total ..	1,032,358	583,247	154,579	1,770,184	125,319	73,461	22,155	220,935

(a) Excludes trailers, road tractors, etc., dealers' plates. (b) Includes taxis and hire cars.
(c) Includes lorries, vans, buses and utility trucks. (d) Includes vehicles registered as primary producers' vehicles.
(e) Not available. (f) Excludes Northern Territory.

Drivers' and riders' licences in force at 30th June, 1952 numbered 2,194,167.

Gross revenue derived during 1951-52 from vehicles' registration and motor tax amounted to £15,995,554, from licences, etc., £1,336,530, from miscellaneous receipts, £3,607,266—total, £20,939,350.

At 30th June, 1951 there were 883,610 motor cars on Australian registers, 551,057 commercial vehicles, 145,684 motor cycles—a total of 1,580,351 vehicles. New vehicles registered in Australia during 1950-51 numbered:—Motor cars, 127,670; commercial vehicles, 77,934; motor cycles, 27,151; total, 232,755.

Revised figures for vehicles on the register at 30th June, 1950 are:—Motor cars, 768,558; commercial vehicles, 501,721; motor cycles, 133,979; total, 1,404,258.

During 1950-51 gross revenue derived from vehicles' registration and motor tax amounted to £12,333,075, from licences, etc., £1,141,318, from miscellaneous receipts, £2,403,767—total, £15,878,160.

At 30th June, 1951 drivers' and riders' licences in force numbered 1,985,821.

G. TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

Total Accidents Reported, 1950-51, p. 180.—The following table is a summary of the total number of accidents (known to the police) which occurred in public thoroughfares during 1950-51, the number involving casualties and the number of persons killed or injured, in each State and the Commonwealth excluding Northern Territory.

ACCIDENTS (KNOWN TO THE POLICE) WHICH OCCURRED IN PUBLIC THOROUGHFARES: ACCIDENTS RECORDED AND CASUALTIES, 1950-51.

State or Territory.	Total Accidents Reported. (a)	Accidents Involving Casualties.	Casualties.	
			Persons Killed.	Persons Injured. (b)
New South Wales	19,878	9,694	699	11,817
Victoria	14,861	9,274	581	11,364
Queensland	9,599	4,557	218	5,512
South Australia	6,325	2,001	197	2,332
Western Australia(c)	3,580	2,084	167	2,686
Tasmania	2,724	1,013	57	1,212
Australian Capital Territory	294	137	7	172
Total	57,261	28,760	1,926	35,095

(a) Total accidents causing death or injury to persons or damage exceeding £10 to property. (b) Persons injured to an extent requiring surgical or medical treatment. (c) Includes for the Metropolitan Area all accidents causing death or injury to persons or damage exceeding £10 to property, and, for the remainder of the State, only those accidents causing fatal or "near-fatal" injuries.

H. AVIATION.

Statistical Summaries, pp. 187-8.—The following is a summary of civil aviation for Australia in 1950-51:—At 30th June, 1951—Registered aircraft owners, 351; registered aircraft, 838; pilots' licences—private 1,065, commercial 441, student 1,840, 1st Class airline transport 475, 2nd Class 35, 3rd Class 377; flight navigators, 139; during 1950-51—Accidents—persons killed, 13; persons injured, 36.

Regular internal services' operations during 1950-51 showed the following results:—Hours flown, 252,333; miles flown, 40,680,000; paying passengers, 1,685,089; paying passenger-miles, 669,087,000. Freight—Actual tons, 53,002; ton-miles, 24,198,000. Mail—Actual tons, 2,887; ton-miles, 1,333,000.

The operations of services between Australia and overseas countries during 1950-51 were as follows:—Route-miles, 43,633; hours flown, 48,947; miles flown, 10,500,000; paying passengers, 87,599; paying passenger-miles, 241,817,000. Freight—Actual tons, 1,976; ton-miles, 6,214,000. Mail—Actual tons, 842; ton-miles, 4,792,000.

I. POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES AND WIRELESS.

§ 1. General to § 5. Telephones.

Summary of Operations, pp. 189-203.—The following table is a summary of the operations of the Postmaster-General's Department during the year 1950-51:—

POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT: SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS, 1950-51.

State.	Gross Revenue.	Expenditure.	Total Postal Matter Dealt with. (a)	Money Orders Issued, value.	Postal Notes Issued, value.	Telegrams Dispatched.	Telephones.			
							Lines Connected (b)	Instruments Connected (b)	Local Calls.	Trunk Line Calls.
	£'000.	£'000.	mil.	£'000.	£'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	mil.	mil.
New South Wales	17,836	28,075	611.3	20,929	5,152	12,458	330	466	403	25
Victoria	12,998	30,261	437.2	10,471	4,552	7,874	270	382	278	20
Queensland	6,163	10,556	194.0	6,042	1,161	5,699	116	157	112	12
South Australia	3,833	6,515	118.2	2,752	979	4,165	75	103	68	8
Western Australia	2,756	4,151	103.2	2,502	643	3,351	48	67	51	4
Tasmania	1,191	2,204	61.9	1,414	259	920	25	34	20	3
Australia	44,777	689,700	1,525.8	44,110	12,746	434,467	864	1,209	932	72

(a) Comprises (in millions):—Letters, Cards, etc., 1,228.3; Newspapers and Packets, 257.4; Parcels, 20.7; Registered Articles other than Parcels, 19.4. (b) At 30th June, 1951. (c) Includes £7,938,000 Central Office expenditure. (d) Excludes international telegrams—dispatched, 1,395,574 received, 1,321,741.

§ 6. Radio Telegraphy and Telephony.

Radio-communication Stations Authorized, p. 207.—The following radio-communication stations were authorized in Australia and Papua-New Guinea at 30th June, 1951:—Receiving and transmitting stations— aeronautical, 70 (7); coast, 33 (7); land, 1,747 (198); mobile (general), 2,361 (49); ship, 656; aircraft, 218; other mobile stations, 146; and miscellaneous, 60. In addition, there were 371 land and 207 mobile (general) stations for the purpose of receiving only. The figures in parentheses refer to Papua-New Guinea and are included in the totals preceding them.

Broadcast Licences Issued, p. 207.—The following table shows the number of broadcast licences issued at 30th June, 1951 and, for broadcast listeners' licences only, as at 30th June, 1952 also.

BROADCAST LICENCES ISSUED.

State in which Issued.	30th June, 1951.					Experimental.	30th June, 1952. Broadcast Listeners' (c).
	Broadcasting.		Broadcast Listeners'.				
	National Stations.	Commercial Stations.	One Receiver.	More than one Receiver.			
New South Wales	(a) 12	35	674,576	74,195	1,004	736,565	
Victoria	(a) 7	19	522,502	63,891	931	520,364	
Queensland(b)	(a) 14	20	270,587	17,432	314	279,852	
South Australia	(a) 4	8	203,473	39,546	113	207,527	
Western Australia	(a) 7	12	139,669	19,767	184	148,950	
Tasmania	(a) 3	8	68,149	9,594	94	68,832	
Northern Territory	2	1	1,222	70	14	1,164	
Australian Capital Territory	1	1	4,656	331	12	4,790	
Total	50	103	1,884,834	224,826	2,866	1,961,044	

(a) Includes short-wave stations: New South Wales, 1; Victoria, 3; Queensland, 2; Papua, 1 (also 1 medium wave); Western Australia, 2. (b) Includes Papua. (c) See below.

Broadcasting.—Broadcast Listeners' Licences, p. 209. The fees payable for broadcast listeners' licences up to 31st December, 1951 are shown on page 209 of this volume. Consequent upon an amendment to the Broadcasting Act which was proclaimed to take effect from 1st January, 1952, the fee payable for a broadcast listener's licence or a renewal thereof is:—Zone 1, £2; Zone 2, £1 8s. That portion of the Act relating to the payment of additional fees for radio receivers in excess of one has been repealed and the licence now applies to every broadcast receiver which is in possession of the holder of a licence or of a member of his family at the address specified in the licence and/or ordinarily kept at that address or installed in a vehicle which is ordinarily kept at that address while not in use.

Free licences are granted to blind persons and to schools. Invalid and age pensioners who live alone or with another such pensioner are required to pay only one quarter the ordinary fee.

CHAPTER VI.—EDUCATION.

§ 3. State Schools, § 4. Private Schools and § 9. Technical Education.

Returns for Year 1950, pp. 211–12, 215–17, and 239.—The following table gives a summary of State, Private and Technical schools in each State for the year 1950:—

EDUCATION : SUMMARY, 1950.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Ter.	Aust.
State Schools—								
Schools .. No.	2,578	2,099	1,556	710	517	325	5	7,790
Teachers .. "	13,146	9,694	5,739	3,404	2,461	1,602	39	36,085
Net enrolment .. "	414,918	245,988	164,803	88,809	69,181	42,602	(a) 1,158	1,027,459
Average weekly enrolment .. "	378,710	229,332	155,483	84,597	69,181	39,651	1,158	958,112
Average daily attendance .. "	327,946	206,744	132,578	76,733	63,378	35,722	1,022	844,123
Net Expenditure—								
Maintenance .. £'000	10,830	7,764	3,964	2,435	2,284	1,083	40	28,400
Buildings .. "	2,164	2,365	633	545	676	402	14	6,799
Total .. "	12,994	10,129	4,597	2,980	2,960	1,485	54	35,199
Private Schools—								
Schools .. No.	729	476	353	148	204	58	2	1,870
Teachers .. "	5,776	3,147	1,819	938	843	375	11	12,909
Enrolment .. "	124,370	91,547	43,339	19,655	21,615	8,878	369	309,673
Average attendance .. "	110,176	81,477	38,748	17,409	19,976	7,453	323	275,562
Technical Schools—								
Schools .. No.	42	36	12	27	15	9	..	141
Teachers .. "	2,450	2,268	481	620	375	287	..	6,481
Students .. "	69,085	42,031	16,901	17,099	11,349	5,099	..	161,564
Total Expenditure .. £'000	2,175	1,988	363	333	343	97	..	5,299

(a) Average weekly enrolment.

(b) Estimated.

§ 6. Universities.

Teaching and Research Staff, etc., pp. 219–25.—The following table gives a summary of the University statistics for the year 1951:—

UNIVERSITIES : SUMMARY, 1951.

Particulars.	University—							University Colleges.		Total.
	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Queensland.	Adelaide.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	New South Wales University of Technology.	New England.	Canberra.	
Teaching and Research Staff—										
Professors ..	51	40	28	26	13	16	9	..	5	188
Others ..	856	522	379	250	117	61	596	68	45	2,894
Total Students ..	8,108	8,234	4,014	4,345	1,728	554	4,127	228	(b) 333	31,671
Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Students (included above) ..	1,280	1,455	701	570	240	71	270	5	(c) 70	4,662
Degrees Conferred ..	1,962	1,248	471	441	259	117	..	..	..	4,498
Receipts (or Income)—General										
Activities(a)—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Government Grants ..	698	832	436	316	339	187	556	125	50	3,539
Total ..	1,173	1,196	597	456	368	204	584	152	56	4,786
Extra Activities ..	278	328	79	61	125	37	22	2	2	934
Payments (or Expenditure)—										
General Activities(a)—										
Administration ..	121	80	34	28	26	19	50	16	10	384
Teaching ..	754	705	402	329	199	120	475	59	36	3,079
Total ..	1,109	1,115	589	482	319	179	534	139	53	4,569
Extra Activities ..	170	291	100	67	112	37	2	1	4	784

(a) These figures are presented by each University on a receipts (or income) and payments (or expenditure) basis and are not suitable for the construction of a profit and loss statement or revenue account. (b) Excludes 8 students enrolled at Melbourne University. (c) Excludes 2 students enrolled at Melbourne University.

CHAPTER VII.—PUBLIC JUSTICE.

§ 1. Lower (Magistrates') Courts, § 2. Superior (Judges') Courts,
 § 3. Civil Courts, § 4. Police and Prisons and § 5. Cost of
 Administration of Justice.

Convictions, Divorces, Bankruptcies, Police, Prisons, etc., pp. 258, 260, 262, 266, 270 and 272-4.—The following table is a summary of the more important statistics of this chapter for the latest year for which the information is available:—

PUBLIC JUSTICE : SUMMARY, 1950.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Convictions for serious crime at Magistrates' Courts .. No.	14,141	5,204	(a) 2,699	(a) 1,654	2,901	810	(a) 43	183	27,635
Convictions at Superior Courts—									
Offences against the Person .. No.	(a) 362	190	(a) 136	81	49	37	(a) 16	5	876
Offences against Property .. No.	(a) 914	495	(a) 201	103	94	104	(a) 20	43	1,974
Other offences ..	(a) 23	37	(a) 9	23	6	7	(a) 8	1	114
Total ..	(a) 1,299	722	(a) 346	207	149	148	(a) 44	49	2,964
Convictions for Drunkenness .. No.	78,477	21,003	a 26,855	a 5,846	6,046	639	(a) 644	426	139,936
Divorces and Judicial Separations (1951) No.	3,332	1,730	708	642	683	194	13	25	7,327
Bankruptcies (1950-51) No.	139	72	60	47	39	20	3	..	380
Liabilities £	352,929	174,120	200,561	154,445	128,945	19,420	9,057	..	1,039,477
Assets £	275,368	84,158	90,707	114,837	81,593	6,438	16,546	..	669,647
Police .. No.	4,449	2,751	(a) 2,220	(a) 972	(a) 787	(a) 392	(a) 61	45	11,677
Prisons ..	(a) 15	9	(a) 7	15	(a) 21	2	(a) 2	..	71
Prisoners in Gaol ..	(a) 1,885	981	(a) 454	261	(a) 342	(a) 114	(a) 52	..	4,089
Net Expenditure—1950-51—									
Justice £'000	533	300	125	—45	8	58	..	..	979
Police ..	3,241	2,301	2,037	781	685	317	..	..	9,362
Prisons ..	566	278	109	84	98	42	..	..	1,177

(a) Year 1950-51.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) indicates excess of receipts over expenditure.

CHAPTER VIII.—PUBLIC HEALTH AND RELATED INSTITUTIONS.

A. PUBLIC HEALTH.

§ 4. Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases.

Notifiable Diseases, p. 290.—The following table shows for each State and Territory the diseases notifiable and the notifications made during 1951 :—

DISEASES NOTIFIABLE IN EACH STATE AND TERRITORY AND NOTIFICATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1951.

Disease.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Acute rheumatism†	*	*	*	*	8	*	*	*	8
Amoebiasis‡	*	19	1	1	7	2	..	..	30
Anchyllostomiasis	*	1	47	..	13	..	15	1	77
Anthrax	*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bilharziosis	*	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Brucellosis	2	14	7	..	8	..	..	..	31
Cholera	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chorea	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	..
Dengue	*	*	*	*	1	*	..	*	1
Diarrhoea, infantile§	*	*	298	*	46	25	105	*	471
Diphtheria	362	191	137	44	271	8	..	..	1,013
Dysentery, bacillary	*	62	144	3	56	..	5	25	295
Encephalitis	4	29	6	..	..	1	..	..	40
Filariasis	*	*	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Homologous serum jaundice†	*	*	*	*	..	*	*	*	..
Hydatid	*	20	*	*	1	1	*	..	22
Infective hepatitis§	*	*	*	*	467	..	8	..	475
Lead poisoning†	*	*	2	*	..	*	*	*	2
Leprosy	4	2	2	..	48	..	26	..	82
Leptospirosis	*	*	87	..	..	*	*	*	87
Malaria	*	3	28	..	7	..	5	..	43
Meningococcal infection	99	107	35	12	20	17	2	5	297
Ophthalmia	*	*	*	*	23	*	42	..	65
Ornithosis†	*	..	*	..	..	*	*	*	..
Paratyphoid	..	1	..	2	3	..	..	..	6
Plague	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Poliomyelitis	1,528	421	989	1,491	96	182	10	19	4,736
Puerperal Fever	8	1	19	14	4	3	1	..	50
Rubella||	*	223	12	*	137	1	1	16	390
Salmonella infection	*	*	*	*	16	*	*	*	16
Scarlet Fever	866	937	256	258	179	150	1	7	2,654
Smallpox	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tetanus	..	8	22	*	12	*	1	*	43
Trachoma†	*	..	*	..	..	*	1	..	1
Trichinosis†	..	*	*	..	..	*	*	*	..
Tuberculosis	1,746	1,006	699	376	514	224	63	7	4,935
Typhoid Fever	12	9	10	3	11	7	..	..	52
Typhus—flea, mite or tick borne	15	..	61	8	24	..	..	..	108
Typhus—louse borne	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Yellow Fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

* Not notifiable. † Acute rheumatism, chorea, homologous serum jaundice, infective hepatitis, lead poisoning, ornithosis, trachoma and trichinosis were made notifiable in Western Australia in February, 1951. ‡ Amoebiasis substituted for dysentery, amoebic. § Diarrhoea, infantile and infective hepatitis were made notifiable in Tasmania in February, 1951. || Rubella was made notifiable in Victoria on 27th July, 1951.

B. INSTITUTIONS.

§ 2. Public Hospitals (other than Mental Hospitals).

Number, Staff, etc., pp. 301-2.—The following table gives a summary of details relating to public hospitals in each State for the year 1950-51:—

PUBLIC HOSPITALS: SUMMARY, 1950-51.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic. (a)	Q'land. (b)	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Total.
Hospitals .. No.	255	98	126	60	94	25	1	659
Medical staff ..	3,360	1,569	503	449	296	182	23	6,382
Nursing staff ..	9,065	5,186	4,236	1,762	1,781	834	71	22,935
Beds and cots ..	18,536	10,128	7,995	3,374	4,015	1,943	184	46,175
In-patients treated during year .. No.	362,665	170,554	163,233	57,401	72,089	32,599	3,998	862,539
Inmates at end of year ..	13,620	6,862	6,046	2,316	2,549	1,181	158	32,732
Average daily resident ..	13,580	7,113	5,774	2,326	2,616	1,247	149	32,865
Revenue—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Government aid ..	9,494	(c) 4,525	2,885	1,376	1,907	783	132	21,101
Commonwealth hospital benefits .. (d) 847	(c) 1,567	898	320	325	199	25	4,181	
Public subscriptions ..	128	893	7	92	36	7	3,163	
Fees ..	1,594	1,010	309	243	171	82	7	3,416
Total ..	12,301	8,218	4,137	2,237	2,450	1,102	164	30,609
Expenditure—								
Salaries and wages ..	7,580	3,368	2,357	1,244	1,144	648	70	16,411
Buildings' upkeep, etc. ..	407	220	104	118	61	17	5	932
Total ..	12,201	8,448	4,954	2,278	2,433	1,096	164	31,554

(a) Year ended 31st March, 1951. (b) Year 1949-50. (c) Estimated. (d) Portion only of amount allocated to Public hospitals.

§ 4. Mental Hospitals.

Number, Staff, etc., pp. 303-5.—The following table gives a summary of details relating to mental hospitals in each State for the year 1950-51:—

MENTAL HOSPITALS: SUMMARY, 1950-51.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic. (a)	Q'land. (b)	S. Aust.	W. Aust. (a)	Tas.	Total.
Hospitals .. No.	13	9	4	2	4	1	33
Medical staff ..	45	68	10	8	5	2	138
Nursing staff ..	1,909	1,308	806	387	248	168	4,826
Beds and cots ..	12,013	6,636	4,218	2,377	1,506	762	27,512
In-patients treated ..	14,250	8,409	5,083	2,762	1,744	999	33,247
Inmates at end of year ..	12,593	7,472	4,295	2,411	1,567	682	28,930
Average daily resident ..	11,040	6,410	4,064	2,312	1,490	680	25,996
Revenue—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Fees ..	114	97	35	16	24	2	288
Mental institution benefits ..	198	147	..	33	13	9	400
Other .. (c) 73	17	1	26	6	..	123	
Total ..	385	261	36	75	43	11	811
Expenditure—							
Salaries and wages ..	1,326	825	506	275	207	119	3,258
Upkeep, etc., buildings, etc. ..	34	107	9	34	20	6	210
Other ..	978	719	349	177	112	79	2,414
Capital expenditure ..	304	223	22	25	..	..	574
Total ..	2,642	1,874	886	511	339	204	6,456

(a) Year 1950. (b) Includes Epileptic Home. (c) Includes £30,000 Commonwealth Hospital Benefits.

CHAPTER IX.—WELFARE SERVICES.

A. COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFITS.

§ 1. Introduction.

Social and Health Services, p. 307.—The following table shows particulars of payments of social and health services in each State during 1951–52 :—

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, 1951–52.
(£'000.)

Social and Health Services.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W.Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Age and Invalid Pensions	25,075	14,449	8,836	5,180	4,106	2,142	59,788
Funeral Benefits	108	31	37	22	19	9	276
Child Endowment	17,794	12,015	7,303	4,149	3,478	1,819	c 46,625
Maternity Allowances	1,182	836	490	284	241	123	(d) 3,157
Widows' Pensions	2,315	1,390	905	450	367	188	5,615
Unemployment and Sickness Benefits—							
Unemployment	55	11	115	1	4	1	187
Sickness	263	181	123	70	49	24	710
Special (e)	33	47	15	6	6	4	111
Hospital Benefits	2,698	1,575	1,092	556	511	251	6,683
Tuberculosis Campaign (f)	1,622	1,103	360	302	313	179	3,779
Community Rehabilitation	70	129	46	71	40	5	361
Pharmaceutical Benefits	3,027	2,071	861	695	473	135	(g) 7,327
National Health Services—							
Medical Benefits to Pensioners	492	226	119	105	75	19	1,036
Pharmaceutical Benefits to Pensioners	187	61	40	33	30	7	358
Nutrition of Children	443	140	..	75	67	90	815
Miscellaneous Services	30	25	50	11	16	10	(h) 162
Mental Institutions Benefits	203	150	103	35	18	9	518
Total	55,597	34,490	20,555	12,045	9,813	5,015	137,608

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes £7,000 paid abroad. (d) Includes £1,000 paid abroad. (e) Includes payments to migrants. (f) Includes allowances and reimbursements to States. (g) Includes £65,000 administration. (h) Includes £20,000 administration.

§ 2. Age and Invalid Pensions, § 3. Maternity Allowances, § 4. Child Endowment, and § 5. Widows' Pensions.

General, pp. 310–17.—The following table gives a summary of age and invalid and widows' pensions, maternity allowances and child endowment for the year 1951–52 :—

SOCIAL SERVICES : SUMMARY, 1951–52.

(Number.)

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W.Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Age and Invalid Pensions—							
Age Pensions in force	No. 145,057	87,845	50,718	31,931	24,782	11,716	352,049
Invalid Pensions in force	.. 32,396	13,973	10,571	4,297	3,964	2,762	67,963
Maternity Allowances—							
Claims paid	No. 72,688	52,144	30,737	17,380	15,074	7,626	c 195,722
Child Endowment—							
Family claims in force	No. 476,684	317,591	173,179	109,284	85,971	42,424	d 1,205,421
Endowed children	.. 971,586	642,693	378,559	222,127	183,257	94,430	d 2,493,246
Widows' Pensions—							
Pensions in force	No. 16,486	10,222	6,770	3,246	2,676	1,358	40,758
Children for whom pensions paid,,	.. 7,533	3,696	3,091	1,292	1,116	696	17,424

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes 73 claims paid abroad. (d) Includes 288 claims and 594 children abroad.

The rates which operated from 2nd October, 1952 are as follows:—Age and Invalid Pensions, £3 7s. 6d. per week; wife of Invalid Pensioner, £1 15s. per week; Widows' Pensions—"A" Class, £3 12s. 6d. per week, "B" Class, £2 15s. per week, "C" Class, £2 15s. per week and "D" Class, £2 15s. per week.

§. 6. Unemployment and Sickness Benefits.

Statistics, pp. 318-20.—The following table shows the number of persons in each State admitted to benefit during the year, and on benefit at the end of the year, 1951-52:—

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS: PERSONS ADMITTED TO AND ON BENEFIT, 1951-52.

State.	Unemployment.		Sickness.		Special.(a)		Total.(a)		
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
N.S. Wales(b) ..	7,680	3,258	14,904	4,648	710	342	23,294	8,248	31,542
Victoria ..	2,628	573	9,151	2,687	415	347	12,194	3,607	15,801
Queensland ..	9,973	2,169	6,915	1,485	423	97	17,311	3,751	21,062
Sth. Australia(c)	227	83	3,986	923	202	49	4,415	1,060	5,475
W. Australia ..	591	132	3,540	863	89	26	4,220	1,021	5,241
Tasmania ..	152	20	1,631	305	51	35	1,834	360	2,194
Total ..	21,251	6,235	40,127	10,916	1,890	896	63,268	18,047	81,315

NUMBER ADMITTED TO BENEFIT, 1951-52.

N.S. Wales(b) ..	7,680	3,258	14,904	4,648	710	342	23,294	8,248	31,542
Victoria ..	2,628	573	9,151	2,687	415	347	12,194	3,607	15,801
Queensland ..	9,973	2,169	6,915	1,485	423	97	17,311	3,751	21,062
Sth. Australia(c)	227	83	3,986	923	202	49	4,415	1,060	5,475
W. Australia ..	591	132	3,540	863	89	26	4,220	1,021	5,241
Tasmania ..	152	20	1,631	305	51	35	1,834	360	2,194
Total ..	21,251	6,235	40,127	10,916	1,890	896	63,268	18,047	81,315

NUMBER ON BENEFIT, 30TH JUNE, 1952.

N.S. Wales(b) ..	3,376	1,237	1,913	620	169	320	5,458	2,177	7,635
Victoria ..	875	258	1,207	371	75	220	2,157	849	3,006
Queensland ..	1,450	605	721	193	47	141	2,218	939	3,157
Sth. Australia(c)	103	50	538	153	27	33	668	236	904
W. Australia ..	211	25	354	97	13	42	578	164	742
Tasmania ..	93	11	175	36	8	53	276	100	376
Total ..	6,108	2,186	4,908	1,470	339	809	11,355	4,465	15,820

(a) Excludes benefits granted to migrants. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Includes Northern Territory.

The Unemployment and Sickness Benefit rates were increased from and including the benefit week ended 27th September, 1952, and are as follows:—Adult or Married Person, £2 10s. per week; Dependent Spouse, £2 per week; Juveniles 16-17 years, £1 10s. per week; Juveniles 18-20 years, £2 per week; First child under 16 years, 5s. per week; Claimant's Housekeeper, £2 per week. For sickness benefit purposes the exemption of friendly society payments was increased to £2 per week.

CHAPTER XI.—LABOUR, WAGES AND PRICES.

A. RETAIL PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

§ 7. Tabular Statements of Retail Price Index-Numbers.

All Items ("C" Series) Retail Price Index, p. 387.—The following table shows the "C" Series index-numbers for the March to December quarters, 1952 for each capital city and for the six capital cities combined, showing separate series for each of the four main groups of items:—

ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS (a) : CAPITAL CITIES

(Base of each Group : Weighted average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Period.	Sydney.	Mel- bourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals. (b)
GROUP I.—FOOD AND GROCERIES.							
Mar. Qtr., 1952 ..	2,526	2,366	2,290	2,267	2,242	2,344	2,404
June " " ..	2,727	2,539	2,334	2,439	2,308	2,445	2,567
Sept. " " ..	2,705	2,584	2,367	2,480	2,448	2,564	2,592
Dec. " " ..	2,657	2,547	2,321	2,334	2,439	2,593	2,542
GROUP II.—HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES).(c)							
Mar. Qtr., 1952 ..	1,059	983	951	968	1,176	1,067	1,023
June " " ..	1,089	984	952	1,017	1,185	1,075	1,041
Sept. " " ..	1,137	984	963	1,104	1,189	1,080	1,070
Dec. " " ..	1,188	985	967	1,132	1,190	1,092	1,094
GROUPS I. AND II.—FOOD, GROCERIES AND HOUSING ("B" SERIES INDEX).							
Mar. Qtr., 1952 ..	1,948	1,821	1,763	1,755	1,821	1,841	1,860
June " " ..	2,082	1,927	1,789	1,879	1,865	1,906	1,966
Sept. " " ..	2,088	1,954	1,814	1,937	1,951	1,979	1,992
Dec. " " ..	2,078	1,932	1,788	1,860	1,946	2,002	1,971
GROUP III.—CLOTHING.							
Mar. Qtr., 1952 ..	3,025	2,957	2,923	3,015	3,027	2,995	2,992
June " " ..	3,098	3,112	3,002	3,115	3,152	3,090	3,099
Sept. " " ..	3,175	3,109	3,049	3,131	3,141	3,130	3,115
Dec. " " ..	3,214	3,162	3,088	3,171	3,172	3,142	3,177
GROUP IV.—MISCELLANEOUS.							
Mar. Qtr., 1952 ..	1,877	1,786	1,726	1,886	1,813	1,786	1,828
June " " ..	1,997	1,900	1,856	2,010	1,946	1,894	1,949
Sept. " " ..	2,020	2,033	1,883	2,103	1,997	1,998	2,018
Dec. " " ..	2,024	2,076	1,897	2,100	2,023	2,003	2,035
GROUPS I. TO IV.—ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES INDEX).							
Mar. Qtr., 1952 ..	2,167	2,059	2,006	2,052	2,080	2,080	2,098
June " " ..	2,284	2,177	2,064	2,170	2,158	2,159	2,206
Sept. " " ..	2,298	2,218	2,094	2,225	2,216	2,231	2,238
Dec. " " ..	2,312	2,224	2,089	2,188	2,225	2,248	2,243

(a) The index-numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of food and groceries, housing, etc., since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000. (b) Weighted average. (c) The rent index-numbers measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. See footnote (b) on page 383.

B. WHOLESALE PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

§ 2. Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index.

Index-numbers, p. 396.—Index-numbers for each group of commodities and for all groups combined for the index of wholesale prices of basic materials and foodstuffs are shown below for the year 1951-52 :—

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base of each Group : Average of three years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.						Total.	Food-stuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.			Goods principally Imported.	Goods principally Home Produced.	Total All Groups.
1951-52—											
July ..	288	209	490	300	301	314	283	283	271	289	283
August ..	308	209	604	301	351	316	299	292	274	304	295
September ..	314	212	566	305	348	320	301	282	276	297	291
October ..	320	213	698	305	347	344	315	266	282	291	288
November ..	341	223	633	307	323	362	324	261	289	290	290
December ..	344	223	616	313	271	364	322	270	286	298	294
January ..	346	223	605	313	270	365	323	266	286	294	292
February ..	363	223	560	317	264	394	332	280	295	307	304
March ..	366	223	504	327	261	394	330	289	295	313	308
April ..	370	223	517	327	262	395	332	294	296	318	312
May ..	379	230	559	327	278	433	347	294	301	325	318
June ..	379	230	570	331	296	433	349	298	301	330	321
Year 1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	281	288	305	300

§ 3. Melbourne Wholesale Price Index.

Index-numbers, p. 398.—The following are the index-numbers for each group, and for all groups combined, of these commodities included in the series for the year 1951 :—

Index-numbers—Melbourne Wholesale Prices (Base of each Group : Year 1911 = 1,000), Year 1951 : Metals and Coal, 5,080 ; Wool, Cotton, Leather, etc., 7,943 ; Agricultural Produce, etc., 4,512 ; Dairy Produce, 2,930 ; Groceries, 2,850 ; Meat, 6,438 ; Building Materials, 7,074 ; Chemicals, 3,294 ; All Groups, 5,098.

D. WAGES.

The Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Tribunal.

Under placitum (xxxv) of section 51 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution, the Commonwealth Parliament is empowered to make laws with respect to "conciliation and arbitration for the prevention and settlement of industrial disputes extending beyond the limits of any one State". The Parliament has made such a law, viz., the Conciliation and Arbitration Act.

This Act defines "an industrial dispute" as a "dispute (including a threatened, impending or probable dispute) as to industrial matters, which extends beyond the limits of any one State and a situation which is likely to give rise to a dispute as to industrial matters which so extends". Such disputes are dealt with, in part, by a Court constituted under the Act, and otherwise by Conciliation Commissioners appointed under the Act. At the present time, the Court comprises a Chief Judge and six other Judges, whilst there is a Chief Conciliation Commissioner and fifteen other Conciliation Commissioners.

The Court deals with industrial disputes insofar as they concern the standard hours of work in an industry, the basic wage for both adult males and adult females and questions relating to long service leave with pay, but all other matters in dispute are dealt with by a Conciliation Commissioner. There is, however, provision for a Conciliation Commissioner to refer any dispute or any part of a dispute to the Court for determination, but a Conciliation Commissioner is only entitled to so refer a matter if he is of the opinion, and if the Chief Judge concurs in that opinion, that the matter is one of such importance that, in the public interest, it should be dealt with by the Court.

In addition to the functions outlined above, the Act empowers the Court to make orders concerning the interpretation, and relating to the enforcement, of orders and awards. The Act also makes provision for the registration of associations of employees and employers, and certain powers in connexion therewith are, by the Act, given to the Court.

Although, in certain circumstances, there is a right of approach to the High Court with respect to decisions of the Court, the circumstances are very limited, and, for practical purposes, it can be said that decisions given by the Court are final. Decisions given by a Conciliation Commissioner, however, may be made the subject of appeal to the Court (i.e., the Arbitration Court) provided the party desiring to appeal can satisfy the Chief Judge, by way of application for leave to appeal, that the order or award the subject of the application deals with a matter of such importance that leave to appeal should, in the public interest, be granted.

Whilst many of the minor powers of the Court may be exercised by a Court constituted by one Judge, in all major matters, e.g., questions relating to the basic wage, standard hours of work, long service leave, applications concerning registered organizations and also appeals from orders or awards made by Conciliation Commissioners, the Court must be constituted by at least three Judges one of whom may be the Chief Judge. In the 1952 Basic Wage and Standard Hours Inquiry, six Judges sat together to hear the matter.

Prior to 1947, there was no division of work as between the Court and Conciliation Commissioners, a dispute being dealt with by either one or other part of the Tribunal, with the exception that questions relating to the basic wage and standard hours could only be dealt with by at least three Judges of the Court sitting together. There was also, at that time, a right of appeal to the Court against a decision of a Conciliation Commissioner. The amending Act of 1947 brought about the division of work between the two parts of the Tribunal, and, at the same time, made decisions of Conciliation Commissioners final. However, a further amending Act passed in 1952 altered the position regarding finality of decisions of Conciliation Commissioners, and provided a right of appeal, in the circumstances set out above, to the Court against any such decision.

§ 2. Rates of Wage and Hours of Labour.

Weekly Rates of Wage, pp. 400 and 404.—The following table shows for each State and Australia the weighted average nominal weekly rates of wage payable, and the index-numbers based thereon, for adult males and for adult females at 31st December, 1951, 30th June, 1952 and 30th September, 1952.

WAGE RATES OF ADULT MALES AND FEMALES.

(WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK AND INDEX-NUMBERS OF WAGE RATES.)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
31st December, 1951	255 0	245 5	240 10	241 8	251 4	247 3	248 7
30th June, 1952 ..	270 5	258 2	262 5	256 6	269 2	261 3	264 3
30th September, 1952	281 8	269 11	263 9	268 7	277 9	268 8	273 11
ADULT MALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(Base : Weighted Average Wage for Australia (518. 3d.), 1911 = 1,000.)							
31st December, 1951	4,975	4,789	4,699	4,715	4,904	4,825	4,850
30th June, 1952 ..	5,277	5,037	5,121	5,005	5,253	5,097	5,156
30th September, 1952	5,496	5,267	5,147	5,241	5,419	5,242	5,345
ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
31st December, 1951	171 1	172 10	161 7	171 4	163 2	168 7	170 4
30th June, 1952 ..	183 1	184 3	175 11	183 4	175 5	179 10	182 4
30th September, 1952	191 10	193 2	181 10	192 5	182 5	186 8	190 9
ADULT FEMALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(Base : Weighted Average for Australia (278. 2d.), 30th April, 1914 = 1,000.)							
31st December, 1951	6,296	6,362	5,948	6,305	6,007	6,204	6,268
30th June, 1952 ..	6,738	6,783	6,474	6,748	6,457	6,618	6,712
30th September, 1952	7,061	7,108	6,691	7,082	6,714	6,872	7,020

(a) Weighted average for Australia.

§ 3. Basic Wages in Australia.

Commonwealth Basic Wage Rates, p. 417.—The basic weekly wage rates for adult males for each capital city and the six capitals, operative during 1952 and to February, 1953, were as follows :—

BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES (a), CAPITAL CITIES, PRESCRIBED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION FOR ADULT MALES.

Date Operative.(b)	Sydney.	Mel- bourne.	Bris- bane.	Ade- laide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
1952—							
February	216 0	209 0	199 0	205 0	205 0	208 0	210 0
May	223 0	212 0	207 0	211 0	214 0	214 0	216 0
August	235 0	224 0	213 0	224 0	222 0	222 0	227 0
November	237 0	228 0	216 0	229 0	228 0	230 0	231 0
1953—							
February	238 0	229 0	215 0	225 0	229 0	232 0	231 0

(a) Rates include "prosperity loadings" where applicable.

(b) Generally from the beginning of the first pay period commencing in the month indicated.

State Basic Wage Rates, p. 424.—The table below shows the "basic" weekly wage rates of State industrial tribunals, operative in August and November, 1952.

STATE BASIC WAGE—WEEKLY RATES.

State.	August, 1952.			November, 1952.		
	Date of Operation.	Males.	Females.	Date of Operation.	Males.	Females.
		s. d.	s. d.		s. d.	s. d.
New South Wales—						
Metropolitan and Country, excluding Broken Hill ..	(a)	235 0	176 0	(a)	237 0	177 0
Broken Hill	(a)	243 0	182 0	(a)	246 0	184 6
Victoria(b)	(a)	224 0	168 0	(a)	228 0	171 0
Queensland—						
Southern Division (Eastern District)—including Brisbane(c)						
South Australia	28.7.52	213 0	142 6	3.11.52	216 0	144 0
Western Australia—	(a)	224 0	168 0	(a)	229 0	171 0
Metropolitan area	28.7.52	232 3	151 0	27.10.52	238 6	155 0
South-West Land Division ..	28.7.52	232 5	151 1	27.10.52	239 2	155 6
Goldfields and other areas ..	28.7.52	238 0	154 8	27.10.52	244 2	158 9
Tasmania(b)	(a)	222 0	166 6	(a)	230 0	172 6

(a) Operative from beginning of first pay period commencing in month shown. (b) None declared but rates (Capital City) shown are those of Commonwealth Court which are followed to a large extent. (c) Allowances added for other areas:—Males—Southern Division (Western District), 7s. 4d.; Mackay Division, 5s. 6d.; Northern Division (Eastern District), 10s.; Northern Division (Western District), 17s. 4d.; Females—Half of these allowances.

Average Weekly Total Wages paid and Average Earnings.—The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax Returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of the total employment for Australia) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. The figures relate to civilian wages and salaries only, pay and allowances of members of the armed forces being excluded. Quarterly figures, also, are published in the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics* and in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*, which contains, in addition, an index of average weekly wage earnings, seasonally adjusted.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

Year.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.(b)	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID.							
(£'000.)							
1945-46	4,966	3,378	1,563	947	689	344	11,887
1946-47	5,838	3,958	1,770	1,150	827	409	13,952
1947-48	6,976	4,719	2,069	1,369	954	492	16,579
1948-49	8,133	5,540	2,503	1,644	1,120	580	19,520
1949-50	9,018	6,370	2,838	1,894	1,315	672	22,107
1950-51	11,385	7,916	3,501	2,389	1,639	817	27,647
1951-52	14,364	9,816	4,349	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT.(c)							
(£.)							
1945-46	6.57	6.59	5.95	5.89	6.04	5.67	6.37
1946-47	6.81	6.86	6.00	6.19	6.18	5.94	6.59
1947-48	7.73	7.80	6.58	7.02	6.87	6.72	7.44
1948-49	8.73	8.84	7.63	8.03	7.75	7.56	8.44
1949-50	9.50	9.78	8.34	8.83	8.65	8.49	9.26
1950-51	11.46	11.70	9.82	10.58	10.23	9.99	11.09
1951-52	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State, and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

E. EMPLOYMENT.

§ 1. Employment.

Wage and Salary Earners in Employment, pp. 429-30.—The following are particulars of wage and salary earners in civilian employment, excluding rural wage earners, females in domestic work in private homes, persons on the paid strength of the Defence Forces and National Service trainees in camp, for the month of June, 1952 :—

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT, JUNE, 1952.

(Excluding Rural Wage Earners, Female Domestics in Private Homes, Persons on Paid Strength of Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp.)

('000.)

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.(a)
Males	754.4	524.4	258.1	171.5	126.0	61.0	1,908.1
Females	270.5	206.6	83.8	54.9	40.5	19.8	679.4
Persons	1,024.9	731.0	341.9	226.4	166.5	80.8	2,587.5

Particulars.	Governmental.(b)	Private Employers.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.
Males	577.4	1,330.7	58.8	661.6	299.9	124.8	191.2
Females	115.2	564.2	0.9	199.2	39.5	112.6	72.9
Persons	692.6	1,894.9	59.7	860.8	339.4	237.4	264.1

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (b) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) Subject to revision.

§ 2. Unemployment.

Unemployment of Members of Trade Unions, pp. 432-3.—The following particulars relate to unemployment of members of trade unions during the year 1951 and the June quarter of 1952, respectively :—Australia : Unions reporting, 374, 373 ; Membership, 860,525, 857,126 ; Unemployed—Number, 5,776, 19,023 ; Percentage, 0.7, 2.2. States : Percentage Unemployed—New South Wales, 0.8, 2.8 ; Victoria, 0.6, 1.6 ; Queensland, 0.4, 1.8 ; South Australia, 0.8, 2.0 ; Western Australia, 0.7, 1.6 ; Tasmania, 0.9, 3.4.

§ 4. Industrial Disputes.

Summary of Disputes (involving Stoppage of Work), p. 440.—The following table shows particulars of industrial disputes in each State during 1951 :—

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : SUMMARY, 1951.

State.	Number.	Establishments Involved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.	Estimated Loss in Wages.
			Directly.	Indirectly. (a)	Total.		
New South Wales..	1,052	5,414	279,823	23,738	303,561	682,418	£ 1,803,947
Victoria ..	41	220	27,219	..	27,219	42,210	104,038
Queensland(b) ..	191	751	51,685	4,412	56,097	96,307	218,454
South Australia ..	27	188	12,713	21	12,734	34,057	88,286
Western Australia..	10	40	4,179	..	4,179	5,101	12,394
Tasmania(b) ..	21	56	4,644	..	4,644	10,401	23,949
Northern Territory	1	1	48	..	48	60	120
Aust. Cap. Territory	1	6	110	..	110	2,420	4,840
Australia(b) ..	1,344	6,676	380,421	28,171	408,592	872,974	2,256,028

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute.

(b) Includes disputes uncompleted at end of 1950.

CHAPTER XII.—TRADE.

NOTE.—All figures in the following sections are subject to revision. Values are expressed in £A. f.o.b.

§ 5. Oversea Trade.

Summary of Movements, pp. 475-7.—The following is a summary of the total overseas trade movements of Australia during the year 1951-52 :—Merchandise—Exports, £665,240,000, Imports, £1,049,751,000, Commodity balance, —£384,511,000; Bullion and Specie—Exports, £9,768,000, Imports, £3,672,000, Balance, £6,096,000; Total balance, —£378,415,000.

§ 6. Direction of Oversea Trade.

Imports according to Country of Origin and Exports according to Country of Destination, pp. 478 and 480.—The following table shows particulars of the values of total imports and total exports of Australia, including bullion and specie, according to countries of origin or of destination, for the year 1951-52.

TOTAL OVERSEA TRADE, AUSTRALIA : COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN OR OF
DESTINATION, 1951-52.

(£'000.)

Country of Origin or of Destination.	Imports.	Exports.
Australia (Re-imported)	2,180	..
United Kingdom	465,705	208,159
Australian Territories—		
New Guinea	4,332	5,489
Papua	1,327	3,754
Borneo (British)	6,903	904
Canada	23,559	9,177
Ceylon	11,173	10,630
Cyprus	89	2,325
East Africa—Tanganyika Territory	2,786	64
Hong Kong	2,255	3,800
India	47,819	16,911
Ireland, Republic of	353	2,426
Malaya, Federation of	18,633	8,532
New Zealand	7,410	37,321
Pacific Islands—Fiji	802	3,156
Singapore	8,764	11,810
Union of South Africa	4,418	3,528
West Africa—Gold Coast	3,056	402
Other British Countries	11,451	14,958
Total British Countries	623,015	343,346
Arabia—		
Saudi Arabia and Yemen	6,579	737
Bahrein Islands	13,067	289
Austria	6,538	458
Belgium	27,528	24,940
Belgian Dependencies—Belgian Congo	4,168	13
Brazil	7,365	1,258
China	3,082	283
Czechoslovakia	6,513	1,280
Egypt	2,158	8,976
Finland	8,929	705
France	22,390	57,875
Germany, Western Zones	32,718	20,389
Indonesia, Republic of	25,530	3,967
Italy	27,712	37,998
Japan	43,582	48,514
Netherlands	14,975	11,353
Netherlands Dependencies—Netherlands Antilles	3,889	99
Norway	11,650	200
Persia	2,292	439
Poland	857	5,008
Spain	2,857	845
Sweden	27,537	6,086
Switzerland	7,000	4,324
Turkey	115	2,787
United States of America	109,141	77,215
Yugoslavia	573	2,719
Other Foreign Countries	11,663	12,905
Total Foreign Countries	430,408	331,662
Total All Countries	1,053,423	675,008

§ 9. Classified Summary of Australian Oversea Trade.

Imports and Exports in Statistical Classes, pp. 490-3.—The following table shows the values of total imports and total exports in statistical classes for the year 1951-52 :—

TOTAL OVERSEA TRADE, AUSTRALIA : CLASSES, 1951-52.

(£'000.)

Class.	Imports.	Exports.
I. Foodstuffs of Animal Origin	6,724	60,745
II. Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin, Non-alcoholic Beverages	24,978	149,103
III. Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	2,355	1,395
IV. Tobacco, etc.	18,826	344
V. Live Animals	616	774
VI. Animal Substances, not Foodstuffs	4,817	342,162
VII. Vegetable Substances and Fibres; Cork and Manu- tures; Plastic Moulding Materials and Synthetic Fibres	30,269	1,760
VIII. Manufactured Fibres, Textiles and Apparel—		
(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres	47,197	1,373
(b) Textiles	136,249	1,947
(c) Apparel	20,123	657
IX. Oils, Fats and Waxes	87,469	4,283
X. Pigments, Paints and Varnishes	3,953	1,072
XI. Rocks, Minerals and Hydrocarbons	5,650	21,463
XII. Metals, Metal Manufactures and Machinery—		
(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures	231,801	42,063
(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery, Appliances and Equipment	34,947	1,764
(c) Machines and Machinery	126,163	8,390
XIII. Rubber and Leather and Manufactures thereof—		
(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures	33,976	454
(b) Leather and Leather Manufactures	1,108	1,621
XIV. Wood and Wicker	28,029	2,367
XV. Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass and Stoneware ..	19,667	1,111
XVI. Paper and Stationery—		
(a) Pulp, Paper and Board	60,194	460
(b) Paper Manufactures and Stationery	8,564	1,659
XVII. Sporting Materials, Toys, Fancy Goods, Jewellery and Timepieces	9,281	752
XVIII. Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments and Appli- ances and Photographic Goods, n.e.i.	10,416	1,735
XIX. Drugs, Fertilizers and Chemicals	28,999	5,677
XX. Miscellaneous	67,380	10,109
XXI. Gold and Silver; Bronze Specie	3,672	9,768
Total	1,053,423	675,008

The following table shows the total quantities of some of the principal commodities exported from Australia during 1951-52 :—

TOTAL OVERSEA TRADE, AUSTRALIA : PRINCIPAL EXPORTS, 1951-52.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Quantity.	Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Quantity.
Butter	'000 lb.	22,898	Fruits preserved in Liquid	'000 lb.	110,461
Cheese	"	42,787	Wheat	'000 tons(a)	1,685
Milk and Cream ..	"	99,718	Barley	"	269
Eggs—			Oats	"	232
In shell	'000 doz.	13,832	Flour (Wheaten)	"	704
Not in shell ..	'000 lb.	11,016	Sugar (Cane)	"	167
Meats preserved by Cold Process—			Sheep and Lamb Skins	No. '000	12,065
Beef and Veal ..	"	95,876	Wool—		
Lamb	"	25,246	Greasy	'000 lb.	823,963
Mutton	"	5,907	Scoured, etc. ..	"	97,768
Pork	"	3,898	Silver, Silver-lead, Lead and Zinc		
Meats preserved in Tins, etc.	"	121,864	Ores and Concentrates	'000 tons(a)	234
Currants	"	11,208	Pig lead	"	107
Raisins	"	73,178			
Apples	'000 bus.	3,263			
Citrus Fruit	"	432			

(a) Ton = 2,240 lb.

§ 13. Australian Index of Export Prices.

Monthly Index (Fixed Weights), p. 502.—The following are the export price indexes for the year 1951-52 :—

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES : AUSTRALIA.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.

INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES, GROUPS OF COMMODITIES AND ALL GROUPS (COMBINED).

(Base of each section : Average of three years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	But-ter.	Metals (a)	Meats (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.	
											Ex-cluding Gold.	In-cluding Gold.
1951-52—												
July	(e)717	449	291	842	237	426	303	354	616	176	572	544
August	551	452	291	842	237	426	303	354	521	176	490	466
September ..	498	445	291	862	237	426	303	354	541	176	465	445
October	686	416	291	869	271	426	303	483	575	176	556	529
November ..	603	416	291	835	271	426	303	483	566	176	512	489
December ..	581	416	291	860	271	426	303	483	(f)189		503	481
January	566	416	291	825	271	501	303	483	531	193	495	474
February ..	520	416	291	827	271	501	303	483	451	196	472	453
March	460	416	291	817	273	501	300	483	378	193	442	424
April	475	416	291	799	273	501	300	483	398	187	448	430
May	543	416	291	711	273	501	300	483	346	184	474	454
June	566	416	291	641	273	501	300	483	343	186	480	460
Year 1951-52	564	424	291	811	263	464	302	451	486	184	492	471

(a) Non-ferrous—silver, copper, tin, lead, zinc. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. (c) Sultanas, exias, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Nominal. (f) The price used in the index since 14th December, 1951 is the price of Australian gold on overseas premium markets.

§ 17. The Australian Balance of Payments.

NOTE.—Further details of the summarized estimates presented here will be found in *The Australian Balance of Payments, 1947-48 to 1951-52* obtainable from the Commonwealth Statistician.

Balance of Payments on Current and Capital Account, pp. 509-11.—The following table shows in summary form revised estimates for 1950-51 and preliminary estimates for 1951-52 :—

AUSTRALIA : BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, SUMMARY.

(£A. million.)

	1950-51.	1951-52. (Preliminary).
CURRENT ACCOUNT.		
(Credit items +, Debit items -)		
Exports f.o.b.	+ 975.3	+ 666.7
Imports f.o.b.	- 741.9	- 1,050.4
Trade Balance	+ 233.4	- 383.7
Invisible Credits	+ 86.7	+ 93.3
Invisible Debits	- 225.9	- 285.6
Invisible Balance	- 139.2	- 192.3
Balance on Current Account	+ 94.2	- 576.0
CAPITAL ACCOUNT.		
(Plus sign (+) indicates net increases in assets or net decreases in liabilities and minus sign (-) indicates net decreases in assets or net increases in liabilities)		
International Reserves	+ 192.9	(a)- 464.0
Public Authority Debt Domiciled Overseas	+ 19.4	+ 2.3
Net transactions with International Monetary Fund and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	- 4.0	- 25.0
Net Investment in Joint Organization (Wool)	- 1.8	+ 0.9
Miscellaneous Official Transactions	+ 1.0	+ 1.6
Undistributed Income accruing to Oversea Companies	- 30.0	- 25.0
Private Capital Movements and Balancing items	- 83.3	- 66.8
Balance on Capital Account	+ 94.2	- 576.0

(a) Excludes movements due to adjustments of an accounting nature during 1951-52 which were not due to balance of payments transactions.

Balance of Payments on Current Account—Various Countries, p. 512.—Summarized estimates of Australia's regional balance of payments in 1950-51 and 1951-52 (preliminary) are given in the following table.

AUSTRALIA: BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ON CURRENT ACCOUNT—MONETARY AREAS.

(Minus sign (—) denotes debit ; other items are credits.)

(£A. million.)

	Gold Production.	Sterling Area.		Dollar Area.			Other Non-Sterling.		Total.
		United Kingdom.	Other.	United States of America.	Canada.	Other.	O.E.E.C.	Other.	
1950-51—									
Exports f.o.b.	..	316.6	108.7	148.8	17.2	4.3	252.7	127.0	975.3
Imports f.o.b.	..	-356.7	-127.5	61.6	-17.0	0.1	-99.9	-79.1	-741.9
Invisibles (net)	12.9	-70.9	-19.9	-27.6	5.1	0.1	-7.3	-21.2	-139.2
Balance on Current Account	12.9	-111.0	-38.7	59.6	-4.9	4.1	145.5	26.7	94.2
		-149.7		58.8			172.2		
1951-52—									
Exports f.o.b.	..	208.4	127.5	77.2	9.2	2.7	165.3	76.4	666.7
Imports f.o.b.	..	-465.6	-148.8	-109.3	-23.5	1.6	-189.2	-112.4	-1050.4
Invisibles (net)	14.0	-79.5	-32.2	43.8	7.3	0.8	-20.3	-22.4	-192.3
Balance on Current Account	14.0	-336.7	-53.5	-75.9	-21.6	0.3	-44.2	-58.4	-576.0
		-390.2		-97.2			-102.6		

Balance of Payments with the Dollar Area, p. 513.—The following table presents revised estimates, for 1949-50 and 1950-51, and preliminary estimates for 1951-52, of Australia's dollar balance of payments:—

AUSTRALIA: BALANCE OF PAYMENTS WITH THE DOLLAR AREA (UNITED STATES DOLLARS).

(Credit Items +, Debit Items —.)

	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.
	United States \$ million.	United States \$ million.	United States \$ million.
CURRENT ACCOUNT.			
Merchandise Trade.			
1. Merchandise exports f.o.b. to United States of America and Canada	+ 137	+ 372	+ 193
2. Merchandise imports f.o.b. from United States of America and Canada	- 173	- 176	- 297
3. Trade balance with United States of America and Canada	- 36	+ 196	- 104
4. Trade balance with other American account countries	+ 5	+ 9	+ 2
5. Trade balance with the Dollar Area	- 31	+ 205	- 102

AUSTRALIA : BALANCE OF PAYMENTS WITH THE DOLLAR AREA
(UNITED STATES DOLLARS)—*continued.*

	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.
	United States \$ million.	United States \$ million.	United States \$ million.
Other Current Transactions.			
6. Freight on imports	-24.3	-22.1	-63.2
7. Insurance on imports	-1.9	-1.7	-3.6
8. Expenditure by Australian travellers	-2.6	-2.8	-2.8
9. Expenses of Australian companies in North America	-4.3	-5.0	-6.7
10. Film remittances	-3.6	-3.9	-6.3
11. Profits and dividends remitted	-8.2	-8.8	-8.8
12. Undistributed income accruing to companies incorporated in dollar area	-13.9	-23.7	-19.2
13. Public authority interest payments	-9.1	-8.5	-8.4
14. Lend-Lease settlement and purchase of United States surpluses			
15. Other miscellaneous debits	-41.1	-42.4	-6.7
16. Miscellaneous credits	+22.2	+18.8	+38.1
17. Invisible balance with the Dollar Area	- 87	- 100	- 88
18. Balance on current account (5+17)	- 118	+ 105	- 190
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.			
19. Increase in debt of public authorities	- 11	- 3	- 3
20. Undistributed income (see item 12)	+ 14	+ 24	+ 19
21. Identified private capital inflow	+ 14	+ 20	+ 9(a)
22. Errors and omissions (mainly capital movements)	+ 53	- 75	
23. Balance on Investment Account	+ 70	- 34	+ 25
24. Dollar Surplus or Deficit (18 + 23)	- 48	+ 71	- 165
DOLLAR FINANCING.			
25. Dollar drawings from I.M.F. and I.B.R.D.	+ 20	+ 9	+ 56
26. Gold sales to United Kingdom	+ 30	+ 21	..
27. Estimated dollar drawings from (+) or contributions to (-) Sterling Area Dollar Pool	+ 2	- 97	+ 131
28. Movement in Australian dollar balances (increase -)	- 4	- 4	- 22
29. Total	+ 48	- 71	+ 165

(a) No estimate is available yet for identified private capital inflow in 1951-52.

CHAPTER XIII.—POPULATION.

§ 3. Growth and Distribution of Population.

Growth of Population, pp. 519-20.—The following table shows the estimated population of each State and Territory as at 31st December, 1951 :—

ESTIMATED POPULATION.
(EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINAES.)

Population—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
At 31st December, 1951—									
Males ..	1,692,368	1,152,772	623,003	363,191	304,866	158,053	9,507	13,942	4,317,702
Females ..	1,666,392	1,138,582	596,602	366,645	286,736	148,961	6,020	11,094	4,221,032
Persons ..	3,358,760	2,291,354	1,219,605	729,836	591,602	307,014	15,527	25,036	8,538,734

§ 4. Mean Population.

Mean Population, p. 527.—Mean populations for the calendar year ended 31st December, 1951 and for the financial years ended 30th June, 1951 and 30th June, 1952 are as follows:—

MEAN POPULATION.

(EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.)

Population.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Mean for year ended—									
Dec., 1951	3,318,800	2,269,025	1,207,235	720,144	581,459	292,939	15,992	24,395	8,429,989
June, 1951	3,274,107	2,236,708	1,192,906	711,007	571,349	287,590	15,540	22,096	8,311,303
June, 1952	3,355,988	2,301,542	1,221,104	729,364	591,158	298,567	16,045	25,699	8,539,467

§ 5. Elements of Increase.

Natural Increase, p. 529, Increase by Net Migration, p. 532 and Total Increase, p. 534.—The following table shows particulars of natural increase, increase by net migration and total increase during the year 1951:—

POPULATION: NATURAL INCREASE, INCREASE BY NET MIGRATION AND TOTAL INCREASE, 1951.

(EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.)

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Nor. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Aust.
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NATURAL INCREASE (EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS).

Persons ..	40,137	27,107	18,547	10,279	9,506	4,790	290	854	111,510
Rate(a) ..	12.09	11.95	15.36	14.27	16.35	16.35	18.13	35.01	13.23

INCREASE BY NET MIGRATION.

Persons ..	40,597	32,991	9,813	7,547	8,425	7,827	105	4,128	111,433
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TOTAL INCREASE.

Persons ..	80,734	60,098	28,360	17,826	17,931	12,617	395	4,982	222,943
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(a) Excess of births over deaths per 1,000 of mean population.

§ 7. General Characteristics.

Age Distribution, p. 543.—Estimates of the distribution of population in five-yearly age groups as at 30th June, 1951 are as follows :—

POPULATION : AGE DISTRIBUTION, AUSTRALIA, 1951.

(EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.)

Age Group (Years).	Estimated, 30th June, 1951.			Age Group (Years).	Estimated, 30th June, 1951.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.		Males.	Females.	Persons.
0-4	475,861	454,537	930,398	60-64	180,907	189,433	370,340
5-9	379,024	363,924	742,948	65-69	130,374	143,206	273,580
10-14	309,709	297,985	607,694	70-74	87,022	104,932	191,954
15-19	283,357	270,266	553,623	75 and over	89,994	120,592	210,586
20-24	331,423	310,674	642,097	Total	4,259,756	4,171,634	8,431,390
25-29	361,401	337,584	698,985	Under 21	1,510,377	1,446,041	2,956,418
30-34	326,477	316,510	642,987	21 and over	2,749,379	2,725,593	5,474,972
35-39	323,437	310,700	634,137	Total	4,259,756	4,171,634	8,431,390
40-44	301,415	280,021	581,436				
45-49	257,456	234,988	492,444				
50-54	228,408	230,369	458,777				
55-59	193,491	205,913	399,404				

§ 9. Oversea Migration.

Classes of Arrivals and Departures, p. 561.—Arrivals and departures during 1951 were :—Permanent new arrivals, 132,542 ; Australian residents returning from abroad, 36,116 ; temporary visitors arriving, 44,982 ; total arrivals, 213,640 ; Australian residents departing permanently, 22,180 ; Australian residents departing temporarily, 34,532 ; temporary visitors departing, 45,495 ; total departures, 102,207.

CHAPTER XIV.—VITAL STATISTICS.

§ 1. Marriages, § 2. Fertility and Reproduction, and § 3. Mortality.

Numbers and Rates, pp. 575-6, 583-4, 597-8 and 604.—The following table shows totals and rates for marriages, births, deaths, and infant deaths for 1951 :—

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, DEATHS AND INFANT DEATHS, 1951.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.	
Marriages	Number	30,341	21,117	10,814	6,646	5,390	2,607	143	240	77,298
	Rate (a)	9.14	9.31	8.96	9.23	9.27	8.90	8.94	9.84	9.17
Births	Number	72,069	50,553	29,652	17,462	14,794	7,357	407	1,003	193,298
	Rate (a)	21.72	22.28	24.56	24.25	25.44	25.11	25.45	41.11	22.93
Deaths	Number	31,932	23,446	11,105	7,184	5,288	2,567	117	149	81,788
	Rate (a)	9.62	10.33	9.20	9.98	9.09	8.76	7.32	6.11	9.78
Infant Deaths	Number	1,895	1,143	761	428	425	196	18	12	4,878
	Rate (b)	26.29	22.61	25.66	24.51	28.73	26.64	44.23	11.96	25.24

(a) Number per 1,000 of mean population.

(b) Number of deaths under 1 year per 1,000 of live births registered.

CHAPTER XVI—PRIVATE FINANCE.**A. CURRENCY.****§ 2. Coinage.**

Issues of Australian Coins, p. 698.—The net issues of Australian coins to 30th June, 1952 were:—silver, £31,679,000; bronze, £2,306,000; total, £33,985,000.

§ 3. Notes.

The Australian Note Issue, p. 702.—The average value of notes in circulation for the year 1951–52 was £295,117,000. This amount was distributed in denominations as follows:—10s., £9,454,000; £1, £69,399,000; £5, £132,432,000; £10, £83,131,000; £20, £7,000; £50, £59,000; £100, £63,000; and £1,000, £572,000. The amount held by the banks was £37,745,000 and by the public, £257,372,000.

B. BANKING.**§ 1. Cheque-Paying Banks.**

Commonwealth Bank, pp. 711–13.—Particulars of the average liabilities and assets of the Central Banking Business and General Banking Division, etc., of the Commonwealth Bank for the year 1951–52 appear below:—

The average liabilities of the Central Banking Business (including Note Issue Department) of the Commonwealth Bank for the year ended June, 1952 amounted to £1,074,938,000. Capital and Reserve Funds amounted to £10,450,000; Notes on Issue to £293,639,000; Special Accounts of Trading Banks to £468,800,000; Other Deposits of Trading Banks to £31,112,000; Other Liabilities to £270,937,000.

Particulars of the average assets are as follows:—Gold and Balances held abroad, £470,644,000; Australian Coin, £2,164,000; Cheques and Bills of Other Banks, £6,321,000; Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills), £503,089,000; Bills Receivable and Remittances in Transit, £85,000; and Other Assets, £92,635,000.

The average liabilities in Australia of the General Banking Division and the Rural Credits, Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments for the year ended June, 1952 were £161,942,000. Of this amount Deposits not Bearing Interest amounted to £98,555,000; Deposits bearing interest to £20,092,000; Balances due to other Banks to £17,428,000; Other Liabilities to £25,867,000.

The average assets in Australia, £179,980,000, included Cash and Cash Balances, £10,754,000; Balances with Other Banks, £1,021,000; Treasury Bills, £26,452,000; Other Australian Public Securities, £13,744,000; Other Securities, £212,000; Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted, £124,629,000; Other Assets, £3,168,000.

Private Trading Banks, p. 713.—Average liabilities in Australia of the Private Trading Banks for the year ended June, 1952 were £1,279,125,000. Interminable Deposits or Deposit Stock amounted to £729,000; Deposits not Bearing Interest to £963,524,000; Deposits Bearing Interest to £238,217,000; Notes in Circulation to £158,800; Balances due to Other Banks to £61,527,000; Other Liabilities to £14,970,000.

Average Assets in Australia amounted to £1,312,248,000. These comprised Cash and Cash Balances, £60,589,000; Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank £465,991,000; Balances with Other Banks, £29,140,000; Treasury Bills, £32,402,000; Other Australian Public Securities, £68,416,000; Other Securities, £1,124,000; Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted, £621,435,000; All Other Assets, £33,151,000.

Classification of Advances within Australia, Commonwealth Bank and Private Trading Banks, p. 717.—Advances within Australia at the end of June, 1952 dissected by industries were :—Business advances—Agriculture, Dairying and Grazing, £148,356,000 ; Manufacturing, £200,931,000 ; Transport, Storage and Communication, £14,229,000 ; Finance and Property, £84,939,000 ; Commerce, £143,341,000 ; Miscellaneous, £41,109,000 ; Not elsewhere specified, £7,310,000 ; Total Business advances, £640,215,000 ; Advances to Public Authorities, £51,565,000 ; Personal advances, £127,845,000 ; total £819,625,000.

Clearing House Returns, p. 720.—The average weekly bank clearings in each capital city for the year ended June, 1952 were as follows :—Sydney, £92,557,000 ; Melbourne, £86,022,000 ; Brisbane, £17,478,000 ; Adelaide, £17,226,000 ; Perth, £11,425,000 ; Hobart, £2,980,000 ; Total, £227,688,000.

Debits to Customers' Accounts, All Cheque-Paying Banks, p. 720.—The average weekly debits to customers' accounts in each State for the year 1951-52 for all cheque-paying banks (excluding debits to accounts of Australian Governments in capital cities) were as follows :—New South Wales, £156,603,000 ; Victoria, £142,358,000 ; Queensland, £41,516,000 ; South Australia, £30,791,000 ; Western Australia, £21,810,000 ; Tasmania, £8,856,000 ; Australian Capital Territory, £471,000 ; Total, £402,405,000.

§ 2. Savings Banks.

All Savings Banks, p. 723.—The amounts on deposit in the several States at 30th June, 1952 were :—New South Wales, £304,532,000 ; Victoria, £300,832,000 ; Queensland, £102,661,000 ; South Australia, £103,726,000 ; Western Australia, £47,171,000 ; Tasmania, £30,119,000 ; Northern Territory, £1,036,000 ; Australian Capital Territory, £1,821,000 ; Total, £891,898,000. Total excess of deposits over withdrawals during 1951-52 was £40,381,000, and interest added was £14,073,000.

The number of operative accounts in the several States at 30th June, 1952 was :—New South Wales, 2,247,000 ; Victoria, 2,038,000 ; Queensland, 817,000 ; South Australia, 702,000 ; Western Australia, 404,000 ; Tasmania, 262,000 ; Northern Territory, 8,000 ; Australian Capital Territory, 16,000 ; Total, 6,494,000.

D. INSURANCE.

§ 2. Life Assurance.

Life Assurance, pp. 738-44.—The following is a summary of the life assurance business transacted in Australia during 1951, compiled from monthly returns collected from the 21 companies registered under the Life Insurance Act 1945-1950, and excluding the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only within their respective States. Particulars shown are therefore not entirely comparable with those in Chapter XVI., which are derived from annual returns and include business of the State Government Offices.

Ordinary Department and Industrial Department, respectively :—New Policies Issued in Australia—Number, 278,524, 267,931 ; Sum assured, £214,557,000, £30,885,000 ; Policies Matured or Otherwise Discontinued in Australia—Number, 105,359, 221,224 ; Sum Assured, £54,006,000, £15,827,000. Particulars of Annuities are excluded.

Premium Receipts in Australia in 1951 amounted to £40,993,000 and £12,865,000, Ordinary and Industrial Departments, respectively. Claims, etc., paid amounted to £16,312,000 and £6,076,000, respectively. Particulars of Annuities are included.

CHAPTER XVII.—PUBLIC FINANCE.

A. COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

Consolidated Revenue Fund, p. 760-774.—The table below shows details of revenue and expenditure for the year 1951-52 :—

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND: REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1951-52.

(£'000.)

Revenue.		Expenditure.	
Item.	Amount.	Item.	Amount.
Taxation—		Defence Services	125,586
Customs	113,936	War and Repatriation Services ..	105,931
Excise	99,981	Subsidies and Bounties	31,341
Sales Tax	95,459	Departmental	(a) 168,952
Land Tax	6,199	National Welfare Fund—	
Income Taxes	537,503	Expenditure on Social Ser-	
Social Services Contribution ..	7,676	vices	137,608
Wool Deduction	5,963	Balance remaining in Fund ..	34,101
Pay-roll Tax	37,170	Business Undertakings—	
Estate Duty	7,778	Postmaster-General's De-	
Entertainments Tax	6,161	partment	64,291
Other Taxes	16,185	Broadcasting Services	4,135
		Railways	4,025
Total	934,011	Total	72,451
Business Undertakings—		Territories	9,746
Postmaster-General's De-		Capital Works and Services—	
partment	59,371	Defence Services	45,113
Broadcasting Services	2,805	Business Undertakings	31,707
Railways	2,779	Other	78,913
Total	64,955	Total	155,733
Territories	1,558	Payments to or for States	160,947
Other Revenue	16,304	Primary Production—Self	
		Balancing Items	14,432
Grand Total	1,016,828	Grand Total	1,016,828

(a) Includes surplus of £98,500,000 appropriated to National Debt Sinking Fund.

C. COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

Revenue and Expenditure, p. 818.—The following table shows particulars of Commonwealth and State revenue and expenditure during the year 1951-52.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1951-52.
(£'000.)

Government of—	Consolidated Revenue Fund.			Loan Fund— Net Expenditure on Works and Services.
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit(—)	
New South Wales	167,095	166,997	+ 98	63,433
Victoria	81,661	84,065	— 2,406	51,573
Queensland	55,753	55,708	+ 45	22,070
South Australia	(a) 37,588	37,499	+ 89	27,795
Western Australia	(a) 33,955	34,547	— 592	17,758
Tasmania	(a) 10,469	10,871	— 402	15,008
Six States	386,521	389,689	— 3,168	197,637
Commonwealth	1,016,828	1,016,828	..	31,662
Grand Total—Unadjusted	1,403,349	1,406,517	— 3,168	229,299
Adjusted	1,260,100	1,263,300	— 3,200	229,299

(a) The revenue for the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania includes the whole of the special grants from the Commonwealth for 1951-52 (including the part of the special grant which related to the difference between the assessed grant for 1949-50 and the special grant received in 1949-50, viz.:—South Australia, £308,000; Western Australia, £88,000; and Tasmania, £126,000).

D. COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

§ 3. Commonwealth and State Public Debt Outstanding.

Public Debt and Annual Interest Payable, pp. 822-3.—The following table shows details of the public debt of the Commonwealth and States and the annual interest payable thereon at 30th June, 1952.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1952.

Particulars.	Maturing in—			Total. £'000.
	Australia. £A'000.	London. £Stg.'000.	New York. £'000.	
DEBT.				
Commonwealth—				
War (1914-18)	148,561	7,534	..	156,095
War (1939-45)	1,479,140	5,775	..	1,484,915
Works and other Purposes	149,236	50,434	28,139	227,809
Total	1,776,937	63,743	28,139	1,868,819
States	1,081,589	290,095	23,992	1,395,676
Grand Total	2,858,526	353,838	52,131	3,264,495
ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE.				
Commonwealth	46,337	2,134	1,219	49,690
States	31,609	9,133	889	41,631
Grand Total	77,946	11,267	2,108	91,321

§ 4. Commonwealth Loan Raisings.

Loans Raised, pp. 834-5.—Particulars of loans raised by the Commonwealth between 1st July, 1951 and 30th June, 1952 are given in the following table.

COMMONWEALTH LOANS RAISED, 1951-52.

Month of Raising.	Where Raised.	Amount Invited.	Amount Subscribed.	Rate of Interest.	Year of Maturity.	Purpose.
		£'000.	£'000.	%		
August, 1951	Australia	40,000	{ 8,911 23,589	2 3½	1954 1962-65	Advances to States for Housing, £3,840,000 State purposes, £28,660,000 Conversion and redemption loan, £26,767,000
November, 1951	Australia	40,000	{ 7,871 32,442	2 3½	1954 1962-65	Advances to States for Housing, £1,470,000 State purposes, £12,076,000 Conversion and redemption loan, £44,467,000
March, 1952	Australia	75,000	{ 39,020 23,210	2 3½	1955 1962-65	Advances to States for Housing, £1,901,000 State purposes, £15,862,000 War (1939-45) and Repatriation Services, £7,135,000
June, 1952	Australia	160,000	160,000	2	1955	Advances to States for Housing, £16,367,000 State purposes, £136,498,000

NOTE.—During 1951-52 \$53,380,000 were drawn against the loan made available by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. All loans in 1951-52 were issued at par.

E. TAXES ON INCOME.

General, p. 840.—The major revisions in Income Tax and Social Services Contribution legislation included in the 1952-53 Budget proposals are set out below.

Taxes on Individuals, p. 840.—For 1952-53 income year an aged person will be exempt from Income Tax and Social Services Contribution if his net income does not exceed £254 or, if he or she contributes to the maintenance of a spouse, £507.

Concessional Deductions, p. 841.—A concessional deduction in respect of education expenses incurred to a maximum of £50 for each student child was introduced for income derived during the year 1952-53.

Rates of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution on Individuals, p. 843.—In the 1952-53 taxation proposals the additional tax and contribution of 10 per cent. imposed on 1951-52 income was removed. The tax payable on 1952-53 income is therefore at the same rates as that payable on 1950-51 income.

Company Income Taxes, p. 846.—For 1952-53 the rate of ordinary Income Tax and Social Services Contribution payable by companies on the first £5,000 of taxable income was reduced by 24d. in £1 and the provision requiring an advance payment of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution, introduced in 1951-52, was removed. The rates of tax payable by companies in 1952-53 (on 1951-52 income) are as follows:—

- (a) Companies (other than life assurance companies)—(i) On the first £5,000 of taxable income—60d. per £1; (ii) On the remainder of taxable income—84d. per £1.
- (b) Life Assurance Companies.—Taxable income of mutual life assurance companies and mutual income of other life assurance companies—(i) On first £5,000 of taxable income—48d. per £1; (ii) On remainder of taxable income—72d. per £1; (iii) On taxable income other than mutual income the rates as for other companies apply.
- (c) In addition, a special levy (payable by companies other than private, co-operative or mutual life assurance companies) of 24d. per £1 on taxable income. On the undistributed income of private companies a flat rate of 10s. in the £1 was imposed in lieu of the graduated rates of the shareholders.

CHAPTER XVIII.—MINERAL INDUSTRY.

§ 1. The Mineral Wealth of Australia.

Quantity and Value of Production, pp. 850-1.—In the table hereunder particulars are given of the quantity and value of production in Australia of the principal minerals during the years 1950 and 1951. It should be noted that, because of revised methods adopted in the collection and presentation of mineral statistics, the data shown below for the years 1950 and 1951 are not strictly comparable with those published for previous years:—

MINERAL PRODUCTION: QUANTITIES AND VALUES, AUSTRALIA.
METALLIC MINERALS.

Year.	Principal Contents of Metallic Minerals Produced.								Total Value of Metallic Minerals. £'000.
	Copper.	Gold.	Iron.	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.	Sulphur. (a)	
	Tons.	Fine oz.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 fine oz.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	
1950..	17,481	869,537	1,417,608	225,367	11,105,544	1,854	198,125	179,243	56,566
1951(b)	18,009	895,536	1,459,179	211,717	10,393,735	1,556	189,703	182,915	75,143

NON-METALLIC AND FUEL MINERALS.

Year.	Quantities Produced.						Total Value of Non-Metallic and Fuel Minerals. (d) £'000.
	Coal.		Gypsum.	Limestone. (c)	Mica.	Salt.	
	Black.	Brown.					
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	Tons.	Tons.	lb.	Tons.	
1950 ..	16,543	7,327	329,721	2,617,041	118,953	272,700	32,984
1951(b) ..	17,608	7,836	371,447	2,524,186	133,548	300,000	44,048

(a) Includes sulphur content of spent oxide roasted. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Excludes limestone used as a construction material. (d) As recorded.

The total value of all minerals produced was £89,550,000 in 1950, and £119,191,000 in 1951.

CHAPTER XIX.—PASTORAL PRODUCTION.

Live-stock, Meat and Wool Produced.—The following table shows, for each State, the numbers of live-stock at 31st March, 1952, and the amounts of meat and wool produced during 1950-51 and 1951-52:—

LIVE-STOCK, MEAT AND WOOL PRODUCED.

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N.Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
HORSES ('000.), p. 904.									
1952 ..	311	169	289	63	53	19	(b) 32	1	937
CATTLE ('000.), p. 910.									
1952 ..	3,621	2,215	6,434	437	852	266	b 1,058	10	14,893
SHEEP ('000.), p. 915.									
1952 ..	53,676	21,537	16,163	11,470	12,188	2,338	(b) 31	243	117,646

LIVE-STOCK, MEAT AND WOOL PRODUCED—*continued.*

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
PIGS ('000.), p. 1036.									
1952 ..	293	214	316	65	86	47	1		1,022
BEEF, INCLUDING VEAL ('000 TONS BONE-IN WEIGHT), p. 912.									
1950-51 ..	193	137	232	36	34	14	4	2	652
1951-52(a)	185	137	179	32	33	14	3	2	585
MUTTON AND LAMB ('000 TONS BONE-IN WEIGHT), p. 917.									
1950-51 ..	92	103	14	34	21	9		1	271
1951-52(a)	92	107	14	31	23	9		1	277
TOTAL MEAT (INCLUDING PIGMEATS) IN TERMS OF FRESH ('000 TONS BONE-IN WEIGHT).									
1950-51 ..	312	258	270	77	62	25	4	3	1,011
1951-52(a)	303	263	213	69	63	26	4	3	944
WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED ('000 lb.), p. 920.									
Season—									
1950-51	492,130	212,894	146,690	114,138	107,341	17,250	235	2,266	1,092,944
1951-52 a	437,837	213,712	132,793	125,162	120,401	20,513	251	1,765	1,052,434

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) For year ended previous December.

(c) Estimated.

CHAPTER XX.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

§ 3. Distribution, Production and Value of Crops.

Principal Crops, pp. 936-9.—The following table shows the area, production and average yield per acre of wheat in each State for 1950-51 and 1951-52:—

WHEAT FOR GRAIN: AREA, PRODUCTION AND AVERAGE YIELD.

Season.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
AREA ('000 ACRES.)								
1950-51 ..	3,329	2,735	559	1,848	3,185	5	2	11,663
1951-52(a) ..	2,753	2,464	454	1,613	3,095	4	1	10,384
PRODUCTION ('000 BUSHELS).								
1950-51 ..	43,273	51,236	8,785	30,936	49,900	95	19	164,244
1951-52(a) ..	39,689	45,995	6,632	27,301	40,000	94	14	159,725
AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE (BUSHELS).								
1950-51 ..	13.00	18.73	15.72	16.74	15.67	17.86	10.10	15.80
1951-52(a) ..	14.42	18.67	14.59	16.92	12.93	26.10	13.97	15.38

(a) Subject to revision.

The area, production and average yield per acre of other principal crops in Australia during 1950-51 and 1951-52 are set out hereunder. Statistics for the latter year are subject to revision.

Area ('000 acres): Oats, 1,757, 2,365; Maize, 169, 170; Hay, 1,377, 1,549; Sugar-cane, 397, 403; Total Crops, 19,917, 19,802.

Production ('000): Oats, 25,128 bush., 34,506 bush.; Maize, 4,729 bush., 4,022 bush.; Hay, 2,063 tons, 2,345 tons; Sugar-cane crushed, 7,052 tons, 5,327 tons; Cane sugar, 921 tons, 745 tons.

Average Yield per Acre: Oats, 14.30 bush., 14.59 bush.; Maize, 27.93 bush., 23.66 bush.; Hay, 1.50 tons, 1.51 tons; Sugar-cane, 25.94 tons, 18.91 tons; Cane Sugar, 3.39 tons, 2.65 tons. (Sugar-cane and Cane sugar yields are per acre of productive crop).

CHAPTER XXI.—FARMYARD, DAIRY AND BEE PRODUCTS.

Principal Farmyard, Dairy and Bee Products.—Particulars of the total production of these products in each State during 1950-51 and 1951-52 are shown below :—

PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL FARMYARD, DAIRY AND BEE PRODUCTS.

Season.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
TOTAL WHOLE MILK PRODUCED ('000 GALS.), p. 1028.								
1950-51	298,159	445,671	278,111	83,545	52,407	41,136	687	1,199,716
1951-52(a)	240,115	453,658	179,575	87,766	49,721	45,275	720	1,056,830
BUTTER(b) (TONS), pp. 1029-1030.								
1950-51	36,130	59,046	47,911	7,769	7,000	6,073	5	163,934
1951-52(a)	25,240	60,814	28,297	8,160	6,724	6,517	5	135,757
CHEESE(b) (TONS), pp. 1030-1.								
1950-51	2,960	22,578	8,678	8,932	751	411	..	44,310
1951-52(a)	1,995	22,086	4,700	10,629	644	398	..	40,452
CONDENSED, CONCENTRATED AND POWDERED MILK, ETC. (TONS), p. 1031.								
1950-51	22,390	64,600	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	..	d 108,128
1951-52(a)	18,477	72,271	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	..	d 107,695
PORK (TONS, BONE-IN WEIGHT), p. 1037.								
1950-51	9,307	7,596	11,751	2,774	2,116	1,499	150	(e) 35,257
1951-52(a)	10,534	8,600	8,701	2,603	2,502	1,952	194	(e) 35,156
BACON AND HAM (TONS, CURED WEIGHT), p. 1038.								
1950-51	12,629	7,905	8,764	3,042	3,558	946	..	36,844
1951-52(a)	10,873	7,721	8,617	3,065	3,561	745	..	34,582
SHELL EGGS : PRODUCTION (f) RECORDED BY EGG BOARDS ('000 DOZ.), p. 1042.								
1950-51	50,465	25,573	10,858	11,663	7,437	1,297	..	107,293
1951-52	50,271	23,492	8,426	10,741	8,077	1,027	..	102,034
HONEY ('000 lb.), p. 1048.								
1950-51	9,994	8,088	1,925	5,803	1,314	315	..	27,439
1951-52(a)	6,814	5,208	706	4,191	3,480	254	..	20,653

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes an estimate of farm production. (c) Not available for publication. (d) Includes States marked (c). (e) Includes Northern Territory, 64 tons in 1950-51 and 70 tons in 1951-52. (f) Receipts from consignors and sales by producer agents.

CHAPTER XXIV.—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

Summary.—The table following gives a summary of the operations in manufacturing industries during 1950-51 :—

FACTORIES : SUMMARY, 1950-51.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1. Factories	No. 17,129	13,504	4,776	3,141	3,111	1,486	43,147
2. Hands employed(a)	406,965	316,792	94,579	83,169	43,761	23,827	969,093
3. Salaries and wages paid(b)	£'000 211,339	163,207	42,837	43,079	19,658	11,737	491,857
4. Value of power, fuel, light, etc. used	£'000 35,381	17,371	6,295	7,267	3,759	1,609	71,682
5. " materials used	£'000 522,422	382,002	134,457	117,547	40,452	32,401	1,235,281
6. " production (c)	£'000 366,109	275,660	75,460	67,542	34,220	24,614	843,605
7. " output of factories	£'000 923,912	675,033	216,212	192,356	84,431	58,624	2,150,568
8. " land and buildings	£'000 130,468	101,326	23,958	23,303	13,380	10,971	303,406
9. " plant and machinery	£'000 136,492	107,261	34,235	26,759	14,713	19,577	339,037

(a) Average over whole year ; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Value of production equals figures in line 7 less totals of figures in lines 4 and 5.

Value of Production in Classes of Industry, p. 1112.—The following table shows, for the year 1950-51, the value of production in Australia for the various classes of factories :—

FACTORIES : VALUE OF PRODUCTION, AUSTRALIA, 1950-51.

(£.)

Class of Industry.	Value of Production.	Class of Industry.	Value of Production.
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products	17,325,010	IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	118,321,813
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, etc.	16,666,705	X. Woodworking and Basketware	44,880,844
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease	52,703,009	XI. Furniture, Bedding, etc.	17,136,578
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements and Conveyances	326,993,082	XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Bookbinding, etc.	54,725,162
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate	4,978,181	XIII. Rubber	13,064,986
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods	54,608,477	XIV. Musical Instruments	1,260,005
VII. Skins and Leather	14,720,850	XV. Miscellaneous Products	15,514,130
VIII. Clothing	71,757,176	XVI. Heat, Light and Power	18,948,800
		Total	843,604,808

Principal Factory Products, pp. 1119-22.—The following table shows the production during 1950-51 and 1951-52 of a selection of the principal commodities manufactured in Australia :—

QUANTITY OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES PRODUCED IN FACTORIES(a) : AUSTRALIA.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	1950-51.	1951-52.	Item.	Unit of Quantity.	1950-51.	1951-52.
Acid, Sulphuric (100%)	'000 tons	640	652	Lacquers	'000 gal.	1,158	1,171
Asbestos Cement Building Sheets	Mill. sq. yds.	21.2	23.3	Malt	'000 bus.	5,774	6,182
Beer	Mill. gal.	171	185	Margarine—			
Biscuits	Mill. lb.	130.1	150.4	Table	Mill. lb.	8.3	15.2
Blankets	'000 pr.	973	652	Other	"	49.7	55.9
Boots, Shoes and Sandals	Mill. pr.	18.6	18.0	Meat, Tinned	"	130.0	146.0
Bricks, Clay	Mill.	687	683	Motors, Electric	'000	522.1	564.7
Cement, Portland	'000 tons	1,235	1,260	Newsprint	'000 tons	31.0	32.6
Cloth, Woollen	Mill. sq. yds.	37.2	29.5	Paints, Oil	'000 gal.	5,634	5,128
Confectionery—				Refrigerators, Domestic	'000	203.2	191.8
Chocolate	Mill. lb.	70.1	62.1	Soap	'000 cwt.	1,359	1,288
Other	"	73.4	76.2	Socks and Stockings—	'000		
Electricity	'000 Mill. kWh.	10.5	11.3	Men's and Boys'	doz. pr.	1,517	1,418
Enamels and Synthetic Finishes	'000 gal.	1,889	2,125	Women's and Girls'	"	1,856	1,830
Engines, Internal Combustion—				Children's	"	675	518
Petrol, Marine (c)	'000	2.3	2.1	Stoves, Cooking—			
Other(d)	"	31.0	30.8	Electric—Domestic	'000	44.8	51.7
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	Mill. sq. yds.	15.2	15.6	Cookers, Stovettes, etc.	"	72.3	(h)
Flour, Wheaten	'000 short tons	1,696	1,687	Gas	"	55.6	51.9
Fruit, Preserved(e)	Mill. lb.	230.3	247.0	Solid Fuel	"	74.5	72.7
Gas(f)	'000 Mill. cub. ft.	37.9	40.2	Sugar, Refined	'000 tons	451	499
Ice Cream	Mill. gal.	17.4	16.7	Sulphate of Ammonia	"	57.9	63.4
Iron and Steel—				Superphosphate	"	1,548	1,597
Pig Iron	'000 tons.	1,313	1,430	Tiles, Roofing—			
Ingot Steel	"	1,444	1,529	Cement	Mill.	50.8	66.1
Jam	"	55.9	49.4	Terra Cotta	"	47.0	49.5
				Timber, Sawn Native	Mill. sup. ft.	1,261	1,410
				Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes	Mill. lb.	31.8	32.2
				Vegetables, preserved(g)	"	76.4	96.8
				Wool, Scoured	"	153	119
				Yarn, Woollen and Worsted	"	46.8	37.0

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes waste beer. (c) Other than Diesel type. (d) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor and aero engines. (e) Includes all types of preserved apples. (f) Made in gas-works only. (g) Includes preserved tomatoes. (h) Not available.

CHAPTER XXV.—ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION.

E. STATISTICAL SUMMARY, 1950-51, pp. 1197-1200.

The following tables present summaries, for the year 1950-51, relating to the numbers and capacity of central electric generating stations, the amount of electricity generated, the number of consumers, and the values of production and output and the numbers of persons employed in the electric supply industry.

CENTRAL ELECTRIC STATIONS, 1950-51.

State.	Number.	Installed Capacity (kW.).							
		According to Ownership.				According to Source of Energy.			
		Government.	Local Authority.	Other.	Total.	Steam.	Hydro.	Internal Combustion.	Total.
New South Wales	90	399,350	431,874	210,815	1,042,039	945,424	32,655	63,960	1,042,039
Victoria	69	576,994	(a)	(a)	642,788	568,200	52,419	22,169	642,788
Queensland	45		129,204	116,572	245,776	208,274	3,966	33,536	245,776
South Australia	34	(a)	33,670	(a)	206,925	195,076		11,849	206,925
Western Australia	113	93,590	(a)	(a)	145,721	102,900		42,821	145,721
Tasmania	3	(a)		(a)	194,480		194,480		194,480
Total	(b) 354	1,399,619	663,099	415,011	2,477,729	2,019,874	283,520	174,335	2,477,729

(a) Not available for publication.

(b) Government, 46; Local Authority, 161; Other, 147.

ELECTRICITY GENERATION AND CONSUMPTION, 1950-51.

State.	Electricity Generated.	Ultimate Consumers.
	Mil. kWh.	No.
New South Wales	4,251	818,000
Victoria	2,876	588,000
Queensland	1,115	243,000
South Australia	713	171,000
Western Australia	470	112,000
Tasmania	1,078	83,000
Total	10,503	2,015,000

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY INDUSTRY, 1950-51.

State.	Value of Production.(a)	Value of Output.	Persons Employed.
	£	£	No.
New South Wales	7,762,553	18,948,721	4,076
Victoria	3,140,519	8,301,206	2,453
Queensland	1,207,388	4,447,849	1,023
South Australia	964,571	3,349,451	1,290
Western Australia	858,885	2,827,501	1,023
Tasmania	588,646	618,686	125
Total	14,522,562	38,493,414	9,990

(a) Value of production is the value added in the process of generation.

CHAPTER XXVIII.—REPATRIATION.

§ 2. War Pensions and § 3. Service Pensions.

Pension Rates, pp. 1262-3 and 1267.—Under Act No. 58 of 1952, rates of war and service pensions were increased. The amended rates, which operated from 2nd October, 1952, are as follows :—

War Pensions.—The general rate of pension for a totally incapacitated member of the Forces ranges, according to member's rank, from £8 to £9 16s. per fortnight. The wife of such a member receives a pension of £3 11s. and each child under 16 years of age £1 7s. 6d. per fortnight. For those who have been totally blinded as the result of war service and those who are permanently totally incapacitated, the attendant's allowance is £3 10s. per fortnight. For a war-blinded member who is also affected with total loss of speech or total deafness, the attendant's allowance is £7 per fortnight. Amounts payable for specified disabilities range from 15s. to £9 10s. per fortnight in addition to the statutory rate of pension. In certain double amputation cases additional allowances of either £3 10s. or £7 per fortnight are payable. The rates for children of deceased members are :—first child, £2 13s. per fortnight ; other children, £1 17s. per fortnight ; where both parents are dead, £4 16s. per fortnight for each child.

Service Pensions.—The rate of pension for a member is £6 15s. per fortnight and the maximum rate for the wife of a member £3 10s. per fortnight. Where a service pension is payable in addition to a war pension and civil pension, the service pension is reduced by the amount by which the total pension payable exceeds—for an unmarried pensioner, £8 15s. per fortnight ; for husband and wife, where both are service pensioners, £16 per fortnight ; and where the spouse is not a service pensioner, £12 10s. per fortnight.

Number of Pensioners and Expenditure, pp. 1265 and 1269.—The following table shows the number of war and service pensions in force at 30th June, 1952, and expenditure for the year 1951-52 :—

WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS : NUMBER AND PAYMENTS, 1951-52.

Particulars.	Place of Payment.							Total.
	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	Tas.	Oversea.	
War Pensions—								
Number—								
1914-18 War ..	48,388	48,014	16,127	10,567	12,487	6,762	3,914	146,259
1939-45 „ ..	137,213	92,252	49,217	42,511	39,584	16,101	1,311	378,189
Total amount paid (c)								
£'000	11,047	9,184	3,777	3,047	2,714	1,561	515	31,845
Service Pensions—								
Number ..	5,881	3,786	2,951	1,667	2,136	655	..	17,076
Amount Paid ..	609	383	325	174	225	62	..	1,778

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
in respect of each war are not available.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Amounts

CHAPTER XXIX.—MISCELLANEOUS.

§ 19. New Building.

Summary, pp. 1292-4.—The following table provides a summary of the new building activity in each State and the Australian Capital Territory during the year ended 30th June, 1952 :—

NEW BUILDINGS : SUMMARY, 1951-52.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
New Buildings—Value								
£'000—								
Commenced	83,460	77,070	27,624	22,606	18,724	11,004	2,559	243,047
Completed	76,028	67,635	25,339	18,203	14,426	10,511	2,723	214,865
Under construction(a)	128,293	100,438	18,747	23,813	22,302	13,770	6,208	313,571
New Houses—Number—								
Commenced	24,364	22,728	12,000	8,510	7,730	3,585	312	79,229
Completed	23,273	23,468	11,803	7,711	6,577	3,999	584	77,415
Under construction(a)	32,884	25,793	5,140	7,395	6,917	3,143	708	81,980
New Flats—Number—								
Commenced	1,055	432	38	60	200	16	10	1,811
Completed	1,225	410	29	..	215	21	100	2,006
Under construction(a)	2,145	917	27	112	167	12	46	3,426
Persons engaged in new building(a)	39,779	31,653	17,037	10,371	8,654	5,267	2,229	114,990

(a) At 30th June, 1952.

NOTE.—For definitions and other explanatory matter regarding data presented, see Chapter XXIX., pp. 1291 and 1293.

The value of new buildings completed during 1951-52 comprised :—Houses, £171,362,000; Flats, £4,297,000; Shops with Dwellings, £1,735,000; Shops without Dwellings, £1,233,000; Hotels, Guest Houses, Boarding Houses, etc., £568,000; Factories, £9,813,000; Other New Buildings, £25,857,000.

The number of new houses completed during 1951-52 comprised :—Brick, brick veneer, concrete and stone, 23,311; Wood (weatherboard, etc.), 32,922; Fibro cement, 19,825; Other, 1,357.

§ 22. Valuation of Australian Production.

Net Value of Production, p. 1301.—The following table shows particulars of the net value of production in each State of the various industry groups during the year 1950-51 :—

NET VALUE OF RECORDED PRODUCTION, 1950-51.

(£'000.)

Industry.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Agriculture(a)	39,600	49,046	30,994	37,592	29,760	8,635	195,627
Pastoral	317,206	158,987	96,375	62,175	61,463	12,582	708,788
Dairying	28,169	29,565	20,239	6,314	2,959	2,106	89,352
Poultry	10,385	9,815	844	2,043	891	636	24,614
Bee-farming	298	270	58	156	36	13	831
Total, Rural(a)	395,658	247,683	148,510	108,280	95,109	23,972	1,019,212
Trapping	2,466	3,193	97	412	250	211	6,629
Forestry	9,472	6,437	5,029	2,656	2,908	2,432	28,934
Fisheries(b)	1,947	700	812	404	812	411	5,086
Mines and Quarries	39,634	2,969	8,559	4,188	8,751	7,049	71,150
Total, Non-rural	53,519	13,299	14,497	7,660	12,721	10,103	111,799
Total, All Primary a	449,177	260,982	163,007	115,940	107,830	34,075	1,131,011
Factories	366,169	275,660	75,460	67,542	34,220	24,614	843,665
Total, All Industries(a)	815,346	536,642	238,467	183,482	142,050	58,689	1,974,676

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Local value.

§ 24. Retail Trade.

Value of Retail Sales, p. 1306.—(i) *States*. The following table shows the total value of goods sold by retail establishments in each State during the year 1951-52 and the quarters ended 31st March to 30th September, 1952.

TOTAL VALUE OF RETAIL SALES : STATES. (£ million.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Total. (a)
1951-52	754.7	540.8	256.1	175.3	141.1	61.8	1,929.8
Quarter ended—							
31st March, 1952	180.7	132.9	61.4	44.0	35.3	15.4	469.7
30th June, 1952	185.3	133.9	62.8	44.3	36.3	15.5	478.1
30th September, 1952	179.5	127.7	62.6	41.0	34.3	14.9	460.0

(a) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory, for which the latest available information is in respect of the year ended 30th June, 1949. In that year retail sales in the Australian Capital Territory were £2.4 million and in the Northern Territory, £2.0 million.

(ii) *Commodity Groups*. In the following table the total value of retail sales for the year 1951-52 and the quarters ended 31st March to 30th September, 1952 are classified according to commodity groups.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES BY COMMODITY GROUPS : AUSTRALIA.(a) (£ million.)

Commodity Group.	Year ended—	Quarter ended—			
	30th June, 1952.	31st March, 1952.	30th June, 1952.	30th September, 1952.	
Groceries	229.7	57.2	60.9	61.9	
Butcher's Meat	113.2	28.7	29.6	30.1	
Other Food	188.5	48.7	47.5	48.7	
Total Foodstuffs	531.4	134.6	138.0	140.7	
Beer, Wine and Spirits	150.8	40.3	37.8	37.9	
Clothing, Drapery, Piecegoods and Footwear	342.7	75.8	89.8	78.0	
Hardware	128.0	30.8	31.2	30.2	
Electrical Goods	66.1	15.3	13.9	13.9	
Furniture	72.3	16.4	16.6	16.4	
Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.	357.5	89.0	83.3	75.8	
Other Goods(b)	281.0	67.5	67.5	67.1	
Total(a)	1,929.8	469.7	478.1	460.0	

(a) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. Cigarettes, etc., newspapers, books and stationery, chemist's goods, etc.

(b) Includes tobacco,