

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, 1939, 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 23 to 47. The numbers and the titles of the principal Acts are as follow:—

No. 4647—*Local Government (Temporary Reduction of Interest) Act 1939.*

No. 4650—*Financial Emergency (Grants and Funds) Act 1939.*

No. 4712—*Weights and Measures Act 1939.*

Municipalities in Victoria. The total number of municipalities throughout the State at 30th September, 1939, 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.

On the 30th May, 1939, the Borough of Swan Hill was constituted by the severance of an area from the Shire of Swan Hill.

**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 1934-35 to 1938-39.

VICTORIA—PROPERTIES RATED AND NUMBER OF DWELLINGS IN MUNICIPALITIES, 1934-35 TO 1938-39.

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*—							
			£	£			
1934-35 ..	322,483	380,031	17,081,472	317,031,390	249,140	1,770	4,176
1935-36 ..	327,442	379,245	17,647,459	327,821,850	254,248	1,552	5,399
1936-37 ..	320,978	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
Municipalities outside Greater Melbourne—							
1934-35 ..	290,248	413,120	14,381,211	285,530,010	207,008	4,410	1,851
1935-36 ..	287,937	411,407	14,397,990	285,701,030	209,695	3,663	2,288
1936-37 ..	291,157	415,394	14,533,036	288,332,210	212,496	3,009	2,431
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
Total—							
1934-35 ..	612,731	793,151	31,462,683	602,561,400	456,148	6,180	6,027
1935-36 ..	615,379	790,652	32,045,449	613,522,880	463,943	5,215	7,687
1936-37 ..	621,135	796,257	32,860,956	630,085,550	472,367	4,289	8,206
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

* 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.

The estimated capital improved value of rateable property reached its highest point (£680,649,610) in the year 1929-30. The valuation fell in each of the years 1930-31 to 1933-34, but increases have been recorded in each subsequent year. The figure for 1938-39 represents a decrease of 2.1 per cent. as compared with that relating to the year 1929-30.

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, 1939, the Municipal Fund receipts, and the estimated number of dwellings.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1938-39.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1939.	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	256,858	5,137,160	198,422 ^d	51,241	4,343	6
Brighton ..	2 4	618,017	12,360,340	214,511	114,151	9,197	12
Brunswick ..	0 7 ^a	663,988	10,336,930	186,489	193,813	13,359	31
Camberwell ..	0 4 ³ ^a	1,123,649	20,195,870	407,763	164,535	17,683	101
Caulfield ..	0 4 ¹ ^a	1,063,510	19,683,200	319,771	158,553	19,394	70
Chelsea ..	0 5 ¹ ^a	97,169	1,590,950	39,088 ^e	32,205	2,620	48
Coburg ..	0 5 ^a	420,520	6,841,560	384,301	117,075	10,181	15
Collingwood ..	2 6	466,645	9,332,900	88,561	82,796	7,297	..
Essendon ..	0 6 ^a	619,680	10,470,450	283,319	149,608	12,443	15
Fitzroy ..	2 1	459,505	9,190,100	126,679	70,967	7,137	130
Footscray ..	2 3	641,108	12,822,160	303,636	171,110	11,806	..
Hawthorn ..	2 3	643,113	12,862,260	139,898	92,689	9,962	31
Heidelberg ..	2 6	414,202	8,284,040	260,482	113,434	7,506	26
Kew ..	2 6	442,189	8,843,780	169,538	73,995	6,689	20
Malvern ..	2 4	938,618	18,772,360	256,989	132,850	12,288	53
Melbourne ..	1 6 ^b	4,812,146	96,242,920	3,983,000	576,507 ^b	20,348	272
Moorabbin ..	2 6	290,531	5,810,620	196,671 ^f	55,083	5,700	3
Mordialloc ..	0 4 ¹ ^a	145,311	2,720,040	105,733 ^g	39,703	2,837	..
Northcote ..	2 6	481,285	9,625,700	202,100	134,852	10,845	34
Oakleigh ..	0 5 ¹ ^a	165,770	2,763,930	89,591	45,850	3,337	8
Port Melbourne ..	2 6	203,776	4,075,520	76,101	37,750	3,134	20
Prahran ..	1 9	1,277,881	19,168,210	194,111	163,585	15,622	..
Preston ..	2 6	384,231	7,684,620	390,632	102,447	8,921	..
Richmond ..	2 6	566,380	8,495,700	244,236	124,884	9,580	43
Sandringham ..	0 5 ^a	297,635	5,126,370	217,173 ^h	63,699	5,717	..
South Melbourne ..	2 6	817,226	16,344,520	240,073	142,559	10,447	35
St. Kilda ..	2 0	1,116,457	13,955,710	297,324	136,630	15,128	142
Williamstown ..	2 3	273,549	5,470,980	147,267	90,478	5,900	12
<i>Shire.</i>							
Braybrook ..	2 0 ^c	197,094	3,941,880	65,747	41,287	2,519	..
Total Municipalities in Greater Melbourne ..	..	19,899,043	368,150,780	9,829,206	3,473,336	271,940	1,127

^a Levied on unimproved value of land.

^b For nine months to 30th September, 1939.

^c Differential general rates levied.

^d Including £5,736 due by Shire of Blackburn and Mitcham.

^e Excluding £4,667 due to Shire of Dandenong.

^f Including £7,620 due by the Cities of Mordialloc and Sandringham; but excluding £3,829 due to the City of Sandringham.

^g Excluding £5,179 due to Cities of Moorabbin and Sandringham.

^h Including £7,658 due by Cities of Moorabbin and Mordialloc; but excluding £6,270 due to City of Moorabbin.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1938-39—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1939.	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 9	352,450	7,049,000	68,339 ^c	131,454	9,775	110
Bendigo ..	2 4	303,024	6,060,480	84,499	95,087	6,901	91
Geelong ..	2 2 ^b	305,238	6,104,760	137,708	71,596 ^d	4,249	8
Geelong West ..	2 8	139,991	2,799,820	65,979 ^e	34,697	3,669	20
Mildura ..	2 11	122,846	2,456,920	193,252 ^f	46,332	1,860	6
Warrnambool ..	2 2	121,141	2,422,820	60,116	23,527	2,253	19
<i>Towns.</i>							
Ararat ..	2 3	42,925	858,500	125,282	13,198	1,080	2
Hamilton ..	2 3	70,772	1,415,440	14,400	21,653	1,616	2
Horsham ..	2 6	71,309	1,426,180	72,467	34,265	1,475	..
Newtown and Chilwell ..	0 5 ^a	125,302	2,387,430	30,488	21,584	2,309	..
Sale ..	2 6	54,039	926,750	17,755	13,652	1,100	17
<i>Boroughs.</i>							
Castlemaine ..	2 6	49,262	985,240	11,514	13,526	1,414	10
Clunes ..	1 9	10,497	209,940	9,994	4,488	335	12
Colac ..	1 9	63,940	1,278,800	10,000 ^g	12,428	1,284	4
Daylesford ..	3 0	26,341	526,820	11,213	14,014	836	2
Eaglehawk ..	2 6	22,037	440,740	539	17,203	1,102	..
Echuca ..	2 3	50,732	1,014,640	9,115	14,036	1,116	..
Inglewood ..	2 0	7,278	145,560	18,697	5,041	276	..
Koroit ..	2 0	18,516	370,320	..	5,524	388	1
Maryborough ..	2 0	46,316	926,320	4,529	25,867	1,564	2
Port Fairy ..	2 3	22,407	448,140	5,036	7,161	478	5
Portland ..	0 5 ^a	44,184	748,300	17,008	10,366	863	1
Queenscliffe ..	2 9	22,690	453,800	11,007	5,075	686	..
Ringwood ..	2 8	51,506	1,030,120	35,056 ^h	14,024	933	6
Sebastopol ..	2 9	10,623	212,460	..	7,925	475	..
Shepparton ..	2 9	91,710	1,834,200	41,264 ⁱ	30,099	1,676	2
St. Arnaud ..	2 6	32,516	650,320	30,748	10,528	812	8
Stawell ..	2 9	36,315	726,300	77,331	16,924	1,251	8
Wangaratta ..	2 6	68,091	1,361,820	28,830	16,619	1,242	..
Wonthaggi ..	3 0	31,375	627,500	7,117	11,042	1,325	13
<i>Shires.</i>							
Alberton ..	2 5	108,203	2,164,060	13,672	18,943	1,422	65
Alexandra ..	2 0	58,044	1,160,880	2,718	11,237	976	..
Arapiles ..	1 9	58,695	1,173,900	2,179	6,396	517	14
Ararat ..	1 6	200,996	4,019,920	..	22,981	1,336	..
Avoca ..	2 0	44,859	897,180	1,514	8,399	870	..

^a Levied on unimproved value of land.

^b For nine months.

^c Excluding £846 due to Shire of Bungaree.

^d For thirteen months ended 30th September, 1939.

^e Excluding £10,589 due to Shire of Corio.

^f Excluding £6,076 due to Shire of Mildura.

^g Excluding £9,190 due to Shire of Colac.

^h Excluding £716 due to Shire of Lillydale.

ⁱ Excluding £4,015 due to Shire of Shepparton.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1938-39—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1939.	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	6,277	1,125,540	..	6,948	713	..
Bacchus Marsh ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	4,361	1,287,220	4,076	9,531	882	2
Bairnsdale ..	1 9	4,907	3,098,140	21,044	26,689	2,080	60
Ballan ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	4,418	1,288,360	..	7,631	902	..
Ballarat ..	1 6	71,387	1,427,740	1,222	8,147	784	10
Bannockburn ..	1 8	52,523	1,050,460	..	6,079	616	35
Barrabool ..	1 9	57,519	1,150,380	5,797	6,676	527	..
Bass ..	2 6	59,349	1,186,980	11,337 <i>c</i>	12,925	1,089	10
Beechworth ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	42,086	841,720	28,994	8,432	1,082	7
Belfast ..	1 6	72,417	1,448,340	68	8,171	501	..
Bellarine ..	2 0	57,655	1,153,100	1,392	8,294	1,202	2
Benalla ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	192,791	3,845,820	40,901	27,022	2,042	40
Berwick ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	145,351	2,907,020	18,688	34,681	3,008	100
Bet Bet ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	41,013	820,260	8,459	12,577	1,138	..
Birchip ..	1 6	49,797	995,940	2,138	4,970	489	2
Blackburn and Mitcham ..	2 10	115,205	2,304,100	45,897 <i>d</i>	21,744	1,996	10
Bright ..	2 0	43,608	872,160	12,395	8,677	1,199	7
Broadford ..	1 11	26,018	520,360	3,000	6,084	428	21
Broadmeadows ..	1 9	144,710	2,894,000	31,736	22,557	1,578	7
Bulla ..	1 9	41,254	825,080	10,773	4,722	415	20
Buln Buln ..	2 6	85,505	1,719,000	1,796	18,244	1,730	30
Bungaree ..	1 9	32,002	640,040	4,499	4,583	564	4
Bunninyong ..	2 0	57,358	1,147,160	3,186	13,033	1,108	40
Charlton ..	1 10 <i>b</i>	80,962	1,619,240	3,186	12,853	657	1
Chiltern ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	35,087	701,740	5,616	6,371	539	12
Cobuna ..	1 9	55,733	1,114,660	9,212 <i>f</i>	11,920	819	6
Colac ..	1 7	230,281	4,605,620	18,986 <i>g</i>	23,236	1,908	..
Corio ..	2 3	126,163	2,523,260	68,804 <i>h</i>	20,778	973	9
Cranbourne ..	2 3 <i>b</i>	107,227	2,144,540	22,725	28,631	1,739	100
Creswick ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	67,545	1,350,900	1,089	18,188	1,217	..
Dandenong ..	0 3 <i>b</i>	147,750	2,806,070	157,389 <i>i</i>	60,283	3,192	..
Deakin ..	1 6	92,949	1,858,980	3,117	7,585	1,054	38
Dimboola ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	173,073	3,461,460	12,402 <i>j</i>	20,046	1,514	4
Donald ..	1 9	89,633	1,792,660	15,383	11,140	809	..
Doncaster and Templestowe ..	2 3	53,135	1,062,700	1,160	10,611	830	9
Dundas ..	2 0	142,945	2,858,900	..	19,041	890	6
Dunmunkle ..	1 9	156,809	3,136,180	17,855	20,184	1,179	..
East Loddon ..	1 6	63,586	1,271,720	24	5,527	425	7
Eltham ..	2 6	62,284	1,245,680	17,378	21,403	1,758	..
Euroa ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	80,129	1,602,580	15,498	14,190	1,007	..
Ferntree Gully ..	3 0	150,965	3,019,300	105,831	54,392	4,607	300
Flinders ..	2 9	105,802	2,116,040	22,800	20,916	2,457	8

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Including £3,031 due by Shire of Phillip Island.

d Excluding £5,736 due to City of Box Hill.

e Including £846 due by City of Ballarat.

f Excluding £193 due to Shire of Kerang.

g Including £9,190 due by Borough of Colac.

h Including £10,589 due by City of Geelong West.

i Including £4,667 due by City of Chelsea.

j Excluding £325 due to Shire of Karkaroc.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1938-39—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1939.	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>	£	£	£	£		
Frankston and Hastings ..	2 9	136,788	2,735,760	49,485	55,477	2,794	4
Gisborne ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	41,242	824,840	10,168	5,510	609	68
Glenelg ..	1 10	143,108	2,862,160	26,441	19,447	1,377	..
Glenlyon ..	1 9	43,175	863,500	2,537	7,034	877	86
Gordon ..	1 9	105,625	2,112,500	6,381	10,195	834	8
Goulburn ..	1 6	47,170	943,400	4,562	6,387	500	2
Grenville ..	1 9	60,452	1,209,049	2,312	14,072	756	31
Hampden ..	2 3	308,896	6,177,920	3,783	45,798	2,812	5
Healesville ..	3 0	44,535	832,560	15,915	12,648	848	..
Heytesbury ..	2 3 <i>b</i>	122,064	2,441,280	8,106	17,940	1,310	8
Huntly ..	1 8	46,023	920,460	6,750	6,242	854	10
Kaniva <i>c</i> ..	1 8	86,756	1,735,120	10,688	9,155	585	1
Kara Kara ..	1 6	107,001	2,140,020	3,428	9,590	634	35
Karkaroc ..	1 6	123,999	2,479,980	12,709 <i>d</i>	12,885	1,471	8
Keilor ..	1 9	66,047	1,320,940	5,588	9,137	574	2
Kerang ..	1 7 <i>b</i>	177,747	3,554,940	77,312 <i>e</i>	21,768	2,127	7
Kilmore ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	24,664	493,280	9,164	4,528	440	6
Korong ..	1 9	94,233	1,884,660	19,756	14,033	1,147	25
Korumburra ..	2 3 <i>b</i>	116,086	2,321,720	3,817	22,339	1,786	10
Kowree ..	1 9	111,704	2,234,080	1,811	14,772	869	8
Kyneton ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	98,217	1,964,340	17,913	18,563	1,822	28
Leigh ..	1 6	58,813	1,176,260	476	5,759	377	39
Lexton ..	1 9	43,630	872,600	1,826	6,402	434	..
Lillydale ..	3 0	143,124	2,862,480	66,904 <i>f</i>	36,838	3,518	..
Lowan ..	1 7 <i>b</i>	132,983	2,659,660	10,597	14,371	986	..
Maffra ..	1 11	131,065	2,621,300	5,922	22,598	1,473	..
Maldon ..	1 9 <i>b</i>	35,338	706,760	..	7,149	724	..
Mansfield ..	2 3 <i>b</i>	92,521	1,850,420	6,035	13,144	1,023	6
Marong ..	1 6	98,760	1,975,200	4,290	19,432	1,370	50
Melton ..	1 6	46,875	937,500	6,037	4,492	421	5
Metcalfe ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	45,857	917,140	..	6,844	818	10
Mildura ..	1 9	237,362	4,747,240	54,970 <i>g</i>	44,018	4,430	..
Minhamite ..	2 0 <i>b</i>	84,124	1,682,480	4,948	11,332	510	..
Mirboo ..	3 0	30,919	618,380	7,367	7,962	392	..
Mornington ..	2 6	72,283	1,445,660	19,289	12,187	719	285
Mortlake ..	1 9	180,008	3,600,160	1,554	19,161	838	..
Morwell ..	2 3	68,788	1,375,760	7,938	13,201	2,232	3
Mount Rouse ..	1 6 <i>b</i>	106,059	2,121,180	..	10,965	662	..
Mulgrave ..	2 8	69,273	1,385,460	51,189	17,390	942	..
McIvor ..	1 6	52,352	1,047,040	7,539	7,015	740	30
Narracan ..	2 3	108,994	2,179,880	7,548	26,256	2,295	5
Newham and Woodend ..	2 0	31,714	634,280	..	5,915	572	..
Newstead and Mt. Alexander ..	1 9	28,016	560,320	..	6,633	691	6
Numurkah ..	1 6	142,160	2,843,200	13,831	17,182	1,467	70
Omoo ..	2 3	50,071	1,001,420	848	10,427	700	10
Orbost ..	2 6	57,018	1,142,160	35,104	11,909	1,312	12
Otway ..	3 0	40,515	810,300	80	10,040	996	5

b Differential general rates levied.

c Name changed from Shire of Lawloit on 23rd May, 1939.

d Including £325 due by Shire of Dimboola.

e Including £193 due by Shire of Cohuna.

f Including £716 due by Borough of Ringwood.

g Including £6,076 due by City of Mildura.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPALITIES, 1938-39—continued.

Municipality.	Amount of General Rate Levied in the £ on Net Annual Value.	Value of Rateable Property.		Loans Outstanding at 30th September, 1939.	Municipal Fund Receipts.	Estimated Number of Dwellings.	
		Net Annual Value.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.			Occupied.	Un-occupied.
<i>Shires—</i> <i>continued.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>		
Oxley ..	2 0	76,326	1,526,520	8,021	14,669	1,102	6
Phillip Island ..	2 6	21,461	429,220	16,684 ^c	4,695	274	2
Portland ..	2 0	66,530	1,930,600	155	16,514	1,463	47
Pyalong ..	2 0	6,704	534,080	..	2,828	180	..
Ripon ..	1 9 b	101,375	2,027,500	20,772	17,204	934	18
Rochester ..	1 6	113,730	3,074,600	11,337	19,727	1,472	63
Rodney ..	2 0	181,667	3,633,340	28,370	30,101	2,250	..
Romsey ..	2 0	64,247	1,284,940	6,529	9,577	794	27
Rosedale ..	0 1½	136,175	2,681,700	288	16,499	1,059	56
Rutherglen ..	1 9 b	59,138	1,182,760	7,298	10,482	860	21
Seymour ..	1 6 b	75,746	1,514,920	29,259 ^d	12,799	1,064	..
Shepparton ..	2 0 b	124,330	2,486,600	28,509 ^d	21,808	1,274	8
South Barwon ..	2 3	69,655	1,393,100	34,991	16,813	1,493	7
South Gippsland ..	2 9	65,558	1,311,160	5,054	14,737	1,158	5
Stawell ..	2 0	78,640	1,572,800	3,735	10,933	857	31
Strathfieldsaye ..	1 9	35,840	716,800	..	12,984	929	9
Swan Hill ..	1 6	218,680	4,373,600	92,710 ^e	30,076	3,826	75
Talbot ..	2 0	28,555	571,100	1,905	3,953	375	..
Tambo ..	2 3	56,938	1,138,760	2,165	9,586	1,056	..
Towong ..	1 9 b	93,880	1,877,600	5,204	11,869	1,166	5
Traralgon ..	2 0	63,320	1,266,400	16,993	11,808	1,003	..
Tullaroop ..	1 9	42,063	841,260	1,010	6,341	562	16
Tungamah ..	1 6	129,809	2,596,180	15,380	12,483	1,155	28
Upper Murray ..	1 9	57,936	1,158,720	5,289	6,398	597	..
Upper Yarra ..	3 0	41,249	824,980	2,934	13,158	1,294	50
Violet Town ..	1 8 b	50,860	1,017,200	2,577	6,037	413	3
Walpeup ..	1 6	95,862	1,917,240	36,934	10,662	1,573	80
Wangaratta ..	1 9 b	56,053	1,121,060	2,233	6,120	582	..
Wannon ..	1 6	134,003	2,680,060	1,921	13,271	860	22
Waranga ..	2 0	101,299	2,025,980	7,065	18,582	1,353	15
Warracknabeal ..	1 9 b	158,075	3,161,500	29,030	22,317	1,385	..
Warragul ..	2 6	110,320	2,206,400	24,615	21,341	1,418	..
Warrnambool ..	1 7 b	261,714	5,234,280	95	31,900	1,897	6
Werribee ..	1 9 b	137,118	2,742,360	82,123	31,272	2,052	..
Whittlesea ..	2 0 b	78,257	1,565,140	5,378	10,885	896	..
Wimmera ..	1 6 b	140,444	2,808,880	1,906	12,856	959	..
Winchelsea ..	2 0 b	105,457	2,109,140	4,740	15,371	972	7
Wodonga ..	1 9	45,332	906,640	15,624	9,777	893	4
Woorayl ..	2 9	111,381	2,227,620	17,707	22,773	1,540	2
Wycheproof ..	1 6	148,832	2,976,640	53,039 ^f	15,933	1,409	10
Yackandandah ..	2 0	57,358	1,147,160	..	9,470	703	20
Yarrawonga ..	2 3 b	69,719	1,394,380	44,591	16,213	783	1
Yea ..	0 2½	63,012	1,239,610	10,775	7,669	699	25
Total Municipalities outside Greater Melbourne ..	..	14,955,076	298,414,000	3,271,672	2,819,236	217,423	2,897
Total Victoria	..	34,854,119	666,564,780	13,100,878	6,292,572	489,363	4,024

a Levied on unimproved value of land.

b Differential general rates levied.

c Excluding £3,031 due to Shire of Bass.

d Including £4,015 due by Borough of Shepparton.

e Including £1,672 due by Shire of Wycheproof.

f Excluding £1,672 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 1938-39.

VICTORIA—RATING ON UNIMPROVED VALUES, 1938-39.

Municipality.	Estimated Capital Improved Value.	Unimproved Capital Value.	Net Annual Value (excluding Special Rateable Properties).	Amount of Rates in the Unimproved Capital Value.	Equivalent Net Annual Value.	Amount Collectable in 1938-39 on Unimproved Capital Value.	Percentage Unimproved Value to Capital Improved Value.
	£	£	£	d.	s. d.	£	%
<i>In Greater Melbourne.</i>							
CITIES—							
Brunswick ..	10,336,930	2,915,631	654,742	7	2 7	85,039	28·21
Camberwell ..	20,195,870	6,246,686	1,121,749	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 2	123,632	30·09
Caulfield ..	19,683,200	6,010,414	1,060,478	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 1	112,695	30·54
Chelsea ..	1,590,950	600,098	96,390	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 9	13,127	37·70
Coburg ..	6,841,560	2,504,912	420,520	5	2 6	52,186	36·61
Essendon ..	10,470,450	3,168,459	619,680	6	2 7	79,211	30·26
Mordialloc ..	2,720,040	1,131,282	145,311	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 11	21,212	41·59
Oakleigh ..	2,763,930	960,396	158,371	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 11	23,009	34·75
Sandringham ..	5,126,370	1,917,697	297,635	5	2 8	39,952	37·41
<i>Outside Greater Melbourne.</i>							
Newton and Chilwell Town ..	2,387,430	685,280	124,902	5	2 3	14,276	28·70
Portland Borough ..	741,020	234,084	43,819	5	2 3	4,877	31·59
TOWNS—							
Dandenong ..	2,806,070	1,251,364	147,055	3*	2 2	15,642	44·59
Rosedale ..	2,681,700	1,316,838	136,175	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 2	8,230	49·10
Yea ..	1,239,610	577,291	63,012	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 9	5,412	46·57

* Differential general rates levied.

The next statement shows the municipalities which increased or decreased the general rate for the year 1938-39, as compared with the year 1937-38.

Alteration of General Rate.	Municipalities.	General Rate.		
		1937-38.	1938-39.	Increase + Decrease -
	CITIES.	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
	Bendigo	2 5	2 4	- 1
	Chelsea	0 4½*	0 5½*	+ ¼
	Mordialloc	0 4½*	0 4½*	+ ¼
	Oakleigh	0 5½*	0 5½*	+ ½
	Sandringham	0 4½*	0 5*	+ ½
	Warrnambool	2 1	2 2	+ 1
	TOWN.			
	Newtown and Chilwell	0 4½*	0 5*	+ ¼
	BOROUGHS.			
	Shepparton	3 0	2 9	- 3
	Wangaratta	2 9	2 6	- 3
	SHIRES.			
	Bacchus Marsh	2 0	1 9†	- 3
	Belfast	1 4	1 6	+ 2
	Dandenong	0 2½*†	0 3*†	+ ½
	Dundas	2 3	2 0	- 3
	Eltham	2 3†	2 6	+ 3
	Glenside	1 9	1 10	+ 1
	Healesville	2 9	3 0	+ 3
	Huntly	2 0	1 8	- 4
	Kerang	1 6†	1 7†	+ 1
	Korumburra	2 0†	2 3†	+ 3
	Maldon	1 6†	1 9†	+ 3
	Marong	1 9	1 6	- 3
	Metcalfe	1 9†	1 6†	- 3
	Mirboo	2 10	3 0	+ 2
	Mulgrave	2 6	2 8	+ 2
	McIvor	2 0	1 6	- 6
	Rosedale	0 1½*	0 1½*	+ ¼
	Towong	2 0†	1 9†	- 3
	Violet Town	2 0	1 8†	- 4
	Yarrawonga	2 1†	2 3†	+ 2

* Levied on unimproved value of land.

† Differential general rates levied.

Municipal Revenue and Expenditure. The following table summarizes for 1938-39 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, 1938-39.

(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 ..	576,507	2,896,829	2,819,236	6,292,572	603,030	2,866,563	2,919,794	6,389,387
Business Undertakings—								
Electric Light Undertakings	604,301	726,877	221,910	1,553,088	585,711	736,419	213,398	1,535,528
Gasworks ..	..	62,374	27,137	89,511	..	64,935	29,989	94,924
Waterworks ..	..	..	45,742	45,742	..	..	47,632	47,632
Abattoirs ..	62,927	..	19,197	82,124	61,125	..	15,404	76,529
Quarries ..	..	10,790	11,287	22,077	..	13,804	12,145	25,949
Hydraulic Power ..	15,582	..	..	15,582	16,754	..	..	16,754
Railway ..	..	..	5,672	5,672	..	..	5,656	5,656
Total ..	1,259,317	3,696,870	3,150,181	8,106,368	1,266,620	3,681,721	3,244,018	8,192,359

* For nine months ended 30th September, 1939.

† Including City of Geelong for thirteen months ended 30th September, 1939.

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 1938-39 are given below :—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND RECEIPTS, 1938-39.

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

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.†	Total.
	City of Melbourne.*	Other.		
Rates—	£	£	£	£
General and Extra.. ..	355,329	1,746,572	1,531,507	3,633,408
Other .. ..	..	1,219	4,208	5,427
Interest on overdue rates ..	372	12,547	14,572	27,491
Licences and Registration Fees—				
Dog	551	20,216	24,168	44,935
Health, Dairy, Slaughtering, and Noxious Trades ..	583	2,147	5,286	8,016
Hackney Carriages .. ..	..	8	300	308
Petrol Pump	431	5,123	5,694	11,248
Dancing Saloon	35	58	20	113
Other .. ..	..	..	910	910
Total Taxation	357,301	1,787,890	1,586,665	3,731,856
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Sanitary and Garbage ..	7,316	22,832	115,565	145,713
Other	1,561	5,246	6,358	13,165
Council Properties—				
Markets	91,869	16,838	30,122	138,829
Halls	7,229	16,318	27,135	50,682
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facili- ties	15,637	41,661	17,695	74,993
Weighbridges	2,534	164	5,847	8,545
Sale of Materials .. ..	..	22,168	24,771	46,939
Plant Hire .. ..	..	3,588	56,083	59,671
Grazing Fees	428	..	8,038	8,466
Pounds	52	271	4,664	4,987
Other	9,653	45,478	50,936	106,067
Contributions for Road and Pavement Works	10,661	112,937	41,716	165,314
Other Services—				
Car Parking	14,202	1,684	61	15,947
Sheep Dipping .. ..	..	..	1,598	1,598
Building Fees	2,588	13,004	3,771	19,363
Other .. ..	..	5,083	7,750	12,833
Total Public Works and Services	163,730	307,272	402,110	873,112

* For nine months ended 30th September, 1939.

† Including City of Geelong for thirteen months ended 30th September, 1939.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND RECEIPTS, 1938-39—*continued.*

Items of Receipts.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.†	Total.
	City of Melbourne.*	Other.		
Miscellaneous—	£	£	£	£
Police Court Fines ..	4,234	4,101	2,686	11,021
Interest on Investments ..	1,070	4,219	2,311	7,600
Supervision of Private Streets ..	..	11,902	675	12,577
Contributions from municipalities on account of severance adjustments ..	..	2,137	5,690	7,827
Other	1,140	18,983	19,428	39,551
Total Miscellaneous ..	6,444	41,342	30,790	78,576
Transfers from Business Undertakings (excluding Loan Recoups and Administration Refunds)	37,500	166,936	21,828	226,264
Government Grants—				
Roads	1,744	17,240	39,127	58,111
Parks, Gardens, &c. ..	..	7,410	17,979	25,389
River Works .. ..	..	87	22,335	22,422
Infectious Diseases Treatment ..	..	..	5,215	5,215
Infant Welfare Centres ..	255	8,184	5,241	13,680
Licences Equivalent ..	8,716	13,265	37,550	59,531
Vermin Destruction ..	..	..	2,250	2,250
Sustenance, and Administration, and Farm Labourers' Scheme ..	817	421,439	544,049	966,305
Other .. ..	..	2,188	5,652	7,840
Total Government Grants	11,532	469,813	679,398	1,160,743
Trust Receipts—				
Refunds of Advances ..	..	28,079	42,816	70,895
Contractors' Deposits ..	..	22,896	32,997	55,893
Other .. ..	..	72,601	22,632	95,233
Total Trust Receipts ..	..	123,576	98,445	222,021
Grand Total	576,507	2,896,829	2,819,236	6,292,572

* For nine months ended 30th September, 1939.

† Including City of Geelong for thirteen months ended 30th September, 1939.

Of the total Municipal Fund receipts (excluding sustenance, &c., and trust items) during 1938-39, 73·1 per cent. was derived from taxation (71·8 per cent. from rates and 1·3 per cent. from licences and registration fees); 17·2 per cent. from public works and services; 4·4 per cent. from transfers from business undertakings; 3·8 per cent. from Government grants; and 1·5 per cent. from other sources. The total amount collected from taxation (£3,731,856) was equivalent to £1 19s. 8d. per head of population or to £5 17s. 10d. per distinct ratepayer.

Details of the principal items of expenditure from the Municipal Fund during 1938-39 are set out hereunder:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND EXPENDITURE, 1938-39.

(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‡ ..	64,971	233,501	332,824	631,296
Debt Services—				
Redemption of Loans ..	..	236,199	114,104	350,303
Sinking Fund Instalments ..	33,188	690	4,182	38,060
Interest on Loans ..	84,871	232,701	100,822	418,394
Interest on Overdrafts ..	7,991	15,029	27,845	50,865
Payments to municipalities on account of severance adjustments .. ..	..	2,025	4,754	6,779
Other .. ..	..	68	338	406
Total Debt Services ..	126,050	486,712	252,045	864,807
Public Works and Services—				
Health—				
Administration	6,265	17,221	26,493	49,979
Sanitary and Garbage ..	27,934	131,145	108,674	267,753
Statutory Contributions—				
Queen's Memorial Infectious Diseases Hospital	7,664	31,754	3,275	42,693
Heatherton Sanatorium ..	966	4,013	135	5,114
Infant Welfare Centres ..	2,654	22,250	13,535	38,439
Infectious Diseases				
Treatment .. ..	..	..	12,540	12,540
Other	4,973	7,776	4,777	17,526
Council Properties—				
Markets	59,801	6,306	18,911	85,018
Halls	22,812	50,511	51,979	125,302
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	75,807	210,390	82,415	368,612
Weighbridges	1,373	272	5,769	7,414
Grazing Expenses .. ..	..	..	5,712	5,712
Pounds	53	1,481	6,207	7,741
Other	1,493	49,187	40,426	91,106
Plant, Furniture, and Equipment .. ..	..	35,175	58,635	93,810
Roads, Streets, Footpaths, and Bridges—				
Construction, Maintenance, Cleaning, and Watering	137,111	812,224	945,994	1,895,329
Lighting	648	94,710	60,141	155,499

* For nine months ended 30th September, 1939.

† Including City of Geelong for thirteen months ended 30th September 1939.

‡ For details see page 143.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL FUND EXPENDITURE, 1938-39—*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	19,229	1,465	63	20,757
Sheep Dipping .. .. .	..	..	1,828	1,828
River Works .. .. .	..	2,405	21,969	24,374
Vermin Destruction .. .. .	..	106	3,608	3,714
Underground Drainage .. .. .	..	11,846	1,569	13,415
Other .. .. .	..	3,712	15,861	19,573
Total Public Works and Services	368,783	1,493,949	1,490,516	3,353,248
Grants and Contributions—				
Country Roads Board .. .. .	..	9,583	164,798	174,381
Fire Brigades	11,033	45,698	12,640	69,371
Hospitals, Ambulances, and other Charities	7,740	16,898	20,612	45,250
Other	15,185	31,540	9,126	55,851
Total Grants and Contributions	33,958	103,719	207,176	344,853
Miscellaneous—				
Sustenance, Sustenance Administration, and Farm Labourers' Scheme	4,807	433,146	536,471	974,424
Other	4,461	8,956	10,814	24,231
Total Miscellaneous	9,268	442,102	547,285	998,655
Trust Expenditure—				
Advances .. .. .	..	18,481	40,015	58,496
Contractors' deposits refunded .. .. .	..	24,402	29,014	53,416
Other .. .. .	..	63,697	20,919	84,616
Total Trust Expenditure .. .. .	..	106,580	89,948	196,528
Grand Total	603,030	2,866,563	2,919,794	6,389,387

* For nine months ended 30th September, 1939.

† Including City of Geelong for thirteen months ended 30th September, 1939.

Of the total Municipal Fund expenditure (excluding sustenance, &c., and trust items) in 1938-39, 12·1 per cent. was for administration; 16·6 per cent. for debt services; 8·3 per cent. for health services; 7·0 per cent. for parks, gardens, &c.; 39·3 per cent. for roads, streets, &c.; 9·6 per cent. for other public works and services; 6·6 per cent. for grants and contributions; and 0·5 per cent. for miscellaneous items.

Particulars of the principal items of expenditure during **Municipal Administrative Costs.** 1938-39 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,
1938-39.

Heading.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.*	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
Salaries†	44,101	151,324	215,789	411,214
Mayoral and Presidential Allowances	2,083	10,007	13,762	25,852
Audit Expenses	850	2,667	5,404	8,921
Dog Registration Expenses	649	2,596	10,733	13,978
Election Expenses	1,160	4,074	2,490	7,724
Insurances	5,440	14,246	15,350	35,036
Legal Expenses	800	5,597	7,500	13,897
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Postage, Telephone..	5,518	30,533	49,304	85,355
Other	4,370	12,457	12,492	29,319
Total	64,971	233,501	332,824	631,296

* For nine months ended 30 September, 1939.

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

Municipal Electric Light Undertakings and Gasworks. In Victoria, in 1938-39, electric light undertakings were operated by 44 municipalities, and there were also eleven municipally-owned gasworks. The revenue and expenditure of these undertakings are shown below:—

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC LIGHT UNDERTAKINGS AND GASWORKS—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1938-39.

Revenue.		Expenditure.	
£		£	
Consumers' Accounts	1,554,270	Working Expenses—	
Street Lighting	29,836	Purchase of Current and Generation Costs	752,250
Sale of Residuals, &c.	14,344	Maintenance, Repairs, Distribution	190,303
Other	44,149	Management Charges	95,954
		Depreciation	180,649
		Debt Charges—	
		Redemption of Loans	56,331
		Sinking Fund Instalments	10,138
		Interest on Loans	58,776
		Interest on Overdrafts	1,185
		Other	614
		Transfers to Municipal Fund	218,898
		Other	65,354
Total	1,642,599	Total	1,630,452

Municipal Waterworks. The council of any municipality may be constituted a "local governing body" under the provisions of the *Water Act 1928* with such water supply district as is defined by the Governor in Council. At 30th September, 1939, 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 this Part.

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

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1938-39.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
£		£	
Water Rates (including Interest on Overdue Rates)	30,798	Administrative Expenses	3,420
Water Sales	8,125	Works from Revenue	7,744
Meter Rents	479	Maintenance and Repairs	17,207
Government Grants	3,805	Depreciation Fund	2,092
Other	2,535	Debt Services—	
		Redemption of Loans	3,853
		Interest on Loans	13,007
		Interest on Overdrafts	80
		Other	229
Total	45,742	Total	47,632

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 1938-39, the total revenue on account of these undertakings was £125,455 and the total expenditure amounted to £124,888. 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,
1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Assets.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.
	£	£	£	£	£
Municipal Fund—					
Arrears of Rates—					
General	935,469	910,567*	795,943*	661,982*	573,188*
Other	122,301	69,273	21,919	20,713	23,663
Arrears of Sanitary Charges			57,753	53,567	53,113
Streets formed, &c., payments outstanding ..	1,166,749	1,266,976	1,230,938	1,114,244	1,112,012
Cash in hand or in Bank ..	692,671	786,887	719,667†	491,873†	387,897†
Other Assets	620,072	512,952	483,892	478,803	513,710
Loan Funds—					
Sinking Funds—					
Amount at Credit ..	721,973	780,493	822,080	866,649	937,796
Due by other Municipalities ..	62,197	61,048	64,535	58,330	63,021
Due by other Bodies ..	11,203	1,125	1,125	4,185	3,075
Unexpended Balances ..	649,581	387,102	‡	‡	‡
Property—					
Halls, Buildings, Markets, &c.	5,917,130	6,176,050	6,392,480	6,755,870	7,084,320
Waterworks	379,080	377,860	393,360	391,860	406,450
Gasworks	257,880	281,670	261,670	270,660	271,020
Electric Light Undertakings	2,742,490	2,832,850	3,042,420	3,311,920	3,630,920
Plant and Machinery ..	606,920	611,580	625,690	643,780	656,170
Other Assets	236,950	230,490	281,770	327,510	348,080
Total Assets§ ..	15,122,666	15,286,923	15,195,242	15,451,946	16,064,435

* Including "Differential General Rates."

† Net Balance of all Funds.

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

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

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, 1934-35 TO
1938-39—continued.

Liabilities.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.
	£	£	£	£	£
Municipal Fund—					
Due on Current Contracts ..	96,671	150,018	133,594	129,485	152,540
Interest overdue ..	10,813	9,713	5,602	3,439	2,441
Bank Overdrafts.. ..	759,804	846,400	636,664*	716,061*	788,858*
Payments Due to Country Roads Board ..	411,880	386,943	295,009	262,343	269,793
Other Liabilities ..	654,935	775,814	793,496	818,236	933,545
Loan Funds—					
Loans Outstanding—					
Due to Government† ..	911,139	801,209	732,269	645,567	613,217
Due to Public ..	11,863,315	11,944,237	11,941,701	12,046,177	12,487,661
Due on Loan Contracts ..	89,755	54,165	73,756	111,745	63,021
Due to other Municipalities	62,197	61,048	64,535	58,330	57,142
Total Liabilities ..	14,860,509	15,029,547	14,676,626	14,791,383	15,368,218

* 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:—£1,822,626 in 1934-35; £1,794,693 in 1935-36; £1,732,809 in 1936-37; £1,685,999 in 1937-38; and £1,638,312 in 1938-39; 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,
1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Year.	Arrears of General Rates—			Arrears of General Rates per Distinct Ratepayer—		
	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Shires.	All Municipalities.	Cities, Towns, and Boroughs.	Shires.	All Municipalities.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1934-35 ..	308,147	627,322	935,469	0 16 10	2 10 11	1 10 6
1935-36 ..	278,188	632,379	910,567	0 14 11	2 12 1	1 9 7
1936-37 ..	247,231	548,712	795,943	0 13 2	2 4 10	1 5 8
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 9 7	1 8 2	0 16 5

As compared with the year 1928-29, the arrears of general rates per distinct ratepayer increased in 1938-39 by 31 per cent. in cities, towns, and boroughs; by 62 per cent. in shires; and by 39 per cent. in all municipalities.

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

The endowments paid to municipalities in the years 1928-29 and 1929-30 are shown in the *Year-Books* of 1929-30 and 1930-31. The payments were last made in respect of the year 1929-30, provision for the discontinuance of such payments in subsequent years having been incorporated in special legislation passed by Parliament. The *Financial Emergency (Grants and Funds) Act* 1938 provided for the non-payment of endowments during 1938-39.

In the municipalities throughout the State, there were, at 30th September, 1939, 2,107 councillors viz., 357 in cities in Greater Melbourne; 286 in cities, towns, and boroughs outside Greater Melbourne; and 1,464 in shires.

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

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

The following statement shows the loan receipts (exclusive of conversion loans) during each of the last five years.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN RECEIPTS, 1934-35 TO 1938-39.
(*Excluding Conversion Loans.*)

Year.	Gross Proceeds of Loans—		Other Receipts.	Total.
	From Government.	From Other Sources.		
1934-35	£ 75,397	£ 439,987	£ 159,661	£ 675,045
1935-36*	795	570,220	184,639	755,654
1936-37*	14,183	540,279	177,741	732,203
1937-38*	2,346	635,472	199,601	837,419
1938-39*	9,756	925,867	195,748†	1,131,371

* Excluding loans raised for Private Streets, particulars of which are given on page 152.

† Including, in the City of Melbourne, £176,313 transferred from General, Electric Supply, and Hydraulic Power Accounts.

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

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOAN EXPENDITURE,
1934-35 TO 1938-39.

Heading.	1934-35.	1935-36.*	1936-37.*	1937-38.*	1938-39.*
	£	£	£	£	£
Roads, Streets, and Bridges	235,397	233,476	280,706	420,921	319,626
Waterworks	1,196	960	12,936	982	12,918
Drainage	32,300	7,239	2,731	..	34,185
Electric Light Undertakings	212,959	250,208	302,382	319,726	405,651
Gasworks	883	4,154	7,191	5,292	5,958
Halls .. ..	..	90,807	63,810	65,554	114,097
Parks, Gardens, Baths, and other Recreational Facilities	163,225	124,867	66,059	75,069	113,747
Plant .. ..	..	24,717	19,417	26,055	13,211
Abattoirs .. ..	..	14,424	53,501	31,378	27,847
Markets .. ..	..	48,223	18,882	33,733	29,764
Infant Welfare Centres .. ..	..	4,769	3,566	7,120	7,961
Other Council Properties	..	60,456	18,164	43,021	21,598
Foreshore Improvements	..	..	2,178	2,540	1,836
Creek Improvements .. ..	..	1,400	450	4,509	1,578
Housing and Reclamation	..	7,944	389	..	..
Darling—Glenwaverley Railway Trust	20,992	..	..	21,915	..
Other Purposes .. ..	..	8,929	4,653	2,456	5,383
Total	666,952	882,573	857,015	1,060,271	1,115,360

* Excluding expenditure on Private Streets (see page 152).

At 30th September, 1939, the balance of loans unexpended amounted to £41,562.

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, 1934-35 to 1938-39.

At 30th September—	Due to—				Net Loan Liability..	
	Government.*	Public.	Gross Loan Liability.	Accumulated Sinking Funds.	Amount.	Per Head of Population.
1935	911,139	11,863,315	12,774,454	721,973	12,052,481	6 11 0
1936	801,209	11,944,237	12,745,446	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

* Excluding liability to Country Roads Board (see footnote † on page 146).

† Including £54,009 due under the provisions of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918, No. 2995.*

‡ Including £8,100 payable in New Zealand.

Municipal Loans outstanding—Purposes. In the following statement are given particulars, as far as available, of the purposes for which municipal loans outstanding at 30th September, 1939, were raised. The information is exclusive of loans due to the Country Roads Board.

VICTORIA—MUNICIPAL LOANS OUTSTANDING AT
30TH SEPTEMBER, 1939—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 ..	..	1,148,467	..	455,572	..	1,604,039	1,604,039
Gasworks ..	..	78,026	..	17,295	..	95,321	95,321
Waterworks ..	..	5,674	287,588	21,147	287,583	26,821	314,484
Private Streets and Special Improvements ..	94,285	340,120	10,635	182,896	104,920	523,016	627,936
Contributions due under Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918 ..	54,009	..	..	..	54,009	..	54,009
Closer Settlement Advances for Roads ..	1,397	..	36,976	..	38,373	..	38,373
Bush Fires—Repairs to damages caused by ..	..	..	572	..	572	..	572
Mallee Tanks ..	..	..	841	..	841	..	841
Kerang—Koondrook Railway ..	..	..	7,438	..	7,438	..	7,438
Other Municipal Works ..	67,785	8,039,443	51,696	2,199,021	119,481	10,238,464	10,357,945
Total ..	217,476	9,611,730	395,741	2,875,931	613,217	12,487,661	13,100,878

NOTE.—At 30th September, 1939, accumulated Sinking Funds amounted to £937,796, viz., on account of Electric Light, £300,796; Gasworks, £14,203; Waterworks, £2,376; Private Streets and Special Improvements, £49,823; and Other Municipal Works, £570,598.

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, 1939. 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, 1939.

Actual Rate of Interest.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
%	£	£	£	£
3 .. ..	..	..	1,523	1,523
3 $\frac{1}{4}$	340,000	1,984	..	341,984
3 $\frac{1}{8}$ .. ..	..	25,555	..	25,555
3 $\frac{3}{8}$ .. ..	..	74,814	29,181	103,995
3 $\frac{7}{16}$ .. ..	..	..	3,672	3,672
3 $\frac{1}{2}$	472,000	102,596	82,126	657,082
3 $\frac{9}{16}$ .. ..	..	..	7,154	7,154
3 $\frac{5}{8}$	367,000	48,384	32,882	448,266
3 $\frac{11}{16}$ .. ..	..	..	8,262	8,262
3 $\frac{3}{4}$	52,500	177,126	69,905	299,531
3 $\frac{7}{8}$ .. ..	..	13,680	..	13,680
3 $\frac{7}{8}$ .. ..	..	99,527	19,408	118,935
4	135,000	125,154	158,416	418,570
4 $\frac{1}{16}$	700,000	44,190	..	744,190
4 $\frac{1}{8}$	250,000	334,079	179,588	763,667
4 $\frac{1}{4}$ .. ..	..	..	4,869	4,869
4 $\frac{1}{8}$ .. ..	..	..	18,628	18,628
4 $\frac{1}{4}$	382,600	1,229,663	630,621	2,242,884
4 $\frac{5}{16}$ .. ..	..	..	1,712	1,712
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .. ..	..	..	2,600	2,600
4 $\frac{3}{8}$ .. ..	..	35,110	145,732	180,842
4 $\frac{7}{16}$ .. ..	..	25,222	15,897	41,119
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .. ..	..	..	1,600	1,600
4 $\frac{1}{2}$	100,000	807,411	618,837	1,526,248
4 $\frac{5}{8}$ .. ..	..	29,681	1,621	31,302
£4 13s. .. ..	..	..	2,916	2,916
4 $\frac{3}{4}$ .. ..	..	11,080	35,449	46,529
4 $\frac{7}{8}$ .. ..	..	..	22,781	22,781
5	800,000	2,049,922	987,774	3,837,696
£5 0s. 9d.	286,400	442,859	61,622	790,881
£5 2s. 8d. .. ..	..	2,000	..	2,000
£5 4s. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. .. ..	..	30,644	65,140	95,784
5 $\frac{1}{4}$ .. ..	..	..	1,778	1,778
5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .. ..	..	..	508	508
£5 8s. 6d. .. ..	..	4,860	4,156	9,016
5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .. ..	..	883	650	1,533
5 $\frac{5}{8}$ .. ..	..	..	4,363	4,363
5 $\frac{3}{4}$ .. ..	..	19,403	794	20,197
5 $\frac{7}{8}$ .. ..	..	3,624	..	3,624
6 .. ..	..	19,422	20,090	39,512
6 $\frac{1}{2}$ .. ..	..	..	2,203	2,203
Total	3,885,500	5,759,233	3,244,458	12,889,191
Average Rate of Interest	4·17	4·56	4·52	4·44

**Due Dates
of Municipal
Loans.**

The due dates of municipal loans outstanding (including Government loans and amounts due to the Government under the provisions of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act* 1918, but excluding loans due to the Country Roads Board) at 30th June, 1939, 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, 1939.

Year of Maturity.	Metropolitan Municipalities.		Municipalities outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	City of Melbourne.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
1939-40	350,000	81,813	35,992	467,805
1940-41	410,000	55,848	45,269	511,117
1941-42 .. ..	..	33,051	63,880	96,931
1942-43	64,000	28,886	65,104	157,990
1943-44	550,000	25,940	31,707	607,647
1944-45	472,000	110,132	139,016	721,148
1945-46	85,000	136,666	58,057	279,723
1946-47 .. ..	..	239,455	113,176	352,631
1947-48 .. ..	..	178,663	137,376	316,039
1948-49	52,500	221,717	165,805	440,022
1949-50 to 1953-54 ..	1,657,000	1,418,932	580,389	3,656,321
1954-55 to 1958-59 ..	245,000	2,336,702	1,060,613	3,642,315
1959-60 to 1963-64 ..	..	443,382	223,845	667,227
1964-65 and after ..	..	502,295	242,745	745,040
Not stated .. ..	..	1,285	281,484	282,769
Total	3,885,500	5,814,767	3,244,458	12,944,725

**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 147.

Details of the receipts and expenditure of Private Streets Accounts in 1938-39 are shown below :—

VICTORIA—PRIVATE STREETS ACCOUNTS—RECEIPTS
AND EXPENDITURE, 1938-39.

Receipts.	£	Expenditure.	£
Proceeds of Loans—		Works	222,325
From Government ..	—	Debt Charges—	
From Other Sources ..	51,100	Redemption of Loans ..	190,100
Owners' Contributions ..	315,516	Sinking Fund Instalments..	3,131
Interest on Fixed Deposits..	482	Interest on Loans ..	30,277
Advance from Trust Fund ..	5,725	Interest on Overdraft ..	11,188
Other	7,126	Repayment of Trust Fund	
		Advance	13,324
Total Receipts ..	379,949	Other	2,128
		Total Expenditure ..	472,473
Cash in hand or in Bank at		Bank Overdraft at 1st Octo-	
1st October, 1938 ..	155,902	ber, 1938	294,971
Bank Overdraft at 30th Sep-		Cash in hand or in Bank at	
tember, 1939	352,180	30th September, 1939 ..	120,587
	888,031		888,031

At 30th September, 1939, loans outstanding on account of private street construction amounted to £562,568, including £104,920 due to the State Government.

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

The particulars of the receipts and expenditure of the Special Improvement Charge Accounts in 1938-39 are as follow:—

VICTORIA—SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT CHARGE ACCOUNTS
—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1938-39.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£		£
Special Improvement Charges	13,467	Works	952
Other	43	Debt Charges—	
		Redemption of Loans ..	10,618
		Interest on Loans and	
		Overdraft	3,721
		Other	2,160
		Other	2
Total Receipts ..	13,510	Total Expenditure ..	17,453
Cash in hand or in Bank at		Bank overdraft at 1st Octo-	
1st October, 1938..	10,154	ber, 1938	13,212
Bank overdraft at 30th Sep-		Cash in hand or in Bank at	
tember, 1939	13,871	30th September, 1939 ..	6,870
	37,535		37,535

Loans outstanding at 30th September, 1939, for special improvements amounted to £65,368.

**Length of
Roads and
Streets.**

The following table shows the length of all roads and streets in the State in the year 1939.

VICTORIA—LENGTH OF ALL ROADS AND STREETS, 1939.

Type of Road or Street.	Roads and Streets (excluding State Highways).	State Highways.	Total.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Wood or stone	97	..	97
Portland cement concrete	113	1	114
Asphaltic concrete and sheet asphalt	217	16	233
Tar or bitumen surface seal over tar or bitumen penetrated or waterbound pavements	6,687	1,524	8,211
Waterbound macadam, gravel, sand, and hard loam pavements	23,358	1,100	24,458
Formed but not otherwise paved ..	24,921	..	24,921
Surveyed roads not formed which are used for general traffic	45,895	..	45,895
Total	101,288	2,641	103,929

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 1939-40 amounted to £15,331 and were made up of contributions by municipalities, £6,170; stock realized, £5,610; and interest on credit balance of the Fund, £3,551. The amount expended from the Fund was £41,091, all of which was used for the redemption of municipal loans.

The total receipts of the Fund to the 30th June, 1940, amounted to £2,069,440. The payments out of the Fund were—redemption of municipal loans, £1,311,173; 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, 1940, was £69,630.

Licensing Fund. During the year 1939-40 a sum of £59,440 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, £21,838. A statement of the receipts and expenditure of this Fund appears in part "Law, Crime, &c.," of this issue, page 71.

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, 1940, was £1,381, for guarantees amounting to £422,715. The claims paid from January, 1908, the date of the inception of the fund, to 30th September, 1940, amounted to £6,060. The amount to the credit of the fund at 30th September, 1940, was £27,868.

COUNTRY ROADS BOARD.

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

The principal duties of the Board are to ascertain by survey and investigation what roads are main roads; the nature and extent of the resources of Victoria in metals, minerals, and materials suitable for the purposes of road-making and maintenance; the most

effective and economical methods of dealing with the same and of supplying and utilizing the material in any part of Victoria ; the most effective methods of road construction and maintenance ; and what deviations (if any) in existing roads or what new roads should be made so as to facilitate communication and improve the conditions of traffic.

The construction of permanent works and the maintenance of main roads are to be carried out by the municipalities to the satisfaction of the Board, but power is reserved to the Governor in Council to direct that permanent works and maintenance shall be carried out by the Board. The amount of the municipal contribution toward the cost of maintenance works on main roads is one-third of the amount expended, but such contribution may be reduced in certain circumstances.

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

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

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

A statement of the moneys to be credited to the Country Roads Board Fund by Acts of Parliament 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* 1938 provides that, for the year 1938-39, 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, 1935-36 TO 1939-40.**

—	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
<i>Receipts.</i>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Payments by Municipalities ..	290,505	278,373	302,622	318,878	335,169
Fees Motor Car Act	1,409,395	1,480,272	1,608,879	1,690,962	1,747,024
Fees and Registration of Traction Engines	1,362	1,129	1,207	1,270	1,415
Fees Motor Omnibns Act	18	10	5	..	21
Stores and Materials	184,186	165,316	208,512	233,103	215,013
Hire of Plant	41,359	46,402	49,596	53,724	54,705
Other Receipts (advance from Public Account advances for unemployment relief and other works, &c.)	79,095	92,043	83,184	116,071	88,521
TOTAL ..	2,005,920	2,063,545	2,254,005	2,414,008	2,441,868
<i>Expenditure.</i>					
Maintenance and reconditioning of main roads, State highways, and tourists' roads	985,281	1,044,620	1,129,651	1,201,002	1,162,611
Road construction for relief of unemployment (including materials)	30,480	..	..	..	..
Relief to Municipalities.. ..	150,000	197,508	245,635	240,170	234,790
Interest and Sinking Fund	118,620	118,912	119,211	119,167	116,276
Recoup to Revenue (Interest, Sinking Fund, &c.)	310,847	317,788	323,832	308,277	368,330
Plant, Stores, and Materials	227,880	216,144	264,099	310,332	279,624
Other Expenditure (including administration)	172,099	180,725	180,209	234,192	238,773
TOTAL ..	1,995,207	2,075,697	2,262,637	2,413,140	2,400,404

The balance to the credit of the Fund at 30th June, 1940, was £43,308.

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 1939-40 this Account received £2,074 from the State Loans Repayment Fund, and the payments for permanent works amounted to £2,234.

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 1939-40 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, 1935-36 TO 1939-40.**

	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
	£	£	£	£	£
State Highways*— Maintenance and reconditioning	468,413	401,337	418,905	453,708	506,551
Main Roads*—					
Construction	156,142	228,470	170,442	224,290	187,130
Maintenance.. ..	679,065	752,629	749,946	802,920	699,692
Total Main Roads ..	835,207	981,099	920,388	1,027,210	886,822
Developmental Roads*—					
Construction, &c.	309,369	294,170	375,632	468,122	461,661
Unemployment Relief	363,848	215,377	138,184	54,662	53,609
Tourists' Roads*—					
Construction, &c. .. ..	..	35,635	52,046	77,694	68,262
Murray River Bridges and Punts—					
Maintenance.. ..	..	1,700	2,841	4,067	8,275
Roads adjoining Commonwealth Areas .. ..	..	..	3	13,321	11,908
Commonwealth Defence Works Unemployment Relief ..	..	..	..	..	93,758
TOTAL	1,976,837	1,929,318	1,907,999	2,098,784	2,090,846

* 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 1935 to 1939. 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, 1935 TO 1939.**

Heading.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
REVENUE.					
	£	£	£	£	£
Wharfage and Tonnage Rates ..	589,764	657,889	712,566	732,251	681,168
Rents	37,793	38,910	39,527	40,642	42,782
Interest	987	972	983	953	844
Other Revenue	82,880	87,507	93,182	106,253	119,105
	711,424	785,278	846,258	880,099	843,899
<i>Less</i> Statutory Payments to—					
Consolidated Revenue ..	121,948	135,578	146,513	150,450	140,234
Geelong Harbor Trust ..	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Total	574,476	634,700	684,745	714,649	688,665
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
General Management and Expenses	35,643	42,137	44,255	42,793	41,973
Flotation and Redemption of Loans					
Expenses	3,825	32,940	3,832	3,825	3,825
Operating Expenses	24,743	29,052	32,208	34,470	35,208
Maintenance—					
Dredging	88,573	78,557	98,622	126,745	97,329
Harbor	1,186	2,323	2,213	1,998	4,164
Wharves	23,119	43,767	76,630	84,925	89,671
Approaches	6,013	4,060	8,280	7,436	5,846
Railways	1,299	2,771	1,225	1,550	2,426
Other Properties	989	4,980	1,681	2,396	2,091
Interest on Loans and Exchange	238,483	226,071	211,138	206,415	203,801
Depreciation, Renewals, and In-					
urance Account	100,000	80,000	116,000	116,000	129,160
Sinking Fund	47,305	84,111	84,868	85,657	66,849
Total	571,178	630,769	680,952	714,210	682,343
Surplus on Revenue Account ..	3,298	3,931	3,793	439	6,322
Deficit on Revenue Account ..	..	..	..	..	..
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.					
Land and Property	1,766	1,044	291	671	694
Deepening Waterways	1,038	13,728	..	2,235	28,013
Wharves Construction	28,173	16,904	11,285	20,305	56,930
Approaches Construction	22,600	31,050	28,944	27,102	26,661
Other Harbor Improvements ..	2,029	9,631	10,245	12,170	11,418
Railways	50,059	3,143	..	..	..
Floating and General Plant ..	2,105	2,266	1,313	4,169	6,997
Total	107,770	77,766	52,078	66,652	130,713
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness*	4,427,110	4,102,400	4,179,632	4,109,476	4,018,527
Sinking Fund	49,800	63,900	78,700	95,760	129,557
Net Indebtedness	4,377,310	4,038,500	4,100,932	4,013,716	3,888,970

* Excluding bank overdraft as follows:—£109,777 in 1935; £338,311 in 1936; £133,691 in 1937; £78,900 in 1938; and £141,712 in 1939.

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 1935 to 1939. Capital expenditure during, and loan indebtedness at end of, each of the five years is also shown.

**GEELONG HARBOR TRUST — REVENUE AND
EXPENDITURE, 1935 TO 1939.**

Heading.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
REVENUE.					
	£	£	£	£	£
Wharfage, Tonnage and Special Berth Rates	53,305	61,075	72,178	75,059	61,110
Rents, Fees, and Licences	6,297	6,135	5,419	5,587	5,436
Freezing Works and Abattoirs ..	8,465	8,465	8,465	8,465	8,465
Contribution by Melbourne Harbor Trust	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Other Revenue	5,735	5,908	4,840	4,529	3,503
Total	88,802	96,583	105,902	108,640	93,514
REVENUE EXPENDITURE.					
Management Expenses	10,515	12,961	12,737	14,847	15,937
Maintenance—					
Wharves and Approaches	2,033	2,532	3,262	7,040	4,468
Harbor	869	1,412	2,159	4,516	3,597
Floating Plant	4,547	7,896	7,341	9,276	12,405
Other	1,817	2,438	2,653	3,595	2,508
Interest on Loans	16,270	15,583	12,732	12,646	14,700
Sinking Fund	4,417	4,417	4,238	4,238	3,997
Freezing Works and Abattoirs ..	9,475	6,489	11,064	8,913	9,700
Depreciation Reserve Account ..	28,861	28,092	35,740	35,837	30,748
Miscellaneous	255	338	250	470	425
Total	79,059	82,158	92,176	101,378	98,485
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.					
Land and Property .. ..	..	60	..	6,593	2,063
Deepening Waterways	15,688	27,144	30,315	33,342	32,730
Wharves and Approaches	3,963	74	78	3,206	21,428
Other	18,426	1,951	8,323	5,786	2,104
Total	38,077	29,229	38,716	48,927	58,325
At 31st December—					
Loan Indebtedness	582,621	580,824	557,310	535,717	529,360
Sinking Fund	6,724	11,396	15,981	20,763	25,131
Net Indebtedness	575,897	569,428	541,329	514,954	504,229

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITIES.

The authorities controlling water supply for domestic purposes in Victoria are listed in the following statement. It is estimated that about 82 per cent. of the population of this State are so supplied by these authorities.

Authorities.	Administered under the provisions of—
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	} Water Act
Waterworks Trusts	
Local Governing Bodies—	
Ballarat Water Commission	
Municipal Councils—	
Arapiles	
Ararat Town	
Beechworth	
Bet Bet	
Chiltern	
Clunes	
Creswick	
Inglewood	
Korong	
Ripon	
Stawell Borough	
Talbot	
Warrnambool City	
Werribee	
Wimmera	
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust ..	Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act
Mildura Urban Water Trust	Mildura Irrigation Trusts Act
Heidelberg City Council (Diamond Creek and Greensborough supplies)	} Local Government Act
Sale Town Council	
Eltham Shire Council (Eltham, Montmorency and Yarra Glen supplies)	
Grenville Shire Council (Linton supply) ..	
Huntly Shire Council (Goornong supply) ..	
Leigh Shire Council (Rokewood and Corindhap supplies)	
Walpeup Shire Council (Murrayville supply)	

The revenue and expenditure of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission form part of Consolidated Revenue. Information relating to the activities of the Commission are shown in Part "Production" of this *Year-Book*. Financial particulars, &c., in respect of the other authorities mentioned above will be found in this Part.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.

**Creation and
constitution
of Board.**

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

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

**Functions of
the Board.**

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

**Area under
Board's
control.**

All land within a radius of 13 miles of the Post Office at the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth streets, Melbourne, 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 £26,140,470 on 30th June, 1940. The Board was at that date empowered to borrow £999,464 before reaching the limit of its borrowing powers.

Revenue and Expenditure.

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, 1935-36 TO 1939-40.**

Heads of Revenue and Expenditure.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
	REVENUE.				
	£	£	£	£	£
Water Supply—					
Water Rates (including Meter Excess)	789,797	812,287	893,865	929,663	928,774
Water Charges and Stations	20,916	20,526	20,747	22,196	30,429
Meter Rents	49,799	52,151	53,827	55,441	57,733
Sewerage—					
Sewerage Rates	952,784	992,240	1,032,491	1,070,401	1,121,722
Sanitary Charges	16,088	17,206	17,417	19,163	19,248
Metropolitan Farm—					
Grazing Fees, Rents, Pastures, &c. Balance Live Stock Account	7,757	12,797	18,251	14,035	3,886
10,775	15,296	8,572	16,884	25,843	
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers—					
Drainage and River Improvement Rate	71,800	74,187	77,693	80,062	83,797
River Water Charges	7,503	8,480	10,572	6,450	5,724
Total	1,927,219	2,005,170	2,133,435	2,214,295	2,277,156
	REVENUE EXPENDITURE.				
Water Supply—					
Management and Incidental Expenses	40,039	40,103	42,067	48,102	49,137
Maintenance	104,662	101,994	108,967	115,735	121,759
Sewerage—					
Management and Incidental Expenses	29,371	29,229	29,560	31,502	56,673
Maintenance	84,099	87,632	97,802	90,800	102,720
Metropolitan Farm—					
Administrative Expenses	441	687	417	495	1,116
Maintenance	34,743	38,417	46,448	49,424	54,203
Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers—					
Management and Incidental Expenses	3,991	4,074	3,950	4,863	5,062
Maintenance	11,214	11,746	15,103	16,643	16,465
Pensions and Compassionate Allowances	4,958	4,563	6,963	3,892	5,424
Discount and Expenses <i>re</i> Loans	26,378	36,775	99,741	84,000	81,928
Interest on Overdraft	48	728	38	92	69
Interest on Loans	1,263,503	1,256,775	1,272,900	1,269,459	1,290,917
Exchange	98,964	112,277	47,091	47,052	45,944
Contribution to—					
Sinking Fund	62,758	62,813	63,563	64,269	65,351
Renewals Fund	80,924	131,970	184,381	176,000	175,000
Superannuation Fund	20,667	20,770	20,909	21,116	21,521
Fire Insurance Fund	696	10,000	20,000	25,000	25,000
Rates Equalization Reserve .. .. .	..	..	..	..	25,000
General Reserve .. .. .	..	..	..	..	70,000
Depreciation .. .. .	..	..	10,324	61,319	37,895
Contributions to Municipalities	3,850	3,850	3,850	3,850	3,850
Flood Repairs	21,171	..	..	..	..
Defence Expenses .. .. .	..	..	..	..	20,920
Sundries .. .. .	..	..	..	1,045	332
Total	1,892,477	1,954,403	2,074,074	2,114,658	2,276,286
Surplus on Revenue Account	34,742	50,767	59,361	99,637	870

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 1939-40 was 7d. in the pound on the annual value of property served. Assessments of £17 and under are charged a minimum rate of 10s. per annum. There is a charge of 1s. per 1,000 gallons for water supplied by meter, with the assessed rate as a minimum. For shipping at Melbourne wharves the charge is 3s. per 1,000 gallons.

Assessed value of property. The total annual value of property assessed for water supply purposes and liable to water rates was £19,167,590 in 1938-39 and £19,568,452 in 1939-40.

Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan waterworks system. The total cost of the water supply system up to 30th June, 1940, was as follows:—

Original water supply station, &c.	works.	tank.	pumping	£
..	..	..	..	53,883
Yan Yean system	..	..	..	653,743
Maroondah system	..	..	..	1,704,424
O'Shannassy system	..	..	..	3,170,795
Service reservoirs	..	..	..	613,993
Large mains	..	..	..	3,007,126
Reticulation	..	..	..	3,390,420
Afforestation	..	..	..	48,110
Investigations, future works	..	..	..	6,790
Total	..	..	..	12,649,284

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 1939 was as follows:—

	Gallons.	
Yan Yean Reservoir	..	2,453,931,000
Maroondah Reservoir	..	11,621,259,000
O'Shannassy River and Silvan No. 1	..	10,343,026,000
Total Output	..	24,418,216,000

Storage and service reservoirs. There are five storage reservoirs (Yan Yean, Toorourrong, Maroondah, O'Shannassy, and Silvan No. 1) with a total capacity of 23,351,305,000 gallons, and twenty-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. The total consumption of water and the average consumption per day are shown hereunder for each month of the year 1939 :—

TOTAL AND DAILY AVERAGE CONSUMPTION OF WATER IN MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS DURING EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR 1939.

Month.	Total Consumption of Water.	Daily Average Consumption of Water.
	Gallons.	Gallons.
January	3,033,490,000	97,854,516
February	2,249,485,000	80,338,750
March	1,981,768,000	63,928,000
April	1,726,450,000	57,548,333
May	1,698,587,000	54,793,129
June	1,510,185,000	50,339,500
July	1,615,471,000	52,111,968
August	1,628,938,000	52,546,387
September	1,874,715,000	62,490,500
October	2,087,257,000	67,330,871
November	2,163,357,000	72,111,900
December	2,837,960,000	91,547,097
Total for the year	24,407,663,000	..
Daily average for the year 1939..	..	66,870,310

NOTE.—The maximum daily consumption for 1939 occurred on 29th December, and the minimum daily consumption on 8th April. The consumption was 151,925,000 gallons on the former and 36,874,000 gallons on the latter of these days.

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

DAILY AVERAGE QUANTITY OF WATER CONSUMED IN MELBOURNE AND SUBURBS, 1935 TO 1939.

(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.
1935	261,743	246,592	69,137,000	66.53
1936	266,909	251,507	75,176,000	70.94
1937	271,771	255,950	77,594,000	71.91
1938	278,310	261,872	86,927,000	78.67
1939	285,408	269,411	66,870,310	59.02

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

These figures show that additional properties to the number of 7,098 were supplied with water during the year ended 30th June, 1939.

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 1939-40 was 1s. 2d. in the £1. The total annual value of property in the Board's area in 1939-40 was £20,183,068, of which £18,981,836 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 1939-40 amounted to £1,140,970.

Cost of the Melbourne and Metropolitan sewerage system. The cost of sewerage works up to 30th June, 1940, was £14,396,033, divided as follows:—

	£
Farm purchase and preparation	1,298,930
Treatment works	173,951
Outfall sewers and rising mains	522,693
Pumping stations, buildings, and plant	303,913
Main and branch sewers	3,227,449
Reticulation sewers	7,998,023
Cost of house connexions chargeable to capital..	820,981
Sanitary depots	50,093
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Cost of sewerage system	14,396,033

Main and Subsidiary Sewerage Systems. The sewerage system of the metropolis as constructed or in course of construction at 30th June, 1940, 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, 1940, the number of buildings for which sewers were provided was 274,974, and the estimated population served by the system was 1,091,650.

During the year 1939-40, 6,566 new houses were erected in the Board's area, and provision was made for the sewerage of 5,563 buildings.

The following statement shows the progress of sewer connexions to the 30th June, 1940:—

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—
SEWER CONNEXIONS AT 30TH JUNE, 1940.

Municipality.	No. of Buildings for which sewers were provided on 30th June, 1940.
Blackburn and Mitcham Shire	1,047
Box Hill City	4,189
Braybrook Shire (part of)	1,594
Brighton City	9,399
Broadmeadows Shire (part of)	491
Brunswick City	14,041
Camberwell City	18,510
Caulfield City	20,261
Coburg City	9,852
Collingwood City	8,180
Essendon City	12,735
Fitzroy City	7,940
Footscray City	12,239
Hawthorn City	10,229
Heidelberg City (part of)	6,570
Keilor Shire (part of)	271
Kew City	6,655
Malvern City	12,887
Melbourne City	22,889
Moorabbin City	4,625
Mordialloc City	801
Northcote City	11,167
Oakleigh City	3,365
Port Melbourne City	3,297
Prahran City	15,705
Preston City	9,608
Richmond City	10,474
Sandringham City	5,485
South Melbourne City	10,308
St. Kilda City	13,941
Werribee Shire (part of)	18
Williamstown City	6,201
Total	274,974

Pumping Stations. At 30th June, 1940, pumping stations had been established at Spotswood, Preston, Sunshine, Box Hill, Black Rock, Braybrook, Mordialloc, Port Melbourne, 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, 1940, are as under :—

Total area of farm	..	..	..	22,634 acres.
Area used for sewage disposal	..	..	..	12,376 „
Rainfall at farm for year	..	..	..	16.12 inches.
Average rainfall over 46 years	..	..	..	18.28 „
Net cost of sewage purification for year per head of population served	..	..	..	1s. 5.915d.
Loss on cattle for year	..	..	..	£ 2,835
Loss on horses for year	..	..	..	£ 656
Profit on sheep for year	..	..	..	£ 29,334
Profit on agistment for year	..	..	..	£ 1,917

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

For the year 1939-40, the working expenses were £4,887, while interest amounted to £2,462, making a total of £7,349. The revenue was £2,710, leaving a deficiency of £4,639.

METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS.

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

Assessed value of property. The total annual value of property assessed for Drainage and River purposes for 1939-40 was £20,050,476.

Cost of Drainage and River Improvement works. The total cost of Drainage and River Improvement works to 30th June, 1940, was £1,535,586.

Length of main drains. The classification and length of all main drains under the control of the Board at 30th June, 1940, were as follows :—

1. Underground drains—		
(a) Constructed by Municipal Councils and taken over by the Board and not replaced		31 miles 50 chains
(b) Constructed by the Board (including 14 miles 56 chains of drains which replace drains previously declared)	53 .. 19 ..	
Total underground drains controlled		84 miles 69 chains
2. Open drains—		
(a) Constructed by Municipal Councils and taken over by the Board and not replaced		7 miles 15 chains
(b) Constructed by the Board (including 3 miles 2 chains of drains which replace drains previously declared)	3 .. 43 ..	
Total constructed open drains controlled.. .. .		10 miles 58 chains
3. Natural watercourses and unlined open drains controlled		5 miles 6 chains
Grand total of drains controlled		100 miles 53 chains

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 Ballaarat, the borough of Sebastopol, and portions of the shires of Ballarat, Buninyong, and Bungaree. The estimated population in this area is 43,000. The works comprise six reservoirs which have a total storage capacity of 2,215,558,000 gallons.

To 31st December, 1939, the capital cost of construction was £605,236, and the loans outstanding (due to the Government) at that date were £284,397. During 1939, receipts amounted to £53,737 and expenditure to £57,181.

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, 1940, was—water supply, £743,948; sewerage, £648,391; and sewerage installation, £257,503, of which £1,327 is outstanding. The revenue for the year ended 30th June, 1940, was £58,770 on account of waterworks and £43,506 on account of sewerage. Since 1913 the Trust has appropriated and set apart sums out of surplus revenues for the creation of a sinking fund to redeem loans. At 30th June, 1940, the amounts so appropriated were:—sewerage, £73,638; and water supply, £78,049.

The population supplied is estimated by the Trust at 49,600. The number of buildings situate within the "Drainage Area" is 12,325; the number within the "Sewered Areas," 12,105; and the number connected with the sewers, 12,092.

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

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

Sewerage.—The sewerage scheme consists of a main outfall sewer, 4 ft. 3 in. by 3 ft. 3 in., to the ocean at Black Rock, a distance of about 9 miles from Geelong. The 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 1939 there were 108 Waterworks Trusts, constituted under the provisions of the *Water Act* 1928, functioning in Victoria. The ordinary receipts and ordinary expenditure of these Trusts are given below for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

VICTORIA—WATERWORKS TRUSTS—ORDINARY RECEIPTS AND ORDINARY EXPENDITURE, 1939.

Ordinary Receipts.	Amount.	Ordinary Expenditure.	Amount.
	£		£
Water Rates (including arrears) ..	153,740	Administrative Expenses ..	23,529
Water Sales (including arrears) ..	26,245	Works from Revenue ..	38,589
Meter Rents (including arrears) ..	1,984	Maintenance and Repairs (including Pumping and Purchase of Water)	55,538
Interest on overdue Rates ..	1,315	Redemption of Loans ..	17,587
Transfers from Depreciation Fund ..	6,189	Interest on Loans ..	61,331
Government Grants ..	24,048	Interest on Bank Overdraft ..	423
Other	13,761	Depreciation Fund ..	17,160
		Other	7,440
Total	227,282	Total	221,597

All loan moneys are provided by the Treasurer of Victoria. At 30th June, 1940, the loan liability of Waterworks Trusts amounted to £1,424,234 (including £46,569 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, 1939, were as follows:—

**MILDURA URBAN WATER TRUST—RECEIPTS AND
EXPENDITURE, 1938-39.**

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
£		£	
Water Rates (including arrears)	4,373	Administrative Expenses ..	951
Water Sales (including arrears)	2,398	New Works	1,556
Interest on overdue Rates ..	30	Meters	474
Other	1,160	Maintenance and Repairs ..	3,288
		Redemption of Loans ..	150
		Interest on Loans	431
		Depreciation Fund	962
		Other	312
Total	7,961	Total	8,124

At 30th June, 1939, the loan liability of the Trust amounted to £12,645, of which 10,645 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, 1939, 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 1939.

SEWERAGE SYSTEMS IN OPERATION IN VICTORIA, 1939.

Authority.	Year of Constitution.	Estimated Population Served by System.†	Number of Properties Connected to Sewers.	Sewerage Rate Levied in % of Net Annual Municipal Value.	Ordinary Revenue.	Capital Expenditure to End of Year (Excluding House Connections).	Loans Outstanding at End of Year.	
							Sewerage Works.	House Connections.
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works*	1890	1,069,560	269,411	<i>s. d.</i> 1 2	£ 1,120,483	£ 14,045,705	£ 14,242,029	£ 79,850
Ararat ..	1935	3,500	700	1 6	1,534	78,795	69,400	15,000
Bairnsdale ..	1932	3,750	997	1 4	4,312	60,230	48,120	23,037
Ballarat ..	1920	39,000	8,557	1 9	29,888	449,877	437,243	20,441
Benalla ..	1934	4,500	1,118	2 0	6,511	83,825	71,439	31,500
Bendigo ..	1916	25,450	6,396	1 5	26,699	349,511	306,980	..
Castlemaine ..	1934	4,600	1,088	1 6	4,527	70,003	59,176	23,750
Colac ..	1923	5,300	1,396	2 0	6,363	80,588	74,292	3,414
Dandenong ..	1935	4,000	800	1 9	3,426	66,635	58,244	33,200
Echuca ..	1927	4,000	1,080	2 0	5,743	66,820	61,205	5,256
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust*	1908	49,070	11,902	1 3	42,737	637,921	598,316	2,073
Hamilton ..	1935	5,000	1,400	1 9	5,687	86,974	73,208	33,890
Horsham ..	1926	4,940	1,235	1 5	4,728	60,122	50,205	23,250
Kerang ..	1932	2,750	623	2 0	4,415	61,320	49,903	17,000
Mildura ..	1928	7,500	1,663	1 5	8,064	74,455	64,113	14,062
Shepparton ..	1934	6,500	1,400	1 7	10,940	110,501	101,012	46,250
Swan Hill ..	1926	4,500	894	2 0	5,734	59,381	57,190	11,241
Wangaratta ..	1933	4,800	1,200	1 7	5,178	65,379	54,078	27,012
Warrnambool ..	1929	7,500	1,951	0 9	4,248	78,861	71,895	10,500
Total ..	..	1,256,220	313,811	..	1,301,217	16,586,933	16,548,048	420,726

* Sewerage finance only

† As estimated by the authorities concerned.

In addition to those enumerated in the above table, sewerage authorities had been constituted in the following districts, in which at the end of 1939, preliminary works or detail surveys were being carried out:—Beechworth constituted in 1939; Dimboola in 1938; Euroa in 1939; Kyabram in 1938; Kyneton in 1933; Leongatha in 1939; Lorne in 1938; Maffra in 1938; Mornington in 1939;

Morwell in 1939 ; Murtoa in 1938 ; Nhill in 1938 ; Portland in 1938 ; Sale in 1936 ; Traralgon in 1939 ; Warracknabeal in 1938 ; Warragul in 1935 ; Werribee in 1939 ; Wodonga in 1939 ; Yarram in 1939 ; and Yarrawonga in 1938.

The *Local Government (Septic Tanks) Act 1938* empowers any Municipal Council at the request of the owner of a property, or of the owners of two or more adjacent properties, within the municipal district but not within a sewerage district, to install on the property or properties a septic tank system at the expense of such owner or owners—the cost, together with charges for plans and supervision not exceeding 10 per cent., to be repaid by the owners by 40 quarterly instalments. In the event of a sewerage district being proclaimed or extended to include such properties before the cost of the septic tank installation thereon has been repaid to the Council, provision is made for the Council's liabilities to be transferred to the Sewerage Authority and for future payments to be made to such Authority by the owners concerned. In the case of a group septic tank system the Council, at the request of the owners or of a majority of the owners of the properties served by such system, shall cause the system to be cleansed at the expense of such owners.

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, 1939, preliminary work was being carried out.

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, 1940, had under its control the following :— 43 stations, 331 members of permanent staff, 70 members of special service staff, 10 members of clerical staff, 63 men engaged in the workshops, 14 employees engaged in the tailoring department, and 175 partially paid firemen.

During 1939-40 the cost of maintenance of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade was £187,038, 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 752d. in the pound on the annual value of £19,904,218 of property within the Fire District, and that of the insurance companies to £6 3s. 9½d. for every £100 of premiums on insured property. The premiums received in the Metropolitan Fire District in 1938 amounted to £1,007,279.

**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, 1940, was £35,910. This was made up of equal contributions of £11,690 from the Government, the municipalities, and the insurance companies, and £840 from other sources. The expenditure for the same year amounted to £33,901. There are 128 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 1938 amounted to £397,322. The annual value of rateable property assessed within the Board's districts in 1939 was £4,064,207. 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

154 registered brigades and the number of registered firemen is 2,943. In most brigades there is, in addition to the registered firemen, a number of "reserve" members.

Receipts and Expenditure. Particulars of receipts and expenditure of both Fire Brigades Boards for the five years 1935-36 to 1939-40 are as follows:—

**VICTORIA—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF FIRE
BRIGADES BOARDS, 1935-36 TO 1939-40.**

Heads of Receipts and Expenditure.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Ordinary Receipts.</i>					
Contributions — Government, Municipal, and Insurance	185,033	189,533	217,244	216,468	222,109
Receipts for Services	24,376	26,288	30,549	28,905	30,393
Interest and Sundries	16,749	19,031	21,835	21,006	19,243
Total	226,158	234,852	269,628	266,379	271,745
<i>Ordinary Expenditure.</i>					
Salaries	140,177	148,493	162,079	161,312	166,250
Fire Expenses	4,511	4,259	4,428	4,429	4,390
Administrative Charges, &c. ..	31,819	37,578	41,252	42,888	40,797
Plant—Purchase and Repairs	18,049	15,949	16,582	15,580	16,393
Interest	10,790	10,507	10,107	10,484	11,720
Repayment of Loans	10,610	11,614	12,235	14,977	15,753
Superannuation Fund	4,992	5,415	6,012	5,943	6,149
Miscellaneous	10,949	20,146	10,398	8,386	6,801
Total	231,897	253,961	263,093	263,999	268,253
<i>Loan Expenditure.</i>					
Purchase of Land and Erection of Buildings, &c. ..	9,858	268	8,073	45,342	28,230

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL BODIES.

In the following statement particulars are given of the new money loan raisings during 1938-39 by Local Government and Semi-Governmental and Other Public Bodies. Information in respect of the amount of loans outstanding (excluding overdrafts) at 30th June, 1939, is also shown.

VICTORIA—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES—NEW MONEY LOAN RAISINGS 1938-39, AND LOANS OUTSTANDING AT 30TH JUNE, 1939.

Authority.	New Money Loan Raisings during year ended 30th June, 1939.		Loans Outstanding (excluding Overdrafts) at 30th June, 1939.		Accumulated Sinking Funds at 30th June, 1939.
	From Central Government.	From Public Creditor.	Due to—		
			Central Government.	Public Creditor.	
LOCAL GOVERNMENT.	£	£	£	£	£
Metropolitan Municipalities ..	5,825	446,887	208,446	9,491,821 ^a	789,738
Ex-Metropolitan Municipalities ..	7,912	348,324	395,962	2,848,496	117,240
Total Local Government ..	13,737	795,211	604,408	12,340,317	906,978
SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES.					
Water Supply and Sewerage—					
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works ..	..	409,000	282,500	25,424,970 ^b	2,123,204
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust ..	..	6,747	..	1,262,250	1,689
Other Sewerage Authorities ..	4,844	322,278	233,540	1,899,298	1,110
Ballarat Water Commission ..	785	..	285,125	..	..
Waterworks Trusts ..	39,900	..	1,401,373	..	..
Mildura Urban Water Trust ..	..	2,000	10,645	2,000	..
Total Water Supply and Sewerage ..	45,529	740,025	2,213,183	28,588,518	2,126,003
Irrigation and Drainage—					
First Mildura Irrigation Trust ..	10,000	..	47,323	51,375	28,110
Harbors—					
Melbourne Harbor Trust ..	..	..	..	4,109,476 ^c	113,257
Geelong Harbor Trust ..	..	..	325,648	205,600	21,083
Total Harbors ..	..	..	325,648	4,315,076	184,340
Tramways—					
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board ..	..	..	..	4,660,445 ^d	66,577
Electricity Supply—					
State Electricity Commission ..	..	330,415	^e	2,114,202 ^f	3,072
Fire Brigades—					
Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board ..	..	40,000	..	209,184	..
Country Fire Brigades Board ..	..	13,400	..	59,862	..
Total Fire Brigades ..	..	53,400	..	268,996	..
Marketing—					
Western Metropolitan Market Trust ..	..	30,000	..	30,000	..
Bulk Handling of Wheat—					
Grain Elevators Board ..	350,000	325,000	700,000	325,000	..
Total Semi-Governmental and Other Public Bodies	405,529	1,478,840	3,286,154	40,353,612	2,358,102
Grand Total ..	419,266	2,274,051	3,890,562	52,693,929	3,265,080

^a Including £16,000 payable in New Zealand.

^b Including £3,754,000 payable in London.

^c Including £968,400 payable in London.

^d Including £1,000,000 payable in London.

^e Excluding liability to the State of Victoria (£17,220,994) and to the Unemployment Relief Fund (£87,731)

^f Including £936,720 payable in London.

Particulars relating to the new money loan raisings by the above authorities during each of the last four 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 1939-40.

Heading.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.*
LOCAL GOVERNMENT.				
	£	£	£	£
Due to Government	32,493	6,501	13,737	6,272
Due to Public Creditor	485,577	792,542	795,211	708,678
Total Local Government	518,070	799,043	808,948	714,950
SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL, &c.				
Due to Government	138,235	42,773	405,529	674,057
Due to Public Creditor	565,374	1,381,774	1,478,840	3,210,930
Total Semi-Governmental, &c.	703,609	1,424,547	1,884,369	3,884,987
ALL AUTHORITIES.				
Due to Government	170,728	49,274	419,266	680,329
Due to Public Creditor	1,050,951	2,174,316	2,274,051	3,919,608
Grand Total	1,221,679	2,223,590	2,693,317	4,599,937

* Subject to revision.

HOUSING.

Housing and Reclamation by Municipalities. The Council of any municipality may, under existing statutory power, erect or purchase dwelling-houses for eligible persons at a cost not exceeding £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 Australian repatriated sailors and soldiers and their female dependants to acquire homes, the operations being conducted under the *War Service Homes Act* 1918-1937. A summary of the activities of the War Service Homes Commission in Victoria to 30th June, 1940, discloses that 10,615 applications had been approved, 5,013 homes erected, 3,781 homes purchased, and 466 mortgages discharged. The sums paid as instalments of principal and interest amounted to £6,039,788, whilst the arrears of instalments totalled £129,143, the percentage of arrears to the total amount due being 2·09.

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 and 1940 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 and 1940.

Municipality.	1939.		1940.	
	Dwelling Units.	Value.	Dwelling Units.	Value.
	No.	£	No.	£
Metropolitan—				
Brunswick	22	13,994	..	..
Port Melbourne	8	5,047	384	222,856
Preston	80	48,034	266	159,190
Outside Metropolitan Area—				
Newtown and Chilwell .. .. .	..	..	54	33,495
Total	110	67,075	704	415,541

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

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 thirteen years 1928-1940 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

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,
1939 AND 1940.

Class of Permit.	1939.		1940.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
New Buildings.		£		£
Buildings for Habitation—				
Private Dwellings—				
Brick, concrete, &c. ..	2,575	2,705,162	3,227	3,424,967
Wood, fibro-cement, &c. ..	2,055	1,367,526	1,717	1,160,722
Flats	261	868,824	468	1,961,548
Other (Hotels, Guest Houses, &c.)	11	246,150	10	78,000
Total, Buildings for Habitation	4,902	5,187,662	5,422	6,625,287
Commercial Buildings—				
With Residence—				
Shops	158	185,036	113	134,971
Garages	2	1,000	..	..
Factories	4	4,260	8	24,350
Other	12	163,374	5	21,652
Without Residence—				
Shops	91	81,314	66	106,699
Garages	6	4,825	6	16,875
Factories	96	546,403	127	656,959
Other	57	406,199	35	383,739
Public Buildings—				
Hospitals	2	87,127	10	620,970
Churches	12	60,052	10	43,838
Schools	10	58,697	7	28,725
Theatres .. .. .	..	..	6	91,600
Other	32	56,178	11	13,392
Total, Commercial and Public Buildings	482	1,654,465	404	2,143,770
Alterations and Additions—				
Private Dwellings	4,894	364,504	4,461	381,427
Flats	16	3,728	16	5,931
Other Buildings for Habitation	89	194,591	56	97,766
Shops	379	119,229	299	177,674
Garages (Commercial)	25	18,768	10	2,455
Factories	317	402,038	364	432,373
Other Business Premises	151	284,184	139	216,634
Public Buildings	107	247,830	80	131,483
Total, Alterations and Additions	5,978	1,634,872	5,425	1,445,743
Grand Total, Building Permits	11,362	8,476,999	11,251	10,214,800

NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW
PRIVATE DWELLINGS, FLATS, HOTELS, ETC., IN
GREATER MELBOURNE, 1934 TO 1940.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—						
	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.
CITIES.							
Box Hill	46	75	83	99	152	170	177
Brighton	100	170	207	216	360	336	357
Brunswick	53	103	130	121	149	107*	143
Camberwell	357	603	697	808	882	845	701
Caulfield	275	397	352	319	386	312	434
Chelsea	18	33	34	45	56	66	73
Coburg	84	170	229	261	304	304	275
Collingwood	5	18	19	26	20	15	17
Essendon	82	140	165	214	238	249	248
Fitzroy	2	10	10	14	13	16	16
Footscray	55	167	198	253	322	251	218
Hawthorn	118	135	183	150	139	141	157
Heidelberg (exclusive of Greensborough Ward) ..	63	120	117	188	205	199	284
Kew	65	90	127	134	131	152	217
Malvern	199	236	132	141	137	165	212
Melbourne	31	62	60	68	62	74	132
Moorabbin	63	104	167	196	239	275	318
Mordialloc	21	50	56	88	93	78	116
Northcote	46	76	92	92	120	135	143
Oakleigh	45	53	48	83	86	89	109
Port Melbourne	4	1	2	17	20	31*	19*
Prahran	225	234	231	177	160	110	156
Preston	52	103	165	228	298	302*	281*
Richmond	17	30	27	31	37	48	67
Sandringham	39	79	98	121	164	163	163
South Melbourne	13	19	16	12	18	15	12
St. Kilda	121	137	108	98	96	63	120
Williamstown	17	39	65	89	98	79	101
SHIRE.							
Braybrook (exclusive of Western Riding) ..	10	26	44	65	101	112	156
Total	2,231	3,420	3,862	4,354	5,086	4,902	5,422

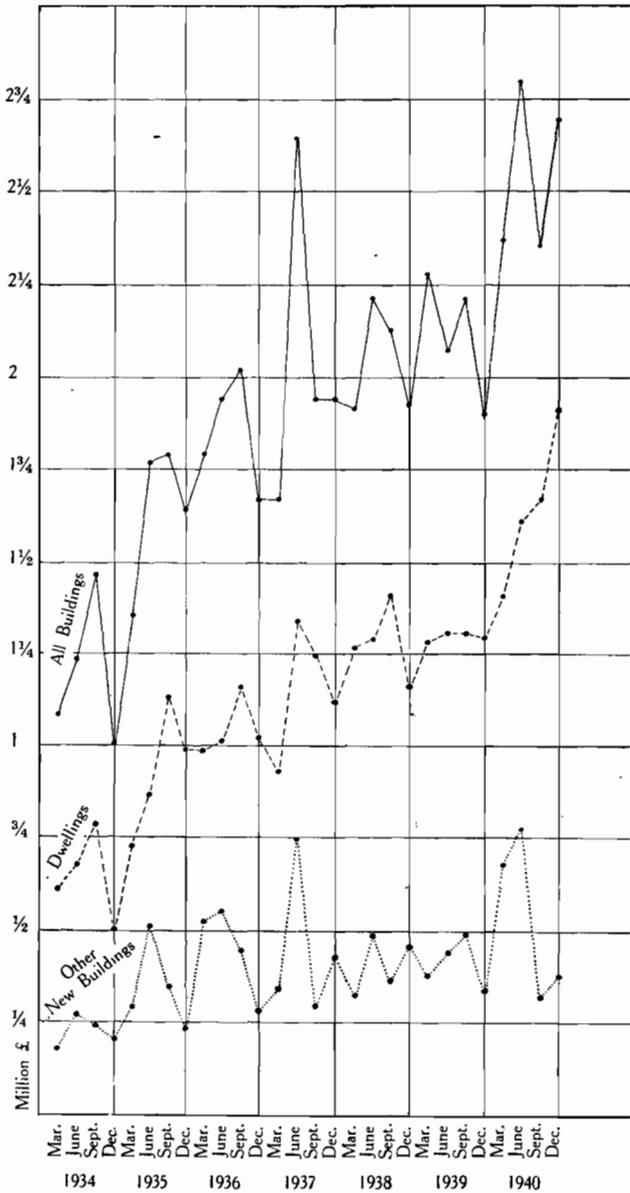
* Excluding contracts let by the Housing Commission for the erection of dwellings, as follows :—At Brunswick, 22 in 1939; at Port Melbourne, 8 in 1939 and 384 in 1940; and at Preston 80 in 1939 and 266 in 1940.

VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR ALL
BUILDINGS IN GREATER MELBOURNE DURING THE
YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1936 TO 1940.

Name of Municipality.	Year ended 31st December—				
	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.
	£	£	£	£	£
CITIES.					
Box Hill	94,891	119,902	137,083	151,386	180,597
Brighton	274,709	283,210	459,965	360,504	432,061
Brunswick	182,794	214,375	222,563	146,860	187,300
Camberwell	880,870	984,658	1,097,766	1,068,578	952,062
Caulfield	484,732	511,096	464,885	399,163	502,016
Chelsea	50,322	33,366	52,469	48,015	72,205
Coburg	204,274	240,925	316,782	265,482	311,078
Collingwood	129,389	140,583	127,701	66,268	95,182
Essendon	176,488	207,359	245,033	243,655	285,498
Fitzroy	93,553	86,304	73,770	108,851	52,720
Footscray	252,759	343,026	294,192	362,067	315,486
Hawthorn	231,911	226,428	234,869	242,954	319,433
Heidelberg (exclusive of Greens- borough Ward)	123,709	215,990	263,690	232,643	337,959
Kew	198,485	211,303	194,181	310,085	364,455
Malvern	246,652	246,684	235,515	249,953	371,253
Melbourne	1,335,093	1,576,587	1,260,496	1,817,715	1,977,400
Moorabbin	143,880	161,220	206,199	230,221	294,365
Mordialloc	39,250	77,585	88,010	78,018	108,466
Northcote	93,040	100,049	111,772	108,336	127,207
Oakleigh	79,230	79,430	80,513	98,746	96,841
Port Melbourne	276,783	158,205	130,447	181,815	115,778
Prahran	532,645	516,526	511,078	411,880	770,053
Preston	134,285	201,806	252,601	245,659	260,342
Richmond	160,536	195,901	152,928	129,942	229,131
Sandringham	118,356	133,561	156,773	175,529	177,409
South Melbourne	244,909	294,201	338,290	188,928	393,116
St. Kilda	495,866	426,459	260,127	246,381	490,364
Williamstown	82,150	114,612	106,491	102,609	177,881
SHIRE.					
Braybrook (exclusive of Western Riding)	57,668	97,088	126,195	219,806	217,142
Total	7,419,229	8,198,439	8,202,384	8,476,999	10,214,800
Total number of permits issued ..	10,022	10,731	11,618	11,362	11,251

The following graph shows in quarterly periods from 1934 to 1940 the trend of the building industry in Greater Melbourne. The value for June quarter, 1940, was the highest quarterly total recorded since the collection was first made in September quarter, 1927.

VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN GREATER MELBOURNE
1934 TO 1940



VALUE OF PERMITS ISSUED IN QUARTERLY TOTALS,
1934 TO 1940.

Year and Quarter.	New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	All Buildings.
	Dwellings.	Other.		
	£	£	£	£
1934—March	615,969	181,820	288,689	1,086,478
June	680,664	271,743	267,436	1,219,843
September	789,216	246,816	437,658	1,473,690
December	502,577	201,866	300,011	1,004,454
1935—March	731,486	289,392	339,351	1,360,229
June	872,589	515,717	377,699	1,766,005
September	1,128,438	344,420	315,099	1,787,957
December	989,095	235,244	422,174	1,646,513
1936—March	983,010	527,487	273,208	1,783,705
June	1,013,937	553,210	376,732	1,943,879
September	1,155,100	447,149	418,347	2,020,596
December	1,020,732	282,979	367,338	1,671,049
1937—March	939,090	341,482	384,577	1,665,149
June	1,343,608	749,309	549,290	2,642,207
September	1,246,310	296,314	401,123	1,943,747
December	1,119,979	430,264	397,093	1,947,336
1938—March	1,265,616	322,326	329,984	1,917,926
June	1,288,736	490,524	438,927	2,218,187
September	1,418,736	363,850	352,910	2,135,496
December	1,158,863	457,379	314,533	1,930,775
1939—March	1,281,000	379,224	627,804	2,288,028
June	1,307,307	440,961	323,889	2,072,157
September	1,304,034	495,965	416,396	2,216,395
December	1,295,321	338,315	266,783	1,900,419
1940—March	1,416,113	685,699	270,105	2,371,917
June	1,616,847	775,900	404,046	2,796,793
September	1,680,426	311,730	359,159	2,351,315
December	1,911,901	370,441	412,433	2,694,775

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, 1936 TO 1940.

Municipality.	Period.	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Ballarat City ..	1936	134	73,240	19	9,980	144	34,650	297	117,870
	1937	146	82,290	16	9,620	116	34,650	278	126,560
	1938	127	86,570	12	11,620	144	52,490	283	150,680
	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
Bendigo City ..	1936	143	83,400	2	2,400	248	34,456	393	120,256
	1937	126	81,611	4	4,130	317	26,954	447	112,695
	1938	63	45,180	3	6,060	192	27,835	258	79,075
	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
Geelong City ..	1936	38	48,040	19	12,765	90	36,201	147	97,006
	1937	38	27,111	17	66,003	111	31,934	166	125,048
	1938	35	29,277	12	43,349	102	33,093	149	105,719
	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
Geelong West City ..	1936	67	41,626	3	2,025	36	2,891	106	46,542
	1937	82	55,884	3	3,925	28	2,825	113	62,634
	1938	91	59,400	3	5,115	16	5,535	110	70,050
	1939	85	62,729	5	4,004	19	3,350	109	70,083
	1940	75	54,068	1	300	30	7,523	106	61,891
Horsham Town ..	1936	37	19,418	4	13,855	24	12,310	65	45,583
	1937	53	25,322	11	34,598	26	7,726	90	67,646
	1938	52	29,370	7	36,975	25	10,782	84	77,127
	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
Mildura City ..	1936	91	43,085	20	31,795	35	23,613	146	98,493
	1937	88	40,103	16	60,164	49	24,214	153	124,481
	1938	88	50,612	12	45,357	31	28,638	131	124,607
	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
Newtown and Chilwell Town	1936	50	39,261	5	4,350	30	12,235	85	55,846
	1937	45	33,278	6	5,105	32	9,177	83	47,560
	1938	50	41,915	5	19,790	26	8,476	81	70,181
	1939	46	36,228	..	..	42	7,185	88	43,413
	1940*	38	29,436	1	300	50	10,284	89	40,020

* 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 1936 TO 1940—*continued.*

Municipality.	Period.	New Buildings.				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
		Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
			£		£		£		£
Sale Town	1936	27	18,367	3	4,832	57	7,770	87	30,969
	1937	24	14,998	7	5,936	39	12,698	70	33,632
	1938	32	19,469	14	24,362	29	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
Shepparton Borough ..	1936	61	37,870	13	27,410	38	7,425	112	72,705
	1937	97	58,750	10	17,444	38	7,786	145	83,980
	1938	81	49,180	18	37,126	69	20,678	168	106,984
	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
Warrnambool City ..	1936	51	37,385	7	2,800	12	4,245	70	44,430
	1937	46	36,550	7	38,500	15	13,050	68	88,100
	1938	39	29,855	1	13,000	16	21,456	56	64,311
	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