

PART IV.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

MUNICIPALITIES.

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

A statement of the provisions of the laws in force on 16th September, 1929, will be found in the *Year-Book* for 1928-29 on pages 127 to 131, and a summary of the principal provisions of the *Local Government Act 1934* in the *Year-Book* for 1933-34 on pages 127 and 128.

During the year ended 31st December, 1940, the State Parliament passed several Acts affecting local government, and details of their principal provisions are given in Part I. of this *Year-Book*, pages 22 to 38. The numbers and the titles of the principal Acts are as follow :—

- No. 4732.—*Survey Co-ordination Act 1940.*
- No. 4738.—*Local Government (Rates) Act 1940.*
- No. 4757.—*Financial Emergency (Grants and Funds) Act 1940.*
- No. 4791.—*Carriages Act 1940.*
- No. 4792.—*Local Government Act 1940.*
- No. 4794.—*Farmers Protection (Amendment) Act 1940.*
- No. 4796.—*Local Government (Building Regulations) Act 1940.*

Municipalities in Victoria. The total number of municipalities throughout the State at 30th September, 1940, was 197. Of these, 34 ranked as cities, 5 as towns, 20 as boroughs, and 138 as shires. The only unincorporated areas of the State are French Island, in Westernport Bay, containing about 42,000 acres; and Julia Percy Island, off Port Fairy, containing 650 acres.

Properties
rated and
number of
dwellings.

The following is a statement of the number of rate-payers, the number of properties rated, the estimated value of rateable property, the estimated number of dwellings (occupied and unoccupied), and the number of houses built in the municipalities of Victoria for each of the five years 1935-36 to 1939-40.

VICTORIA—PROPERTIES RATED AND NUMBER OF DWELLINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1935-36 TO 1939-40.

Year.	Number of Distinct Rate-payers.	Number of Properties Rated.	Value of Rateable Property.		Estimated Number of Dwellings.		Number of Dwellings erected during the year.
			Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Occupied.	Unoccupied.†	
Municipalities in Greater Melbourne*							
1935-36 ..	327,442	379,245	17,647,459	327,821,850	254,248	1,552	5,399
1936-37 ..	329,978	380,863	18,327,920	341,753,340	259,871	1,280	5,775
1937-38 ..	334,896	382,968	19,028,980	354,026,910	265,936	1,214	6,337
1938-39 ..	334,430	385,029	19,899,043	368,150,780	271,940	1,127	6,089
1939-40 ..	342,037	399,371	20,643,224	380,382,670	278,340	1,239	6,995
Municipalities outside Greater Melbourne—							
1935-36 ..	287,937	411,407	14,397,990	285,701,030	209,695	3,663	2,288
1936-37 ..	291,157	415,394	14,533,036	288,332,210	212,496	3,009	2,431
1937-38 ..	293,860	416,544	14,712,202	293,906,590	215,448	2,625	3,068
1938-39 ..	304,529	424,944	14,955,076	298,414,000	217,423	2,897	3,222
1939-40 ..	302,462	426,532	15,258,855	304,480,630	219,215	3,282	2,533
Total—							
1935-36 ..	615,379	790,652	32,045,449	613,522,880	463,943	5,215	7,687
1936-37 ..	621,135	796,257	32,860,956	630,085,550	472,367	4,289	8,206
1937-38 ..	628,756	799,512	33,741,182	647,933,500	481,384	3,839	9,405
1938-39 ..	638,959	809,973	34,854,119	666,564,780	489,363	4,024	9,311
1939-40 ..	644,499	826,403	35,902,079	684,863,300	497,555	4,521	9,528

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

† The particulars of unoccupied dwellings during intercensal periods are given as furnished annually by municipal authorities.

In 1939-40 the estimated capital improved value of rateable property reached its highest point (£684,863,300). This figure represents an increase of 0.6 per cent. compared with the year 1929-30 when the value had reached its previously recorded highest total.

The following table shows, for each municipality in Victoria, the general rate levied in the £, the estimated value of rateable property, the amount of loans outstanding at 30th September, 1940, the Municipal Fund receipts, and the estimated number of dwellings.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1939-40.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1940.	Municipal Fund Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
MUNICIPALITIES IN GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
Box Hill ..	2 7	264,455	4,667,240	187,369 ^c	53,562	4,538	4
Brighton ..	2 4	662,637	13,252,740	217,294	112,674	9,549	12
Brunswick ..	0 7 a	687,773	10,590,380	197,692	186,113	13,486	49
Camberwell ..	0 4½ a	1,196,300	21,255,380	380,475	161,796	18,436	90
Caulfield ..	0 4½ a	1,099,359	20,111,640	311,019	147,351	19,901	..
Chelsea ..	0 6½ a	96,952	1,588,370	35,443 ^d	30,927	2,736	..
Coburg ..	0 6 a	463,816	7,823,470	371,575	121,786	10,453	10
Collingwood ..	2 2	500,854	10,017,080	85,229	86,311	7,280	..
Essendon ..	0 6 a	676,187	10,970,970	268,992	129,021	12,706	..
Fitzroy ..	2 1	467,061	9,341,220	118,442	73,326	7,065	197
Footscray ..	2 3	661,658	13,233,160	291,738	153,571	12,041	..
Hawthorn ..	2 3	659,324	13,186,480	132,063	91,719	10,171	25
Heidelberg ..	2 6	431,143	8,622,860	247,575	109,310	7,742	14
Kew ..	2 6	451,394	9,027,880	177,812	82,096	6,936	16
Malvern ..	2 4	979,348	19,586,960	247,630	142,463	12,576	10
Melbourne ..	1 11	4,919,283	98,385,660	3,983,000	745,834	20,471	491
Moorabbin ..	2 6	305,749	6,114,980	177,057 ^e	57,850	6,010	10
Mordialloc ..	0 4½ a	148,464	2,783,000	96,409 ^f	37,930	2,931	..
Northcote ..	2 6	485,148	9,702,960	192,032	133,978	10,984	37
Oakleigh ..	0 5½ a	170,854	2,848,160	87,045	38,281	3,350	6
Port Melbourne ..	2 6	216,110	4,322,200	69,876	42,382	3,317	43
Prahran ..	1 9	1,330,054	19,950,810	211,677	156,682	16,015	..
Preston ..	2 6	406,334	8,126,680	369,696	103,424	9,253	60
Richmond ..	2 6	578,379	8,675,680	234,243	115,200	9,659	20
Sandringham ..	0 5 a	304,743	5,245,450	212,768 ^g	58,848	5,875	..
South Melbourne ..	2 6	833,288	16,665,760	231,895	139,701	10,539	46
St. Kilda ..	2 0	1,152,752	14,409,400	308,600	136,748	15,588	92
Williamstown ..	2 3	283,435	5,668,700	141,437	84,456	6,065	7
<i>Shire.</i>							
Braybrook ..	2 0 b	210,370	4,207,400	65,467	44,059	2,667	..
Total Municipalities in Greater Melbourne ..	..	20,643,224	380,382,670	9,651,550	3,577,399	278,340	1,239

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £5,363 due by Shire of Blackburn and Mitcham.

d Excluding £4,208 due to Shire of Dandenong.

e Including £6,623 due by the Cities of Mordialloc and Sandringham; but excluding £3,687 due to the City of Sandringham.

f Excluding £4,830 due to Cities of Moorabbin and Sandringham.

g Including £7,374 due by Cities of Moorabbin and Mordialloc; but excluding £5,480 due to City of Moorabbin.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1939-40—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1940.	Municipal Fund Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
OUTSIDE GREATER MELBOURNE.							
<i>Cities.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	£	£	£		
Ballaarat ..	2 6	422,301	8,446,020	65,055 ^b	136,027	9,858	120
Bendigo ..	2 4	306,657	6,133,140	105,112	93,243	6,966	94
Geelong ..	2 9	310,239	6,204,780	131,877	72,406	4,281	..
Geelong West ..	2 8	143,082	2,873,640	67,271 ^c	30,554	3,740	20
Mildura ..	2 11	128,933	2,578,660	195,450 ^d	43,927	1,819	100
Warrnambool ..	2 2	124,805	2,496,100	58,452	23,068	2,294	12
<i>Towns.</i>							
Ararat ..	2 3	43,520	870,400	123,513	18,668	1,065	30
Hamilton ..	2 1	81,902	1,638,040	13,680	21,057	1,652	6
Horsham ..	2 6	72,956	1,459,120	69,877	24,567	1,492	27
Newtown and Chilwell ..	0 5 ^a	130,071	2,459,980	35,078	20,971	2,339	5
Sale ..	2 6	54,478	959,140	17,222	13,203	1,076	60
<i>Boroughs.</i>							
Castlemaine ..	2 9	50,438	1,008,760	14,838	14,617	1,430	12
Clunes ..	1 9	10,497	209,040	9,772	4,352	339	9
Colac ..	2 3	66,188	1,323,760	9,525 ^e	14,793	1,315	6
Daylesford ..	3 0	26,410	528,200	10,316	12,062	846	..
Eaglehawk ..	2 6	21,994	439,980	431	14,843	1,113	..
Echuca ..	2 3	51,579	1,031,580	8,054	11,985	1,076	40
Inglewood ..	2 0	7,881	157,620	18,418	4,679	272	5
Koroit ..	2 3	18,229	364,580	..	6,133	387	2
Maryborough ..	2 3	47,424	948,480	10,250	19,917	1,598	3
Port Fairy ..	2 3	22,312	446,240	4,915	7,205	483	5
Portland ..	0 5 ^a	47,701	810,310	15,808	12,974	885	5
Queenscliffe ..	2 9	23,229	464,580	10,701	4,866	689	..
Ringwood ..	2 8	54,039	1,080,780	33,776 ^f	13,805	961	7
Sebastopol ..	2 9	10,875	217,500	..	7,890	476	3
Shepparton ..	2 9	94,750	1,895,000	40,073 ^g	29,005	1,705	12
St. Arnaud ..	2 6	32,432	648,640	29,357	9,667	814	6
Stawell ..	2 9	36,756	735,120	80,322	16,367	1,267	10
Swan Hill ..	1 6	55,133	1,102,660	..	7,777	1,042	5
Wangaratta ..	2 6	70,240	1,404,800	42,639	18,349	1,277	..
Wonthaggi ..	3 0	32,407	648,140	8,584	11,090	1,323	15
<i>Shires.</i>							
Alberton ..	2 5	108,299	2,165,980	12,944	18,150	1,422	65
Alexandra ..	2 6	58,265	1,165,300	2,308	11,990	975	3
Arapiles ..	1 9	58,816	1,176,320	4,235	6,784	517	14
Ararat ..	1 6	200,801	4,016,020	..	22,156	1,339	..
Avoca ..	2 0	44,857	897,140	1,280	8,527	870	..

^a Levied on unimproved value of land.

^b Excluding £777 due to Shire of Bungaree.

^c Excluding £10,075 due to Shire of Corio.

^d Excluding £5,244 due to Shire of Mildura.

^e Excluding £8,585 due to Shire of Colac.

^f Excluding £651 due to Shire of Lillydale.

^g Excluding £2,924 due to Shire of Shepparton.

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Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1940.	Municipal Fund Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Avon ..	2 0	56,278	1,125,560	1,000	8,315	703	10
Bacchus Marsh ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	64,525	1,290,500	3,433	9,004	885	..
Bairnsdale ..	1 9	159,924	3,198,480	28,248	33,779	2,090	60
Ballan ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	64,592	1,291,840	..	7,502	902	..
Ballarat ..	1 6	71,845	1,436,900	1,071	8,605	788	5
Bannockburn ..	1 9	52,617	1,052,340	..	5,796	610	39
Barrabool ..	1 9	57,573	1,151,460	5,691	7,724	528	..
Bass ..	2 6	59,215	1,184,300	10,621 <i>c</i>	13,551	1,098	2
Beechworth ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	42,092	841,840	27,990	8,898	1,080	10
Belfast ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	72,223	1,444,460	44	9,602	503	..
Bellarine ..	2 0	57,717	1,154,340	1,340	8,089	1,220	..
Benalla ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	199,245	3,984,900	38,319	30,131	2,059	30
Berwick ..	2 3 <i>b</i>	145,442	2,908,840	16,809	29,754	3,108	20
Bet Bet ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	40,831	816,620	9,471	13,844	1,138	..
Birchip ..	1 6	49,823	996,460	1,216	6,862	490	4
Blackburn and Mitcham ..	2 10	117,284	2,345,680	21,157 <i>d</i>	23,662	2,093	3
Bright ..	2 0	44,741	894,820	11,680	9,247	1,211	5
Broadford ..	1 11 <i>b</i>	26,197	523,940	3,000	5,562	436	12
Broadmeadows ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	147,580	2,951,600	28,824	24,729	1,659	7
Bulla ..	1 9	41,482	829,640	10,329	4,700	427	9
Buln Buln ..	2 6	83,727	1,714,540	1,686	16,085	1,765	15
Bungaree ..	1 9	32,015	640,300	3,128 <i>e</i>	3,857	566	4
Buninyong ..	2 0	57,379	1,147,580	3,909	8,227	1,168	40
Charlton ..	1 10 <i>b</i>	81,065	1,621,300	2,869	12,020	652	6
Chiltern ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	34,936	698,720	5,712	5,136	537	11
Colona ..	1 9	56,072	1,121,440	8,101 <i>f</i>	10,814	820	10
Colac ..	2 3	230,688	4,613,760	17,308 <i>g</i>	23,356	1,888	20
Corio ..	2 3	129,759	2,595,180	64,247 <i>h</i>	26,367	990	7
Cranbourne ..	2 3 <i>b</i>	112,978	2,259,560	21,465	27,043	1,745	100
Creswick ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	69,240	1,384,800	2,745	15,121	1,218	..
Dandenong ..	a 0 3 <i>b</i>	149,413	2,839,570	170,860 <i>i</i>	49,694	3,235	..
Deakin ..	1 6	92,777	1,855,540	2,825	8,673	1,054	34
Dimboola ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	172,491	3,449,820	15,855 <i>j</i>	20,604	1,500	25
Donald ..	1 9	89,495	1,789,900	17,478	10,667	809	..
Doncaster and Templestowe ..	2 3	53,791	1,075,820	980	8,762	854	5
Dundas ..	2 0	142,639	2,852,780	..	20,088	893	6
Dunmunkle ..	1 9	157,198	3,143,960	16,485	20,332	1,160	25
East Loddon ..	1 6	63,586	1,271,720	20	6,178	433	6
Eltham ..	2 6	62,815	1,256,300	15,009	19,174	1,772	..
Euroa ..	2 3 <i>b</i>	82,514	1,650,280	17,378	15,943	1,014	..
Fern Tree Gully ..	3 0	154,265	3,085,300	106,968	48,798	4,667	350
Flinders ..	2 9	107,026	2,140,520	21,042	23,415	2,517	6

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £2,921 due by Shire of Phillip Island.

d Excluding £5,363 due to City of Box Hill.

e Including £777 due by City of Ballarat.

f Excluding £183 due to Shire of Kerang.

g Including £8,585 due by Borough of Colac.

h Including £10,075 due by City of Geelong West.

i Including £4,208 due by City of Chelsea.

j Excluding £313 due to Shire of Karkaroc.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1939-40—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1940.	Municipal Fund Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Frankston and Hastings ..	2 9	141,198	2,823,960	60,156	63,287	2,850	7
Gisborne ..	1 9 b	42,252	845,040	9,274	5,601	608	72
Glenelg ..	1 10	143,468	2,869,360	31,442	21,016	1,381	2
Glenlyon ..	1 9	43,291	865,820	2,298	7,253	877	86
Gordon ..	1 9	105,723	2,114,460	6,002	12,978	837	8
Goulburn ..	1 6	47,110	942,200	4,298	5,228	504	4
Grenville ..	1 9	60,320	1,206,400	2,154	12,863	756	27
Hampden ..	2 3	309,582	6,191,640	3,325	47,744	2,798	25
Healesville ..	3 0	44,774	837,340	15,514	13,981	851	..
Heytesbury ..	2 3	131,509	2,630,180	7,421	19,608	1,297	10
Huntly ..	1 9	56,073	1,121,460	6,518	7,522	877	10
Kaniva ..	1 8	86,914	1,738,280	10,200	9,126	590	..
Kara Kara ..	1 6	107,043	2,140,860	3,271	11,664	631	37
Karkaroc ..	1 6	124,162	2,483,240	11,479c	13,894	1,432	50
Keilor ..	1 9	68,013	1,360,260	5,014	9,969	644	3
Kerang ..	2 0 b	177,220	3,544,400	75,671d	24,266	2,125	12
Kilmore ..	2 0 b	24,669	493,380	10,030	4,365	444	4
Korong ..	1 9	94,254	1,885,080	19,903	13,808	1,149	24
Korumburra ..	2 3 b	116,313	2,326,260	3,473	22,589	1,794	8
Kowree ..	2 0	112,053	2,241,060	149	14,916	894	6
Kyneton ..	1 9 b	98,332	1,966,640	17,685	19,011	1,823	30
Leigh ..	1 6	58,869	1,177,380	284	5,380	377	39
Lexton ..	1 9	43,577	871,540	1,653	6,475	429	6
Lillydale ..	3 0	155,263	3,105,260	61,724e	36,651	3,538	..
Lowan ..	1 7 b	133,414	2,668,280	9,087	14,621	990	..
Maffra ..	1 11	130,757	2,615,140	5,309	17,916	1,440	..
Maldon ..	1 9 b	36,178	723,560	..	7,265	716	10
Mansfield ..	2 4 b	92,393	1,847,860	9,540	13,967	1,024	3
Marong ..	1 6	98,555	1,971,100	4,061	16,923	1,384	40
Melton ..	1 9	46,818	936,360	5,588	5,147	426	2
Metcalfe ..	1 9 b	45,900	918,000	..	9,843	823	10
Mildura ..	1 9	238,550	4,771,000	51,416f	43,390	4,345	90
Minhamite ..	2 0 b	84,296	1,685,920	4,948	10,765	513	..
Mirboo ..	3 0	31,047	620,940	7,193	7,276	393	1
Mornington ..	2 6	74,123	1,482,460	17,514	12,110	749	285
Mortlake ..	1 9	185,439	3,708,780	1,304	19,841	834	6
Morwell ..	2 3	82,200	1,644,000	7,721	14,226	2,376	6
Mount Rouse ..	1 6 b	106,209	2,124,180	..	11,492	669	..
Mulgrave ..	2 8	69,782	1,395,640	46,647	14,735	961	..
McIvor ..	1 9	66,697	1,333,940	7,188	9,241	745	25
Narracan ..	2 3	112,603	2,252,060	7,048	22,061	2,363	5
Newham and Woodend ..	2 0	31,744	634,880	..	6,574	578	..
Newstead and Mt. Alexander ..	2 0	27,854	557,080	528	6,252	691	6
Numurkah ..	1 6 b	142,161	2,843,220	13,565	17,200	1,456	83
Omeo ..	2 3	50,606	1,012,120	780	10,595	700	10
Orbost ..	2 3	78,005	1,560,100	33,268	13,833	1,311	15
Otway ..	3 0	41,359	827,180	..	9,281	1,010	..

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £313 due by Shire of Dimboola.

d Including £183 due by Shire of Cobuna.

e Including £651 due by Borough of Ringwood.

f Including £5,244 due by City of Mildura.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1939-40—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1940.	Municipal Fund Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Oxley ..	2 0	76,367	1,527,340	7,363	14,310	1,108	2
Phillip Island ..	2 6	21,336	426,720	15,969 ^e	4,419	274	2
Portland ..	2 0	113,416	2,268,320	1,482	17,292	1,510	40
Pyalong ..	2 0	26,704	534,080	..	2,822	180	..
Ripon ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	101,468	2,029,360	20,227	15,101	947	8
Rochester ..	1 6	156,228	3,124,560	10,925	19,456	1,472	66
Rodney ..	2 0	181,948	3,638,960	33,487	29,213	2,266	2
Romsey ..	2 0	64,271	1,285,420	7,121	8,824	797	24
Rosedale ..	0 1 <i>a</i>	135,699	2,672,360	241	14,607	1,055	60
Rutherford ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	59,244	1,184,880	8,246	9,680	865	18
Seymour ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	75,517	1,510,340	27,822	21,660	1,075	..
Shepparton ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	124,687	2,493,740	23,717 ^d	21,890	1,279	10
South Barwon ..	2 3	69,659	1,393,180	33,668	12,949	1,528	6
South Gippsland ..	2 9	65,850	1,317,000	9,255	15,100	1,162	5
Stawell ..	2 0	78,627	1,572,540	3,212	10,574	858	30
Strathfieldsaye ..	1 9	35,640	712,800	..	12,727	937	8
Swan Hill ..	1 6	104,620	3,292,400	88,320 ^e	21,553	2,852	20
Talbot ..	2 0	28,572	571,440	1,877	4,105	375	..
Tambo ..	2 3	57,579	1,151,580	1,772	9,367	1,054	6
Towong ..	2 0	94,259	1,885,180	4,935	12,775	1,171	3
Traralgon ..	2 0	65,273	1,305,460	20,918	11,518	1,039	..
Tullaroop ..	1 9	41,978	839,560	840	6,300	562	16
Tungamah ..	1 6	130,024	2,600,480	14,841	13,913	1,165	20
Upper Murray ..	2 0	58,113	1,162,260	6,818	7,922	595	2
Upper Yarra ..	3 0	42,242	844,840	2,715	12,876	1,338	20
Violet Town ..	2 0	50,753	1,015,060	2,384	6,890	416	..
Walpeup ..	1 6	95,797	1,915,940	35,073	14,980	1,552	100
Wangaratta ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	56,084	1,121,680	2,052	6,337	586	..
Wannon ..	1 6	133,177	2,663,540	1,521	12,801	870	10
Waranga ..	2 0	101,318	2,026,360	6,388	15,707	1,353	15
Warracknabeal ..	2 6	159,227	3,184,540	27,771	23,144	1,341	50
Warragul ..	2 6 <i>b</i>	113,140	2,262,800	23,158	20,510	1,431	6
Warnambool ..	1 7 <i>b</i>	263,276	5,265,520	79	33,270	1,896	4
Werribee ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	136,964	2,739,280	77,258	30,095	2,103	..
Whittlesea ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	77,437	1,548,740	4,906	11,047	899	..
Wimmera ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	140,454	2,809,080	1,865	14,857	959	..
Winchelsea ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	106,129	2,122,580	5,347	15,368	983	7
Wodonga ..	2 9	45,817	916,340	15,154	10,219	926	..
Woorayl ..	1 9	112,084	2,241,680	16,783	21,990	1,557	..
Wycheproof ..	1 6	148,664	2,973,280	50,911 ^f	17,434	1,389	30
Yackandandah ..	2 0	57,542	1,150,840	..	8,792	714	10
Yarrawonga ..	2 3 <i>b</i>	69,886	1,397,720	43,373	14,744	779	7
Yea ..	0 2 <i>a</i>	62,922	1,225,890	9,932	8,130	706	21
Total Municipalities outside Greater Melbourne ..	..	15,258,855	304,480,630	3,258,695	2,818,381	219,215	3,282
Total—Victoria ..	..	35,902,079	684,863,300	12,910,245	6,395,780	497,555	4,521

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Excluding £2,921 due to Shire of Bass.

d Including £2,924 due by Borough of Shepparton.

e Including £1,563 due by Shire of Wycheproof.

f Excluding £1,563 due to Shire of Swan Hill.

Rating on unimproved values.

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

Since the year 1926-27, the number of municipalities which levied the general rate on the unimproved value has remained unchanged at 14. The following table gives for those municipalities particulars of the capital value of land (improved and unimproved), the net annual value, the rating, &c., for the year 1939-40.

VICTORIA—RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES, 1939-40.

Municipality.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Unimproved Capital Value.	Net Annual Value (excluding Special Rateable Properties).	Amount of Rate in the £ on Unimproved Capital Value.	Equivalent Rate on Net Annual Value.	Amount Collectable in 1939-40 on Unimproved Capital Value.	Percentage Unimproved Capital Value to Capital Improved Value.
	£	£	£	d.	s. d.	£	%
<i>In Greater Melbourne.</i>							
CITIES—							
Brunswick ..	10,590,380	2,999,518	678,527	7	2 7	87,486	28·32
Camberwell ..	21,255,380	6,274,894	1,193,531	4½	2 1	124,191	29·52
Caulfield ..	20,111,640	6,049,682	1,096,297	4½	2 1	113,431	30·08
Chelsea ..	1,588,370	598,488	96,173	6½	3 3	15,586	37·68
Coburg ..	7,823,470	2,652,069	463,816	6	2 10	66,302	33·90
Essendon ..	10,970,970	3,379,080	676,187	6	2 6	84,477	30·80
Mordialloc ..	2,783,000	1,131,334	148,464	4½	2 10	21,212	40·65
Oakleigh ..	2,848,160	965,991	169,200	5½	2 9	23,143	33·92
Sandringham ..	5,245,450	1,914,453	304,743	5	2 7	39,884	36·50
<i>Outside Greater Melbourne.</i>							
Newtown and Chilwell Town ..	2,459,980	705,888	129,671	5	2 3	14,706	28·69
Portland Borough	810,310	267,220	47,336	5	2 4	5,567	32·98
SHIRES—							
Dandenong ..	2,839,570	1,246,465	148,718	3*	2 1	15,581	43·90
Rosedale ..	2,672,360	1,313,420	135,699	1½	1 3	8,209	49·15
Yea ..	1,225,890	575,602	62,922	2½	1 9	5,396	46·95

* Differential general rates levied.

Municipal revenue and expenditure.

The following table summarizes for 1939-40 the revenue and expenditure of municipalities in Victoria under the headings of Municipal Fund (including Town Fund in the Cities of Melbourne and Geelong) and Business Undertakings. The accounts of the Municipal Fund are presented on a cash basis and those of Business Undertakings generally on a revenue basis. Particulars relating to Loan Accounts, Private Streets Accounts, and Special Improvement Charge Accounts, which are excluded from this statement, are shown on subsequent pages of this Part.

VICTORIA—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF MUNICIPALITIES, 1939-40.

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

Heading.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.			City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Municipal Fund..	745,834	2,831,565	2,818,381	6,395,780	753,215	2,801,034	2,867,991	6,422,240
Business Undertakings—								
Electric Light Undertakings	815,087	768,025	229,039	1,812,151	741,729	775,022	217,163	1,733,914
Gasworks ..	..	68,178	29,630	97,808	..	67,763	28,847	96,610
Waterworks ..	..	..	46,620	46,620	..	..	48,622	48,622
Abattoirs ..	80,736	..	18,655	99,391	77,656	..	18,256	95,912
Quarries ..	..	13,660	10,364	24,024	..	15,007	11,735	26,742
Hydraulic Power	19,810	..	..	19,810	18,354	..	..	18,354
Railway ..	..	..	5,044	5,044	..	..	5,572	5,572
Total ..	1,661,467	3,681,428	3,157,733	8,500,628	1,590,954	3,658,826	3,198,186	8,447,966

Municipal Fund.

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

Details of the principal items of receipts during 1939-40 are given below :—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND RECEIPTS, 1939-40.

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

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Rates—				
General and Extra	460,137	1,811,515	1,610,985	3,882,637
Other .. .. .	..	273	3,862	4,135
Interest on overdue rates ..	482	12,819	17,792	31,093
Licences and Registration Fees—				
Dog	572	19,611	23,950	44,133
Health, Dairy, Slaughtering, and Noxious Trades ..	1,151	2,199	5,955	9,305
Hackney Carriages	421	339	382	1,142
Petrol Pump	312	4,962	5,477	10,751
Dancing Saloon	50	71	10	131
Other .. .. .	..	..	754	754
Total Taxation	463,125	1,851,789	1,669,167	3,984,081
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Sanitary and Garbage	10,257	24,389	128,170	162,816
Other	1,373	5,611	8,848	15,832
Council Properties—				
Markets	121,924	16,159	30,750	168,833
Halls	6,753	16,948	26,205	49,906
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	21,019	38,227	17,429	76,675
Weighbridges	3,716	166	13,489	17,371
Sale of Materials .. .. .	..	34,220	29,041	63,261
Plant Hire .. .. .	..	3,707	57,817	61,524
Grazing Fees	541	..	5,590	6,131
Pounds	41	223	3,659	3,923
Other	11,013	44,589	51,707	107,309
Contributions for Road and Pavement Works	15,202	98,657	45,770	159,629
Other Services—				
Car Parking	18,348	1,455	89	19,892
Sheep Dipping .. .. .	..	..	1,576	1,576
Building Fees	3,789	13,416	3,604	20,809
Other .. .. .	..	5,576	6,000	11,576
Total Public Works and Services	213,976	303,343	429,744	947,063

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND RECEIPTS, 1939-40—continued.

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
Miscellaneous—	£	£	£	£
Police Court Fines ..	4,917	3,907	2,759	11,583
Interest on Investments ..	401	2,549	1,269	4,219
Supervision of Private streets ..	..	14,810	1,112	15,922
Contributions from municipalities on account of severance adjustments ..	..	2,085	5,154	7,239
Other	1,153	14,293	15,772	31,218
Total Miscellaneous ..	6,471	37,644	26,066	70,181
Transfers from Business Undertakings (excluding Loan Recoups and Administration Refunds)	50,000	171,059	5,932	226,991
Government Grants—				
Roads	1,918	23,795	39,001	64,714
Parks, Gardens, &c.	1,290	5,758	19,227	26,275
Underground Drainage .. .. .	..	2,270	912	3,182
River Works .. .. .	..	..	13,256	13,256
Infectious Diseases Treatment .. .. .	..	..	3,523	3,523
Infant Welfare Centres	338	8,481	5,485	14,304
Licences Equivalent	8,716	13,265	37,460	59,441
Vermin Destruction .. .. .	..	..	1,358	1,358
Sustenance, Sustenance Materials and Administration, and Farm Labourers' Scheme .. .. .	..	283,490	428,919	712,409
Other .. .. .	..	160	28,166	28,326
Total Government Grants	12,262	337,219	577,307	926,788
Trust Receipts—				
Refunds of Advances .. .. .	..	26,429	43,931	70,360
Contractors' Deposits .. .. .	..	19,475	31,373	50,848
Other .. .. .	..	84,607	34,861	119,468
Total Trust Receipts .. .. .	..	130,511	110,165	240,676
Grand Total	745,834	2,831,565	2,818,381	6,395,780

Of the total Municipal Fund receipts (excluding sustenance, &c., and trust items) during 1939-40, 73·2 per cent. was derived from taxation (72·0 per cent. from rates and 1·2 per cent. from licences and registration fees); 17·4 per cent. from public works and services; 4·2 per cent. from transfers from business undertakings; 3·9 per cent. from Government grants; and 1·3 per cent. from other sources. The total amount collected from taxation (£3,984,081) was equivalent to £2 1s. 10d. per head of population or to £6 3s. 8d. per distinct ratepayer.

Details of the principal items of expenditure from the Municipal Fund during 1939-40 are set out hereunder :—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND EXPENDITURE, 1939-40.
(Including Trust Funds, Sustenance Works, and Farm Labourers' Scheme.)

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
General Administration* ..	87,415	239,496	342,746	669,657
Debt Services—				
Redemption of Loans ..	..	248,324	124,183	372,507
Sinking Fund Instalments ..	45,025	1,783	3,568	50,376
Interest on Loans ..	127,534	228,306	103,120	458,960
Interest on Overdrafts ..	6,015	15,464	30,731	52,210
Payments to Municipalities on account of severance adjustments .. ..	..	1,711	4,387	6,098
Other	152	100	166	418
Total Debt Services ..	178,726	495,688	266,155	940,569
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Administration	8,769	17,505	27,708	53,982
Sanitary and Garbage ..	41,087	131,398	120,055	292,540
Statutory Contributions—				
Queen's Memorial Infectious Diseases Hospital	11,517	37,328	3,637	52,482
Heatherton Sanatorium	1,278	4,067	133	5,478
Infant Welfare Centres ..	3,934	27,071	15,350	46,355
Infectious Diseases Treatment .. ..	..	..	11,166	11,166
Other	6,627	7,690	6,559	20,876
Council Properties—				
Markets	48,069	6,466	17,533	72,068
Halls	26,682	37,474	28,164	92,320
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	102,729	203,039	90,397	396,165
Weighbridges	1,791	258	9,234	11,283
Grazing Expenses .. ..	..	..	5,050	5,050
Pounds	49	1,197	5,183	6,429
Other	3,817	57,655	33,123	94,595
Plant, Furniture and Equipment .. ..	..	33,930	69,665	103,595
Roads, Streets, Footpaths, and Bridges—				
Construction, Maintenance, Cleaning, and Watering	159,051	830,187	945,980	1,935,218
Lighting	1,151	98,057	62,560	161,768

* For details see page 134.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND EXPENDITURE, 1939-40—*continued.*

Items of Expenditure.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
Public Works and Services— <i>continued.</i>				
	£	£	£	£
Other Works and Services—				
Car Parking	28,769	1,354	145	30,268
Sheep Dipping .. .. .	..	..	1,343	1,343
River Works .. .. .	..	140	15,423	15,563
Vermin Destruction .. .. .	..	239	2,418	2,657
Underground Drainage .. .. .	..	16,107	2,252	18,359
Other .. .. .	..	6,493	34,436	40,929
Total Public Works and Services	445,320	1,517,655	1,507,514	3,470,489
Grants and Contributions—				
Country Roads Board .. .. .	..	10,535	180,695	191,230
Fire Brigades	14,822	46,801	12,928	74,551
Hospitals, Ambulances, and other Charities	6,670	22,190	22,247	51,107
Other	9,703	49,587	14,242	73,532
Total Grants and Contributions	31,195	129,113	230,112	390,420
Miscellaneous—				
Sustenance, Sustenance Administration, and Farm Labourers' Scheme	7,228	289,252	410,920	707,400
Other	3,331	9,715	9,747	22,793
Total Miscellaneous	10,559	298,967	420,667	730,193
Trust Expenditure—				
Advances .. .. .	..	30,302	38,307	68,609
Contractors' deposits refunded .. .. .	..	21,348	34,255	55,603
Other .. .. .	..	68,465	28,235	96,700
Total Trust Expenditure .. .. .	..	120,115	100,797	220,912
Grand Total	753,215	2,801,034	2,867,991	6,422,240

Of the total Municipal Fund expenditure (excluding sustenance, &c., and trust items) in 1939-40, 12·2 per cent. was for administration; 17·1 per cent. for debt services; 8·8 per cent. for health services; 7·2 per cent. for parks, gardens, &c.; 38·2 per cent. for roads, streets, &c.; 9·0 per cent. for other public works and services; 7·1 per cent. for grants and contributions; and 0·4 per cent. for miscellaneous items.

Particulars of the principal items of expenditure during 1939-40 in respect of general municipal administration are given in the appended statement. In considering the cost of administration, it must be borne in mind that the municipalities are not recouped for any administrative costs incurred in the supervision of work on main roads, &c., for the Country Roads Board.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, COST OF,
1939-40.

Heading.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Salaries*	62,870	152,487	221,340	436,697
Mayoral and Presidential Allowances	2,500	10,275	14,247	27,022
Audit Expenses	850	2,935	5,362	9,147
Dog Registration Expenses	895	2,841	10,362	14,098
Election Expenses	624	2,825	2,177	5,626
Insurances	6,578	15,344	16,527	38,449
Legal Expenses	1,468	6,918	6,616	15,002
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Postage, Telephone	5,968	32,263	53,070	91,301
Other	5,662	13,608	13,045	32,315
Total	87,415	239,496	342,746	669,657

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

**Municipal
electric light
undertakings
and gasworks.**

In Victoria, in 1939-40, electric light undertakings were operated by 43 municipalities, and there were also nine municipally-owned gasworks. The revenue and expenditure of these undertakings are shown below:—

**VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC LIGHT UNDERTAKINGS
AND GASWORKS—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1939-40.**

Revenue.		Expenditure.	
	£		£
Consumers' Accounts	1,825,309	Working Expenses—	
Street Lighting	30,990	Purchase of Current and	
Sale of Residuals, &c.	17,563	Generation Costs	897,394
Other	36,097	Maintenance, Repairs, Distribu-	
		tion	175,745
		Management Charges	124,841
		Depreciation	192,588
		Debt Charges—	
		Redemption of Loans	58,532
		Sinking Fund Instalments	12,984
		Interest on Loans	74,484
		Interest on Overdrafts	1,017
		Other	377
		Transfers to Municipal Fund	216,524
		Other	76,038
Total	1,909,959	Total	1,830,524

The council of any municipality may be constituted a "local governing body" under the provisions of the *Water Act 1928* with such water supply district as is defined by the Governor in Council. At 30th September, 1940, fifteen municipalities had been so constituted. In seven other municipalities the water supply services were being administered in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1928*. An analysis of the authorities controlling water supply in Victoria is given on page 160 of the *Year-Book* for 1939-40.

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

**VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS—RECEIPTS AND
EXPENDITURE, 1939-40.**

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£		£
Water Rates (including Interest on		Administrative Expenses	3,266
Overdue Rates)	34,803	Works from Revenue	3,388
Water Sales	8,616	Maintenance and Repairs	19,651
Meter Rents	537	Depreciation Fund	3,208
Government Grants	1,684	Debt Services—	
Other	980	Redemption of Loans	4,240
		Interest on Loans	13,235
		Interest on Overdrafts	141
		Transfer to Municipal Fund	740
		Other	753
Total	46,620	Total	48,622

Other municipal business undertakings. Quarries, abattoirs, hydraulic power (in the City of Melbourne), and the Kerang-Koondrook railway are other undertakings which are under the control of municipalities in Victoria. In 1939-40, the total revenue on account of these undertakings was £148,269 and the total expenditure amounted to £146,580. In those cases in which the finances of quarries and abattoirs were operated through the Municipal Fund, particulars of the amounts have been included in the statement of that Fund, under the heading of "Other Council Properties".

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

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

**VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES,
1935-36 TO 1939-40.**

Assets.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
	£	£	£	£	£
Municipal Fund—					
Arrears of Rates—					
General and Extra ..	910,567	795,943	661,982	573,188	541,426
Other ..	69,273	21,919	20,713	23,663	19,698
Arrears of Sanitary Charges	}	57,753	53,567	53,113	50,247
Streets formed, &c., payments outstanding ..	1,266,976	1,230,938	1,114,244	1,112,012	1,060,776
Cash in hand or in Bank ..	786,887	719,667*	491,873*	387,897*	359,995*
Other Assets ..	512,952	483,892	478,803	513,710	482,026
Loan Funds—					
Sinking Funds—					
Amount at Credit ..	780,493	822,080	866,649	937,796	1,006,653
Due by other Municipalities	61,048	64,535	58,330	63,021	57,434
Due by other Bodies ..	1,125	1,125	4,185	3,075	4,905
Unexpended Balances ..	387,102	†	†	†	†
Property—					
Halls, Buildings, Markets, &c. ..	6,176,050	6,392,480	6,755,870	7,084,320	7,207,770
Waterworks ..	377,860	393,360	391,860	406,450	406,360
Gasworks ..	281,670	261,670	270,660	271,020	289,120
Electric Light Undertakings	2,832,850	3,042,420	3,311,920	3,630,920	3,687,910
Plant and Machinery ..	611,580	625,690	643,780	656,170	684,220
Other Assets ..	230,490	281,770	327,510	348,080	415,090
Total Assets† ..	15,286,923	15,195,242	15,451,946	16,064,435	16,273,690

* Net Balance of all Funds.

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

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

**VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, 1935-36 TO
1939-40—continued.**

Liabilities.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
	£	£	£	£	£
Municipal Fund—					
Due on Current Contracts..	150,018	133,594	129,485	152,540	110,993
Interest overdue ..	9,713	5,602	3,439	2,441	1,312
Bank Overdrafts..	846,400	636,664*	716,061*	788,858*	967,029*
Payments Due to Country Roads Board ..	386,943	295,009	262,343	269,793	235,207
Other Liabilities ..	775,814	793,496	818,236	933,545	1,129,526
Loan Funds—					
Loans Outstanding—					
Due to Government ..	801,209	732,269	645,567	613,217	594,460
Due to Public ..	11,944,237	11,941,701	12,046,177	12,487,661	12,315,785
Due on Loan Contracts ..	54,165	73,756	111,745	63,021	56,921
Due to other Municipalities	61,048	64,535	58,330	57,142	57,434
Total Liabilities ..	15,029,547	14,676,626	14,791,383	15,368,218	15,463,667

* Net Balance of all Funds.

† Excluding liability to the Country Roads Board on account of one-half the capital expenditure on Main Roads, as follows:—£1,794,633 in 1935-36; £1,732,809 in 1937-37; £1,685,999 in 1937-38; £1,638,312 in 1938-39; and £1,569,847 in 1939-40. The *Country Roads Board Fund (Amendment) Act 1936* provides that relief may be given to municipalities of portion of their liabilities in respect of permanent works on Main Roads, State Highways, and Developmental Roads. The amount of such relief shall not exceed £200,000 in 1936-37 and £250,000 in 1937-38 or any subsequent year.

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

**VICTORIA—ARREARS OF GENERAL AND EXTRA RATES,
1935-36 TO 1939-40.**

Year.	Arrears of General Rates—			Arrears of General Rates per Distinct Ratepayer—		
	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Shires.	All Muni- cipalities.	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Shires.	All Muni- cipalities.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1935-36 ..	278,188	632,379	910,567	0 14 11	2 12 1	1 9 7
1936-37 ..	247,231	548,712	795,943	0 13 2	2 4 10	1 5 8
1937-38 ..	223,249	438,733	661,982	0 11 8	1 15 10	1 1 1
1938-39 ..	213,133	360,055	573,188	0 11 1	1 8 2	0 17 11
1939-40 ..	202,339	339,087	541,426	0 10 3	1 7 0	0 16 10

As compared with the year 1928-29, the arrears of general rates per distinct ratepayer increased in 1939-40 by 40 per cent. in cities, towns, and boroughs; by 55 per cent. in shires; and by 42 per cent. in all municipalities.

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

Endowments to municipalities.

The endowments paid to municipalities in the years 1928-29 and 1929-30 are shown in the *Year-Books* of 1929-30 and 1930-31. The payments were last made in respect of the year 1929-30, provision for the discontinuance of such payments in subsequent years having been incorporated in special legislation passed by Parliament. The *Financial Emergency (Grants and Funds) Act 1939* provided for the non-payment of endowments during 1939-40.

In the municipalities throughout the State, there were, at 30th September, 1940, 2,115 councillors viz., 357 in cities in Greater Melbourne; 294 in cities, towns, and boroughs outside Greater Melbourne; and 1,464 in shires.

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

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

The following statement shows the loan receipts (exclusive of conversion loans) during each of the last five years. Particulars of loans raised for work in private streets, which are shown on page 143, are also excluded.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN RECEIPTS, 1935-36 TO 1939-40.
(*Excluding Conversion Loans.*)

Year.	Gross Proceeds of Loans—		Other Receipts.	Total.
	From Government.	From Other Sources.		
1935-36	£ 795	£ 570,220	£ 184,639	£ 755,654
1936-37	14,183	540,279	177,741	732,203
1937-38	2,346	635,472	199,601	837,419
1938-39	9,756	925,867	195,748	1,131,371
1939-40	3,403	363,990	137,567*	504,960

* Including, in the City of Melbourne, £107,596 transferred from General, Electric Supply, and Hydraulic Power Accounts.

**Municipal
loan
expenditure.**

In the following statement details are given of the loan expenditure by municipalities for the last five years, exclusive of expenditure on private streets (see page 143).

**VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN EXPENDITURE,
1935-36 TO 1939-40.**

Heading.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
	£	£	£	£	£
Roads, Streets, and Bridges ..	233,476	280,706	420,921	319,626	258,144
Waterworks	960	12,936	982	12,918	3,405
Drainage	7,239	2,731	..	34,185	50,857
Electric Light Undertakings ..	250,208	302,382	319,726	405,651	236,621
Gasworks	4,154	7,191	5,292	5,958	5,624
Halls	90,807	63,810	65,554	114,097	37,059
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	124,867	66,059	75,069	113,747	59,703
Plant	24,717	19,417	26,055	13,211	19,235
Abattoirs	14,424	53,501	31,378	27,847	9,531
Markets	48,223	18,882	33,733	29,764	24,613
Infant Welfare Centres	4,769	3,566	7,120	7,961	13,978
Other Council Properties	60,456	18,164	43,021	21,598	25,166
Foreshore Improvements .. .. .	..	2,178	2,540	1,836	..
Creek Improvements	1,400	450	4,509	1,578	4,383
Housing and Reclamation	7,944	389	..	..	..
Darling-Glenwarley Railway Trust .. .. .	..	..	21,915	..	..
Other Purposes	8,929	4,653	2,456	5,383	9,470
Total	882,573	857,015	1,060,271	1,115,360	757,789

At 30th September, 1940, there was a debit balance in loan accounts amounting to £211,741.

**Municipal
loan
liability.**

The loan liability of the municipalities in Victoria at the end of each of the last five years is given hereunder.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN LIABILITY, 1935-36 to 1939-40.

At 30th September—	Due to—		Gross Loan Liability.	Accumulated Sinking Funds.	Net Loan Liability.	
	Government.*	Public.			Amount.	Per Head of Population.
	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.
1936	801,209	11,944,237	12,745,446	780,493	11,964,953	6 9 5
1937	732,269	11,941,701	12,673,970	822,080	11,851,890	6 7 8
1938	645,567	12,046,177	12,691,744	866,649	11,825,095	6 6 5
1939	613,217	12,487,661	13,100,878	937,796	12,163,082	6 9 1
1940	594,460†	12,315,785	12,910,245	1,006,653	11,903,592	6 4 7

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

† Including £47,838 due under the provisions of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918, No. 2995.*

Municipal loans outstanding—purposes.

In the following statement are given particulars, as far as available, of the purposes for which municipal loans outstanding at 30th September, 1940, were raised. The information is exclusive of loans due to the Country Roads Board.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOANS OUTSTANDING AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1940—PURPOSES FOR WHICH RAISED.

(Excluding Loans Due to the Country Roads Board.)

Purpose for which Raised.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.		Total.		
	Government Loans.	Other Loans.	Government Loans.	Other Loans.	Government Loans.	Other Loans.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Electric Light Undertakings ..	..	1,149,110	..	447,361	..	1,596,471	1,596,471
Gasworks ..	..	74,735	..	17,659	..	92,394	92,394
Waterworks ..	..	8,657	289,954	19,704	289,954	28,361	318,315
Private Streets and Special Improvements ..	81,490	277,926	9,373	153,020	90,863	430,946	521,809
Contributions due under Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918 ..	47,838	..	..	..	47,838	..	47,838
Closer Settlement Advances for Roads ..	1,041	..	31,964	..	33,005	..	33,005
Bush Fires—Repairs to damages caused by ..	..	..	474	..	474	..	474
Mallee Tanks ..	..	..	748	..	748	..	748
Kerang—Koordrook Railway ..	..	..	7,438	..	7,438	..	7,438
Other Municipal Works ..	75,083	7,935,670	49,057	2,231,943	124,140	10,167,613	10,291,752
Total ..	205,452	9,446,098	389,008	2,869,687	594,460	12,315,785	12,910,245

NOTE.—At 30th September, 1940, accumulated Sinking Funds amounted to £1,006,653, viz., on account of Electric Light, £333,423; Gasworks, £11,509; Waterworks, £2,500; Private Streets and Special Improvements, £32,003; and Other Municipal Works, £627,218.

Rates of interest on municipal loans.

The following table shows the actual rates of interest which were payable by municipalities on fixed loans and Government loans outstanding at 30th June, 1940. As no interest is payable on the contributions due to the Government by certain municipalities under the provisions of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan*

Tramways Act 1918, the amount of the contributions outstanding has been excluded from the statement. Particulars of the loan liability to the Country Roads Board have been excluded also.

VICTORIA—RATES OF INTEREST ON MUNICIPAL LOANS
OUTSTANDING AT 30TH JUNE, 1940.

Actual Rate of Interest.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
%	£	£	£	£
3	.. ..	.. ..	1,248	1,248
3 $\frac{1}{16}$	340,000	1,470	..	341,470
3 $\frac{5}{16}$	.. ..	21,635	..	21,635
3 $\frac{3}{8}$	.. ..	69,781	31,875	101,656
3 $\frac{7}{16}$	.. ..	.. ..	3,582	3,582
3 $\frac{1}{2}$	472,000	103,724	78,150	653,874
3 $\frac{9}{16}$	.. ..	.. ..	3,247	3,247
3 $\frac{5}{8}$	367,000	43,848	25,686	436,534
3 $\frac{11}{16}$	.. ..	.. ..	7,813	7,813
3 $\frac{3}{4}$	50,312	189,715	68,659	308,686
3 $\frac{13}{16}$	.. ..	13,355	..	13,355
3 $\frac{7}{8}$	.. ..	95,472	22,038	117,510
4	135,000	113,680	149,063	397,743
4 $\frac{1}{16}$	700,000	75,925	..	775,925
4 $\frac{1}{8}$	250,000	356,436	207,879	814,315
4 $\frac{3}{16}$	.. ..	.. ..	18,204	18,204
4 $\frac{1}{2}$	809,000	1,184,080	634,992	2,628,072
4 $\frac{5}{16}$	.. ..	.. ..	1,650	1,650
4 $\frac{3}{8}$	.. ..	.. ..	2,600	2,600
4 $\frac{7}{16}$	.. ..	33,370	140,374	173,744
4 $\frac{1}{2}$	.. ..	24,760	15,472	40,232
4 $\frac{5}{8}$	.. ..	807,989	686,032	1,494,021
4 $\frac{3}{4}$	.. ..	44,317	37,980	82,297
£4 13s.	.. ..	.. ..	2,574	2,574
4 $\frac{7}{16}$	.. ..	.. ..	10,910	10,910
4 $\frac{3}{4}$	.. ..	35,613	93,444	129,057
4 $\frac{7}{8}$	.. ..	.. ..	18,871	18,871
5	800,000	1,946,799	893,843	3,640,642
£5 0s. 9d.	110,000	415,964	56,545	582,509
£5 2s. 8d.	.. ..	1,000	..	1,000
£5 4s. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	.. ..	3,349	34,302	37,651
5 $\frac{1}{16}$	.. ..	.. ..	1,742	1,742
5 $\frac{3}{16}$	.. ..	.. ..	418	418
£5 8s. 6d.	.. ..	3,361	3,678	7,039
5 $\frac{1}{2}$	.. ..	9,612	630	10,242
5 $\frac{5}{16}$	.. ..	.. ..	3,278	3,278
5 $\frac{3}{8}$	.. ..	17,612	544	18,156
5 $\frac{7}{16}$	.. ..	3,432	..	3,432
6	.. ..	2,605	18,850	21,455
6 $\frac{1}{2}$	.. ..	.. ..	1,829	1,829
Total	4,033,312	5,618,904	3,278,002	12,930,218
Average Rate of Interest	% 4·14	% 4·55	% 4·51	% 4·41

The due dates of municipal loans outstanding (including Government loans and amounts due to the Government under the provisions of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918*, but excluding loans due to the Country Roads Board) at 30th June, 1940, are given in the following table. When a loan is repayable by annual instalments, the date of the final repayment has been adopted for the purposes of this statement.

VICTORIA—DUE DATES OF MUNICIPAL LOANS
OUTSTANDING AT 30TH JUNE, 1940.

Year of Maturity.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
1940-41	410,000	45,648	39,055	494,703
1941-42 .. ..	..	25,193	54,063	79,256
1942-43	64,000	22,041	55,226	141,267
1943-44	550,000	20,844	27,244	598,088
1944-45	472,000	92,644	124,430	689,074
1945-46	85,000	139,642	48,313	272,955
1946-47 .. ..	..	168,157	105,594	273,751
1947-48 .. ..	..	161,166	120,688	281,854
1948-49	50,312	224,902	141,802	417,016
1949-50	770,000	202,365	143,664	1,116,029
1950-51 to 1954-55 ..	1,387,000	1,394,058	630,322	3,411,380
1955-56 to 1959-60 ..	245,000	2,442,266	1,033,752	3,721,018
1960-61 to 1964-65 ..	..	218,825	236,483	455,308
1965-66 to 1969-70 ..	..	510,517	202,915	713,432
1970-71 and after ..	..	..	17,971	17,971
Not stated .. ..	..	..	296,480	296,480
Total	4,033,312	5,668,268	3,278,002	12,979,582

Construction
of private
streets.

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

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

Details of the receipts and expenditure of Private Streets Accounts in 1939-40 are shown below :—

**VICTORIA—PRIVATE STREETS ACCOUNTS—RECEIPTS
AND EXPENDITURE, 1939-40.**

Receipts.	Expenditure.
£	£
Proceeds of Loans—	Works 295,733
From Government	Debt Charges—
From Other Sources .. 19,000	Redemption of Loans .. 96,982
Owners' Contributions .. 333,351	Sinking Fund Instalments 1,435
Interest on Fixed Deposits .. 1,303	Interest on Loans .. 22,894
Advance from Trust Fund .. 9,844	Interest on Overdraft .. 13,891
Other 9,701	Repayment of Trust Fund
	Advance 2,900
Total Receipts .. 373,199	Other 6,176
	Total Expenditure .. 440,011
Cash in hand or in Bank at	Bank Overdraft at 1st
1st October, 1939 .. 120,587	October, 1939 352,180
Bank Overdraft at 30th	Cash in hand or in Bank at
September, 1940 .. 395,112	30th September, 1940 .. 96,707
888,898	888,898

At 30th September, 1940, loans outstanding on account of private street construction amounted to £462,231, including £90,863 due to the State Government.

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

**Special
improvement
charges.**

The particulars of the receipts and expenditure of the Special Improvement Charge Accounts in 1939-40 are as follow:—

VICTORIA—SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT CHARGE ACCOUNTS
—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1939-40.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
£		£	
Loan Proceeds—		Works	1,921
From Public	1,000	Debt Charges—	
Special Improvement Charges	13,143	Redemption of Loans ..	6,792
Government Grant	489	Sinking Fund Instalments	1,152
Other	133	Interest on Loans and	
		Overdraft	3,213
		Other	864
		Other	467
Total Receipts	14,770	Total Expenditure	14,409
Cash in hand or in Bank at		Bank Overdraft at 1st	
1st October, 1939	6,870	October, 1939	13,871
Bank Overdraft at 30th		Cash in hand or in Bank at	
September, 1940	11,635	30th September, 1940 ..	4,995
	33,275		33,275

Loans outstanding at 30th September, 1940, for special improvements amounted to £59,578.

Length of
roads and
streets.

The following table shows the length of all roads and streets in the State in the year 1940.

VICTORIA—LENGTH OF ALL ROADS AND STREETS, 1940.

Type of Road or Street.	Roads and Streets (excluding State Highways).	State Highways.	Total.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Wood or stone	73	..	73
Portland cement concrete	123	1	124
Asphaltic concrete and sheet asphalt ..	236	12	248
Tar or bitumen surface seal over tar or bitumen penetrated or waterbound pavements	6,903	1,720	8,623
Waterbound macadam, gravel, sand, and hard loam pavements	24,336	1,060	25,396
Formed, but not otherwise paved	24,854	..	24,854
Surveyed roads not formed which are used for general traffic	45,725	..	45,725
Total	102,250	2,793	105,043

**Melbourne and
Metropolitan
Municipal
Loans
Redemption
Fund.**

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

The receipts of the Fund during the year 1940-41 amounted to £8,710 and were made up of contributions by municipalities, £6,170; and interest on credit balance of the Fund, £2,540. The amount expended from the Fund was £23,853, all of which was used for the redemption of municipal loans.

The total receipts of the Fund to the 30th June, 1941, amounted to £2,078,150. The payments out of the Fund were—redemption of municipal loans, £1,335,026; payment to the Treasury in reduction of municipal liabilities, £604,180; interest, £84,447; and sundries, £10. The credit balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1941, was £54,487.

**Licensing
Fund.**

During the year 1940-41 a sum of £59,304 was paid out of this Fund to municipalities, as provided by Section 311 of the *Licensing Act 1928*. The payments to cities amounted to £29,917; to towns, £1,611; to boroughs, £6,074; and to shires, £21,702. A statement of the receipts and expenditure of this Fund appears in part "Law, Crime, &c.", of this issue, page 63.

**Municipal
Officers
Fidelity
Guarantee
Fund.**

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

The premium revenue for the year ended 30th September, 1941, was £1,399, for guarantees amounting to £417,520. The claims paid from January, 1908, the date of the inception of the fund, to 30th September, 1941, amounted to £6,560. The amount to the credit of the fund at 30th September, 1941, was £28,720.

COUNTRY ROADS BOARD.

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

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

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

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

The *Country Roads Board Fund Act 1940* provides that, for the year 1940-41, all fees (other than fees for licences to drive motor cars) and fines paid under the Motor Car Acts, less the cost of collection of such fees and fines, shall be placed to the credit of the Country Roads Board Fund, and the annual payment into the Fund of the amount of £50,000 from Consolidated Revenue shall be suspended.

The receipts and expenditure of the Fund for each of the last five years were as follows:—

VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD FUND—
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1936-37 TO 1940-41.

	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.
<i>Receipts.</i>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Payments by Municipalities ..	278,373	302,622	318,878	335,169	312,042
Fees Motor Car Act ..	1,480,272	1,608,879	1,690,962	1,747,024	1,682,980
Fees and Registration of Traction Engines ..	1,129	1,207	1,270	1,415	1,654
Fees Motor Omnibus Act ..	10	5	..	21	13
Stores and Materials ..	165,316	208,512	233,103	215,013	199,931
Hire of Plant ..	46,402	49,596	53,724	54,705	59,979
Other Receipts (advance from Public Account for unemployment relief and other works, &c.) ..	92,043	83,184	116,071	88,521	72,506
TOTAL ..	2,063,545	2,254,005	2,414,008	2,441,868	2,329,105
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Maintenance and reconditioning of main roads, State highways, and tourists' roads ..	1,044,620	1,129,651	1,201,002	1,162,611	1,009,842
Relief to Municipalities ..	197,508	245,635	240,170	234,790	229,290
Interest and Sinking Fund ..	118,912	119,211	119,167	116,276	114,598
Recoup to Revenue (Interest, Sinking Fund, &c.) ..	317,788	323,832	308,277	368,330	351,684
Plant, Stores, and Materials ..	216,144	264,099	310,332	279,624	312,063
Other Expenditure (including administration) ..	180,725	180,209	234,192	238,773	201,279
TOTAL ..	2,075,697	2,262,637	2,413,140	2,400,404	2,218,756

The balance to the credit of the Fund at 30th June, 1941, was £153,658.

The money received from the issue of stock or debentures under the authority of section 32 of the *Country Roads Act* 1928 is placed to the credit of the Loan Account, which is debited with all payments made towards the cost of permanent road works. During 1940-41 this Account received £575 from the State Loans Repayment Fund, and the payments for permanent works amounted to £575.

The Developmental Roads Loan Account is credited with money received from stock and debentures issued under the authority of Section 85 of the *Country Roads Act* 1928 and is debited with expenditure in connexion with the construction of developmental roads. During 1940-41 there were no transactions owing to the funds having been exhausted in previous years.

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

**VICTORIA—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD—EXPENDITURE
ON ROADS, 1936-37 TO 1940-41.**

—	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.
	£	£	£	£	£
State Highways*—					
Maintenance and reconditioning	401,337	418,905	453,708	506,551	392,510
Main Roads*—					
Construction	228,470	170,442	224,290	187,130	81,343
Maintenance	752,629	749,946	802,920	699,692	646,836
Total Main Roads ..	981,099	920,388	1,027,210	886,822	728,179
Developmental Roads*—					
Construction, &c. ..	294,170	375,632	468,122	461,661	303,985
Unemployment Relief ..	215,377	138,184	54,662	53,609	4,871
Tourists' Roads*—					
Construction, &c. ..	35,635	52,046	77,694	68,262	55,389
Murray River Bridges and Punts—					
Maintenance	1,700	2,841	4,067	8,275	3,668
Roads adjoining Commonwealth Areas .. ..	..	3	13,321	11,908	8,647
Commonwealth Defence Works Unemployment Relief ..	..	..	..	93,758	21,392
TOTAL	1,929,318	1,907,999	2,098,784	2,090,846	1,518,641

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

HARBOR TRUSTS.

The Port of Melbourne is under the control of this Trust. The *Year-Book* for 1929-30 contains on page 145 a statement relating to the constitution, powers and functions of this Trust. The following are particulars of the ordinary revenue and ordinary and capital expenditure for the years 1936 to 1940. The loan indebtedness as at the end of each of the five years is also shown.

**Melbourne
Harbor Trust.**

MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1936 TO 1940.

Heading.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.
REVENUE.					
	£	£	£	£	£
Wharfage and Tonnage Rates ..	657,889	712,566	732,251	681,168	684,032
Rents	38,910	39,527	40,642	42,782	42,297
Interest	972	983	953	844	734
Other Revenue	87,507	93,182	106,253	119,105	128,169
	785,278	846,258	880,099	843,899	855,232
<i>Less</i> Statutory Payments to—					
Consolidated Revenue ..	135,578	146,513	150,450	140,234	142,806
Geelong Harbor Trust ..	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Total	634,700	684,745	714,649	688,665	697,426
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
General Management and Expenses	42,137	44,255	42,793	41,973	53,564
Flotation and Redemption of Loans					
Expenses	32,940	3,832	3,825	3,825	3,825
Operating Expenses	29,052	32,208	34,470	35,208	37,794
Maintenance—					
Dredging	78,557	98,622	126,745	97,320	98,241
Harbor	2,323	2,213	1,998	4,164	1,361
Wharves	43,767	76,630	84,925	89,671	79,853
Approaches	4,060	8,280	7,436	5,846	12,467
Railways	2,771	1,225	1,550	2,426	3,650
Other Properties	4,980	1,681	2,396	2,091	3,023
Interest on Loans and Exchange	226,071	211,138	206,415	203,801	202,415
Depreciation, Renewals, and Insurance Account	80,000	116,000	116,000	129,160	135,688
Sinking Fund	84,111	84,868	85,657	66,849	47,146
Total	630,769	680,952	714,210	682,343	679,027
Surplus on Revenue Account ..	3,931	3,793	439	6,322	18,399
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.					
Land and Property	1,044	291	671	694	863
Deepening Waterways	13,728	..	2,235	28,013	48,837
Wharves Construction	16,904	11,285	20,305	56,930	28,565
Approaches Construction	31,050	28,944	27,102	26,661	5,894
Other Harbor Improvements	9,631	10,245	12,170	11,418	36,898
Railways	3,143	..	..	..	..
Floating and General Plant	2,266	1,313	4,169	6,997	39,212
Total	77,766	52,078	66,652	130,713	160,269
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness*	4,102,400	4,179,632	4,109,476	4,018,527	4,028,880
Sinking Fund	63,900	78,700	95,760	129,557	133,471
Net Indebtedness	4,038,500	4,100,932	4,013,716	3,888,970	3,895,409

* Excluding bank overdraft as follows:—£338,311 in 1936; £133,691 in 1937; £78,900 in 1938; £141,712 in 1939; and £103,785 in 1940.

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

The following is a summary of the revenue and expenditure for each year 1936 to 1940. Capital expenditure during, and loan indebtedness at end of, each of the five years is also shown.

GEELONG HARBOR TRUST — REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1936 TO 1940.

Heading.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.
REVENUE.					
	£	£	£	£	£
Wharfage, Tonnage and Special Berth Rates	61,075	72,178	75,059	61,110	55,606
Rents, Fees, and Licences	6,135	5,419	5,587	5,436	5,302
Freezing Works and Abattoirs	8,465	8,465	8,465	8,465	10,732
Contribution by Melbourne Harbor Trust	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Other Revenue	5,908	4,840	4,529	3,503	2,974
Total	96,583	105,902	108,640	93,514	89,614
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
Management Expenses	12,961	12,737	14,847	15,937	15,753
Maintenance—					
Wharves and Approaches	2,532	3,262	7,040	4,468	2,871
Harbor	1,412	2,159	4,516	3,597	4,625
Floating Plant	7,896	7,341	9,276	12,405	5,784
Other	2,438	2,653	3,595	2,508	2,059
Interest on Loans	15,583	12,732	12,646	14,700	17,022
Sinking Fund	4,417	4,238	4,238	3,997	3,992
Freezing Works and Abattoirs	6,489	11,064	8,913	9,700	8,550
Depreciation Reserve Account	28,092	35,740	35,837	30,748	31,594
Miscellaneous	338	250	470	425	70
Total	82,158	92,176	101,378	98,485	92,320
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.					
Land and Property	60	..	6,593	2,063	4,077
Deepening Waterways	27,144	30,315	33,342	32,730	10,093
Wharves and Approaches	74	78	3,206	21,428	5,993
Other	1,951	8,323	5,786	2,104	4,915
Total	29,229	38,716	48,927	58,325	25,078
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness	580,824	557,310	535,717	529,360	526,580
Sinking Fund	11,396	15,981	20,763	25,131	30,169
Net Indebtedness	569,428	541,329	514,954	504,229	496,411

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITIES.

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

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.

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

It consists of 40 members, including the chairman, who is elected every four years by the other members, and is eligible for re-election. The other thirty-nine members, who are called commissioners, are from time to time elected by the councils of 22 of the municipal districts within the metropolis.

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

Area under Board's control. All land within a radius of 13 miles of the Post Office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth streets, Melbourne, those portions of the Cities of Moorabbin and Mordialloc outside such radius, and portions of the Shires of Dandenong and of Blackburn and Mitcham are included in the metropolis for water supply and sewerage purposes. This territory has an area of 447 square miles, and comprises 26 cities and parts of one other city and of eleven shires.

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

The liability under loans raised by the Board was £26,437,279 on 30th June, 1941. The Board was at that date empowered to borrow £702,655 before reaching the limit of its borrowing powers.

The following is a statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Board during each of the last five years.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1936-37 TO 1940-41.

Heads of Revenue and Expenditure.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.
REVENUE.					
Water Supply—	£	£	£	£	£
Water Rates (including Meter Excess)	812,287	893,865	929,663	928,774	1,003,865
Water Charges and Stations	20,526	20,747	22,196	30,429	44,237
Meter Rents	52,151	53,827	55,441	57,733	60,158
Sewerage—					
Sewerage Rates	992,240	1,032,491	1,070,401	1,121,722	1,090,930
Sanitary Charges	17,206	17,417	19,163	19,248	22,630
Metropolitan Farm—					
Grazing Fees, Rents, Pastures, &c. Balance Live Stock Account	12,797	18,251	14,035	3,886	6,254
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers—					
Drainage and River Improvement Rate	74,187	77,693	80,062	83,797	86,871
River Water Charges	8,480	10,572	6,450	5,724	7,836
Total	2,005,170	2,133,435	2,214,295	2,277,156	2,351,277
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
Water Supply—					
Management and Incidental Expenses	40,103	42,067	48,102	49,137	49,399
Maintenance	101,994	108,967	115,735	121,759	121,598
Sewerage—					
Management and Incidental Expenses	29,229	29,560	31,502	56,673	51,810
Maintenance	87,632	97,802	90,800	102,720	107,724
Metropolitan Farm—					
Administrative Expenses	687	417	495	1,116	1,095
Maintenance	38,417	46,448	49,424	54,203	59,770
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers—					
Management and Incidental Expenses	4,074	3,950	4,863	5,062	4,562
Maintenance	11,746	15,103	16,643	16,465	14,940
Pensions and Allowances	4,563	6,963	3,892	5,424	5,677
Discount and Expenses re Loans	36,775	99,741	84,000	81,928	19,777
Interest on Overdraft	728	38	92	69	148
Interest on Loans	1,256,775	1,272,900	1,269,459	1,290,917	1,317,976
Exchange	112,277	47,091	47,052	45,944	46,126
Contribution to—					
Sinking Fund	62,813	63,563	64,269	65,351	65,601
Renewals Fund	131,970	184,381	176,000	175,000	225,000
Superannuation Fund	20,770	20,909	21,116	21,521	22,032
Fire Insurance Fund	10,000	20,000	25,000	25,000	25,662
Rates Equalization Reserve .. .. .	..	..	..	25,000	..
General Reserve .. .. .	..	..	..	70,000	70,000
Depreciation .. .. .	..	10,324	61,319	37,895	60,000
Contributions to Municipalities	3,850	3,850	3,850	3,850	3,850
Defence Expenses .. .. .	..	..	..	20,920	19,748
Contributions to Patriotic Funds .. .. .	..	..	..	..	6,520
Sundries .. .. .	..	..	1,045	332	15
Total	1,954,403	2,074,074	2,114,658	2,276,286	2,299,030
Surplus on Revenue Account	50,767	59,361	99,637	870	52,247

WATER SUPPLY.

Water supply assessments and rates. The rate to be paid in respect of any lands and houses for the supply of water for domestic purposes, otherwise than by measure, is limited to an amount not exceeding 8d. in the pound on the annual value of the lands and houses served. The water rate levied in the year 1940-41 was 7d. in the pound on the annual value of the property served. Assessments of £17 and under are charged a minimum rate of 10s. per annum. There is a charge of 1s. per 1,000 gallons for water supplied by meter, with the assessed rate as a minimum. For shipping at Melbourne wharves the charge is 3s. per 1,000 gallons.

Assessed value of property. The total annual value of property assessed for water supply purposes and liable to water rates was £19,568,452 in 1939-40 and £20,315,137 in 1940-41.

Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan waterworks system. The total cost of the water supply system to 30th June, 1941, was as follows:—

	£
Original water supply works, tank, pumping station, &c.	44,787
Yan Yean system	664,460
Maroondah system	1,704,801
O'Shannassy system	3,198,095
Service reservoirs	616,182
Large mains	3,064,152
Reticulation	3,487,111
Afforestation	71,300
Investigations, future works	7,322
Total	12,858,210

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

Output of water. The total output of water from the various sources of supply in 1940 was as follows:—

	Gallons.
Yan Yean Reservoir	3,969,561,000
Maroondah Reservoir	14,624,854,000
O'Shannassy River and Silvan No. 1	13,936,951,000
Total Output	32,531,366,000

Storage and service reservoirs. There are five storage reservoirs (Yan Yean, Toorourong, Maroondah, O'Shannassy, and Silvan No. 1) with a total capacity of 23,351,305,000 gallons, and twenty-two service reservoirs (including one at the Metropolitan Farm, Werribee) and three elevated tanks, with a total capacity of 262,200,000 gallons.

Consumption of water in Melbourne and suburbs. During 1940 the total consumption of water amounted to 32,541,578,000 gallons and the average consumption per day was 88,911,415 gallons. The maximum daily consumption for the year (177,221,000 gallons) occurred on 14th March and the minimum daily consumption (47,208,000 gallons) on 27th May.

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

DAILY AVERAGE QUANTITY OF WATER CONSUMED IN
MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS, 1936 TO 1940.

(MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS AREA.)

Year.	Properties Supplied with Water at 30th June.	Number of Properties for which Sewers were Provided at 30th June.	Daily Average of Annual Consumption of Water to 31st December.	Daily Consumption of Water per Head of Population Served.
			Gallons.	Gallons.
1936	266,909	251,507	75,176,000	70·94
1937	271,771	255,950	77,594,000	71·91
1938	278,310	261,872	86,927,000	78·67
1939	285,408	269,411	66,870,310	59·02
1940	291,261	274,974	88,911,415	76·89

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

These figures show that additional properties to the number of 5,853 were supplied with water during the year ended 30th June, 1940.

SEWERAGE.

Sewerage assessments, rates, and receipts. The Board is empowered to levy a general sewerage rate not exceeding 1s. 2d. in the £1 on the net annual value of properties in sewered areas. The sewerage rate for the year 1940-41 was 1s. 1d. in the £1. The total annual value of property in the Board's area in 1940-41 was £20,966,711, of which £19,842,136 was liable to the sewerage rate, the balance being the value of property in unsewered districts.

The receipts from the general sewerage rates and charges in 1940-41 amounted to £1,113,560.

Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan sewerage system.

The cost of sewerage works to 30th June, 1941, was £14,615,453, classified as follows:—

	£
Farm purchase and preparation	1,328,896
Treatment works	189,621
Outfall sewers and rising mains	529,380
Pumping stations, buildings, and plant	304,388
Main and Branch sewers	3,255,459
Reticulation sewers	8,186,179
Cost of house connexions chargeable to capital	770,981
Sanitary depots	50,549
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Cost of sewerage system	14,615,453
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Main and subsidiary sewerage systems.

The sewerage system of the metropolis at 30th June, 1941, consisted of the main system and three subsidiary systems:—

The Main system (serving an area of 63,894 acres) the sewage from which gravitates to Spotswood Pumping Station where it is lifted to the Main Outfall Sewer at Brooklyn and thence flows to the Metropolitan Farm at Werribee.

The Sunshine system (serving an area of 846 acres in the Shire of Braybrook, including the township of Sunshine) the sewage from which is pumped to the Main Outfall Sewer.

The Kew system (serving an area of 90 acres in Kew) the sewage from which drains to a local treatment plant.

The South Eastern system (serving an area of 1,836 acres in Cheltenham, Parkdale, Mentone, and Mordialloc) the sewage from which drains to the Braeside treatment plant in the Shire of Dandenong.

Number of buildings for which sewers were provided.

The first house was connected in Port Melbourne in August, 1897. On 30th June, 1941, the number of buildings for which sewers were provided was 281,288, and the estimated population served by the system was 1,116,713.

During the year 1940-41, 7,531 new houses were erected in the Board's area, and provision was made for the sewerage of 6,314 buildings.

The following statement shows the progress of sewer connexions to 30th June, 1941 :—

**MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—
SEWER CONNEXIONS AT 30TH JUNE, 1941.**

Municipality.	No. of Buildings for which sewers were provided on 30th June, 1941.
Blackburn and Mitcham Shire	1,006
Box Hill City	4,401
Braybrook Shire (part of)	1,921
Brighton City	9,779
Broadmeadows Shire (part of)	555
Brunswick City	14,193
Camberwell City	18,984
Caulfield City	20,778
Coburg City	10,314
Collingwood City	8,175
Essendon City	13,013
Fitzroy City	7,931
Footscray City	12,480
Hawthorn City	10,452
Heidelberg City (part of)	6,421
Keilor Shire (part of)	331
Kew City	6,862
Malvern City	13,158
Melbourne City	22,831
Moorabbin City	4,576
Mordialloc City	2,250
Mulgrave Shire	4
Northcote City	11,266
Oakleigh City	3,435
Port Melbourne City	3,507
Prahran City	16,013
Preston City	9,609
Richmond City	10,664
Sandringham City	5,668
South Melbourne City	10,208
St. Kilda City	14,225
Werribee Shire (part of)	12
Williamstown City	6,266
Total	281,288

**Pumping
stations.**

At 30th June, 1941, pumping stations had been established at Spotswood, Preston, Sunshine, Box Hill, Black Rock, Braybrook, Mordialloc, Port Melbourne, Prahran, and Kew.

**Metropolitan
Sewage
Farm.**

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

The statistical data for the year ended 30th June, 1941, are as under:—

Total area of farm	..	..	..	22,634 acres.
Area used for sewage disposal	..	..	..	13,203 „
Rainfall at farm for year	..	..	..	17·60 inches.
Average rainfall over 47 years	..	..	..	18·14 „
Net cost of sewage purification for year per head of population served	..	..	..	1s. 5·773d.
Loss on cattle for year	..	..	..	£ 975
Profit on horses for year	..	..	..	£ 249
Profit on sheep for year	..	..	..	£ 29,222
Profit on agistment for year	..	..	..	£ 4,568

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

For the year 1940-41, the working expenses were £5,520, while interest amounted to £2,313, making a total of £7,833. The revenue was £2,804, leaving a deficiency of £5,029.

METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS.

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

The total annual value of property assessed for Drainage and River purposes for 1940-41 was £20,843,312.

The total cost of Drainage and River Improvement works to 30th June, 1941, was £1,646,909.

The classification and length of all main drains under the control of the Board at 30th June, 1941, were as follows:—

	Miles.	Chains.
Underground drains	89	12
Constructed open drains	11	18
Natural watercourses and unlined open drains	5	6
Total	105	36

THE BALLARAT WATER COMMISSION.

The Water Supply District of the Ballarat Water Commission, which was constituted under the provisions of the Water Acts on 1st July, 1880, embraces an area of about 27 square miles, including the City of Ballarat, the Borough of Sebastopol, and portions of the Shires of Ballarat, Buninyong, and Bungaree. The estimated population in this area is 43,000. The works comprise six reservoirs which have a total storage capacity of 2,365,558,000 gallons.

To 31st December, 1940, the capital cost of construction was £615,758, and the loans outstanding (due to the Government) at that date were £285,507. During 1940, receipts amounted to £82,623 and expenditure to £78,504.

GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE TRUST.

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

The amount of loans which may be raised is limited to £900,000 for water supply, £760,000 for sewerage works, and £270,000 for sewerage installations to properties under deferred payments conditions. The expenditure on these services to 30th June, 1941, was—water supply, £753,313; sewerage, £649,263; and sewerage installation, £257,728, of which £1,015 is outstanding. The revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1941, was £63,866 on account of waterworks, £45,087 on account of sewerage, and £1,610 on account of Barwon River Improvement Fund. Since 1913 the Trust has appropriated and set apart sums out of surplus revenues for the creation of a sinking fund to redeem loans. At 30th June, 1941, the amounts so appropriated were:—sewerage, £76,558; and water supply, £81,549. Of such sums £147,852 has been used to redeem loans which have matured from time to time.

The population supplied is estimated by the Trust at 50,570. The number of buildings situate within the "Drainage Area" is 12,569; the number within the "Sewered Areas," 12,327; and the number connected with the sewers, 12,318.

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

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

Sewerage.—The sewerage system consists of a main outfall sewer, 4 ft. 3 in. by 3 ft. 3 in., to the ocean at Black Rock, a distance of about 9 miles from Geelong, and 145.7 miles of main and reticulation sewers. The sewerage area is 9,571 acres and includes the City of Geelong, the City of Geelong West, the Town of Newtown and Chilwell, and their suburban areas in the Shires of Corio, South Barwon, and Bellarine.

WATERWORKS TRUSTS.

During 1940 there were 109 Waterworks Trusts, constituted under the provisions of the *Water Act* 1928, functioning in Victoria. The receipts and expenditure of these Trusts are given below for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

VICTORIA—WATERWORKS TRUSTS—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1940.

Receipts.	Expenditure.
	£
Water Rates (including arrears) ..	163,293
Water Sales (including arrears) ..	24,387
Meter Rents (including arrears) ..	2,379
Interest on overdue Rates ..	1,267
Transfers from Depreciation Fund ..	18,933
Government Loans ..	43,218
Government Grants—	
For Works	35,647
For Investment	10,189
Other	14,559
Total Receipts	313,872
Cash in hand or in Bank at 1st January, 1940	43,564
Bank Overdraft at 31st December, 1940	25,648
383,084	383,084
	£
Administrative Expenses	23,106
Works—	
From Loans and Government Grants	94,306
From Revenue	31,307
Maintenance and Repairs (including Pumping and Purchase of Water) ..	55,208
Redemption of Loans	18,540
Interest on Loans	61,441
Interest on Bank Overdraft	348
Depreciation Fund	18,503
Government Grant Invested	10,348
Other	10,649
Total Expenditure	323,756
Bank Overdraft at 1st January, 1940	13,589
Cash in hand or in Bank at 31st December, 1940	45,739
383,084	383,084

All loan moneys are provided by the Treasurer of Victoria. At 30th June, 1941, the loan liability of Waterworks Trusts amounted to £1,458,010 (including £45,901 on account of loans from Unemployment Relief Funds).

MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST.

This Trust, which was constituted under the provisions of the Mildura Irrigation Trusts Acts, supplies water for domestic use in the City of Mildura. The receipts and expenditure of this authority for the year ended 30th June, 1940, were as follows:—

MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1939-40.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£		£
Water Rates (including arrears)	4,596	Administrative Expenses ..	935
Water Sales (including arrears)	2,132	New Works	1,243
Interest on overdue Rates ..	32	Meters	420
Other	1,027	Maintenance and Repairs ..	3,079
		Redemption of Loans ..	156
		Sinking Fund Instalments ..	74
		Interest on Loans ..	510
		Depreciation Fund ..	1,068
		Other	365
Total	7,787	Total	7,850

At 30th June, 1940, the loan liability of the Trust amounted to £12,518, of which £10,518 was due to the Government.

SEWERAGE AUTHORITIES.

In districts outside the areas under the control of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust (which bodies were constituted under special Acts), sewerage authorities may be constituted in Victoria under the provisions of the Sewerage Districts Acts. At 31st December, 1940, thirty-eight such authorities had been constituted.

The following statement gives general statistical information relating to all authorities (including the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust) in whose districts the sewerage systems were in operation in 1940.

SEWERAGE SYSTEMS IN OPERATION IN VICTORIA, 1940.

Authority.	Year of Constitution.	Estimated Population Served by System.†	Number of Properties Connected to Sewers.	Sewerage Rate Levied in £ of Net Annual Municipal Value.	Capital Expenditure to End of Year Excluding House Connections).	Loans Outstanding at End of Year.	
						Sewerage Works.	House Connections.
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works*	1890	1,091,650	274,974	s. d.	£	£	£
Ararat ..	1935	4,300	1,079	1 2	14,396,033	14,290,529	..
Bairnsdale ..	1932	3,800	1,000	2 0	80,770	68,700	28,500
Ballarat ..	1920	39,300	8,741	1 4	61,123	47,518	20,302
Benalla ..	1934	3,940	1,121	1 7	454,364	435,227	16,585
Bendigo ..	1916	25,700	6,455	2 0	84,405	70,722	28,000
Castlemaine ..	1934	4,600	1,080	1 5	350,701	303,454	..
Colac ..	1923	5,400	1,425	2 0	70,003	59,602	18,544
Dandenong ..	1935	4,500	900	2 0	80,991	73,601	3,111
Echuca ..	1927	4,000	1,090	1 9	74,021	57,566	36,400
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust*	1908	49,620	12,092	2 0	66,836	61,420	..
Hamilton ..	1935	5,000	1,478	1 3	647,925	583,100	1,328
Horsham ..	1926	5,030	1,259	1 7	87,938	72,377	42,730
Kerang ..	1932	2,800	625	1 6	61,062	55,990	21,750
Kyneton ..	1933	600	109	2 3	61,395	49,344	13,800
Mildura ..	1928	6,960	1,712	2 0	43,078	39,600	24,100
Morwell ..	1939	200	61	1 4	74,895	62,665	10,937
Shepparton ..	1934	6,000	1,500	1 9	30,788	25,675	11,300
Swan Hill ..	1926	4,500	898	1 6	113,469	99,787	40,925
Wangaratta ..	1933	4,800	1,200	2 0	59,562	56,459	8,537
Warracknabeal ..	1938	2,250	548	1 7	66,054	53,411	25,437
Warrnambool ..	1929	7,500	2,037	2 0	54,097	39,530	20,000
Total ..	..	1,283,050	321,384	0 9	79,313	71,049	8,500
					17,098,823	16,677,326	380,786

* Sewerage finance only

† As estimated by the authorities concerned.

‡ In Area No. 1, 1s. 2d.; in Areas Nos. 2 and 3, 8d.

In addition to those enumerated in the above table, sewerage authorities had been constituted in the following districts, in which at the end of 1940, preliminary works or detail surveys were being carried out:—Beechworth constituted in 1939; Dimboola in 1938; Euroa in 1939; Kyabram in 1938; Leongatha in 1939; Lorne in 1938; Maffra in 1938; Mornington in 1939; Murtoa in 1938; Nhill in 1938; Portland in 1938; Sale in 1936; Traralgon in 1939; Warragul in 1935; Werribee in 1939; Wodonga in 1939; Yarram in 1939; and Yarrawonga in 1938. At Beechworth, Euroa, Lorne, Sale, Werribee, Wodonga, and Yarram operations have been suspended for the duration of the war.

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

Yallourn. Under the provisions of the State Electricity Commission Acts, a scheme of sewerage for Yallourn has been adopted after the approval by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission and the Public Health Department. At 30th June, 1940, the erection of the treatment plant and pipe-testing depot were approaching completion, and plans for other sections of the sewerage work and the reticulation thereof were complete.

FIRE BRIGADES BOARDS.

Constitution of Fire Brigades Boards. Under the *Fire Brigades Act 1928* there are constituted a metropolitan fire district, controlled by the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board, and nine country fire districts, controlled by the Country Fire Brigades Board. Particulars of the principal provisions of the *Fire Brigades Act 1937* are given in the *Year Book* for 1937-38, page 164.

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

The Board on 30th June, 1941, had under its control the following :— 42 stations, 331 members of permanent staff, 80 members of special service staff, 12 members of clerical staff, 67 men engaged in the workshops, 14 employees engaged in the tailoring department, and 175 partially paid firemen.

During 1940-41 the cost of maintenance of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade was £188,903, one-third being contributed by each of the contributing bodies, viz., Government of Victoria, municipalities within the Metropolitan Fire District, and the fire insurance companies carrying on business in that district. The municipalities' contribution was equal to 732d. in the pound on the annual value of £20,631,170 of property within the Fire District, and that of the insurance companies to £6 2s. 0½d. for every £100 of premiums on insured property. The premiums received in the Metropolitan Fire District in 1939 amounted to £1,031,838.

Country Fire Brigades Board. The Country Fire Brigades Board, which was constituted in 1891, consists of nine members. Three are appointed by the Governor in Council, two are elected by the municipal councils of the districts in which there are brigades registered under the Board, two by the fire insurance companies carrying on business in such districts, and two by the registered fire brigades. The Board's revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1941, was £36,386. This was made up of equal contributions of £11,786 from the Government, the municipalities, and the insurance companies, and £1,040 from other sources. The expenditure for the same year amounted to £36,598. There are 131

municipal councils and 111 insurance companies included in the operation of the Act. The premiums received by the insurance companies in country districts during the year 1939 amounted to £400,918. The annual value of rateable property assessed within the Board's districts in 1940 was £4,307,008. All brigades under the control of the Board are volunteer brigades but, in the large centres, a few permanent stationkeepers and auxiliaries are employed. There are 159 registered brigades and the number of registered firemen is 2,887. In most brigades there is, in addition to the registered firemen, a number of "reserve" members.

Particulars of receipts and expenditure of both Fire Brigades Boards for the last five years are as follows:—

**VICTORIA—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF FIRE
BRIGADES BOARDS, 1936-37 TO 1940-41.**

Heads of Receipts and Expenditure.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.
<i>• Ordinary Receipts.</i>					
£	£	£	£	£	£
Contributions— Government, Municipal, and Insurance	189,533	217,244	216,468	222,109	224,057
Receipts for Services	26,288	30,549	28,905	30,393	32,613
Interest and Sundries	19,031	21,835	21,006	19,243	23,232
Total	234,852	269,628	266,379	271,745	279,902
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries	148,493	162,079	161,312	166,250	166,921
Fire Expenses	4,259	4,428	4,429	4,390	4,265
Administrative Charges, &c.	37,578	41,252	42,888	40,797	44,418
Plant—Purchase and Repairs	15,949	16,582	15,580	16,393	18,608
Interest	10,507	10,107	10,484	11,720	12,410
Repayment of Loans	11,614	12,235	14,977	15,753	15,534
Superannuation Fund	5,415	6,012	5,943	6,149	6,138
Miscellaneous	20,146	10,398	8,386	6,801	10,814
Total	253,961	263,093	263,999	268,253	279,108
<i>Loan Expenditure.</i>					
Purchase of Land and Erection of Buildings, &c.	268	8,073	45,342	28,230	39,881

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL BODIES.

In the following statement particulars are given of the new money loan raisings during 1939-40 by Local Government and Semi-Governmental and Other Public Bodies. Information in respect of the amount of loans outstanding (excluding overdrafts) at 30th June, 1940, is also shown.

VICTORIA—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—NEW MONEY LOAN RAISINGS 1939-40, AND LOANS OUTSTANDING AT 30TH JUNE, 1940.

Authority.	New Money Loan Raisings during year ended 30th June, 1940.		Loans Outstanding (excluding Overdrafts) at 30th June, 1940.		Accumulated Sinking Funds at 30th June, 1940.
	From Central Government.	From Public Creditor.	Due to—		
			Central Government.	Public Creditor.	
LOCAL GOVERNMENT.	£	£	£	£	£
Metropolitan Municipalities ..	..	391,925	189,960	9,511,620	860,389
Ex-Metropolitan Municipalities ..	6,272	232,253	390,439	2,887,563	101,626
Total Local Government ..	6,272	624,178	580,399	12,399,183	962,015
SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES.					
Water Supply and Sewerage—					
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works ..	58,000	500,000	215,500	25,924,970 ^a	2,294,715
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust ..	..	3,700	..	1,263,750	5,812
Other Sewerage Authorities ..	1,545	291,145	232,689	2,127,372	1,410
Ballarat Water Commission ..	3,240	..	285,689	..	..
Waterworks Trusts ..	41,272	..	1,424,234	..	..
Mildura Urban Water Trust ..	..	..	10,518	2,000	74
Total Water Supply and Sewerage ..	104,057	794,845	2,168,630	29,318,092	2,302,011
Irrigation and Drainage—					
First Mildura Irrigation Trust ..	..	..	44,492	51,375	37,202
Trafalgar Meadows Drainage Trust ..	..	750	..	699	..
Total Irrigation and Drainage ..	..	750	44,492	52,074	37,202
Harbors—					
Melbourne Harbor Trust ..	..	..	..	4,039,227 ^b	133,471
Geelong Harbor Trust ..	..	..	323,578	205,600	25,812
Total Harbors ..	..	..	323,578	4,244,827	159,283
Tramways—					
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board ..	..	..	..	4,554,651 ^c	137,721
Electricity Supply—					
State Electricity Commission ..	..	1,269,585	<i>d</i>	3,358,135 ^e	2,181
Fire Brigades—					
Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board ..	..	10,000	..	207,361	..
Country Fire Brigades Board ..	..	11,250	..	67,239	..
Total Fire Brigades ..	..	21,250	..	274,600	..

a Including £3,754,000 payable in London.

b Including £968,400 payable in London.

c Including £1,000,000 payable in London.

d Excluding liability to the State of Victoria (£17,095,951) and to the Unemployment Relief Fund (£81,225).

e Including £926,900 payable in London.

VICTORIA—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—NEW MONEY LOAN RAISINGS 1939-40, AND LOANS OUTSTANDING AT 30TH JUNE, 1940—*continued.*

Authority.	New Money Loan Raisings during year ended 30th June, 1940.		Loans Outstanding (excluding Overdrafts) at 30th June, 1940.		Accumulated Sinking Funds at 30th June, 1940.
	From Central Government.	From Public Creditor.	Due to—		
			Central Government.	Public Creditor.	
Marketing— Western Metropolitan Market Trust	£ ..	£ 4,500	£ ..	£ 33,975	£ ..
Housing— State Savings Bank (Credit Foncier Department) Housing Commission	270,000	170,000	949,340	20,754,930 170,000	.. 6,472
Total Housing	270,000	170,000	949,340	20,924,930	6,472
Bulk Handling of Wheat— Grain Elevators Board	300,000	950,000	1,009,237	1,275,000	21,155
Total Semi-Governmental and Other Public Bodies	674,057	3,210,930	4,495,277	64,036,284	2,666,025
Grand Total	680,329	3,835,108	5,075,676	76,435,467	3,628,040

Particulars relating to the new money loan raisings by the above authorities during each of the last five years are summarized below. Comparable information for the years prior to 1936-37 is not available.

VICTORIA—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—NEW MONEY LOAN RAISINGS, 1936-37 TO 1940-41.

Heading.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.*
LOCAL GOVERNMENT.	£	£	£	£	£
Due to Government	32,493	6,501	13,737	6,272	3,741
Due to Public Creditor	485,577	792,542	795,211	624,178	346,329
Total Local Government	518,070	799,043	808,948	630,450	350,070
SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL, ETC.					
Due to Government	138,235	42,773	405,529	674,057	473,940
Due to Public Creditor	565,374	1,381,774	1,478,840†	3,210,930†	1,160,247
Total Semi-Governmental, &c.	703,609	1,424,547	1,884,369	3,884,987	1,634,187
ALL AUTHORITIES.					
Due to Government	170,728	49,274	419,266	680,329	477,681
Due to Public Creditor	1,050,951	2,174,316	2,274,051	3,835,108	1,506,576
Grand Total	1,221,679	2,223,590	2,693,317	4,515,437	1,984,257

* Subject to revision. † Including the following amounts borrowed to repay loans from Government:—£100,000 in 1938-39, and £500,000 in 1939-40.

HOUSING.

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

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

War Service Homes. The Commonwealth Government assists eligible members of the Australian Defence Forces and their female dependants to acquire homes, the operations being conducted under the *War Service Homes Act* 1918-1941. A summary of the activities of the War Service Homes Commission in Victoria to 30th June, 1941, discloses that 10,636 applications had been approved, 5,014 homes erected, 3,784 homes purchased, and 467 mortgages discharged. The sums paid as instalments of principal and interest amounted to £6,321,318, whilst the arrears of instalments totalled £115,276, the percentage of arrears to the total amount due being 1.79.

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

Information in respect of the contracts let by the Commission during 1939, 1940, and 1941 for the erection of dwelling-houses is given in the following statement. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

**VICTORIA—CONTRACTS LET BY THE HOUSING COMMISSION
DURING 1939 TO 1941.**

Municipality.	1939.		1940.		1941.	
	Dwelling Units.	Value.	Dwelling Units.	Value.	Dwelling Units.	Value.
	No.	£	No.	£	No.	£
Metropolitan—						
Cities—						
Brunswick	22	13,994	..	..	58	34,669
Northcote .. ..	..	..	..	..	42	31,044
Port Melbourne	8	5,047	404	236,894	2†	8,704
Preston	80	48,034	266	159,550	16	10,653
Richmond .. ..	..	..	..	..	138	93,157
Williamstown .. ..	..	..	..	..	76	53,584
Shire—						
Braybrook* .. ..	..	..	..	..	234	179,229
Total Metropolitan ..	110	67,075	670	396,444	566	411,040
Outside Metropolitan Area—						
Warrnambool City .. ..	..	..	..	..	40	29,870
Newtown and Chilwell Town	..	..	54	33,495	..	..
Swan Hill Borough .. ..	..	..	..	..	11	8,356
Mildura Shire .. ..	..	..	..	..	30	19,562
Total outside Metropolitan Area ..	..	..	54	33,495	81	57,788
Grand Total	110	67,075	724	429,939	647	468,828

* Houses being erected for the Commonwealth Government.

† In addition, contracts were let for the erection of eight shops.

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

Building permits issued in Greater Melbourne. The value of permits issued by municipalities in Greater Melbourne for all classes of buildings, i.e., dwellings, other new buildings, and alterations and additions to existing buildings, during the period of twelve months ended on 31st December in each of the fourteen years 1928-1941 was as follows:—

Year ended 31st December—	Value of Permits Issued.				Index to Total Value = 100 in 1929.
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.)	Other New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	
1928	5,312,197	1,747,251	983,474	8,042,922	111·51
1929	4,187,832	1,991,927	1,033,018	7,212,777	100·00
1930	1,308,976	852,079	578,521	2,739,576	37·98
1931	418,572	364,339	342,990	1,125,901	15·61
1932	1,033,844	908,761	496,011	2,438,616	33·81
1933	1,661,722	883,500	763,660	3,308,882	45·88
1934	2,588,426	902,245	1,293,794	4,784,465	66·33
1935	3,721,608	1,384,773	1,454,323	6,560,704	90·96
1936	4,172,779	1,810,825	1,435,625	7,419,229	102·86
1937	4,648,987	1,817,369	1,732,083	8,198,439	113·67
1938	5,131,951	1,634,079	1,436,354	8,202,384	113·72
1939	5,187,662	1,654,465	1,634,872	8,476,999	117·53
1940	6,625,287	2,143,770	1,445,743	10,214,800	141·62
1941	6,572,600	900,661	1,391,603	8,864,864	122·91

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

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN GREATER MELBOURNE,
1940 AND 1941.

Class of Permit.	1940.		1941.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
New Buildings.				
Buildings for Habitation—		£		£
Private Dwellings—				
Brick, concrete, &c. ..	2,181	2,471,467	2,280	2,658,952
Brick veneer ..	1,046	953,500	1,343	1,369,045
Wood, fibro-cement, &c. ..	1,717	1,160,772	1,868	1,375,260
Flats ..	468	1,961,548	359	1,134,994
Other (Hotels, Guest Houses, &c.)	10	78,000	5	34,349
Total, Buildings for Habitation ..	5,422	6,625,287	5,855	6,572,600
Commercial Buildings—				
With Residence—				
Shops ..	113	134,971	54	64,435
Garages ..	..	..	..	..
Factories ..	8	24,350	2	2,200
Other ..	5	21,652	4	13,150
Without Residence—				
Shops ..	66	106,699	25	16,620
Garages ..	6	16,875	3	13,500
Factories ..	127	656,959	115	466,195
Other ..	35	383,739	21	186,797
Public Buildings—				
Hospitals ..	10	620,970	3	63,940
Churches ..	10	43,838	5	9,700
Schools ..	7	28,725	5	19,816
Theatres ..	6	91,600	..	..
Other ..	11	13,392	9	44,308
Total, Commercial and Public Buildings ..	404	2,143,770	246	900,661
Alterations and Additions—				
Private Dwellings ..	4,461	381,427	4,265	365,414
Flats ..	16	5,931	18	12,414
Other Buildings for Habitation ..	56	97,766	33	31,200
Shops ..	299	177,674	217	96,581
Garages (Commercial) ..	10	2,455	7	5,463
Factories ..	364	432,373	481	682,470
Other Business Premises ..	139	216,634	157	115,322
Public Buildings ..	80	131,483	81	82,739
Total, Alterations and Additions ..	5,425	1,445,743	5,259	1,391,603
Grand Total, Building Permits ..	11,251	10,214,800	11,360	8,864,864

NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW
PRIVATE DWELLINGS, FLATS, HOTELS, ETC, IN
GREATER MELBOURNE, 1935 TO 1941.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—						
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.
CITIES.							
Box Hill	75	83	99	152	170	177	287
Brighton	170	207	216	360	336	357	324
Brunswick	103	130	121	149	107	143	113
Camberwell	603	697	808	882	845	701	762
Caulfield	397	352	319	386	312	434	414
Chelsea	33	34	45	56	66	73	83
Coburg	170	229	261	304	304	275	336
Collingwood	18	19	26	20	15	17	9
Essendon	140	165	214	238	249	248	266
Fitzroy	10	10	14	13	16	16	7
Footscray	107	198	253	322	251	218	269
Hawthorn	135	183	150	139	141	157	132
Heidelberg (exclusive of Greensborough Ward) ..	120	117	188	205	199	284	287
Kew	90	127	134	131	152	217	244
Malvern	236	132	141	137	165	212	282
Melbourne	62	60	68	62	74	132	122
Moorabbin	104	167	196	239	275	318	361
Mordialloc	50	56	88	93	78	116	132
Northcote	76	92	92	120	135	143	217
Oakleigh	53	48	83	86	89	109	150
Port Melbourne	1	2	17	20	31	19	29
Prahran	234	231	177	160	110	156	118
Preston	103	165	228	298	302	281	317
Richmond	30	27	31	37	48	67	33
Sandringham	79	98	121	164	163	163	171
South Melbourne	19	16	12	18	15	12	16
St. Kilda	137	108	98	96	63	120	107
Williamstown	39	65	89	98	79	101	84
SHIRE.							
Braybrook (exclusive of Western Riding) ..	26	44	65	101	112	156	183
Total	3,420	3,862	4,354	5,086	4,902	5,422	5,855

NOTE.—Excluding contracts let by the Housing Commission for the erection of dwellings (see page 166.)

VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR ALL
BUILDINGS IN GREATER MELBOURNE DURING THE
YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1937 TO 1941.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—				
	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.
	£	£	£	£	£
CITIES.					
Box Hill	119,902	137,083	151,386	180,597	264,479
Brighton	283,210	459,965	360,504	432,061	395,526
Brunswick	214,375	222,563	146,860	187,300	188,693
Camberwell	984,658	1,097,766	1,068,578	952,062	1,077,524
Caulfield	511,096	464,885	399,163	502,016	503,737
Chelsea	33,366	52,469	48,015	72,205	67,312
Coburg	240,925	316,782	265,482	311,078	344,396
Collingwood	140,583	127,701	66,268	95,182	171,778
Essendon	207,359	245,033	243,655	285,498	268,466
Fitzroy	86,304	73,770	103,851	52,720	50,231
Footscray	343,026	294,192	362,067	315,486	375,192
Hawthorn	226,428	234,869	242,954	319,433	222,569
Heidelberg (exclusive of Greensborough Ward)	215,990	263,690	232,643	337,959	341,031
Kew	211,303	194,181	310,035	364,455	372,098
Malvern	246,684	235,515	249,953	371,253	366,357
Melbourne	1,576,587	1,260,496	1,817,715	1,977,400	956,242
Moorabbin	161,220	206,199	230,221	294,365	321,339
Mordialloc	77,585	88,010	78,018	108,466	138,543
Northcote	100,049	111,772	108,336	127,207	198,857
Oakleigh	79,430	80,513	93,746	96,841	137,729
Port Melbourne	158,205	130,447	181,815	115,778	66,994
Prahran	516,526	511,078	411,830	770,053	379,788
Preston	201,806	252,601	245,659	260,342	284,649
Richmond	195,901	152,928	129,942	223,131	187,597
Sandringham	133,561	156,773	175,529	177,409	201,635
South Melbourne	294,201	338,290	183,928	393,116	183,040
St. Kilda	426,459	260,127	246,381	490,364	366,661
Williamstown	114,612	106,491	102,609	177,881	137,138
SHIRE.					
Braybrook (exclusive of Western Riding)	97,088	126,195	219,806	217,142	295,263
Total	8,198,439	8,202,384	8,476,999	10,214,800	8,864,864

Building permits issued by provincial municipalities.

With a view to gauging the relative activity of the building industry during recent years in centres outside Greater Melbourne, particulars relating to building permits issued by certain provincial municipalities during each of the last five years are given below:—

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY CERTAIN PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1937 TO 1941.

Municipality.	Period.	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Ballarat City	1937	146	82,290	16	9,620	116	34,650	278	126,560
	1938	127	86,570	12	11,620	144	52,490	283	150,680
	1939	126	88,640	5	9,960	143	43,520	274	142,120
	1940	103	68,090	6	94,520	120	27,298	229	189,908
	1941	118	84,672	9	17,105	109	32,927	236	134,704
Bendigo City	1937	126	81,611	4	4,130	317	26,954	447	112,695
	1938	63	45,180	3	6,060	192	27,835	258	79,075
	1939	74	47,824	5	11,050	138	16,016	217	74,890
	1940	78	52,730	3	13,450	102	16,004	183	82,184
	1941	95	70,725	4	8,060	84	15,323	183	94,108
Geelong City	1937	38	27,111	17	66,003	111	31,934	166	125,048
	1938	35	29,277	12	43,349	102	33,093	149	105,719
	1939	36	22,970	7	30,780	113	29,827	156	83,577
	1940	24	18,913	6	26,785	96	37,542	126	83,240
	1941	28	22,057	6	5,455	86	15,896	120	43,408
Geelong West City ..	1937	82	55,884	3	3,925	28	2,825	113	62,634
	1938	91	59,400	3	5,115	16	5,535	110	70,050
	1939	85	62,729	5	4,004	19	3,350	109	70,983
	1940	75	54,068	1	300	30	7,523	106	61,891
	1941	80	71,144	3	1,450	71	6,665	154	79,259
Horsham Town	1937	53	25,322	11	34,598	26	7,726	90	67,646
	1938	52	29,370	7	36,975	25	10,782	84	77,127
	1939	55	31,901	9	11,150	22	4,244	86	47,295
	1940	36	18,193	3	16,500	14	5,872	53	40,565
	1941	5	2,710	2	50,099	7	3,908	14	56,717
Mildura City	1937	88	40,103	16	60,164	49	24,214	153	124,481
	1938	88	50,612	12	45,357	31	28,638	131	124,607
	1939	97	70,663	10	9,510	33	10,178	140	90,351
	1940	33	21,095	3	3,300	32	7,683	68	32,078
	1941	4	2,307	2	750	19	2,948	25	6,005
Newtown and Chilwell Town	1937	45	33,278	6	5,105	32	9,177	83	47,560
	1938	50	41,915	5	19,790	26	8,476	81	70,181
	1939	46	36,228	..	..	42	7,185	88	43,413
	1940*	38	29,436	1	300	50	10,284	89	40,020
	1941	42	47,957	2	15,882	75	24,260	119	88,099

* Exclusive of contracts let by the Housing Commission for the erection of 54 dwellings valued at £33,495.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY CERTAIN
PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES 1937 TO 1941—*continued.*

Municipality.	Period.	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Sale Town	1937	24	14,998	7	5,936	39	12,698	70	33,632
	1938	32	19,469	14	24,362	39	1,765	75	45,596
	1939	28	18,433	2	5,100	40	2,308	70	25,841
	1940	15	10,495	1	4,989	11	2,195	27	17,679
	1941	10	8,170	1	390	12	2,964	23	11,524
Shepparton Borough ..	1937	97	58,750	10	17,444	38	7,786	145	83,980
	1938	81	49,180	18	37,126	69	20,678	168	106,984
	1939	51	30,888	6	7,286	54	23,823	111	61,997
	1940	40	32,130	6	8,364	54	5,493	100	45,987
	1941	19	19,442	1	575	32	5,128	52	25,145
Warrnambool City ..	1937	46	36,550	7	38,500	15	13,050	68	88,100
	1938	39	29,855	1	13,000	16	21,456	56	64,311
	1939	49	50,010	10	18,239	15	12,821	74	81,070
	1940	39	40,606	2	29,000	23	12,899	64	82,505
	1941*	23	22,043	1	150	35	6,433	59	28,626

* Exclusive of contracts let by the Housing Commission for the erection of 40 dwellings valued at £29,870.